

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



February 2022

BREAK-OUT FROM LOCKDOWN



When the greater Sydney region reached 80% double-dose vaccination rate, everyone was ecstatic and couldn't contain their excitement about breaking-out from lockdown.

Sunday 17 October, was the day to celebrate...What a fantastic day for a barbecue breakfast at the Campbelltown Steam Museum. The sun was shining and the birds were... well, the wild life just continued on as usual!! We could breathe easier and our spirits soared with the constant lockdown now lifted.

We still had to do the covid sign-on at the gate entry to the museum grounds before finding the rest of the mob... down the track on the right.

There were 40 people including members and visitors present who savoured new found freedom since the Delta variant shut down our daily activities. There was a great roll up of trucks too. Unfortunately, Lynda Hayward, our "brekky-chef extraordinaire" was in isolation – a 'close contact' etc, etc... In her place Andy Nash stepped up with the assistance from Geoff Martin, Bruce Brown and David West. Breakfast comprising a sausage, bacon, egg and tomato on a crusty roll, and a cuppa, has never been so eagerly awaited and, the wait was well worth it.

Of course, there was lots to catch up on and conversations took up most of the morning.

Everyone seemed to have a very enjoyable time. The only complaint was that there wasn't enough time to catch up with everyone because of family get-togethers also planned for the day.



"A special friend is hard to find, hard to lose and impossible to forget"

Break-out from lockdown continued...



“Look for something positive in everyday, even if some days you have to look a little harder”

AGM & General Meeting - 5 December 2021

Well, as AGMs go it was a pretty good day. The committee members were elected unopposed for another term. Kathleen Toovey was elected to a new position on the committee as Membership Coordinator. The meeting ran according to schedule, opening at 10.10am and finishing at 12.04pm. Thankyou to the members for keeping their discussions brief.

There were 42 members and family guests present which was down on previous years but there were other important events competing as well. Members from the south coast supported the Illawarra Convoy for Kids, as they always do. And others could be found glued to their televisions watching the big car race at Bathurst from the luxury of their couches.

And after the AGM business had concluded it was party time. Lynda Hayward provided an excellent culinary Christmassy feast of chicken, ham, selection of salads followed by a selection of desserts and cake. Yummo!

Lynda brought along her nephew, Ben as an assistant helper serving meals. Ben has been keen to join the club for some time now, and with a little help from Aunty Lynda he is now a financial member of the club. He has three vintage trucks in his collection and has been accepted to start his apprenticeship with Gilbert & Roach in the new year. So he will be a great asset to the make up of the club.

Ben loves custard tarts and he was to celebrate his 17th birthday the next day. As a special treat Lynda presented him with a special birthday 'custard tart' with lit candle in the centre. Everyone shared in the celebration and sang 'Happy Birthday' to Ben. ▶

Despite the 50 shades of grey in the clouds and the three drops of rain that pelted on the roof, everyone enjoyed a wonderful day.



2021 - 2022 Committee Members		
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“The Grinch” Trade Union Strike-Action ruins Christmas for Aussie Families in 2021

It's amazing how every year, the TWU always seeks to cause misery to everyone's lives as Christmas approaches.

After all the misery and drama we have all been dealt by Covid lockdowns and stay-at-home health restrictions, you would think that we would be spared the bloody-minded strike actions of a few unionists. Some of them have spent the past 3 plus months at home on full pay and, some have had a full time job with overtime. Now they are striking for increased pay and better work conditions...

In the meantime the majority of Australian families

have lost jobs and can't afford to feed the kids or pay the bills... And, these families are being threatened with homelessness. Selfish union ingrates!

So, How was your Christmas ??



“Grinch strike” destroying lives

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.

Paul Camilleri
Ian Hambridge

Michael Pace
Tyler Hambridge

Grant Wonnocott
Max Blundell

Matt Hambridge
Ben Hayward

A CHRISTMAS VERSE FROM ONE OF OUR COUNTRY'S DEFENDERS

The following poem was written by a peace keeping soldier stationed overseas.

'twas the night before Christmas
He lived all alone
In a one-bedroom house
Made of plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney
With presents to give
And to see just who
In this home, did live.

I looked all about
A strange sight I did see
No tinsel, no presents
Not even a tree.

No stockings by mantle
Just boots filled with sand
On the wall hung pictures
Of far distant lands.

With medals and badges
Awards of all kinds
A sober thought
Came through my mind.

For this house was different
It was dark and dreary
I found the home of a soldier
Once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping
Silent, alone
Curled up on the floor
In this one-bedroom home.

