

# Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



September 2017

## **Gundagai Truck Show**

*(photos by Bruce Brown)*



Western Sydney Historical Truck Club was well represented with 13 members and their vintage trucks participating in the truck show at Gundagai for the Australian Road Transport Heritage Centre. The verdict from all who attended was "It was a great weekend."



## **Breakfast Run at the old Truck Checking Station, Berowra**

It was a beautiful, sunny autumn day at the "Cowan Rest Area and truck stop" on top of the hill, Pacific highway, Berowra where the north bound truck checking station once stood. The cold



breeze reminded us that winter was just around the corner. There was ample parking for our trucks and trailers, clean toilets and a large grassed area with picnic tables and chairs. Bruce Brown parked his mobile kitchen right alongside the picnic area. The roll up of 35-40 people which included members and their families and friends enjoyed another of Bruce's culinary breakfast treats and the opportunity for everyone to catch up on the latest gossip and show off newly acquired toys. I have been advised that there was no "BS" but plenty of "True Lies" This was the perfect opportunity for members to renew their membership before the AGM. It also gave the Secretary/Acting Treasurer the chance to put faces to names. By all accounts it was another successful run.

# Wauchope Truck and Machinery Show

Travelog by Andy Nash; Photos by Bruce Brown

We arrived at Wauchope on Friday, checked into our motel and just after lunch ventured down the road to the showgrounds. We were marshalled into our allotted club parking space by Bruce Brown were about 30 plus trucks already in place at this time and the numbers just kept growing all afternoon and into the evening. The most impressive entrance was from Alan Doherty and his entourage of just about every vintage truck from around Wollongong, I think they brought at least 15 trucks altogether. It was a great effort and well received by everyone.

After catching up with old friends, we were invited to have dinner served by Bruce and Kaye Brown at their caravan. There were about 8 of us who enjoyed their hospitality. Thanks again Bruce.

On Saturday the place was humming with the activity of car club displays, market stalls, swap meet and Phil Cassell's chainsaw demonstrations. And by this time there were about 130 trucks in the showground.

The grand parade was sorted into lots of 30 vehicles at a time, to keep it somewhat orderly. It was enjoyed by spectators and participants alike.

The evening saw most of us in the hall for the dinner which was well catered. After dinner there was a long auction which raised some great amounts for local charities.

Sunday morning saw quite a few people leave early. We stayed around until after lunch and completed the grand parade before packing up and saying our farewells. It was another great weekend in the company of some great people.

Thanks to

Kirby

Maxwell and his crew for making us so welcome.

We will be back again next year.



*The tongue has no bones, but is strong enough to break a heart...*

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING...

At the recent AGM Andy Nash reported that the club had a great year and he thanked the committee for all their hard work.

Linda stood down as treasurer and Andy thanked her for the 9 years of excellent service she has given the club.

2017-18 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
Safety Officers	Ron Ross Dave West	4576 3423 4658 1649 w/answer service
Major Events Coordinators	Bruce Gunter Dave "Chappo" Chapman	0459 991 929 0404 850 037

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

1. The club's new postal address is **PO BOX 3140, ROUSE HILL 2155**
2. Payments can now be made by EFT directly into the club's bank account - **BSB 032371 Account 396047**. Please include your name as a reference
3. We have had to chase up quite a few members for membership renewals. *This is an early reminder that next year's fee must be paid no later than 30 June. If your membership is not renewed by the due date your truck rego will be cancelled.*



### **BREAKY RUN - MULGOA PARK**

What a fabulous day, Sunday 13 August was for a pre-Spring Breakfast run! The frosty morning gave way to bright sunshine.. And of course standing in the sun was the best way to warm up. Once again our personal "Chef Extraordinaire" Bruce Brown cooked up a magnificent treat for all the hungry mouths attending.



A big thankyou to Anne Nash who took care of collecting the money and making sure the attendance book was signed. There were 50 people attending. The 21 vintage trucks were parked together in lines like school kids at assembly. It was a most impressive sight.



