

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



September 2021

Breakfast @ the Museum of Fire... a Modified SCAATS

Sunday 30 May, the last Sunday in Autumn, was a mostly fine, partly cloudy day with a cold breeze which kept people chasing patches of sun to keep warm.



Also, it was supposedly the weekend of SCAATS 2021 at the Museum of Fire, Penrith. Initially the show was to go ahead but because of the uncertainty of COVID cases in the community the SCAATS, as we know it, was modified. Thanks to discussions between the Museum, The Pioneer Timber Cutters and WSHTC we were allowed to have a breakfast run at the Museum with all of our toys. And boy-oh-boy did we have a great turn out.

Just a few statistics:

- There were 146 people through the gate,
- 50 of our members attended.
- Approximately 100 vintage trucks and vintage cars on show.
- 107 breakfasts cooked.

The 50/50 raised a total of \$460.00. \$230 for the winning ticket holder and \$230 for the Museum of Fire. The total money collected on the day for the Museum was \$1618.80.



Some lessons are painful, Some lessons are painless and some lessons are priceless”

Breakfast @ the Museum of Fire continued

After breakfast and the all important information and doubtful truths were exchanged, it was time for a run down the road. Many of the trucks fired up and followed the leader down to Richmond, past the RAAF base, along Race Course Road, past the Hawkesbury Showground at Clarendon and then onto their respective homes.

It was truly a wonderful morning and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Let's hope we can celebrate the real SCAATS next year without the restrictions of this 'unwanted' COVID.



LONG WEEKEND AT GUNDAGAI - SILVIAS GAP RUN

12th & 13th June 2021

by Janelle Cant

We made it – just. With COVID still rearing its ugly head and Gundagai having been a hot spot during May, the Gap Run snuck in under the radar before those from Sydney were all sent back to lockdown.

Since its inauguration in 2015, the Sylvia's Gap Run has become a yearly event on the vintage truck calendar. There is a small entry fee charged for each vehicle, and for a cost the ARTHC puts on dinner and breakfast. An auction on the Saturday night adds to the kitty and funds raised from this event are used to assist with the purchase and maintenance of the Australian Road Transport Heritage Centre. The event commences with a static display at the Gundagai showgrounds on the Saturday, dinner and then the auction on Saturday night and the actual run taking place on Sunday morning after a good breakfast to cure the hangover from the previous night.

This year the dinner was moved from the RSL Club to the Turf Club at the showgrounds. Catering was provided by Brendan Crouch from Wagga and by all accounts a good night was had by all. A band followed after dinner and the lads partied into the night.

The auction was a huge hit with a wonderful variety of goods on offer. Fire pits, Kenworth collectibles, chrome rims, tyres, models and truck washing gear. All things to make a truckies heart sing! All funds raised have been put toward the purchase of the museum premises and the ARTHC are well on their way to achieving this goal. A huge thanks to all who put forward goods to be auctioned on the night. Without the generosity of these folk places like the museum wouldn't exist.



"We learn something from everyone who passes through our lives...."



“Double Trouble” - photo by Steve O’Meara



Cold weather didn’t keep them at home and the run for 2021 was well attended with around 60 trucks and 30 cars from both NSW and Victoria in attendance, being a nice mix of vintage and working vehicles. Western Sydney was well represented by numerous members who camped together at the showgrounds on both Friday and Saturday night.

Setting off around 10am Sunday, the trucks and cars left the showground for a parade through the main street of Gundagai. The convoy then heads south to Tumblong where the actual Gap run starts and finishes. The Gap, now being mostly on privately held land means that vehicles travel approx. 10.5 kms from Tumblong and then turn and come back on the same stretch of road. This always makes for a good trip as it allows a sense of what the old road was like with vehicles travelling in both directions.

While parts of the road have been well maintained, there are portions of the road that are slowly deteriorating and make for a fairly bumpy ride. All just adds to the adventure of the trip. On that note it was sad to see that this year the local council has had to remove part of the old timber road bridge. Such an iconic part of Gundagai and the transport industry.

On the return journey, heading northbound, there is usually a brief stop at the top of Sylvia’s Gap for a bit of yarn swapping. I’m pretty sure that each year the tales get taller and the legends of the drivers who ran the old road are passed on to a new generation of blokes who have never traversed this hazardous piece of the old Hume Highway.