The face was so gentle
The room in disorder
Not how I pictured
A true Aussie Soldier.

Was this the hero
Of whom I'd just read
Curled up on a poncho
The floor for a bed.

I realized the families
That I saw this night
Owed their lives to these soldiers
Who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world
The children would play
And grown-ups would celebrate
A bright Christmas Day.

They all enjoyed freedom
Each month of the year
Because of the soldiers
Like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder
How many lay alone
On a cold Christmas Eve
In a land far from home.

The very thought brought
A tear to my eye
I dropped to my knees
And started to cry.

The soldier awakened
And I heard a rough voice
"Santa don't cry
This life is my choice".

I fight for freedom
I don't ask for more
My life is my God
My country, my Corps.

The soldier rolled over
And drifted to sleep
I couldn't control it
I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours
So silent and still
And we both shivered
From the cold night's chill.

I did not want to leave
On that cold dark night
This guardian of honour
So willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over
With a voice soft and pure
Whispered "Carry on Santa
It's Christmas Day, all is secure".

One look at my watch
And I knew he was right
Merry Christmas my friends
And to all a good night.

Amen

■ 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 ea Baseball caps \$15.00 ea Name badges \$10.00 ea
 Number plate frames - \$15.00 per pair 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.

"Your time is currency. Spend it well and invest it wisely."



The Warragamba Brekky Run - Our First for 2022

The beginning of a new year and the dreaded lurgy is still with us. Like last year they just changed its name to keep us guessing, this time to Omicron. Just to be on the safe side, "CC" - Careful Cat continues to wear his mask. He likes the intrigue of hide and seek...He hides while you seek.

The nightly news always starts with the latest statistics on Covid... So, I thought I'd give some stats of my own...39 signed the attendance book, 42 entered their contact details in the covid book and, 50 paid for breakfast. I don't know how many logged on using the QR code. Some people have been very busy doing some amazing stuff while in covid lockdown... The long awaited, restored "Eagle from Bargo" dropped in for a surprise landing on its inaugural test flight. There was a cheer as it motored to its parking spot.



Secretary Mike built two scale replicas of rare model D1 International trucks, a utility and a panelvan.



Phil Longhurst still hasn't been able to overcome the 'Cyclic Addiction' that causes him to buy another Kenworth, fix it up and sell it. He tells me the addiction is up to 12 now.

Health regulations were generally observed by everyone, all were masked up and socially distanced. Even mother nature understood her responsibilities...and kept the sombre looking grey clouds and the rain socially distanced from us during our stay at Warragamba. Thanks Mother N.



There were many conversations throughout the morning. Of course, a lot of water has gone under the proverbial bridge of time since our last get-together so catching up with the latest gossip was very important and done in a health-wise manner. It didn't matter that brekky was served later than usual b'cos Lynda was cooking and the result was well worth the wait. Thanks again Lynda for a wonderful meal. Everyone enjoyed themselves and look forward to the next breakfast run.



While applying butter to the bread rolls, Anne Nash discovered that "The hardness of butter is proportional to the softness of the bread"

Warragamba Breakfast Run 2022 continued



"Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines."



Ode to our Trucking Past

By Liz Martin OAM –1994

In our large country of vast contrast
of freezing winters and simmering heat
of rugged mountain range and sandy desert
Of tropical rainforest and flooded creek
An essence of the Australian past
Lives on the bush track and city street

Of Cobb & Co the legend lives on
the bullocks and donkey teams of old
of stockmen, drovers and their cattle herds
of their lonely lives the stories are oft' told
the afgan cameleers of an age long gone and
the early diggers in search of gold.

The ships and barges and great steam boats
of the river trade and Murray River system
The horseless carriage and motor car
of lonely rail tracks & iron horses of steam
their tribulations from a time of dream

But somewhere in the distant past
a T model Ford an old Chev four
Foden roadtrains, AECs and Leylands many
opened bush roads of Australia's door
and a sunburned man with a dream to last
carried the wheat, wood and so much more

He trailblazed this wide brown land
and carted goods where the rail couldn't go
he loaded and repaired with just bare hand
On lonely treks where the going was slow
He paved the routes for early industry
and showed the way for Australia to grow

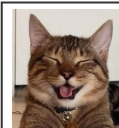
And the truckie is our unsung hero
he's here today driving a great big Mack
and Western Stars, Volvos and Kenworths
hauling cattle in the great outback
and supplying goods to the nationals capitals
Through city street and lonely bush track

To market he takes our beef and grains
He carts the fuel and he builds our roads
in body trucks, semis and modern B trains
and huge road trains with their huge loads
he pays his taxes and supports his mates
The most efficient of out transport modes

And in the little bush towns of Port Pirie
you can see the names of truckies past
The stories from the Road Museum
Pays tribute to the great road transport task
of men and machines and hardships many

HELP WANTED.... We need volunteers for about half an hour at breakfast meetings to help set-up, prepare, cook or serve.

