

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



April 2021



AUSTRALIA DAY

“We all need to understand the real reason behind the 26 January being Australia Day. This day was not the day Australia and it’s people were discovered by European explorers, nor is it the day that European settlement first occurred.

On the 26th January 1949, the Australian nationality came into existence when the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948 was enacted. It was the date we were first properly called Australians and allowed to travel with passports as Australians.

Before that date, all people living in Australia including Aborigines born after 1921, were called ‘British Subjects’ and forced to travel on British Passports and fight in British wars.

We all became Australians on the same day. This is why we celebrate Australia Day on the 26th of January. This was the day Australians became free to make our own decisions about which wars we would fight and how our citizens would be treated. It was the day Aborigines were declared Australians.” ...An excerpt from a publication by Ray Payne OAM

Australia Day 2021 was not as we had hoped! In previous years our vintage toys were washed and polished ready for the Australia Day parades & displays. But not this year. Covid cancelled Camden early on, and at the eleventh hour Wilberforce was also cancelled. So, not wanting to miss out, we have searched back into the archives for a few photos of past Australia Day parades at Camden and static displays at Wilberforce.



Camden



Wilberforce



“Don’t be afraid to follow your dreams”

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Club Merchandise...

The following club merchandise is available for purchase:

Polo Shirts - \$40.00 each - sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL

Jackets - \$60.00 each - sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL

Windscreen Stickers - \$4.00 each

Baseball caps - \$15.00 each

Number plate frames - \$15.00 per pair

Name badges - \$10.00 each

10th Anniversary mugs - \$20.00 each

Merchandise must be paid for at the time of ordering from David West. You can pay cash or EFT directly into the club's bank account -

BSB 032371 Account 396047. *Please include your name and member ID number as a reference.*

When making an EFT payment please advise Treasurer Brian Hodges of the payment, either by a text message to his mobile 0408 275 754, or emailed to fjhodges@bigpond.com ...Brian will supply you with a receipt which you must show to David when you collect your order. If you don't have a receipt from Brian, then you cannot claim your merchandise.

For all merchandise enquiries please contact David on 0409 724 647.

"Golf is a good walk spoiled" - Mark Twain

Gundagai Tractor Pull and Swap Meet

27th & 28th February 2021

by Janelle Cant

Early in 2020, I purchased a 1989 T600.....and then COVID hit. She sat and sat, but late in February 2021 she finally made her maiden 'vintage' voyage to the Gundagai Tractor Pull and Swap Meet.



The T600 next to Scott & Tracey Martins' 'Dreamer'

The perfect weather bumped up attendance and Gundagai was completely booked out. A few folk from WSHTC made the journey, as did Rob French and Jeff Johnston from Victoria. Think they were doing a preliminary Crawling run. Andy Nash had a bit of drama with a windscreen and some younger club members would do well to ask Andy the difference between safety glass and laminated glass.



Andy Nash and his Dodge having a bad day



Don McGlinchie

Don McGlinchie even 'popped' down for a four hour stint bringing with him his Emeryville and his photo album which contained some fabulous history of the truck.

Gundagai seems to be a good halfway marker and will again host the Sylvia's Gap run in June.

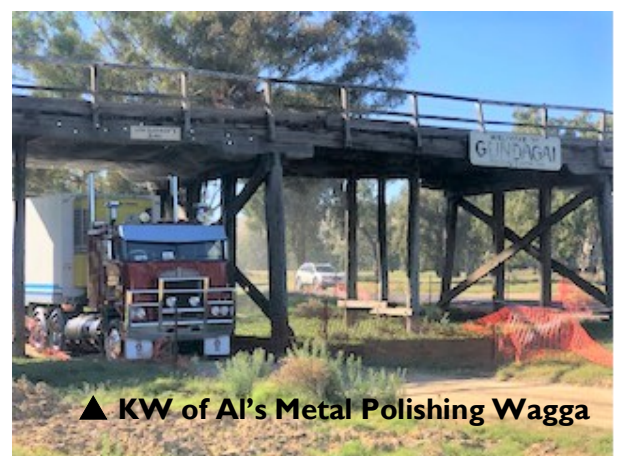
The competitors on their tractors had a fabulous time and the vintage tractor pull appeared to be hotly contested. All went swimmingly until ...Saturday night, and here we must digress into a short tale.

