

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



December 2017



CLEARY BROS HISTORIC MUSEUM DAY by Andy Nash

I met up with Bruce Brown, Bob Irwin, Frank Skeers, Paul Dove and Mal Brown at Wilton. We all proceeded in convoy to Cleary Bros, arriving around 9.00am. We were directed to designated parking spots by the efficient crew from Cleary Bros. We met up with some of the members from Pioneer Timber Cutters who had arrived the night before.

The catering was provided by the Cancer Council and was well organised. I would like to thank Cleary Bros for their hospitality and for going to the effort to organise the parking, catering and making us all most welcome. It was a great display as always for all of us to see and something we will keep as an annual event. The event was well attended by 24 of our club members. Thanks to all involved for making it a wonderful day out.



2017 Bathurst Truck Show - "Bathurst got drowned"

Mother Nature got out of the wrong side of the bed on Saturday morning, 18 November. She was like a bear with a sore head. She made it rain the whole day and by day's end the showground was under 4 to 5 inches of water. Many trucks had to be towed out. Even the photographs that were taken were of large drops of water on the camera lens and nothing much else.

Anyway not all was lost... Andy Nash and Shane Cassidy represented the WSHTC and both of them managed to snare a few trophies.

Shane bagged two... "Best International" and "Best Old Working Truck" for his International.

Andy picked up "Best Heavy Tow Truck" and "Best Old Non-Working Truck over Two Tonne Tare Weight" for his Dodge. He also picked up "Best Tiltray 2014 - 2017" and "Best Specialised Truck" for his UD.

Berkshire Park Rural Fire Service Motor Show

Six WSHTC members attended the show in support of the Berkshire Park Rural Fire Service. The weather was perfect. There were performances from local dance groups. The local Lions Club supplied food and refreshments throughout the day. There was a great display of bikes and cars of all varieties. Trike rides were available for "kids" of all ages.

One of our members, Rob Starcic won a trophy for "Best Restored Vintage". Overall it was a great day.



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**13th Annual Rally at Taralga -
Southern Tablelands Vintage Farm Machinery Inc.**

photos by Bruce Brown



Unlike the Bathurst Show, Mother Nature was feeling more favourable towards the Taralga Show. Sunday was a reasonably good day. The weather was cloudy, gloomy and threatening at times but the rain held off until we were packing up about 4.00pm. There were many trucks, tractors, cars, motor bikes and vintage farm machinery on display. The WSHTC was represented by nine club members who signed the attendance book, eight of which finished the day at Highway31 café Marulan for tea.



In Life these days, it's not about the fittest who survives but the most adaptable...

CAMPBELLTOWN STEAM AND MACHINERY RALLY DAY - 15 OCTOBER

by Andy Nash

I arrived about 8.00am with all the barby gear as our resident chef Bruce Brown was missing in action. Bob Irwin brought his generator and we soon had the billy on the boil and the snags cooking. Thanks to Bob Irwin and Michael Vella for helping with the cooking duties. WSHTC was well represented by 24 members. Most of us stayed all day and admired the displays at the rally. The train and steam traction engines ran to a loose timetable giving people rides throughout the day. There was a grand parade about lunchtime showcasing military vehicles, tractors, cars and trucks. Thanks to all members who attended.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

**Member ID numbers have become necessary now that we have more than one member with the same name. Each member will receive a membership card with their name, a personal ID number and validation date of membership. This will make cross referencing of payments to particular members easier & more accurate. Personal ID numbers are available now from the secretary or treasurer but membership cards will only be available when dues are paid.*

The 60 day "Classic Vehicle Log Book Trial" Update

Following the decision of members at the WSHTC AGM last July, the Club is registered with the RMS as a stakeholder in the Classic Vehicle Log Book Trial. A letter received on 20 November 2017 informs that the trial has been extended for two years and will end 30 September 2019.

This extension will:

- "Allow classic vehicles under the Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS) and the Classic Vehicle Scheme (CVS) to continue to be driven for 60 days of general use (for maintenance and personal use) over the course of the calendar year, in addition to club organised events.
- Allow CVS members to participate for a longer period in the Log Book Trial given the CVS was introduced in December 2016
- Enable RMS to conduct more detailed data analysis and engagement with key stakeholders to determine if the arrangements available under the Log Book trial require adjustment for the Log Book to become a permanent feature
- Give members of the HVS additional time to evaluate the Log Book Trial within their respective clubs.

Details on how to apply and/or opt in to the log book trial can be found on the RMS website at <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/classic-vehicles/log-book-trial.html> "



GETTING GAROUND VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

On a recent tour through Vietnam and Cambodia my first impression on arrival was the enormous number of motor bikes and the apparent lack of road rules.

Although the constant use of horns was the norm in Hanoi, there was no road rage at all. It is interesting to note that for a city of 10 million people there are 8 million registered motor bikes. So it's not unusual to see the whole family including dad, mum and the 3 kids travelling on the back of the two wheel "family vehicle". ▶▶▶

At any intersection, motorbikes, push bikes, cyclos, cars, buses and trucks all push their way through regardless of the colour of the traffic lights. Vehicles go in all directions just to get through. It's a situation that you just have to experience to understand. Spare a thought for an old woman pushing a hand barrow loaded with her wares, through the peak morning traffic across an enormous intersection.

