

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



April 2024

FIRST BREAKFAST OF THE NEW YEAR

Sunday 7 January 2024

by Michael Dodds

Considering the amount of rainfall dumped all along Eastern Australia over the past month, it was not surprising that the day of our first event for the year was HUMID. Fortunately, the ever present cloud cover kept things comfortable. It was going to be a huge day, It always is, but this year, it was a record breaking day.

For the statistic conscious bean counters and those just interested, there were in excess of 130 people present. This figure is made up of 72 members, 20 family/friends plus members of the Pioneer Timber Cutters Club.

By the time Steve Pardey arrived with the BBQ trailer there were a 8 to 10 volunteer helpers waiting to set up the 'kitchen' and start the preparing and cooking. The team supervised by executive chef Lynda carried out the mammoth task of feeding 124 mouths efficiently and very quickly... A big thankyou to the team for a great job. Well done!



"Good things come to those who work for it"

As for the car park area, it was totally parked out with vintage trucks, vintage cars, hot-rod cars and trucks, and every-day cars. It was a successful day made all the better by the presence of families, good friends and the variety and the high calibre of vehicles on show.



"No-one is too busy. It's not about finding time. It's about making time. If it really matters, you will make time!"

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■ **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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:- because Historic Registrations are not transferable, when purchasing an historically registered vehicle the SELLER must remove the plates from the vehicle and the registration cancelled at the RMS before it leaves his/her possession, that is, before the BUYER takes delivery. The BUYER must also insist on a receipt as proof of purchase. The RMS staff will insist on a receipt as PROOF OF PURCHASE. It is then up to the BUYER to arrange a TRAVEL PERMIT or to have the vehicle transported 'home'.

Failing to follow this procedure could deem the vehicle stolen and/or unregistered when not in the BUYER'S name if questioned by the Authorities. This is explained clearly on the back of the purple Certificate of Registration.

"My friend says he's a compulsive liar. - I don't believe him"



AUSTRALIA DAY - 26 January at the Australian Village, Wilberforce

by Michael Dodds

A long time ago, one hot summer before children learnt to swear like their fathers, when my daughter was 8 years old, I asked how her day at school had been. “Too bloody hot!” was her reply. An appropriate expression to describe Australia Day at Wilberforce 26 January 2024. It was hot and muggy which got worse as the day wore on. Even the mercury in the thermometer melted.



Early-on the best place to keep cool was in the main street outside the café which was serving breakfast with iced chocolate. A cool breeze kept the muggy atmosphere a little more bearable until 9.30am just before the public arrived. Entertainment was provided by one young man showing off his bravery

riding a penny-farthing bike, a group of singers dressed in early period costume, and a brass band playing popular Australiana tunes.



Despite the heat, crowd numbers were similar to last year but the number of trucks was less than half. The WSHTC Club was represented by 12 members plus toys plus family including excited grandchildren who loved the experience of riding in Pa’s old truck.

“What do you call a bee who can’t make up its mind? ... Maybe!



AUSTRALIA DAY - 26 January at Camden

by David & Noelene West



In 1788 the British First Fleet anchored in Sydney Cove, Port Jackson. On one of the several ships were cattle, sheep, horses and other animals. Some of the cattle were transported up to the fledgling town of Parramatta.



As history reveals some of these cattle were free roaming and wandered up through the area known as the Cumberland Plain and then settled in the Camden area which became known as the Cowpastures. John and Elizabeth MacArthur had settled in the area and their property was Camden Park and the township of Camden was established.



This year Camden celebrated Australia Day with an excellent parade organised by the MacArthur Lions Club. Some of the parade participants included several bands, primary school children, various car clubs, local clubs (View Club, Mens' Shed and several more), tractors, the Camden Show float, Ronald McDonald, the Ghost Busters The parade finished with SES vehicles and volunteers and the popular Fire Brigade band and trucks from the local fire brigades - always a crowd pleaser.

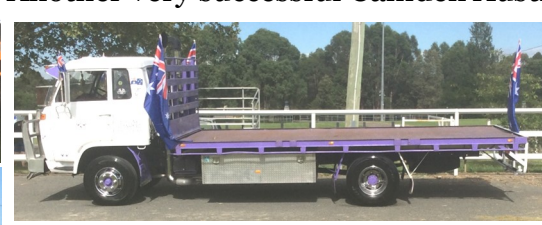


Hundreds of enthusiastic spectators lined the sides and centre of Argyle Street (Camden's main street and formerly part of the old Hume Highway).



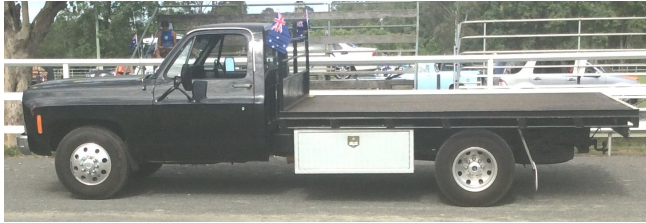
Thank you to members of the Western Sydney Historical Truck Club. The club was well represented with 15 trucks all decked out with the Australian National Flag. As usual they added to the kid's enjoyment by sounding their horns as they drove up the main street. Well done WSHTC!

