

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



August 2020

Reviewing the Situation...

In 2019, Australia was at the height of one of the longest droughts in history. Then to add insult to injury there was the worst bush fire season ever. Not just burning the bush but properties, whole townships, livelihoods, stock, native animals and people. The fires burnt for weeks on end, consuming everything in their path.

Then, when 'Mother Nature' thought we had enough of the fires, she treated us with devastating storms and torrential rain. The rain did eventually put an end to the fires, thank goodness! But it was not before the traditional new year fireworks were cancelled in some areas for fear that sparks from the fireworks would set the place alight. People turned to their crystal balls, looking for a light at the end of the tunnel, and hoping it wasn't a train.

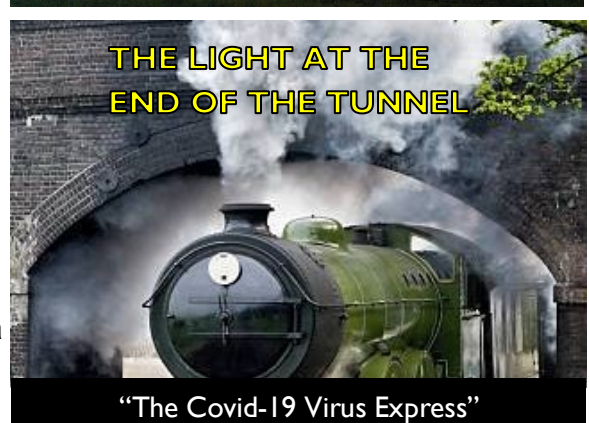
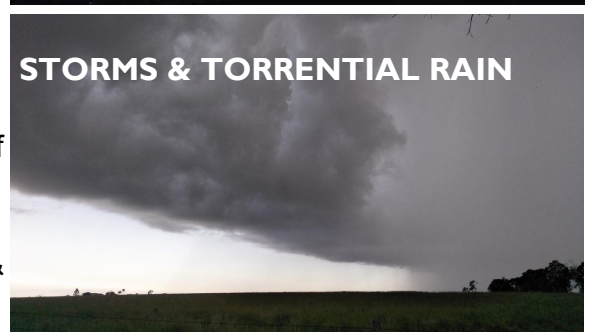
2020 came with a bit of a fizzle. But three months on, and the light at the end of that tunnel exited at great speed - "The COVID-19 Virus Express" from Wuhan, China bound for the rest of the planet.

It devastated communities across the world, infecting hundreds of thousands and killing tens of thousands of innocent people.

The virus caused nations to close their borders, businesses, schools, recreational and social activities, sports and social events. It even caused the cancellation of major events on our calendar, such as "Crawlin' The Hume", The Sydney Classic And Antique Truck Show, The Dubbo Truck and Quilt Show and the "Clarendon Classic" & "Kenworth Klassic" Show. Mike Vella had some awesome breakfast and lunch runs organized but they too, had to be cancelled.

We have waited patiently for the restrictions to be relaxed sufficiently so large gatherings can go ahead. But then some people flouted the health and social distancing regulations at pubs and restaurants. Now a second wave of infections has caused the tightening of confinement rules and state border closures again. !!

The sale of "Crystal Balls" has also suffered very badly as a result of the COVID19 Virus Express. There has been an overwhelming rush on warranty claims!!



Today is just a perfect day to be happy!

Vale Mark White OAM AFSM

It was such a great shock to hear of the passing of 5960 Senior Firefighter Mark White OAM AFSM. A massive loss to the firefighting community, the local St Marys community and the Fire and Rescue NSW family.

Mark was the longest serving firefighter at St Marys, serving the community for close to 30 years. He was also the CEO of the Museum of Fire and was awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) and the Order of Australia Medal for his service to the community.

The Western Sydney Historical Truck Club family, would like to express our deepest condolences to the Museum of Fire family.

The Sydney Classic And Antique Truck Show would not have come into existence without the efforts and support of Mark. The show is one of the biggest events in our calendar and all members look forward to it with great enthusiasm. The Show will not be the same without him. He will be dearly missed. RIP Mark.



