

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



June 2019

PUTTY ROAD TRUCK DRIVER'S MEMORIAL & REUNION

18 MAY 2019 AT MILBRODALE, NSW



Report by Marie Warby, photos by Joe Guilfoyle

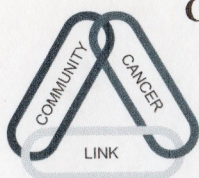
- Absolutely perfect post-card autumn day weatherwise!
- Over 20 Vintage Trucks on display
- We added 14 new plaques
- Little Milbrodale School once again excelled with hot food drinks and a beautiful selection of home-made cakes and slices.
- Bruce Brown from WSHTC once again conducted his 50/50 \$420 collected .. \$210 to Putty Road and \$210 to Gary Seton .. brother of one of our new truckie's on the Wall.
- The new venue for the Official Dinner was an absolute success because the dinner and accommodation was all in one place ... which made it so much easier for our older truckie's .. plus the sit down dinner was mouth-watering cooked by an international Chef from Sydney Chris .. and as an added bonus we all got a group booking discount on our accommodation!
- Singleton's former Mayor John Martin OAM was our official speaker and proved a hit with everyone with his reminisces of his connection to the Putty Road ... also Jessica Lucas daughter of one of the new truckie's added to the Wall spoke of the effects it has about her Dad and all other truckie's who are no longer with us.
- The piper Mr Ian Innes once again played a haunting rendition on the pipes while the official wreath was laid by two family members from two new truckie's added to the Wall.

Putty Road Memorial continued...



- The 'Haulin' the Hume' trailer was once again used as the stage where Jason Carruthers the country music singer entertained.
- A mega-raffle and auction raised funds once again for the maintenance of the Wall.
- Sunny Warby's old B Model Mack was given pride of place right next to the Wall as it has since the first Service in 2010 .. because the Ol' Mack and Sunny have a history together because they travelled the Putty Road from when it was dirt!
- The only sad thing about the whole weekend was someone fell over and lost her dental plate ... (which is yet to be found!!)
- 'The Putty Road Memorial Service is getting bigger each year .. so much so next year combined with it being our 10 year Anniversary it is shaping up to be the biggest yet!!!

Alan Lever, a long time member of the WSHTC, passed away February 2019. The committee wanted to pay tribute to Alan, and as requested by his family, we made a donation to Community Cancer Link in Alan's name. This is the thankyou we received.



Community Cancer Link
Locals Helping Locals

Tax Invoice/Receipt 0087

Name Western Sydney Historical Trucks Club Inc

Date 27/2/19

The Sum of Fifty dollars

Being For Donat - Alan Lever (dec'd)

Elyse Gorn
Signed

GST

TOTAL \$50 —

Just wanted to let you know that we appreciate how kind and thoughtful you are.

in your donat to our group in memory of Alan Lever
With Thanks.

Community Cancer Link

Breakfast Run at the Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum.

by Dave West

Australian Heritage Weekend was the theme. An excellent display of steam traction vehicles, train rides, tractor-trailer tours. Stationary working engines, various car clubs, military vehicles, ride-on lawnmowers, older tractors and motor bikes. Graders, rollers and vintage trailers were on display and in the Grand Parade. WSHTC had an impressive line up of trucks (restored and still in working clothes) and 28 members attended and capably catered for breakfast using the Club's trailer by Bruce and Kay Brown and helpers. Weather was perfect and family members were up. Food stalls and Mr Whippy did a brisk trade....

TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY 2019 marks the tenth year of the formation of the Western Sydney Historical Truck Club. So join us for a huge celebration on Sunday 29 September at the Vineyard Hotel, cnr Windsor and Boundary Roads, Vineyard. \$10.00 will secure your reservation. See page 8 - Upcoming Events for more details.

PLEASE NOTE:

This is a reminder that next year's membership renewal fees (\$50.00) are now due and payable no later than 30 June. Payment on the date of the AGM is not acceptable.