In 2017, Gundagai erected a statue of two local indigenous Wiradjuri gentlemen, Yari and Jacky Jacky who in 1852, using their small dinghy rescued over a 1/3 of the population of Gundagai from raging water of The Great Flood. This statue has pride of place at the lower end of the main street.

Now the boys and their tractors decided to take a run down the main street late Saturday afternoon. One thing lead to another and after a slip and a bump, Yari and Jacky Jacky almost met with a nasty fate. One tractor bumped another, slid across the road and hit the lamp post, which proceeded to narrowly miss wiping out the statue. Thank goodness all ended well.



The swap meet was also well attended with a large selection of vendors selling everything from truck parts to footy gear! So all in all a good weekend was had by all. Sunday saw another glorious day, but most heading off on an early get away. The old road and rail bridges are always the perfect spot for a photo op and they didn't disappoint again this weekend.



▲ KW of Al's Metal Polishing Wagga

Trust we will see a few members at the Sylvia's Gap Run in June!

Lockhart Truck Show - The year of the MACK trucks

6th & 7th March 2021



We arrived at Lockhart at around 3.30 on Thursday afternoon. It had been a 6 1/2 hour trip from home with a couple of 1/2 hr breaks on the way. One of our breaks was catching up with good friends (but no relation) Marj & Harry Brown from Stockinbingal. After narrowly avoiding the peak hour traffic congestion in the main street of the 'veranda town' we arrived at Lockhart's showground where we were met by some early bird arrivals by the names of Bob Irwin - who saved me my spot under the old tree - Geoff Hunt & another couple from Harden. After setting up camp and unloading my Jeep off the truck we settled in for a late afternoon tea of home made scones, jam & cream washed down with a good coffee.

Friday saw Dave & Noelene West arrive along with Garry & Rita Schroder, Joe & Michael Vella, Peter Hand and Brad Dwyer & Linda, all from WSHTC. There was a large contingent from Wollongong, as well as some members from the Pioneer Timber Cutters, and other clubs from around NSW & Victoria that arrived throughout the day and over-night. 92 truck numbers handed out for the show which was more than the organisers were hoping for. Saturday morning saw more trucks arriving along with vintage car clubs and restored tractors which parked up on display around the grounds. There was a very good restored Traction Steam Engine doing laps around showing off the power of steam. There were vendors selling their wares as well as a coffee truck & a food canteen run by the local Junior Athletics club.



"Always believe that something wonderful is about to happen"



L-R Michael Vella, Rob Starcic, Joe Vella and Bernie Learson in his A-model Ford ute



Lockhart truck continued...

Michael & Joe fired up their Whippet car and together with Bernie Learson in his A model Ford ute, they headed into town for a few photos and a coffee. The two pre-1930 vehicles created a lot of interest in & around the town. As we arrived back to the showgrounds we witnessed an incident with a horse and carriage which looked worse than it was. A visit to the hospital revealed bruising only to the youngsters and a cut thumb to the Shannons' rep. With the COVID requirements there were about 650 adults registered on the day. A 50-50 was run raising \$884 with \$442 going to a young man by the name of Darcy who had a grin from ear to ear as he collected his winnings.

The dinner Saturday evening had restricted numbers because of that dreaded COVID (only 50 seated persons allowed) but the barbie and home made side dishes along with the country style desserts was not hard to take at all. The local lass Miss Molly Waters serenaded us with country & western songs and Peter Smith finished the evening with a few tunes on his piano accordion. Before leaving Sunday morning we were treated to a big breakfast as the organisers wanted to thank one & all for our attendance making the 2021 Lockhart Truck Show the most successful show to date.

Everyone is most welcome back next year.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL UPDATE !!

Over time some members have moved house, changed phone numbers or both but have not advised us of their revised details. In this issue of the newsletter there is an insert form titled "Membership Renewal". Please fill out your details and, either post to the club at PO Box 3140, Rouse Hill, 2155 or scan and email to wshtctrucks01@gmail.com so that we can update your details.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) IS TO BE HELD AT 10.00AM ON 25 JULY 2021 AT THE PREMISES OF METROPOLITAN TOWING, 2/17 SUNBLEST CRESCENT, MOUNT DRUITT.

AT THE AGM THERE WILL BE THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VOTING ON THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF BY-LAWS, AS LISTED BELOW.