At the finish of the road run, the trucks return to the showground for lunch and then most prepare to head home.

Once again this was a well-planned event and a big thanks to the ARTHC for the invite. Look forward to doing it all again next June.



“The Gap”



“Road made with Potholes”

When you choose to forgive those who have hurt you, you take away their power”

Brekky at Warragamba - The Last Run to Renew Membership

27th June 2021...??

Sunday was clear and promised to be a magnificent sunny winter's day, just perfect for a barbecue breakfast with mates and our toys.

We thought we were going so well keeping COVID away but then a thoughtless limo driver picked up an international air crew from the airport and drove them to their accommodation. He took no precautions for his health and safety like wearing a face mask and being vaccinated. He got the covid bug and unwittingly started spreading it all over our beautiful city.

Each and every day there was a dozen more COVID cases discovered than from the day before.

After two weeks the city was still open but the threat of shutting it down was looming.

On Thursday the committee, in the interest of the health and safety for our members, cancelled the Brekky Run.

By Saturday afternoon the inevitable happened - All of Greater Sydney was

completely locked down until 9th July...with police enforcing the "Stay at Home Orders" —

I hope everyone remembered to renew their membership before 30 June...



MEMBERSHIP 2021-22

All membership renewal fees (\$50.00 per member) are now overdue.

If you have not paid your membership fees by 30 June 2021...

- You are now 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.

If it is just an oversight and you still wish to be a member, payments can be made by:

- ♦ 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

Old is when... "Getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot

BREAKFAST RUN AT FRANK PACE'S PLACE - 18th July

Since Frank offered to have the club at his place for a breakfast run back in January 2021, I have looked forward with enthusiasm to be there.

Frank is well known for "Pace Farms" eggs. But he is also known for his transport business interests and more lately his collection of vintage trucks.

The name Frank Pace first became known to me in the early days of restoring my old

International. I heard stories about his vast International fleet and that he has one of every model made. His collection is stored in a number of sheds and each truck has been restored with the help of a full time crew.

Earlier this year Frank with fellow WSHTC member Brian Hodges and a few others went on the road trip to a clearing sale in the bush. They returned with a handful of more "Inters" including a ute, the same vintage as my truck. It must have been a big 'handful' though, because it took several days to transport all of the trucks home.

Sunday, 18th was a delightfully sunny winter's day - no sign of the freezing gale-force wind from the day before. It was perfect for a brekky run... But as the daily COVID lockdown situation got worse and restrictions became prohibitive, the event was postponed for a later date. So for now, we're looking forward hopefully to visiting Frank's place soon...

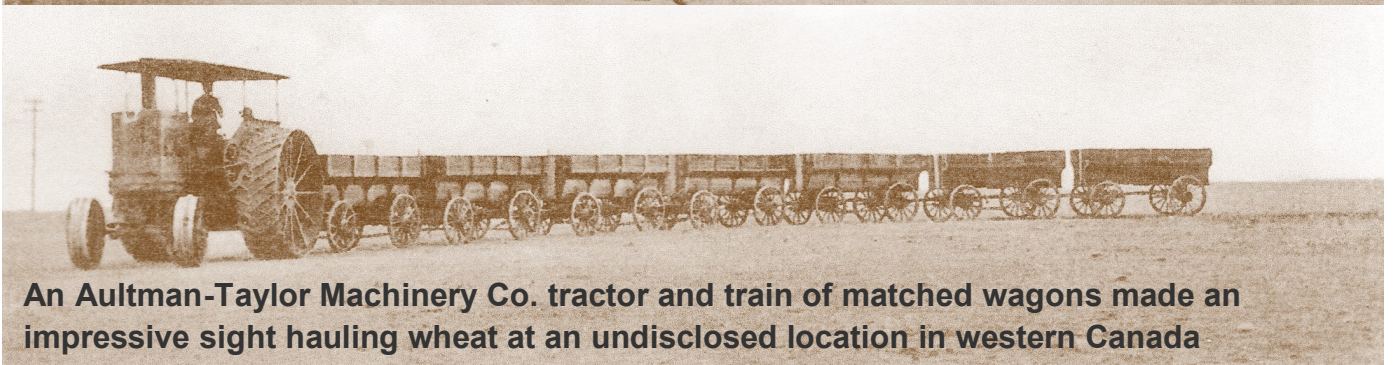


One of Frank's Internationals - 10/1/21

More Early Road Trains...