Just a few photos of past Sydney Classic and Antique Truck Shows as a reminder of what might have been in 2020.



"God will pardon me, it is his trade!" - Heinrich Heine

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,

PO Box 3140, Rouse Hill, 2155

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

They walk among us, they breed, and they vote....

My husband and I went through the MacDonald's driveway window and I gave the cashier a \$5.00 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her 25cents.

She said, "You gave me too much money."

I said, "Yes I know, but this way you can give me a dollar back."

She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request.

I did so, and he handed me back the 25cents, and said "We're sorry but we don't do that kind of thing."

The cashier then proceeded to give me back 75cents in change.

Do not confuse the people at MacD's

Welcome Aboard to New Members:

Since the beginning of 2020 we welcome the following new members to our illustrious group of crazy, 'old truck' enthusiasts:

Alfred Muscat	Nathan Smith	{ <i>You may collect your cap,</i>
Barry Locock	Ross McDermott	{ <i>name badge and shirt</i>
Frank Pace	Jake Graham	{ <i>at your first event</i>
Ron Beavis	Adam Brooks	{ <i>from David West 0409 724 647</i>

The current Covid-19 restrictions situation has forced cancellations of all events on our calendar which has made it impossible to report on something that didn't happen!

But we have gained some new members, as mentioned above. So we thought the blank pages could be put to use with some member profiles of the more established people who make up the club, as you'll read on the next few pages....

Member Profile - Michael Vella

Michael has been a member of WSHTC for the past three to four years. He is currently the club's Events and Major Events Co-ordinator. He is married with three kids - Josh, Sarah and Katelyn. At most shows, at least one of the kids will be there.

When asked where he grew up, Michael replied that he's "not sure that he ever did (grow up)" but he spent a lot of time around Bringelly. His interests are old trucks, old machinery, and old trucks! He first became interested in trucks at birth, when he was born clutching a toy truck in his hands. His first job was with a Detroit Engine and Turbine Company at Chipping Norton.



It's hard for Michael to explain what was the first truck in his collection because his family always had trucks and he claims all of them as his. But his first "toy" is a 1984 'W' model Kenworth still in working condition. He likes trucks that are very clean and tidy yet show that they have worked, not just 'off the showroom floor.' He has three toys -

- 1) the 1984 'W' model (mentioned above) still working but semi-retired.
- 2) 1978 K124 Kenworth being repainted.
- 3) 1978 SAR that is undergoing restoration.

As for future plans for additional toys... at this point he needs time to finish some of the existing projects. But there is always room in the shed or build a bigger shed.



As the club's Events and Major Events Co-ordinator for a relatively short time, Michael has done an excellent job keeping members up to date with the latest events, and posting details on the Facebook page, as soon as the information becomes available. Despite the covid19 situation playing havoc with his plans for some outstanding breakfast and lunch runs, Michael deserves our thanks for work done in such difficult times. So Michael, thank you very much.

*Ever notice that when someone says "It's only money"
it is usually your money he is talking about??*

Member Profile - Mike Dodds

Mike spent the first two years of life in Melbourne before the family moved to Sydney. He has lived in the Hills District with his wife Jann for the past 40 years and they have one daughter. He has been a member of WSHTC since the club started in 2009. He has held the office of Newsletter Editor since 2012 and the office of Secretary since August 2016.

His first job was during Christmas school holidays working as a general hand in a warehouse. Mike spent 20 years working in the construction industry before setting up his own strata property maintenance business in 1994, and retired, after 20years, in 2014. His interests include his old truck, photography and writing. Mike first became interested in trucks in 1995 when looking for a vehicle to restore and play around with. The first and only truck in his collection is a 1938 International D15R tray truck which was completed and registered on the road in April 2018. As for plans for future additions to his collection... a lack of storage and the 'veto' from the "Ministry of Finance" prohibits such plans.