1. Membership

1. Renewal of membership by June 30th ensures your Personal Accident and Public Liability Insurance will be renewed before its expiry on July 31 and new Membership/ Insurance Cards issued.
2. New members who pay their fees between March 30th and June 30th will be covered by insurance during this period and will be credited with membership for the full year following. They will receive their Membership Cards as soon as possible once payment is received.
3. Payment may be made by completing the Membership form and mailing it, together with payment, to the Club's postal address, bring it to a club meeting, or pay by direct credit EFT (see the form for instructions).
4. After 30 days from the 30th June,
 - a) The Treasurer shall provide a list of non-financial members to the Registrar, Secretary, President and Newsletter editor on or before 31 July.
 - b) New membership conditions will apply to unfinancial members wanting to renew their membership.
5. The Secretary shall submit in writing to the members with trucks on historic registration, the intention to advise RMS to cancel the registration of the member's truck(s).
6. Unfinancial members will be removed from the mailing list for newsletters.

2. Life Membership

A member considered worthy of Life Membership status must have exhibited exemplary service to the club for a period of ten years or more.

The decision to admit a member to life member status shall be determined by a meeting of the committee with a minimum 2/3 majority vote in favour.

A member who attains Life Member status shall be exempt from paying future annual membership fees. But is not exempt from other membership requirements.

Schedule of By-Laws continued:

3. Historic Registration

- a. The Western Sydney Historical Truck Club Inc. (WSHTC) is authorised by the NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to administer the registration of historic vehicles under the Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS).
- b. Only vehicles eligible for registration under the HVS regulations will be considered for historic registration.
- c. All vehicles must be a minimum of 30 years old, and vehicles submitted for registration must first be approved by the Committee. Vehicles that do not comply with the aims of the Club will not be accepted.
- d. Registration is only available to those who have been members for 12 months or more. To qualify for historic registration a member must be financial and attend a minimum of 3 events during the first year of membership. After this, attendance at a minimum of 2 club events per year is required to keep the registration. At each event, the member must sign the attendance book.
- e. The twelve-month wait for Historic Registration may be waived at the Committee's discretion.
- f. The Club accepts vehicles in the following categories, including:
Vehicles up to 3.5T GVM (light commercial vehicles)
Vehicles over 3.5T GVM (trucks)
- g. A member's primary vehicle must be a truck. This excludes utes and small vans unless it reflects the transport industry and is at the committee's discretion.
- h. For new registrations, owners will be required to submit details of their vehicle to the Club Registrar, who will submit the application to the Committee.
- i. The Club's ability to register trucks is governed by the rules for historic vehicles set by the RMS. For new registrations or renewals, the member will be required to supply a pink slip from a private service station for each truck to be registered. Electronic "Pink Slip" inspection reports are not accepted by RMS for Historic Vehicles.
- j. **The member must supply a copy of the pink slip and completed registration papers, as well as the originals to the Club's Registrar**, either in person at a Club meeting, or by arrangement, or mailed to the club's postal address for stamping.
- k. In all cases, only original documents may be submitted to RMS (not copies), and the forms **MUST** bear the club's official stamp and signature of the Club Vehicle Registrar. Failure to arrange this invalidates the registration.

Two sexy young starlets were sipping drinks in a Hollywood bar.

"You remember that backless, frontless, sideless evening gown I wore to the sneak preview last week?" one asked.

"I'll say," the friend replied. "it was a sensation."

"Well," said the first, "I just found out it's only a belt."

Schedule of By-Laws - Historic Registration continued:

- l. **Copies are for the Club's historic registration records, as required by the RMS.**
If the member does not abide by these rules, the registration will not be approved by the Club's Registrar or will be cancelled. If a member's membership expires, then the registration of all the member's trucks under historic registration will also expire.
- m. When a member sells a vehicle registered on historic plates with the club, the Registrar must be advised so that club and RMS records can be amended.
- n. When a vehicle that is registered on historic plates with the club, is reregistered with another club, the Registrar must be advised so that club and RMS records can be amended.

4. Attendance at Club Organised or Supported Events

At each event attended, a member must sign the attendance book. This is for the purpose of insurance cover for the member under the Club's Insurance policy.

In the event of an attendance book not being available, a member must advise the registrar of their attendance at the event stating details such as date, event name and location.

5. Length of Term a Committee Member May Hold Office

There is no maximum number of consecutive terms for which a committee member may hold office.