*So ...be careful with your words !!*

## **Breakfast Run to Canoelands Orchard**



Sunday 10 September, the day after “Council Elections” was an awesome Spring day. We had 13 members and 8 trucks at the Canoelands Orchard, a family run business for the past 100 years. John Christie is the current owner and bought the farm from his father 50 years ago. Originally the property occupied 100 acres and was cleared by hand as there was no horse to do the heavy work.

Over the years when money was tight some of the property was sold reducing it to 88 acres. Initially the farm grew fruit and vegetables and raised a few animals including pigs and chooks. The pigs were fed the “waste fruit” that could not be sold at market to Coles and Woolworths. In recent times the contracts to the big supermarkets have undergone drastic change. Subsequently the orchard has been opened to the public to boost the drop in income. Being able to pick your own fruit at a reduced cost now means the pigs don’t get their “waste fruit” because there is no waste. But being open to the public means the orchard needs the animals to keep the kids happy because “all farms have animals”.

The orchard grows varieties of stone fruit, (peaches nectarines and plums), citrus and other types of fruit so they have picking seasons spread throughout the year. The orchard is open 7 days a week to the public.

Our “famous chef” Bruce Brown had a very important prior engagement to attend and could not cook up his usual treat this time. So the task of burning the snags was taken up by Tim O’Hanlon who, by the way, did an excellent job. The sausages and bacon were cooked to perfection. So... Bruce you might have a fight on your hands to retain your golden crown!!



*The Shop sells food & refreshments and is built with timbers from the old Rose Bay public wharf*

## **2017 CLARENDON CLASSIC & KENWORTH KLASSIC**

As forecast, the first day of the 2017 Clarendon Classic was fine, partly cloudy with a cool breeze... a cool breeze that became gusty in the afternoon, perhaps gale force at times. But this year’s Classic was destined to be a huge event. Organisers of the Kenworth Klassic, Bruce Gunter and Chappo Chapman expected 300 KW’s to fill the remaining space in the showground that wasn’t taken up with , antique motor bikes, tractors, hotrods, vintage cars and trucks, stationary engines, steam powered vehicles and many market stalls. There were many exhibits and display items that I have seen before and although they are all very interesting I try to look for something new or different... such as this “Dinosaur wants a WRX”.... >>>



Clarendon Classic continued

In past years Paul Dove has had his Sentinel Steam Wagon at Clarendon puffing around the circuit. But this year there was "Ethel". Ethel is a Yorkshire Steam Wagon and is not owned by Paul. The difference between the Sentinel and the Yorkshire is that the Yorkshire wagon has a vertical piston whereas the Sentinel it is horizontal. "Ethel" has been fitted with pneumatic tyres but originally had solid rubber tyres. Something a little different that I noticed this year is the fact that as the cost of restoring vehicles continues to rise there has been a profound increase in the numbers of scaled down models of the real thing... For example, puffing around the circuit there were two pint size steam traction engines each with a trailer of equally pint size passengers... In the big shed behind the WSHTC "Head Quarters", there was a scale model of a Foden. The model builder exhibited a very fine level of detail.

Once again on the subject of miniature vehicles there were two young rev-heads terrorising the pedestrians in a model Ford Customline complete with big block V8 which sounded like it was operating on only one cylinder...

Now of course there is the Kenworth Klasssic which must also be represented in the model arena. There were 3 models on show over the weekend. These two on the right and the third is shown on Page 1 of this issue.

It wouldn't be the Classic without there being an amazing barn find...such as this 1946 Willys RHD jeep in dire need of something!! To restore it, it would need a lot of work and capital... >>>



Some of the Kenworths in the "Klassic"

*...makes interesting reading.... Not boring!!*

Clarendon Classic continued



Walking along the rows upon rows of Kenworths, I overhead two guys talking...  
 "You see a lot of Kenworths on the road these days".  
 "Yeah, They are like arse-holes, everybody has one"

But at the end of the day there were over 300 Kenworths on the whole site! Bruce will be pleased. This year's Clarendon Classic has been a huge success and I have been told that next year will be bigger and better. I am looking forward to that because my little Inter will be there too!!



