

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



April 2022

Gundagai Tractor Pull and Swap Meet

26th & 27th February 2022

by Bruce Brown



There was a large number of trucks, tractors, cars, military vehicles at the annual Gundagai tractor-pull. The rain held off for the day which made the stallholders and crowd happy. There were more stallholders this year and most were pleased with sales for the day even though people through the gate was about the same as last year.

I don't know which tractor won the tractor pull as a couple of us who travelled together had to leave before the finals because someone had to return for a wedding anniversary. A very popular event that drew a big crowd was the working heavy horse display. It fitted in well with the tractor pull program. No doubt it will become a permanent feature of future Gundagai tractor-pull shows.

Considering the weather wasn't too flash when we left home, there was a fair role up of 10 WSHTC members in attendance. The committee for the museum said that ownership of their museum shed had been signed over to them but they still have a few more payments to make before they would officially own it outright. Overall it was another top weekend with top entertainment from what I have named the "Rat-Pack" making the usual nuisance of themselves but all in good fun.



"Judge me when you are perfect, otherwise shut up!"

Gundagai Tractor-Pull continued...



HARDEN TRUCK AND TRACTOR SHOW

by Garry Schroder

On the 20th of March 2022 approximately twelve members of the Western Sydney Historical Truck Club attended the truck and tractor show at Harden Show Ground. The warm and dry day was a pleasant change from the wet weather we have been experiencing in Sydney and surrounding areas.

There were approximately eighty truck entries from around the state. However, the organisers were slightly disappointed at the turnout as they thought many more entrants would attend after the long Covid restrictions and lock downs.

Nevertheless, those who made the trip down to Harden were happy to finally be able to attend a show and catch up with friends and contacts.

The quality of trucks on show was impressive, as were the utes, cars, and tractors.



“No-one is you and that is your super power.”

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.

Sam Cali

Peter Xiberras

2021 - 2022 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
Treasurer	Brian Hodges	0408 275 754
Registrar	Steve Pardey	0412 646 280
Membership Coordinator	Kathleen Toovey	0423 692 802
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
Events Catering Coordinator	Lynda Hayward	0424 26 734

Breakfast at Frank Pace's Truck Museum - 27th March 2022

The breakfast run to Frank Pace's "Inter Shed" has been a long, long wait, having been postponed twice before. But third time lucky the wait was well worth it. Frank put on a sumptuous brekky feast, at his own expense, amidst his magnificent museum of International Trucks and transport memorabilia.

I have been informed that there were 120 meal tickets sold, a record, and \$969.00 including donations, raised for the club.

Frank's hobby is collecting and restoring the old trucks, as evidenced by the display of fine examples in his "Inter Shed"...a fantastic example of one man's passion. The oldest Inter on display is a 1908 'Autobuggy' and the newest were a few 1970's ACCO's. There was just about every model built by International on display in that shed.

The "International Bible" was on the memorabilia bar along with other interesting related items. A big thank you to Frank and his helpers, including his son Matthew who expertly did the cooking, and for putting on the most successful breakfast run ever.



"What you do has far more impact than what you say" - Steven Covey

Frank Pace International Truck Museum continued...



One of the memorabilia walls where the "International Bible" rests on the bench ▶



"You can't have a positive life with a negative mind."

Frank Pace International Truck Museum continued...



▲ This couple is enjoying a drink at the coffee truck where the truck tray serves as a bar table... ▲

The Old Days

poem by Trevor Coombes

I come from the old days of trucks and
 Of wide-spread bogies and roped down loads.
 When two hundred horses and a five-by-two
 Were more than enough to get you through
 Blue singlet days of load by hand,
 As we plied our trade throughout the land,
 When slow and steady won many a race,
 Transporting stuff all over the place.
 Cold in winter, stifling in heat,
 Our drivers slept across the seat.
 No air-conditioners, luxuries and such,
 No synchros either, the old double clutch.
 No acres of chrome, shiny in the sun,
 We had plain old trucks, but we got the job done.
 Through all kinds of weather, heat, snow or hail.
 From Melbourne Town up to Innisfail.
 From Sydney's shores across to the west,
 We simply did what we did best.
 Now my glory days have long since gone,
 But memories still linger on,
 In wistful eyes of grey-haired men,
 Who long to go ack to the 'old days' again...



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

"The hardest walk is walking alone, but it's also the walk that makes you the strongest" 7

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2022-23

All membership renewal fees (\$50.00 per member) are due and payable by 30 June 2022.

Payments can be made by:

- ◆ Cash at an event, prior to 30 June 2022;
- ◆ 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

If you have not paid your membership fees by 30 June 2022...

- You will be a 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.

