

# Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



June 2023

## The 9th WHITE MUSTER - Kyabram

18 - 19 March 2023

by David West



On 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March the township of Kyabram opened the showground to Ray and Michelle Grima and family and helpers for the 9th White Truck Muster.

Vehicles were already arriving on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and the local Machinery Club were setting up their display of engines, pumps, tractors, bulldozers, lawn mowers and associated White Corporation products. By Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> there was an excellent display of White Trucks, Auto-cars, Diamond T, Diamond Reo, OshKosh, different models from early years to later. All types and colours – prime movers, rigids, buses, combination trailers, timber jinkers, tippers, some restored and some still in working clothes.

Ray's son had a working model White cab-over and trailer in which he had fun driving round the showground.

An estimation of White Trucks and related products on display was 80 and approximately 50 of different makes of trucks, English and American and, a GM engine on a stand which was run at various intervals.

There were visitors from Townsville to Perth and Tasmania.



*"The less you respond to negatively, the more peaceful your life will become!"*

The White Muster continued...

Saturday night at the Kyabram Club a 3 course delicious dinner was served. There were lucky door prizes and an auction which was very well supported. Many thanks to the sponsors who donated the prizes and the products which were auctioned.

The guest speaker spoke about and presented photos of three generations of the Ashley family's involvement in the transport industry. It was an excellent slide show and commentary. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> was a much cooler day than Saturday and a large number of locals and visitors viewed the display. The food stalls did a good trade as did the associated White merchandise stall. After lunch the majority of vehicles were back on the road.

Well done Ray and Michelle Grima and, family for putting on such a great event.



## Easter Brekky Run at Frank Pace's 'International Truck Museum'

Sunday 16 April



by Mike Dodds

It was raining when I left home, reminiscent of last year's visit to the 'Inter Shed' but my fears were allayed when I parked my vehicle at Oakville. It was just cloudy.

We were in for a treat this time around. Frank had two sheds open with models from the earliest 1908 Auto-buggy up to the last 2007 Eagle - 100 years of International trucks.

Shed No.1 had the trucks we saw at our previous visit in 2022 and Shed No. 10 had later model large trucks, some of which have been restored and others that have just been driven in the shed and parked after their last work day. It truly is an awesome display of the International Harvester history. However there are a couple of other makes also thrown in just for fun.



1908 Auto-buggy



2007 Eagle

*"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try" - Neil Patel*

Breakfast at Frank Pace’s International Truck Museum continued...



The photos to the left and above show some of the later model larger trucks from shed No.10. They all work and some are still registered so they are ready to work!!!  
Statistics: You gotta have some details for the bean counters...they get stropky without some numbers to crunch. Haha 😊😊

- 1. 91 people signed the attendance book... 65 members plus 26 family and friends.
- 2. 167 brekky meals sold.
- 3. Lynda’s team in the kitchen did an excellent job serving the hungry mouths efficiently and quickly without delays.



“Sorry Sir. It’s not sunny outside, so the eggs are not sunny-side up today”

**Brekky amongst the history**

Our host, Frank Pace is one of our esteemed WSHTC members. He is a silent achiever who shuns the lime light. So I hope he won’t mind me telling you... He is still a working man coordinating 37 farms around Australia. Having heard what people do in their retirement, Frank would like to do the

same...



◀ The photo on the left is of Frank standing in front of the photo collage history of Frank’s life put together by his daughter for his 70th birthday. I am sure there are some magic moments there.

In my opinion there is no doubt that a morning breakfast at Frank’s “Inter Shed” draws a lot of interest and memories from all over. If Frank will allow it, we will be back to celebrate Easter and enjoy a barbecued egg or two next year. Thank you Frank for your kind hospitality.

*“Sometimes you just have to stay silent because no words can explain how you feel”* 3

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## **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

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

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:  
69 Greendale Road, Bringelly 2556;
- ◆ 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.

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**If you have not paid your membership fees by 30 June 2023...**

- **You will be 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.**

*Members who have not renewed their membership and not paid their fees after one month, will have their membership automatically cancelled without warning.*

## ■ Club Merchandise...

The following club merchandise is available for purchase:

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

Multi-coloured shirts - \$90.00 ea - limited sizes in stock ⊗

Jackets - \$60.00 ea - 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 - \$10.00 ea

Navy blue, long-sleeve jumpers with the club logo embroidered on the left front are available and can be supplied at \$45.00 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.

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Garry 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 Garry, 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,  
246 Spinks Road, Glossodia 2756**

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

**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 [wshtctrucks01@gmail.com](mailto:wshtctrucks01@gmail.com) to be covered by the club's insurance. If you do not email the details then you will not be insured.

# Denman Truck and Machinery Show

Sunday 23 April

by Bruce Brown



The town of Denman hosted another top Truck, Other Vehicles & Machinery Show again this year.