A Gas Traction Co. Big 4 tractor made it look easy at Wilcox, Saskatchewan. Note the horse tied to the last wagon - ready emergency transport for the operator, perhaps.



An Aultman-Taylor Machinery Co. tractor and train of matched wagons made an impressive sight hauling wheat at an undisclosed location in western Canada

"One of the best lessons you can learn in life is to master how to remain calm"

HOW ARE YOU COPING WITH THE DELTA VARIANT LOCKDOWN ?

The following articles have been rewritten numerous times, as a means to coping with lockdown.

Over the past 18 months we have all been impacted in some way by covid. With the lockdown and isolation that everybody is currently subjected to, each one of us needs to keep on top of life, avoid boredom, frustration, and depression. We need variety to keep the brain active and relieve the pressure of confinement and maintain our sense of humour. And this is no more important than when the house work, the office work and the school work are all carried out within the same space. The kids are irritable, your partner is grumbling and your frustrations are mounting. Letting off steam is a must.

I consulted "The Journal of Mutant Pandemic Expressions" by Dr Freckel-Source, and found her words inspiring and a good pressure relief valve when something is needed to break the tension. "SCHNITZEL-SPLITZ" is one such expressive word which, like the virus, can mutate into another word after use, and it's more humorous than the over-rated and overused 'F-word'.

I have a small daily routine that changes according to the weather, previously booked appointments and my mood. However, with a small range of things to do, some things tend to become second nature and are done automatically with out any thought given. And, sometimes you can do those things in your sleep. The problem is that sometimes the "sleep" routine is thrown into disarray by a brain fade warp...

For example: I had just returned from my daily walk around my neighbourhood. Now it was time for a 'post walk coffee' before washing up the dishes!

I put milk in my mug and the mug in the microwave set to heat for the required time. While the milk was heating, I put the coffee pod in the expresso machine and pressed start...

Problem!! - The mug was still in the microwave and the coffee was already pouring out all over the place but not into my mug!!! "PINEAPPLE-CRUST"!!!! 'O What a mess Mr Hart'!!

Now, I had to clean up the bench and the expresso machine, a situation that added to my short list of jobs to do for the long day ahead... Anyway it provided variety that made the day more interesting. 😊

So,...What have you been doing to keep yourself busy and amused during the lockdown??

Several years ago, when I was restoring my old Inter, a friend told me about an engineer who found a headlight bezel from an early model Cadillac. He searched the world for information and parts to build the car. After about 10 years he had completely built the Cadillac to show room condition.

I have a photograph of a rare 1933 model D1 International truck. Considering my inability to travel around to obtain parts and lack of space to store a full size truck. I wonder what I could do with my time in lockdown?

From the photograph, I have researched the information I needed about the truck to prepare drawings and make the truck from scratch. I have started to build a 1:10 scale model of the truck from materials found in my shed.



Life will keep giving you the same test over and over again until you pass it



Hi there!

Hoping everyone is keeping well. It's looking like things will begin to open up for us soon.

Many of us are really feeling the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic by now. Now's the time to give your mates a call, check in on them make, them laugh and encourage them to get outside on a great spring day and shine the truck or do something to have it ready to roll as soon as we can. We all need to seek out more opportunities for humour and laughter. It's fun to share a good laugh and, hey they say it actually can improve your health, so it's true ... Laughter is the best medicine.

Humour lightens burdens, inspires hope, connects you with others and keeps you grounded, focused and alert, so get on the blower. Have a chat and a giggle with your mates. It will benefit you by adding zest to your life, easing anxiety and tension, relieving stress, improving your mood and strengthening resilience.

Yes, Laughter helps you stay mentally healthy. So give a mate a call who may be doing it tough at this time because just hearing laughter primes your brain and readies you to smile and join in the fun. Cant wait to see all your big grins, hear all the covid tales when we can all meet again and do brekky.

Your friendly cook, Lynda

Many decades ago when I was knee high to a grasshopper and households were single income families, the rules, regulations and stresses of everyday life were nothing compared to what we have in the 21st century... Pundits claimed that Nostradamus predicted major life events that affected our lives.

Nostradamus was born 12 or 14 December 1503 in Saint-Remy-de Provence in the south of France and died 1 or 2 July 1566 aged 62 in Salon de Provence. He was an astrologer and physician.