She actually made it across in about 8 minutes, avoiding two buses, four trucks and many cars without being skittled. As for the motor bikes, they just scooted around her.

Before the motor bike was the push bike which has undergone a degree of modification. The "cyclo" is a type of pedal power taxi where the passenger sits in front facing the traffic head-on. There is always someone trying to get in front of you! Motor bikes are the cheapest form of transport to get products to market in the quickest possible time.

They are modified to carry things in bulk such as bottled water, vegetables, building supplies, shoes, clothing and even dozens of eggs. Engine capacities are usually 100 to 125 cc. The Vietnamese people are quite ingenious and very industrious. They will modify anything to make the job easier & cheap as possible.



Parking station on the footpath for motor bikes



Mum & the kids going shopping



A "cyclo" taxi



Passenger's view from a "cyclo"



Bottled water express



"push" bike loaded with mugs and vases



Motorbike semi-trailer



Motorbike taxi

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours! 😊😊



2017 Convoy For Kids - Goulburn

Every year, the second Saturday of November is set aside for the Convoy for Kids in Goulburn. The money raised is given to charities for the severely disabled children and children with cancer in the Goulburn area. It is a run in which our members are proud to participate.

The weatherman's forecast for Goulburn was spot on target... a fine, partly cloudy day with a light breeze. The WSHTC member trucks assembled at Pheasants Nest Truck Stop, as has been the tradition for past years. At 7.30am sharp we set off in convoy for the main starting point. There were 16 trucks, including those riding piggy-back, and 24 members - it was a good roll up from the club.

At the driver's meeting at the starting point, instructions from the police directed that no sounding of horns was permitted once we crossed the railway bridge near the showground.... There were race horses in the stables and sharp loud noises like truck horns would freak them out and they might injure themselves.



I like to check out unique vehicles that I haven't seen before at these events and I wasn't disappointed this time. After the driver's meeting there was a 1923 Ford TT truck at the bowser waiting to be refuelled. The truck has been in the one family for the past 94 years. The current owner is the grandson of the original owner who bought the truck brand new. It was used for carting cherries to market. It is in original condition and the engine purrs like new.

Around about 10.00am the convoy started off and the main street was lined with people, some waving, some just watching and some kids going through the motions of pulling the air horn of their imaginary truck... Egging on the drivers to do the same. Many small children had their hands over their ears and pulling faces as the drivers let fly with the blasting sound of their air horns . When all the trucks had been parked at the showground and lay silent, it was 11.00am. We all paused for 5 minutes silence in respect of Remembrance Day and the soldiers who lost their lives in war.

Then the excitement started....a jumping castle, climbing wall and other rides to entertain the children and for Mum and Dad there were market, food and drinks stalls, the auction and raffle. After lunch, teams of tug-O-war participants competed against the mass and might of a Kenworth. The best team is always the children's team!!

Every year there are trophies awarded to worthy trucks. This year WSHTC did not go empty handed. Peter Hand received the award for the "Best Restored Truck" for his beautifully restored Diamond T. (pictured here) ► Shane Cassidy received the award for the "Best Truck Of Show" for his Kenworth.



Life is such a roller coaster, everyday is different



Sunday 12 November was the day scheduled on the calendar months in advance for the WSHTC Christmas Party. Fortunately the weatherman was on our side again, providing another superb Spring day. For the members who missed the Convoy For Kids the previous day, providence provided them with a special Christmas run before the party started. Leaving early from "Uncle Leo's" at Casula they proceeded down the highway through Tahmoor, Bargo, Picton and up to the Razorback Memorial for a Kodak moment before heading onto Oakdale Worker's Club.

Except for two local patrons, we had the club to ourselves. We were 45 in total.

As soon as people began to arrive conversations started and very soon there were dozens of "true lies" spreading thick and fast. And you know what that leads to... thirsty people requiring drinks. Of course drinking leads to more "true lies" and more drinking...

But the clock kept watch and soon enough it was time to sit at a table to eat... Plates of food arrived very quickly and were exchanged for meal vouchers. No voucher, no meal!!

There are no photos of people at tables because they would get cranky if I photographed them

while their mouths were full. Not only that I find it difficult to eat with knife and fork and hold a glass of wine and take photographs all at the same time. Anyway, everyone had a great time and after fixing all the problems of the world, we returned home.



NEWCASTLE HUNTER TRANSPORT AWARENESS DAY AND TRUCK SHOW

by Andy Nash

Ann and I arrived at Newcastle mid-afternoon on the Friday. We attended the official dinner at Hexham Bowling Club. We met Yogi from Outback Truckers, who was invited to attend the show. We enjoyed a great meal followed by speeches from people trying to reform our transport industry for uniform conditions.

On Saturday we met up with mates from National Trucks at Beresfield where all hands were on deck scrubbing trucks. Ann and I went onto to catch up with more friends and later had dinner with them.