As in the past, this year was second to none as one of the top shows around. The committee and the local community put a 100 percent effort in making visitors and the locals most welcome to their town.



Everything was provided, from the free camp oven Friday evening meal, and fire drums with enough wood to cook breakfast the next morning. A lone bugler played reveille at 6am in the centre of the show ground to get the sleepy heads up so the vehicles were ready for the street parade which took roughly one hour to pass through.



This year the show was bigger and better than last year... a statement I couldn't agree with more. If you missed it, you missed one of the BEST.



*"Make sure everybody in your boat is rowing and not drilling holes when you're not looking"*

# Scenic Run to Robertson Pie Shop

Sunday 21 May

by Mike Dodds

Photo credits - John Boardman, Phil Longhurst, Geoff Wise, Noelene West



The plan to have a scenic drive to Robertson for lunch was a great outing for the Club. It was mainly sunny with a few white clouds but none of those black rainy ones. It was quite a chilly start, with a breeze that developed into cold gale force wind storm. But despite the weather it was a pleasant and picturesque run.

Bargo to Mittagong was the most scenic. The road was like a snake with the hiccups with hills, hollows and left and right hand bends. The high side of the road was lined with beautiful expensive looking properties with manicured lawns and well maintained gardens and hedges.

From Moss Vale, a GPS would have been handy. But the technology wasn't available in 1938 when my truck was made. The roads were not adequately sign posted and in that wind we were blown off course momentarily. I think the Little Red Inter wanted to see more of the area and deliberately took me on a reccy trip so it will remember where to go next time.

A hot pie was very welcome after negotiating the back roads with those cold aggressive winds. But you had to scoff your pie very quickly. Either the freezing winds made the pie cold before you took a bite or your pie was blown out of your hands.

31 members with family, friends and vintage toys participated in the run and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Bruce Brown, it was a wonderful run and more interesting than chasing down the motorway.

I couldn't take any photos of the run partly because driving the 'Little Red Inter' and taking photos at the same time is very dangerous, and also maybe next time I should make sure I have a memory stick in the camera!! 😊



*"I am no saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying"*

*- Nelson Mandela*

# COASTING THE COAST

Saturday 27 May

by Mike Dodds



I arrived at the old DMR Toll and truck weighing station Berowra at 8:32am. It was a magnificent day for the run - quite cold with a cloudless sparkling clear blue sky. No sign of the hail storm of the day before.

I had just enough time to register my entry and get a windscreen number before the gathering of 117 vehicles moved off at 9:00am coasting the coast for a distance of 104 km.

The dozen or so trucks led off first, 30 minutes ahead of the cars because it was essential that heavy vehicles of 8t GVM enter the Mt White Weigh Station (if open) via the Old Pacific Highway. As it turned out the station was closed so we made the most of our head start.

The road from Berowra to Gosford snaked through natural bush, a journey my family often did going on Christmas holidays when I was a kid. It was still a scenic trip although the bush had thickened over time. The route through Gosford covered a lot of traffic lights and people on the side of the road just waiting to snap a photo. It's interesting though, when there's a convoy travelling through town, there's always children waiting eagerly to hear the sound of truck horns. The klaxon in my truck had them dancing around like it was Christmas.

After clearing Gosford, the route continued to zigzag, stopping briefly at Ourimbah for morning tea at the Heatherbrae Pie Shop before heading onto the Swansea Sports Club.

The run was well organised with printed instructions and marshalls to direct us where to park - at the beginning and at the morning tea stop. The trucks were always first off but it didn't take long before some cars would zoom or thunder past us, so they could claim the first beer.

WSHTC was represented by Andy Nash, Glen Evans, and Mike Dodds.

From the few people I had the pleasure to talk with, it was a most enjoyable day out.



*“Just in case no one told you today... you are good enough*

# Putty Road Truck Drivers Memorial Service at Milbrodale

Saturday 3 June

by Mike Dodds



The early morning fog cleared to a warm sunny day, the perfect start to a ceremonial occasion. The Garry E. Miller reserve had been mowed and the Memorial garden suitably manicured.

There were quite a lot of people milling around, some spending precious moments reading the plaques on the Memorial Wall, some catching up with friends reliving the earlier days, and some getting a bite to eat before the ceremony began.

Twelve names were added to the Memorial Wall at this, the sixteenth memorial service. Shane Kent, one of the original Putty Road Truck Drivers Memorial committee was the guest speaker. Shane spoke of his life as a truck driver and was emotional about the time when he was 23 and nearly lost his life rolling off the Putty Road late at night and into a ravine. I guess an experience like that would haunt you for the rest of your days.

Approximately 25 trucks stood a silent guard during the service. Some were lined up along the Putty Road and the rest parked at the northern end of the reserve, all facing towards the Memorial Wall.