Payments can be made by either:

1. Cheque or postal note, made out to WSHTC and posted to PO BOX 3140, ROUSE HILL 2155. Please make sure you include your name and membership number separately.
2. 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

This will make cross referencing of payments to particular members easier & more accurate.

2018 - 2019 Committee Members

President/ Assistant Registrar	Andy Nash	0418 277 271
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...Working hard for something we love is called PASSION!

Sydney Classic And Antique Truck Show - 2019



There were several things different about this years SCAATS. Saturday setup was like any other but at 2.00 pm sharp give or take 20 minutes the Pioneer Timber Cutters had organised for a trek for the trucks to travel along Castlereagh Road to Richmond, past the RAAF base airstrip, right at Clarendon Showground along Racecourse Road to Richmond Road to The Northern Road back to Castlereagh and the Museum of Fire. It was a good run! Some of us had maps and directions, but some, like myself were handicapped with no map or directions. Instead we followed the truck in-front...sounds good? Well I saw parts of Western Sydney that I never knew existed and had a lot of fun along the way.

On Show day when the gates opened to the public, it was a considerably smaller show than previous years with less than 100 trucks on display. But the quality of those displayed was great. Like with every show there is always something different to see that you haven't seen before and people to talk to who you haven't spoken with before.

I was chatting with Dutchy when a 1923 Merryweather 90 foot turntable truck powered by a 9 litre Aster petrol engine approached us on its way to the fire truck exhibition. Dutchy had freighted it from South Australia for the Museum of Fire. Its height and 6 ton weight had caused a few issues for Dutchy. It is now currently under preservation at the Museum of Fire.

Dutchy also had one of his toys on show - A 1971 Saurer 2DM / Berna 2VM Swiss Army general service truck 4x4 with Saurer 6 cylinder 8.1 litre engine, naturally aspirated 135 BHP @ 2200 rpm. 8 forward gears 2 reverse x 2 speed transfer case. (overdrive box preselect shift) built into main gearbox...

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SCAATS continued

As for the ‘kids’, they were well catered for with many rides to choose from. The rides were busy all day long. But one particular attraction which had continuous lines backed up all day was the balloon characters. Although the balloons have always had a presence at the show, this time they made wearable art from numerous shaped balloons. One young boy walked around dressed in a space ship about 1.5 metres long... Quite a fashion statement!

Now speaking about fashion, our very own Kathleen Toovey ► set the fashion for the day wearing a very stylish purple hat. And if anyone wanted her for any reason she was easily seen amongst the crowd.



As with just about all antique truck shows there are certain people attracted to these events such as the professional photographers of the paparazzi and of course, Fletch! He is a nice guy to talk to as Bobby Irwin found out when Fletch interviewed him about his Blue International, etc, etc. What a scoop Bob and congratulations on your television debut and immediate fame.



While walking around taking in the atmosphere and snapping a few photos, I came across a group of professional drivers from WSHTC talking about Jon Cauci’s Kenworth. I have always admired the patina of Jon’s truck still in its working ► clothes, even though the working clothes are a bit thread bare now. The guys were discussing the wing panels or flaps at the rear of the cabin. So not really up on Kenworths I asked what I thought was a “very serious question”.... “Are those flaps the air brakes?” There was a pause then a resounding burst of laughter which lasted for a long time, as if I had just told the funniest joke ever...!



Later on Sunday Mark White from the Museum of Fire called all truck owners/drivers to the stage for presentation of awards... Jamie Darlington presented a few awards on behalf of the Pioneer Timber Cutters and then it was Andy’s turn to present the award for the Most Authentic Truck. Well guess what? Jon Cauci and his thread bare Kenworth ► won the award. Congratulations Jon.



All things considered; the weather, the show, the truck run and the camaraderie shared with other like minded people - the weekend was absolutely fantastic. It just happened without any undue hassles and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



...rather than personal gains!

Heritage Truck Show, Rocklea, Queensland

Usually Michael Vella is a man of many words but when putting a printed report together on a recent event, like the Heritage Truck Show at Rocklea Showgrounds, Queensland, he is economic with his words and tells it like it is...

Several Members were present at Rocklea QLD show held by the Heritage Truck Association and a great day it was .