We were up early Sunday morning at Sandgate markets 6.00am for brekky and drivers briefing. With about 300 trucks in convoy, we were escorted by police highway patrol all the way to Maitland Showground. The showgrounds had trade displays and stall holders.

Rob Wooley won numerous trophies on the day and I brought home a few too, making it a worthwhile event. Thanks to the three WSHTC members who supported the event.

Two to three glasses of wine per day reduces your risk of giving a shit !!



It was a bright, hot and sunny day at Vineyard Hotel car park, the site for the annual Hilton Sibthorpe Truck Show. There were not so many trucks on show this year. WSHTC was represented by 18 members with vintage trucks, a car and a motor bike...

The team from Little Big Rigs seemed to have just as many little rigs as there were big rigs in the car park. There were several families attending.

The children of all ages provided a good supply of customers for the model bike, car and truck stall.

The Putty Road Truck Drivers Memorial stall did a brisk business in the early hours but later, when the women decided it was lunchtime and the boys could take care of the shop, the activities turned to solving the world's problems and telling of true lies.

One of our illustrious members, Sonny Warby collected a number of trophies for all his hard work in preparing his B61 Mack for the show. Firstly, he bagged "The Best Display", secondly "The Show and Shine" and thirdly Sonny's name put on "The Perpetual Mack Trophy for 2017". He nearly burst with pride when he collected all three awards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 7 January 2018 - Breakfast Run at 8.30am to Warragamba Centre. Bring \$6.00, cup and chair. Please contact Bruce 0428 545 358 or Andy 0416 869 464 for catering purposes.

Friday 26 January - Australia Day 2018

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

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

Saturday 10 February - **The Highlands Steam and Vintage Fair at Oberon Rugby Leagues Club, Lowes Road, Oberon.** Free entry to exhibitors. Event set up, the tractor trek, and car and truck road runs (entrants only), on Friday. Street parade Saturday at 10.00am.

Many would be scantily clad if clothed in their humility

UPCOMING EVENTS continued

Saturday 17 - Sunday 18 February - "Gnoo Blass Classic" Car, Truck & Bike Show at Jack Brabham Park Orange. Contact Denis Gregory (02) 6362 2840 or 0417 445 426 for more information.

Saturday 3 March - Lockhart Historic Truck & Commercial Show at Lockhart Showground. Featuring 100 years of Road Transport in 20th Century. For further information contact Peter Smith on (02) 6920 6246 after 7.00pm.

Sunday 11 March - Breakfast Run at Mulgoa Park, Mulgoa. Bring \$6.00, chair and cup/mug. Please contact Bruce 0428 545 358 or Andy 0416 869 464 for catering purposes.

Saturday 17 - Sunday 18 March - Mack Muster at Kyabram Showgrounds, Allen Street, Kyabram Victoria. Further info contact Dave Willis 0428 692 753; John Laffan 0427 484 247; Tim Daws 0458 868 988

Sunday 18 March - 5th Annual Harden Historic Truck & Tractor Show at Harden and Murrumburrah Showground, Woolrych Street, Harden. Further info contact Kevin Sharp (02) 6386 5136 email: sharpfergy@hotmail.com

Sunday 25 March - Lunch run to Cataract Dam. Meet at 9.00am for departure at 9.30am sharp at Uncle Leo's truck stop at Casula. BYO lunch. Club barbecue will be available to cook your lunch if required. Tea & coffee will also available.

Sunday 8 April - Brekky run at Blacktown City Show at Blacktown Showground, Richmond Road, Blacktown. Free entry for drivers and passengers of historic trucks displayed in the show. Set up time from 7.30am. Stay for the usual breakfast get together or stay for the whole day. Please contact Bruce 0428 545 358 or Andy 0416 869 464 for catering purposes.

Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 April - "Crawlin' The Hume" Relive the old route 31 along the Hume Highway from Campbellfield, Victoria to Albury, NSW. For more info call Robert French 0409 390 090 or Trevor Davis 0419 506 516.

Saturday 19 May - Putty Road Truck Drivers' Memorial and Reunion - memorial service at Garry E. Miller Park, Milbrodale at 1.00pm and reunion social night at Singleton Golf Club, Boundary Road, Singleton. For further information phone Paul Crollick 0408 472 250; Shane Kent 0419 287 159; Marie Warby 0414 631 206.

Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 May - 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

Saturday 26 - 27 Sunday May - The Eighth Sydney Classic and Antique Truck Show at the museum of Fire, 1 Museum Drive, Penrith. Arrival, set up and evening meal Saturday. Show day Sunday. For further information and entry form refer website: www.museumoffire.com.au or phone (02) 4731 3000. Write "WSHTC" on the top of the entry form so we can stay together as a club display unit.

WANTED... IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS FOR LUNCH RUN DESTINATIONS WITH DETAILS OF FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THE SITE (such as parking for large trucks, toilets, picnic tables, shelter sheds, etc.)

*All contributions for publishing in the next Newsletter can be mailed to
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