6. Winding up of the Association

On the winding up of the Club, surplus property of the Club, is to be sold and the proceeds to be dispersed at the discretion of the Committee, at the time.

CLASSIFIEDS

■ **Bespoke Panel Fabrication & Metal Shaping.** Metal Shaping Equipment - Metal shaping Training. Unit 2B, 6 Boundary Road, Northmead. www.motorretro.com.au
enquiries@motorretro.com.au. Ph: Vaughan Ryan 0409 987 564 or Georgio Rimi 0412 372 105.

■ **FOR SALE** - 16'0" x 7'10.5" steel table top to suit 34" chassis, in reasonable condition.
Contact Brian 0408 275 754

■ **WANTED** - 903 Cummins engine, reasonable runner. Contact Frank 0419 764 200

*"There are friendships imprinted in our hearts
that will never diminish by time and distance"*

Thankyou ...

Over the past 14 months we have received several compliments for our newsletter.

I would like to thank our contributors -

David and Noelene West,	Janelle Cant,
Barry Shaw,	Rob French,
Marie Warby,	Michael Vella,
Lynda Hayward,	Jeff Clissold,
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And, also the research team from the School of Life's Little Question Marks, University of Life -

Dae Dreemar,	Hird-Withen Earshott,
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Ian Spirayshin	Harry Q. Mirth.

Thank you, to you all for providing the information, imagination, inspiration and humour to the lives of our readers during the difficult time of COVID19. 📄

Mikeditor

Welcome Aboard to New Members:

Since the last newsletter we welcome the following new members to our group of "Cool Kids" and crazy 'old truck' enthusiasts.

Silvia Richardson

Neal Richardson

Jon Xerri

David Hartley

They walk among us, they breed and they vote...

We had to have the garage door repaired.

The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener.

I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower.

He shook his head and said, "You need a 1/4 horsepower."

I responded that a 1/2 is larger than 1/4 and he said,

"NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two."

We haven't used that repairman since...

It has officially been declared that "COVID19" is a four-letter swear word

Member Profile - Michael Mifsud

Michael was born in Greystanes where he spent the first 33 or so years of life with his parents, 4 brothers and 2 sisters. His father drove trucks for a living, and consequently so did Michael. His first job was driving for Western Earth Moving (WEM) and he worked with them for 27 years. When he was 26 he bought his own truck, a 1969 C1810 ACCO single axle tipper, and continued to work with WEM on contract. Several years later he bought a 1997 8-wheel 2350 International agitator and worked on the Metro train tunnels until his Retirement four years ago.

Michael's interest nowadays is vintage trucks. He first became interested in 2007 when he found his father's old truck, a 1946 K4 International after 40 years. There was an argument at some point in time, and Michael's eldest brother finished up with the truck, much to Michael's disappointment. Michael's first vintage truck is a 1947-1949 International KB5. When he first got it, it was in poor condition. He has painstakingly restored it over a 12 year period, to better than show room condition. ►

The next truck marked for restoration is a 1947-49 International KB2 pickup which he has already made a start on. Other vehicles in his collection include a C1840 International table top truck registered on the road, and an HQ Holden which he has had from new. Michael has been a member of WSHTC since February 2019.



Requirements for Historic Registration:

For vehicles previously registered on historical plates, you will need the following:

1. RMS Conditional Registration Renewal form (sent to you by RMS prior to renewal);
2. "Historic Vehicle Declaration" form, duly filled out with you and your trucks details, (Do not fill out the club registrar's part)
3. "Pink Slip" available from a local mechanics garage.

For vehicles NOT previously registered on historic plates, you will need to fill out a registration application form plus you will need item 2. and item 3. above.

**Send all originals plus a copy of each to Steve Pardey,
PO Box 3140, Rouse Hill, 2155**

Steve will return the originals to you after he has completed his part of the process so that you can then go to the RMS to complete the historic registration of your vehicle.

If you have any queries, contact Steve on 0412 646 280

**Remember to fill out your log book
before taking your truck out on the road.**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS: We need to update all member details and require all members to complete the Membership Renewal Form (provided with this newsletter.) More copies can be obtained from the secretary in person or by email request to wshctrucks01@gmail.com. Completed forms must be forwarded to the secretary by posting to the Club's postal address (see below) or emailed to the Club's email address as stated above.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

All membership renewal fees (\$50.00 per member) are due and payable by 30 June 2021.