Another very successful Camden Australia Day celebration!



"No great mind has ever existed without a touch of madness" - Aristotle

Australia Day
at Camden
continued...



Member Profile: Barry Locock (excerpt from Hills District Independent Magazine by Greg Martin)

Barry Locock, is the proprietor of Turtle Nursery and Landscape Supplies and has restored an AEC Mammoth Major. It was the very first vehicle Barry purchased to commence his landscaping and nursery business back in 1975.

He had worked for four years as a truck driver for Martin Brothers, a landscape supplies business in Dural. Barry learned all he could about the business. The Mammoth Major was one of the vehicles he drove so when he decided to go out on his own, he made an offer to buy the truck and it was accepted.

The Mammoth Major was given a thorough workout as Turtle Transport business prospered due to Barry's long hours behind the wheel and the business acumen of his first wife, Jan.

Barry and the Mammoth worked their butts off those first years but in 1978 Barry needed a larger vehicle and traded it in on an International 3074B prime mover and trailer.

The Mammoth Major had done its job and Turtle Transport morphed into Turtle Nursery and Landscape Supplies and growing into one of the major such businesses in the state. It now operates on large premises at Rouse Hill and Windsor. There are 65 employees including Barry's three sons and one grandson who recently joined as an apprentice mechanic.

Eight years ago, on impulse, Barry decided to hunt down the vehicle which was the catalyst for the subsequent success of Turtle. After a fair bit of detective work and some successful haggling, the Mammoth Major was brought back to Barry's Rouse Hill home. It rested for several years before Barry became serious about returning it to its former glory. And now its in better shape than when it first rolled off the production line back in 1969. The Mammoth Major, registered on historic plates, is now destined to be driven to truck shows to be shown off.



The ARTHC Tractor Pull & Swap-meet - Gundagai

Saturday 24th February

by Michael Dodds

WSHTC was represented by Bruce & Mal Brown, Perry Burke, Jeff Clissold, Lynda Hayward, Ben Hayward, Geoff Hunt, Bob Irwin, Snow Lovett, Geoff & Garry Martin, Andy Nash and Peter Pontello. Unfortunately I couldn't make the event but from reports received everyone had a great time. I have included a few photos of the event so enjoy.



"Funny thing about getting older: Your eyesight starts getting weaker but your ability to see through people's bullshit gets much better"

Gundagai continued...



'LOCKHART TRUCK SHOW' - Lockhart Showground

Saturday 3rd March 2024

by David West



We arrived on Thursday afternoon (29th February). Very hot and a passing rain scud coming through Wagga and then very humid.

It was very hot again on Friday. Trucks started to arrive Thursday and Friday. Caught up with old and new friends.

We had dinner at the Commercial Hotel on Friday night – yummy!!

Saturday was noticeably cooler but was hot during the afternoon. There were approximately 50 trucks and cars, including fire brigade vehicles, trailers, a good variety of older trucks and cars. Burkinshaw Transport had 10 trucks on display all dressed in their truck show best. The local ladies provided sandwiches, salads, cakes, slices and Devonshire teas and cold drinks. – delicious as always.



“Understanding a question is half an answer” - Socrates

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Saturday night we were able to buy sausage or steak sandwiches and a bar was set up from the local pub. The band was excellent and there were several guest singers. A special addition to the night was a young lady aerialist who performed amazing acrobatics on silks from the shed roof. About 150 people were there. A good attendance. And another first! several trucks lit up all their lights which looked like a smaller version of the Kenworth Klassic when the trucks light up there.

The raffle and auction were well patronised – the money raised going to OZ Help – supporting the health and well-being of transport drivers.

Another excellent Lockhart Truck Show!



Breakfast Run at Blacktown City Centenary Show

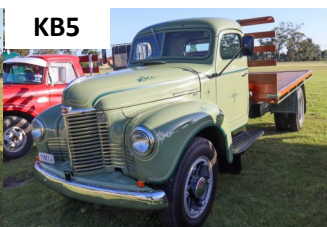
Sunday 10th March

by Michael Dodds



The requirement for breakfast at the Blacktown City Show has always been a warm and sunny autumn day... And Sunday the 10th was just that. There were twenty-one WSHTC members and some with family who enjoyed breakfast under a clear sky in the company of mates.

To add a little extra colour, there were several other motor clubs present, lined up in rows around the central ring. It was good to see members of each club mingle with other clubs, sharing the interest, history and stories of one's pride and joy. I was fortunate to chat with quite a few people wanting to know more about the D15R, K5 and KB5 model Internationals in our lineup.



The colour purple is so cool !



Yes, The truck is purple because Purple is the favourite colour of Allen Seymour's daughter !!! ▲

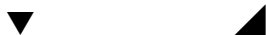
The bronze accents on car & bike are two cent pieces



"KombiKeg"... just the ticket to quench your thirst on a very hot day at the show.



Some of the colourful vintage and not so vintage, modified cars on show at Blacktown City Showground. ►



When going on a non-club sanctioned event, Remember to fill out your log book before taking your truck out on the road...