Got an issue or idea for committee consideration? Email the details to Mike Dodds at wshctrucks01@gmail.com

Got Ideas for Future Events? Email details including toilet facilities, parking for large trucks, shelter shed, picnic tables etc. to Michael Vella at mvella@nswfreightlines.com.au

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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 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.

"Be careful about what you think. Your thoughts run your life."

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. Contact Perry Scarfe by mobile 0499 755 570 or email perryscarfe@bigpond.com.



■ **FOR SALE:**
 1981 KENWORTH
 K123 BIG CAB VT
 903 350 CUMMINS;
 15 SPEED 14615
 ROADRANGER
 DIRECT TOP GEAR;
 44,000lb ROCK-
 WELL DIFFS.
 In very good working
 condition
 One owner for 27 years. Asking \$40,000
 Call Terry 0429 911 363



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

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.

Public Risk Policy # AONBWUIFVCC

"Hope is the only thing stronger than fear"

**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

Coming from a flood near you !



**▲ My paddock bashing farm truck
before I restored it to its former glory...**



"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." - Mark Twain

Trangie Truck and Tractor Show

Saturday 9th April

by Bruce Brown

What started as to be a washed out truck and tractor show at Trangie turned out to be Trangie Truck and Tractor triumph. The waterlogged showground had some early arrivals being relocated with the aid of tractors. This didn't frazzle the organisers or the mayor - Craig Davies - "NOT A PROBLEM - we'll park the campers down on the asphalt where the road trains park near the rail yard - showers and toilets there for them. Then we'll turn the town's wide main street into a mud free truck, car & bike show. - PROBLEM SOLVED"

As it turned out, it proved to be a really great venue with the whole town getting behind the idea, with the stallholders and food canteens setting up on the footpaths outside the shops doing a roaring trade through the day. There was a wide display of over 300 vehicles present - some still working, some just retired, some just restored, some just getting restored and some just dragged out of the paddock.

On Friday night the organisers supplied a bus to ferry anyone going out to the dinner at the Golf Club and return back to town free of charge which was ideal for anyone a bit thirsty on the night.

At the first Trangie Truck Show the same mayor, Craig Davies, helped cook 98 steaks for us. This time he rolled up the sleeves and was hands-on doing the washing up in the kitchen Trangie, you have a great mayor!

Presentations were down at the showground. With the rain coming down, we managed to keep dry under awnings round the main buildings at the main gate. I got there late and missed the 'Truck of the Show' trophy. But Bernie Learson won the 'Car of the Show' trophy. ▼



We had about six WSHTC members but I missed some. A great time was had by all. Back again next year in August.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 15 May - Breakfast Run at Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum "Oil Steam & Kerosene" Family Day at 86 Menangle Road, Gilead. Bring \$6.00, chair and mug/mug. Please contact Andy 0416 869 464 for catering purposes.

Saturday 21 May - Putty Road Truck Driver Memorial Service at Garry E. Miller Park, Milbrodale at 1.00pm. For further information contact Marie Warby on Messenger; 0414 621 206 or 45 785 492 or email: warbysm@gmail.com

Saturday 28 May - "Coasting the Coast" - Berowra to Newcastle travelling the old highway. Starting Berowra Toll Gates at 9.00am and finishing at Swansea Workers Club after the run. Enquiries: Guy Ellis 0414 182 010

Saturday 11 - Sunday 12 June - Long Weekend at Gundagai. Saturday night dinner with speaker raffles & auction. Sunday recovery breakfast at showground, Silvia's Gap Convoy, Show 'n Shine, morning and afternoon tea. For more info see website www.arthc.com.au. or (02) 6067 2106

Sunday 26 June - Breakfast 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.

Saturday 9 - Sunday 10 July - Yesteryear Truck & Machinery Show at Wauchope Showground, Thatcher St, Wauchope. Camping available. Enquiries: 0456 911 670 or email:

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

Saturday 6 August - North Coast Petroleum "Casino Truck Show" at 10 Graham place, Casino CBD.

Saturday 13 August - Golden Oldies Truck, Tractor & Quilt Show. Dubbo Showground 8.30 - 6.00pm. Enquiries: Jon 0428 143 644, Brian 0417 291 053

Sunday 21 August - Maroota Muster - 10am to 3pm in the grounds of Maroota Public School, 4540 Old Northern Road, Maroota. Enquiries info@marootamuster.com.au or 0435 642 504

Saturday 17 - Sunday 18 September - Clarendon Classic and Kenworth Klassic at Hawkesbury Showground, 40a Racecourse Road, Richmond.

Sunday 13 November - Gulgong Swap Meet and Car, Bike, Truck & Tractor Show at Gulgong Showground, Gulgong. Set-up Saturday 12 November. Enquiries Scotty 0434 058 038