Michael Vella



Four Days Away...

by Noelene West

Four days away at the 8th White Truck Muster
The truck went fine without any fluster.

The numbers attending we were told
Were seventy nine White trucks and products
And sixty three other trucks
A great sight to behold!
Many steamers and hobbyists were there too,
At least one hundred - more likely two!

The dinner was fun and the food a delight
The guest speaker Alan Shearer, added much to the night
The successful auction was run with ease
By Leigh Rankin, with great expertise.
On Sunday the driver asked (he's very polite),
Where do you think we should stay the night.
Let's try for Gundagai, say I
It's closer to home and the sun is still high.

The trip to Gundy was quite uneventful
We stopped at the Gundagai caravan park
In Gundagai central.
Come Monday morning it's starting to rain
We know it's needed but it can be a pain!
The leaking windscreen is causing some issues
But I'm gainfully employed mopping up with tissues.



Congratulations and thanks to Ray, Michelle and co.,
For organising another wonderful show
No doubt for the next one
To Kyabram we'll go!

A little White Muster Poetry

A History of Road Building - Part 1

by Shirley Sherer Sponholtz

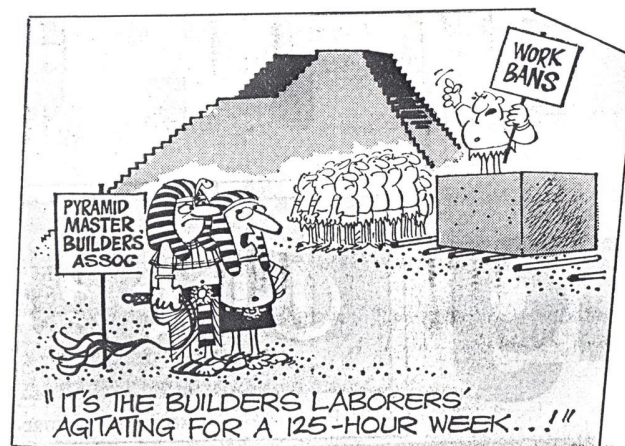
Most of us give very little thought to the roads we drive on every day, and tend to take them for granted — at least until they're closed for repairs, washed out in a flood, or in some way rendered impassable. However, only during the past forty years or so we enjoyed the luxury of a vast, extensive, and well maintained system of roads accessible to everyone. In the midst of our grumbling about potholes, traffic jams, and incompetent drivers, we forget how fortunate we truly are. Obviously it was not always the case.

From the earliest times, one of the strongest indicators of a society's level of development has been its road system... or lack of one. Increasing populations and the advent of towns and cities brought with it the need for communications and commerce between those growing population centres. A road built in Egypt by the Pharaoh Cheops around 2500 BC is believed to be the earliest paved road on record— a construction road 1,000 yards long and 60 feet wide that led to the site of the Great Pyramid. Since it was used only for this one job and was never used for travel, Cheops's road was not truly a road in the same sense that later trade routes, royal highways, and impressively paved Roman roads were.

The various trade routes, of course, developed where goods were transported from their source to a market outlet and were often named after the goods which travelled upon them. For example, the Amber Route travelled from Afganistan through Persia and Arabia to Egypt, and the Silk Route stretched 8,000 miles from China, across Asia, and then through Spain to the Atlantic Ocean. However, carrying bulky goods with slow animals over rough, unpaved roads was a time consuming and expensive proposition. As a rule, the price of the goods doubled for every 100 miles they had to travel.

Some other ancient roads were established by rulers and their armies. Their army's engineer corps laid pontoon bridges and levelled tracks for carts and siege engines. As the Assyrians gradually faded, another imperial road, the Royal Road, was being built by the Persians from the Persian Gulf to the Aegean Sea, a distance of 1,775 miles. Around 800 BC, Carthage, on the northern coast of Africa, began to use stones for paving roads. Although they may not have been the first to pave their roads with stones, they were among the earliest, and some believe that the Romans imitated the Carthaginian techniques.