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 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 wshtctrucks01@gmail.com or text message to 0417 068 144

PAYMENTS: Payment may be made by CASH or EFT directly into the club's bank account:

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club Inc. BSB 032371 Account 396047.

The EFTpos facility is up and running for phone payments.



At a recent committee meeting the subject of "members doing it tuff" was discussed. If you are considering not renewing your membership because you are doing it tuff, please contact a committee member for a confidential conversation.

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.

Stephen Tranter

Stuart Dench

Breakfast Run at Prospect Reservoir

Sunday 7th April

by Michael Dodds



It was a fine sunny day - a vast improvement from the previous two days of flooding rain bombs. This was the first time we visited Prospect Reservoir for breakfast. It had been about 2 years since I was last there. I arrived early so I drove beyond the Andrew Campbell Reserve down to the dam wall and back just to refresh my memory. On my return, the volunteer breakfast brigade had the barbecue heating up, the hot water set to boil and the preparation tables set up with all required bits and pieces in place. All the while, chatting about every possible subject mixed with a good dose of true lies. There were 31 people in attendance including two visitors - who are potential members.



We had a varied collection of vintage toys. The parking area was more than sufficient for our trucks, easily capable of parking several semi-trailers without a problem if required, just like at Warragamba.

A short while after the "come 'n get it" call went out, peace descended. Only the muffled sounds of occasional words between mouthfuls could be heard. There were two wallabies also enjoying their breakfast not too far away. However, two small children who also saw the wallabies, shrieked with excitement and made a bee-line towards them. The wallabies didn't hang around for introductions and quickly disappeared into the safety of the bush.

It was such an enjoyable morning's breakfast, the impression was that we should visit here again.



Success is: 1% Luck; 1% Talent; 98% Never giving up.

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;
- ◆ Bank deposit or EFT to the Club's bank account:

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club Inc. BSB 032371 Account 396047.

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

When making an EFT payment please advise Treasurer Garry Schroder of the payment by a text message to his mobile 0467 592 043 or email to gary.schroder@icloud.com

NOTICE: The Eftpos facility is now up and running for phone payments.

■ 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 -

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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.

Dogs at Breakfast meetings: If you are a dog owner please keep this in mind...

The Committee received several complaints about dogs in the food preparation and serving area at the Warragamba breakfast meeting in January. This is a serious health issue and the committee has decided to enforce a 20 metre zone around the food preparation and serving area that is out of bounds for dogs.

Public Risk Policy # AONBWUIFVCC

"Someone will always be prettier, Someone will always be smarter, Someone with always be younger. But they will never be you." - Freddie Mercury

FOR SALE

MACNAUGHT AIR OPERATED GREASE GUN, including a drum of grease.
As new, very little use. PRICE: \$600.00 - Contact Terry Newson (m) 0429 911 363

CLUB LIBRARY Steve Pardey has two Parts Books about Bedford vehicles for club members to borrow as required. If you would like to borrow a book please contact Steve on 0412 646 280.

UPCOMING EVENTS**Sunday 28 April - Easter Brekky Run at Frank Pace's "International Shed"**

630 Old Pitt Town Road, Oakville. Bring your vintage toy, family, friends and camera.
Please contact Andy 0416 869 464 for catering purposes.

Friday 3 - Sunday 5 May - Sydney Truck Fest at Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon.

Vintage trucks are to enter through Gate No.3. - phone for access code to enter. Cost per head is \$20.00. No charge for camping.

Saturday 18 May - Putty Road Truck Drivers Memorial Service at Garry E. Miller Park, Milbrodale at 1.00pm. For further information contact Marie Warby on Messenger; mob. 0414 621 206 or 45 785 492 or email: warbysm@gmail.com

Saturday 18 - Sunday 19 May - "Oil, Steam & Kerosene Family Fun Days" at 86 Menangle Road, Menangle Park. Enquiries: 0417 215 513; email: csmm.info@gmail.com

Saturday 25 May - "Coasting the Coast" - from Old Berowra Toll Area to Swansea on the old Pacific Highway. Starting 9.00am sharp - heavy vehicles and 9.30am sharp - light vehicles. Lunch available at Swansea Workers Club. Further info - Guy Ellis 0414 182 010 or firieguy@yahoo.co.uk. Organised by Central Coast Leagues Vintage Drivers Club/Coalfields Classics Vehicle Club

Sunday 30 June - Lunch run - details to be advised

Sunday 14 July - AGM - Financial Members only. 630 Old Pitt Town Road, Oakville - property of Frank Pace's International Museum.

Meeting starts at 10.00am sharp. Lunch will be at 12 noon.

Please note: The museum display sheds will be closed before and during the AGM but will open after the AGM concludes.

Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 September - Clarendon Classic and Kenworth Klassic at Hawkesbury Showground, 40a Racecourse Road, Richmond. Set up on Friday 20th as per previous years.

Saturday 10 - Sunday 11 August - Golden Oldies Truck, Tractor & Quilt Show - Dubbo, incorporating the inaugural Bus Muster.

For further information contact John Mancer 0428 143 644 or Michael 0439 435 335