It was a fitting tribute to the drivers who are no longer with us.

The WSHTC was represented by nine members and their vintage vehicles. Bruce Brown ran his now famous 50-50 and raised \$788.00, and the winner donated his winnings back to the Putty Road Truck Drivers Memorial. Andy Nash was 'volunteered' to run the auction and by all accounts sounded pretty professional at it. Another cap to add to the list of his many talents. The auction raised \$2,000 and the raffle raised \$800 for the Memorial.

At the dinner on Saturday night 57 people attended. All things considered it was a very successful event.



*"No one heals themselves by wounding another"*

**Vale Lionel Penberthy, 8 January 1938 - 5 May 2023.**

Back on the Highway again

A tribute to WSHTC member Lionel Penberthy who has recently passed away after weeks of illness.

Lionel joined his father Cliff in the truck business in the mid 1950's carting general freight, milk cans, hay and cement. Lionel ran his own trucks for a number of years. He also drove trucks for Clinton's Transport and buses for Higletts. He was a volunteer bus driver for the Carrington Hospital and the Campbelltown Catholic Club.



He was a volunteer fire fighter for 17 years and his wife Maree provided food and drinks when the volunteers were fighting fires. He was awarded a citation by the Fire Commissioner for his service in the volunteer brigades.

He was a Boy Scout Leader for Campbelltown, Gulgong and the Nepean District. He received a citation from the Governor General, the Head of the Scouting movement, for his eighteen years of service to the scouting movement.

He was a member of the Campbelltown Historical Society and the Campbelltown Show Society and was presented with an award from the Show Society for his support over many years to the town.

He and Maree have four children, eight grand children and thirteen great grandchildren. Lionel and his family were well known and respected throughout the district.

Lionel had been a member of the WSHTC since 2015. A life well lived. He was

generous, selfless, a true gentleman and always on for a chat. We are all better people for knowing him.



dona ei requiem aeternam  
Rest in Eternal Peace, Lionel

**Vale Andrew Toelle, who passed away quite suddenly in early April 2023**

at his home in Mittagong. He owned and operated long distance haulage company "Toelle Transport". Andrew had been a long standing member of WSHTC since 2012.

dona ei requiem aeternam ❖ Rest in Eternal Peace, Andrew

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

*"Being happy doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It means that you've decided to look beyond imperfections"*

# Public Risk Policy # AONBWUIFVCC

At a recent meeting there was criticism aimed at the senior journalist. The criticism came from another writer who usually writes a half page paragraph comprising one sentence, all in lower case letters, and sometimes finishing with a full stop but with no other punctuation. The senior journalist's job description didn't always include being able to decipher and translate contributions, and still remain sane. ▶

*"Accroche-toi à ton rêve"*



## 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.

Martin Irwin

Peter Pontello

## CLASSIFIEDS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday 25 June - Breakfast run at Camden Showground** - Mitchell Street, near Camden pool and Woolworths. Bring \$10.00, mug, chair. Please contact Andy Nash 0416 869 464 for catering purposes.

**Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 July - Yesteryear Truck & Machinery Show** at Wauchope Showground, Thatcher Street, Wauchope. Camping available. Enquiries 0456 911 670

**Sunday 16 July - WSHTC AGM** at Andy 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 19 August** - Trangie Truck, Tractor and Machinery Show - Trangie Showground, Narromine Street, Trangie. Gates open at 8:00am.

**Sunday 27 August - Maroota Muster** at Maroota Public School, 4540 Old Northern Road, Maroota - 10.00am to 3.00pm

**Sunday 20 August - Weethalle Truck Show** - at the Showground, Teamster Drive & Showground Road, Weethalle. Contact Errol Jolly on 0428 756 125 for further information.

**Saturday 16 - Sunday 17 September - Clarendon Classic and Kenworth Klassic** at Hawkesbury Showground, 40a Racecourse Road, Richmond.

**Saturday 14 – Sunday 15 October** - Urana Vintage Rally & Truck Show & Tractor pull at Urana Sportsground Federation Way, Urana. Open from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

**Sunday XX December Christmas Meeting**...Details to be confirmed

**Sunday 7 January** - First Breakfast run destination for the new year at Warragamba Recreation Reserve, as in previous years. Bring mug/cup, \$10.00 and chair. Contact Andy on 0416 869 464 for catering purposes

**Friday 26 January - Australia Day** as in previous years...

- At the Australia Pioneer Village, Willberforce - contact Ron Ross (02) 41576 3423
- At Camden - contact David West 0409 724 647

**Saturday 17 - Sunday 18 February 2024** Walcha Antique Machinery & Truck Show - Walcha

**Saturday 6 April - "Crawlin' The Hume"** - entries open November 2023