Without doubt, the champion road builders of them all were the Ancient Romans, who, until modern times, built the world's straightest, best engineered, and most complex network of roads in the world. At their height, the Roman Empire maintained 53,000 miles which covered all of England to the north, most of Western Europe, radiated throughout the Iberian Peninsula, and encircled and crisscrossed the entire Mediterranean area. Famous for their straightness, Roman roads were composed of a graded soil foundation topped by four courses: a bedding of sand or mortar; rows of large, flat stones; a thin layer of gravel mixed with lime; and a thin surface of flint like lava. Typically they were 3 to 5 feet thick and varied in width from 8 to 35 feet, although the average width for the main roads was from 12 to 24 feet. Their design remained the most sophisticated until the advent of modern road-building technology in the very late 18th and 19th centuries. Many of their original roads are still in use today, although they have been resurfaced numerous times.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 30 June - CHANGE OF VENUE The brekky run will be at **Warragamba Centre** due to the closure of Mulgoa Park. Please contact Bruce Brown 0428 545 328 or Andy 0416 869 464 for catering purposes. *Remember membership renewal fees (\$50.00) must be paid by this date and can be paid to Brian Hodges on the day.*

Sunday 7 July - Blacktown Swap Meet at Fairfield Showground, Smithfield Road, Prairiewood. Hosted by FX-FJ Holden Club of Australia, Sydney Chapter Inc. Swappers gate open at 6.00am, Lookers gate open at 6.30am (Lookers \$5.00 per person). Enquiries Brian 0408 275 754, or Sandra 0427 701 195

Saturday 13 - Sunday 14 July - Yesteryear Truck and Machinery Show Wauchope Showground, Wauchope. Feature truck "Mack". Enquiries Kirby Maxwell 0407 594 149

Sunday 21 July - WSHTC AGM at Andy Nash's Metropolitan Towing, 2/17 Sunblest Crescent, Mount Druitt. Lunch will be provided. Bring chair and cup/mug. Meeting starts at 10.00am sharp.

Sunday 11 August - 8.00am Brekky Run in memory of Alan Doherty at "Dandaloo" Hotel - 336 Hanahooka Road, Dapto. Car, Bike & Truck Show from 10.00am onwards. Heaps of parking for trucks. Bring \$6.00. Please phone Andy 0416 869 464.

Sunday 8 September - Cleary Bros Open Day. 39 Five Islands Road, Port Kembla. Set up on Saturday 7 September from sunrise to sunset and on Sunday sunrise til 8.30am. 24 hour security under lights. Food caterers and coffee van will be on site. For truck entrant information contact Roger Fife 0436 658 113

Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 September The Clarendon Classic and the Kenworth Klassic. Set up from 8.00am Friday. Registration forms and payments need to be in by Friday 13/9/19. For more information - wwwsydneyantiquemachineryclub.com.au

SUNDAY 29 September - TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON - 12 noon at The Vineyard Hotel (formerly the Tourmaline Hotel), cnr Windsor and Boundary Roads, Vineyard. 3 course meal. We need to confirm numbers. \$10.00 per head will secure your booking. Pay Brian Hodges directly or EFT to the club's account **BSB 032371 Acc No 396047**. Your reference should include your name/membership No. and "party". You are welcome to bring your truck. Enquiries Brian 0408 275 754 *Let's make it a huge celebration!*
If members would like to do a truck run beforehand please lodge your expression of interest with Andy Nash 0416 869 464.

Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 October - Urana Vintage Machinery Club Inc. Show, celebrating 20 years. Victoria Park, Urana. Contact Kevin Elphick 0427 253 144 or brad Elphick 0417 465 634

Sunday 20 October - Brekky Run at Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum - Oil, Steam & Kerosene Field Days. 86 Menangle Road, Gilead. Bring \$6.00, chair, cup/mug. Please contact Bruce 0428 545 328 or Andy 0416 869 464

Saturday 9 November - CONVOY FOR KIDS - GOULBURN. Meet at Pheasant's Nest Servo at 7.00am (same as in previous years. \$10.00 entry per truck. A great family day out and fundraising for local Goulburn kids with cancer and severe disabilities

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