Apparently, he was a smart cookie. He forecast the French

Revolution, the rise of Napoleon and Hitler, the atomic bomb, assination of JFK, the moon landing and the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trades Center. These self-styled experts who have claimed the forecasts of Nostradamus to be true, have probably done so with hindsight. Hindsight is a such a wonderful thing but when Nostradamus's forecasts are compared with actual historical events covering the past 518 years, it's pretty amazing stuff.

He is quoted to say..."Near the gates and within two cities/ There will be two scourges the like of which was never seen. Famine within plague, people put out by steel/ crying to the great immortal god for relief"

So...Children, your homework is to investigate this Nostradamus quote. What does it mean?

Is this a prediction of the Covid 19 pandemic ??

Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film

Here's a little story to make you all have a giggle!

It was around 8am and I was off to work. Got into my little car and off I went. I wouldn't have been more than a km or so from home when I overtook this little black car doing about 50km in an 80km zone.

I thought to myself 'what's this silly old fool doing, driving at a snails pace as he heads out through exit onto the freeway,' so with that thought I nailed it and flew past him. By now I am on the highway minding my own business and low and behold there he is in my mirror, he is coming quiet fast so I put the foot down to stay in front of him but he kept up so I nailed it to give him a run for his money, he then caught me again so I gave it a bit more and as I did that I got yet another surprize, out came the blue light, oh yes it was a coppa.

So I am sitting in the car once I pulled over and up he comes and I could almost see the smirk on his face, he said to me "Oh, I did not expect to see a mature women behind the wheel" and he asked me if this is something I do often. After answering a clear "No" he advised me I was speeding in the Exit and enquired if I knew how fast I was going when I passed him and headed through the exit. I said I thought about 110 or a bit more. He advised me he clocked me at 115km.

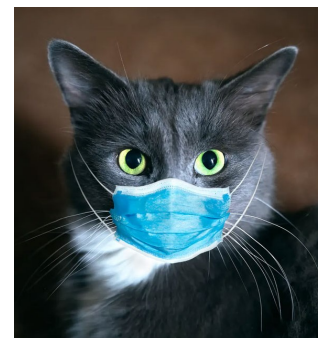
After a little chat about speeding, he advised me he had clocked me at 136km on freeway and explained the cost of the fine and how many points I could lose but luck was on my side. He said he would give me a ticket for under 10km which carries a fine of \$124 and 1 point. Believe it or not, I was pretty happy with the outcome. It could have been way worse and he did have a sense of humour.

So in the end not only did I overtake a coppa speeding but then I thought I could give him a run for his money. In these tough times its always good to see the funny side of situations and see the positives in it because clearly I was doing all the wrong things. I have since slowed down a little and still see that little black car often of a morning. It still makes me laugh.

Old is when... you are cautioned by your doctor to slow down instead of the police

AGM MATTERS

With the way new COVID cases are trending, it seems very unlikely that we will be able to hold an AGM this side of Christmas. And, for that matter a Christmas party probably wont happen either. We hope that early in 2022 we will be able to hold gatherings again. The current committee will continue to administer the club until such time as we can hold an AGM. And, when that happens the thought is that we would have a combined out of season Christmas Party and AGM. Further details will be advised when available. Stay safe.



2021 - ??? Committee Members		
President/ Assistant Registrar	Andy Nash	0418 277 271
Vice President	Darrell Killick	0412 050 224
Secretary/ Newsletter Editor	Mike Dodds	0417 068 144
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Safety & Merchandising Officer	Dave West	0409 724 647
Events & Major Events Coordinator	Michael Vella	0404 011 813
Major Event Coordinator	Bruce Gunter	0459 991 929

Payments at Events...

Breakfast meal tickets will be sold up to 9.00am. All other payments, will be collected from 9.00am -10.00am. After the 1 hour collection period expires, all further payments should be placed in an envelope (supplied on the table) and sealed and, with your name, membership number and what the payment relates to written on the front. It can then be handed to the treasurer, president or secretary.

The Treasurer will issue you with a receipt at the next event or post it with your next newsletter.

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.

John Boardman

David Wunder

“A clear conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory”

■ 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.

■ 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

When not going on a club sanctioned event, Remember to fill out your log book before taking your truck out on the road.

How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink ??