Currently there is the same group of people who volunteer their time at every event helping without being able to enjoy the event while others do. This is your club, be part of it, do your part and offer your assistance to help-out so someone else can enjoy the event too.



TOMORROW A PROTEST ABOUT FAIRY BREAD HAS BEEN ORGANISED.
POLICE ARE EXPECTING HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS.



"A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking"

CLASSIFIEDS

■ **FOR SALE:** 1969 Ford F700 with 86,000 original miles on the clock. It has a 300 CID six-cylinder engine with 5 speed Clarke gearbox and two-speed diff. It is mechanically tight throughout. The clutch and gearbox feel firm and like new. I have rough sawn hardwood on the back drying for the deck replacement, ready for someone to lay into the tray. I simply don't have the time I need to restore the truck externally. The truck is located at Silverdale, NSW. Asking \$15,000 ono.



■ **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

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



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

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

■ **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

BE KIND TO YOUR CLUB REGISTRAR

"I'm sorry but a lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part. I have a life and you are a full grown adult."

How often do we hear someone say, "My historic registration is about to expire and I need you to sign the forms today so I can use the truck on the weekend." There are many variations but you get the picture.

Your club Registrar is an unpaid volunteer and should not be available all the time.

So if someone needs to see the registrar in person, then at worst they wait around 2 weeks, or at best, same day. Not to mention many events attended through the year.

However, the best practice is good old fashioned post. It may not be as frequent as it was but it still works efficiently, just ensure you allow enough time.

This is where the planning comes in.

- RMS (now Transport for NSW) will post your renewal notice usually 4 – 6 weeks before it is due. Action it then not on the last day.
- Download and install the RMS app onto your smart phone. With a few clicks you can see the expiry dates of all vehicles you own, including HVS and CVS.
- Go to the RMS web site and use the "Check my Rego" link. Here you can also see the expiry date.
- Use a diary. On your computer, hanging on the wall, in a book or whatever. There is no excuse for not knowing when your registration is due.

So be kind to your Club Registrar and help them help you.

"I intend to live forever... So far, so good."



AUSTRALIA DAY 26th January 2022



AUSTRALIA DAY, the day when we celebrate the stories of the people who helped to make Australia the country it is today. We have the chance to tell our own story as well as listen to the stories of others. The volunteers of the Australiana Pioneer Village all dressed up in period attire to set the scene of Australia's past.



The weather was very pleasant... Quite warm in the sun but perfect in the shade. WSHTC was represented by 14 members who joined forces with the Pioneer Timber Cutters where a lot of story telling was done...a lot of stories and a lot of laughs. Yes, everyone attending enjoyed

themselves to the fullest.



"What happens if you get scared half to death twice?"

UPCOMING EVENTS

The covid situation is still with us so we must be mindful of the regulations in place where we are. 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 26 February - ARTHC Tractor Pull & Swap-Meet at Gundagai Showground, Cnr Tor Street and Jack Moses Ave, Gundagai. For more details contact 6067 2106

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

Sunday 13 March - Breakfast Run at Frank Pace's Museum, 630 Old Pitt Town Road, Oakville. Bring mug, \$6.00 and chair. Contact Andy on 0416 869 464 for catering purposes.

Sunday 20 March - Harden Truck and Tractor Show.

Saturday 26 March - Trundle Back In Time - Vintage Stationary Engine & Machinery Rally, Trundle Showground, Trundle. For general information contact trundleshow@gmail.com. For machinery exhibits and displays contact Digger 0417 616 907

Saturday 9 April 2022 - Trangie Truck & Tractor Show.



◀ This superb Buick ute is a very rare 'Barn Find'. Manufactured in the mid 1920's, it appears to have been modified at one stage. Probably tired of negotiating the ruts in the rural roads it was fitted with wide wheels. I reckon the steering would have been very heavy though. Armstrong power-steering would have been a necessary piece of standard equipment on this vehicle. The straight six engine was running when parked. (about 90 years ago.) All its needs is a wash and it'd be good to go. 😊

-photo by Leigh Stringer