Payments can be made by:

- ◆ Cash at an event, prior to 30 June 2021;
- ◆ Cheque or money order made out to WSHTC and posted to PO Box 3140, Rouse Hill, 2155;
- ◆ Bank deposit or EFT to the Club's bank account:

BSB 032371 Account No. 396047

Please include your name and member ID number as a reference.

When making an EFT payment please advise Treasurer Brian Hodges of the payment, either by a text message to his mobile 0408 275 754, or emailed to fjhodges@bigpond.com

Please note: If you have not paid your membership fees by 30 June...

- You will be considered non financial and will not be covered by Club's insurance.
- Your subscription to the newsletter will be cancelled, and
- Your truck rego will also be cancelled with the RMS.

Attendance at Events... When attending an event sanctioned by the WSHTC make sure you sign the attendance book! Our insurance covers you when you can prove your attendance at an event should any mishap occur.

If you attend a sanctioned event and there is no attendance book present, you must send an email with the event details, including your name, date and location to wshctrucks01@gmail.com to be covered by the club's insurance. If you do not email the details then you will not be insured.

Moving house?

Email your updated contact address details to wshctrucks01@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

The covid situation is still with us so we must be mindful of the regulations in place where we are. Although it is still early days for large events, we will advise you of events as information becomes available. Also keep a check on the [WSHTC Facebook page](#) for these events, as well as club runs like breakfast or lunch runs that Michael Vella organises on the spur of the moment at short notice.

The following events are subject to change due to the current Coronavirus health situation. Michael Vella will post the latest status of events on the [WSHTC Facebook page](#), as necessary.

Saturday 10 - Sunday 11 April - The Australian Super Trucks at Wakefield Park Raceway, 4770 Braidwood Road, Turraville (near Goulburn). Free entry. Parking in a designated area behind the pits for truck show on Sunday - No trailers please. Parade around the track at lunchtime. Camping onsite is available Saturday - must book camping via website at www.wakefieldpark.com.au. For those going, please email your first and last name, mobile number and email address to wshtctrucks01@gmail.com before 31 March, so your tickets can be emailed to you prior to the event. This is for Wakefield Park's COVID health compliance. More details phone Charlie Zammit 0413 737 501

Sunday 18 April - Yass Swap Meet at Yass Showgrounds, 27 Grand Junction Road, Yass. For further information phone Ray 0409 931 229, Dave 0407 915 739

Friday 30 April, Saturday 1 - Sunday 2 May Quirindi Rural Heritage Village - Vintage Machinery and Miniature Railway Rally & Swap Meet. Rally Grounds are 3kms west of Quirindi on the Kamilaroi Highway. For further information contact: Beryl Mannion 0428 161 479; Sandra Saunders (02)6746 2933. Website: www.qrhv.com.au Email: qrhv@gmail.com

Sunday 16 May Brekky Run at Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum, "Oil, Steam & Kerosene" Family Day at 86 Menangle Road, Gilead. Bring \$6.00, chair and cup/mug. Please contact Andy 0416 869 464 for catering purposes.

Sunday 30 May - Combined Breakfast Run with the Pioneer Timber Cutters Club at the Museum of Fire, 1 Museum Drive, Penrith. Because of Covid this run is instead of SCAATS. Bring your vintage truck, \$6.00, chair and cup/mug. Please contact Andy 0416 869 464 for catering purposes. There will be a entry fee to the museum for those wishing to visit.

Saturday 12 - Sunday 13 June - Long weekend at Gundagai. Saturday night dinner with speaker, raffles, auction. Sunday recovery breakfast at the showground. Sylvia's Gap Convoy, Show & Shine, morning and afternoon tea. For more info see website www.arthc.com.au or contact (02) 6067 2106.

Sunday 27 June - Brekky Run at Warragamba Bring \$6.00, chair, cup/mug. Please contact Andy 0416 869 464 for catering purposes.

This is the last opportunity to renew your membership before the June 30 deadline.

Sunday 25 July - WSHTC AGM at Andy Nash's Metropolitan Towing, 2/17 Sunblest Crescent, Mount Druitt. Lunch will be provided. Bring chair and cup/mug. Meeting starts at 10.00am sharp.

*All contributions for publishing in the next Newsletter can be mailed to
PO Box 3140, Rouse Hill 2155, or emailed to wshtctrucks01@gmail.com*