Some of WSHTC's finest vintage...



**Sunday 12 November - 1.00pm**

The Club's Christmas Party is being held at the Oakdale Worker's Club, Burraborang Road, Oakdale. A 3-course meal has been planned. Brian Hodges is taking bookings. Meal vouchers must be purchased a minimum of 2 weeks in advance.

Price: \$10.00 per head for members

\$20.00 per head for non-members



Anyone who turns up on the day without a meal voucher will have to make their own arrangements and pay the caterer direct on the day.

Payments can be made by cash or cheque/money order made out the WSHTC Inc. or by EFT directly into the club's bank account -

**BSB 032371 Account 396047.** Please include your name + "xmas" as a reference

Knowing who you are is the best defence against who they think you are.

**OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART**

**HOW TO INTERPRET**

**ANTIQUUE CAR ADS**

IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

**Finding it difficult to source parts, repair or modify existing parts for your restoration project ???**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 October - 9.00am to 3.30pm "Oil, Steam & Kerosene" Family Fun Day at Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum, 86 Menangle Road, GILEAD.**  
For details phone 0417 215 513

## UPCOMING EVENTS continued

**Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 October** - Urana Vintage Machinery Rally at Victoria Park Urana. Breakfast available Saturday & Sunday. Camping & showers available on site. Further details phone Kevin Elphick 0427 253 144

**Sunday 28 October** - Portland Spring Fair and Swap Meet. Kremer Park Showground, Cnr of Laurie and Lime Streets. For details phone 0429 001 918 or 0467 590 648

**Sunday 29 October** - Newcastle Hunter Transport Awareness Day and Truck Show at Maitland Showground.

**Saturday 11 November** - Goulburn "Convoy for Kids". Meet At Pheasants Nest Servo at 7.00am (like last year) \$10 per truck entry. A great family day out and fundraising for local Goulburn kids with cancer and severe disabilities. There is a possible stop at "Truck Stop 31" on the way home.

**Sunday 12 November** - 1.00pm Club Christmas Party at Oakdale Worker's Club, Burraborang Road, Oakdale. 3 course meal @ \$10.00 per head for members and \$20.00 per head for non members. Bookings and payment is required to secure your meal voucher, and must be paid a minimum of two weeks before the event.

*For members interested in a run on the day prior to the party, starting at 8.00am from Uncle Leo's to Bargo, The Razorback and back to Oakdale... contact Andy or Darrell to register your interest.*

**Saturday 18 November** - Bathurst Truck Show at Bathurst Showground. For further information contact Debbie 0407 489 634

**Sunday 26 November** - The Annual Hilton Sibthorpe Truck Show at Vineyard Hotel (formerly the Tourmaline Hotel) Windsor Road, Vineyard.

**Sunday 7 January 2018** - Breakfast Run at 8.30am to Warragamba Centre. Bring \$6.00, cup and chair. Please contact Bruce Brown for catering purposes 0428 545 328

**Friday 26 January** - Australia Day 2018

- at Camden - contact Dave West (02) 4658 1649

- at The Pioneer Village, Wilberforce - Contact Ron Ross (02) 45763423

## Other Events of Interest

**Saturday 14 October** - 10.10am to 4.00pm "Men and Machines" rally at Macarthur Anglican School, Cobbity Road, Cobbity. Contact Chuck (Andrew) Keys 0425 336 835

**Sunday 15 October** - "DamFest 2017" at Warragamba Recreation Reserve from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Free entry.

**Sunday 12 November** - "Cars For A Cause" Show at the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park (entry of Sheathers Lane). Entry fee \$20. Non-competitive show 'n shine with 100% of all proceeds going to charities Beyond Blue and the Black Dog Institute who both work around the concerns of mental health in all ages. Contact Amy Scurr (02)4721 3301 or 0423 201 586

**Saturday 18 - Sunday 19 November** - Southern Tablelands Vintage Farm Machinery Inc. 13th Annual Rally at Taralga Showground. Contact Jacqui Corby (02) 4840 2139 for further information and catering purposes.

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