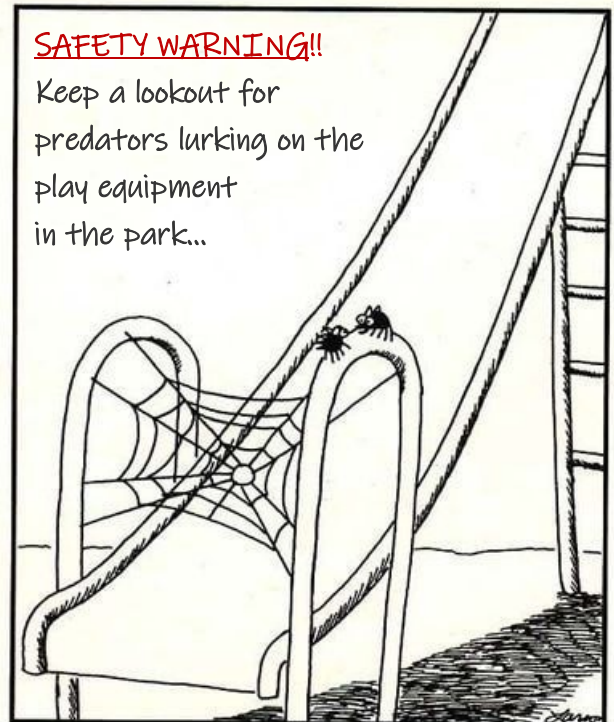
CLASSIFIEDS

■ **FOR SALE** - McGrath Trailer, approx. 1970 model, 36 ft closed bogie, good straight strong trailer, needs refurb. \$5,000.
Phone Perry 0458 492 837

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

■ **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.

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



"If we pull this off, we'll eat like kings."

■ **WANTED** - Common sense and understanding from everyone to follow health orders and get vaccinated so we can defeat this COVID19 virus, and enjoy our lives with our toys and friends without restrictions and border lockdowns.

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

My daughter went to a Mexican fast food and ordered a taco.
She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.'
He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg lettuce.



Public Risk Policy # AONBWUIFVCC

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 or text message to 0417 068 144

"Every time you lose some weight, you'll find it in the refrigerator"

UPCOMING EVENTS

The covid situation is still with us so we must be mindful of the regulations in place where we are. Although the “Delta” variant has made lockdown restrictions worse, 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 are organised on the spur of the moment at short notice.

The following events are subject to change due to changes in the current Covid health regulations. The latest status of events will be posted on the [WSHTC Facebook page](#), as necessary.

Saturday 2 - Sunday 3 October - “Pacin’ The Pacific” Commencing Westrac facility at 1 Westrac Drive, Tomago, travelling sections of the old Pacific Highway and ending at Wauchope Showground. For more details contact Syd Ramsay 0427 594 743.

Sunday 17 October - 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 14 November - Swap Meet - Car, Bike & Truck Show at Gulgong Showground. Unpowered overnight camping \$12.00 per site. For further information phone Scotty on 0434 085 038

Saturday 20 November - “Dane Ballinger Memorial Truck Show” from 9.00am at Bathurst Showgrounds. Tickets - www.bathursttruckshow.com

Sunday 28 November - The annual Hilton Sibthorpe Memorial Truck Show at Vineyard Hotel (formerly The Tourmaline Hotel) Windsor Road, Vineyard.

Sunday 9 January 2022 - First Breakfast run for the new year, *Covid restrictions permitting*, to Warragamba Centre, as in previous years. Bring mug, \$6.00 and chair. Contact Andy Nash on 0416 869 464 for catering purposes.

Wednesday 26 January - Australia Day is planned to go ahead at Camden and Wilberforce as in previous years subject to last minute council -covid decisions. For further information closer to the date, contact David West (Camden) 0409 724 647 or Ron Ross (Wilberforce) 4576 3423

Friday 28 - Sunday 30 January 2022 - Sydney Truck And Trailer Expo. At Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon. A one-off event celebrating the past events and shows that have been cancelled over the years. Open to all makes, models & years of commercial vehicles, trailers, vintage cars.....More info TBA... Bruce Gunter

Saturday 5 March - Lockhart truck Show. 10,00am at the Showground. Further details: Peter Smith 0458 422 808.

Sunday 13 March - Harden Truck and Tractor Show.

Saturday 9 April 2022 - Trangie, Truck & Tractor Show.