'Imagination' making do in times of Covid-19

Friday morning, 6.30am and it's still dark outside. The morning coffee ritual begins. The espresso machine is switched on, the coffee selection made, and the mug positioned just so. Then 'hey presto!' The aromatic smell of coffee arouses the senses as the machine hisses and groans, dispensing its delicious nectar into the mug.

While enjoying my daily starter I am reminded of a Facebook friend who told me about his younger brother, Simon who loves his coffee too.

They are bound by similar COVID-19 home confinement issues as us. But it's not a simple exercise to pop down to the local supermarket for food. Without work, there's no money, no food, and definitely no coffee. Simon is an intelligent 17 year old with a wicked sense of humour. He put a "coffee" label on his water glass and peers over the rim, and smiles at his brother while drinking his 'claytons' coffee. The image makes me smile every time I enjoy a cuppa.

That's imagination for you! -

"Imagination, is intelligence having fun"

Member Profile - Lynda Hayward

Lynda spent her early days in a small village called Penrose where she developed her talents in cooking and chatting. Her first job was in hospitality waitressing which led her onto training as an apprentice chef.

Her interests include Cake Art, model steam engines, steam power, old trucks and tractors, and good banter.

Lynda has always loved trucks. She grew up with them. "Dad always had trucks and we went everywhere with him. If there was a spare seat I was in it". As for old trucks - "Let's face it...they weren't old when I was young. These old bangers had loads of character and sounded great. They all looked different and you could use the Jakes as often as you liked. There were no restrictions back then".

I have one of the fastest ACCOs in Australia (when it's on the back of Michael Vella's low loader) it was so quick it blew the doors off and that made it go even faster.

Lynda shares her passion for old trucks with her partner, Jeff Clissold, and between them they have a total of five trucks. Lynda's first truck is a ► International "Butterbox" ACCO C160 which is in pieces awaiting restoration. "We had the motor running, but it hasn't moved from where tow truck dropped it off".

The rest of her collection comprises:

International 3070 Eagle. awaiting restoration

International 3074 ACCO tipper. Not far off rego

International 3070 ACCO spare parts

And her very fast International ACCO - No doors and spare parts

Lynda admits she has too many projects to complete, so there's no expectation of expanding the size of her International fleet just yet.

During her three years as a member of the club, Lynda has continued her talent for cooking as the club's "Chef" and her love of good banter.



**One of the fastest ACCOs
in Australia ▼**



Member Profile - Jeff Clissold

Jeff grew up in Cobbitty. He loved to ride his bike all over the place terrorising the neighbours, as all the kids did. This led to him racing motorbikes which he was very good at.

He studied Fitting and Turning at Tech College and got his first job as an apprentice working with Brook Crompton Parkinson at Campbelltown, manufacturing electric motors.

His interests are bikes, cars, trucks, tractors – really anything with an engine. Although he has always been interested in trucks. He got into the old bangers about 3 to 4 years ago. He shares his passion with his partner, “only the cook,” Lynda Hayward.

When talking to Jeff, he refers to his trucks but Lynda refers to them as her trucks. There are five trucks in the Collection. Some need major attention and expense.

But his International ACCO 3074 is close to getting club rego. ▶

As for plans for future additions to the collection, he has too many projects on the go to even think about adding more. Jeff has been a member of the Club for the past three years.



Member Profile - Mal Brown

Malcolm spent his youth growing up at the Oaks and around trucks. His first job was a “Lollipop Man” with the DMR and then progressed to apprentice mechanic.

His interests are retirement and trucks but his lovely wife, Leonie says he can't retire until he can spell retirement. He also enjoys a game of soccer on truck runs. (At a run to the Australiana Village he had his best game) His interest in trucks started from day one when he was born clutching a metal toy truck. When the nurse tried to take the little truck from him, he created such a commotion that she let him have it, just to keep the peace. He grew up around coal trucks and loved them. Malcolm got into old trucks about ten years ago as all the modern ones were becoming full of plastic and had no character about them.

Malcolm's first truck was a U.D. It was in poor condition, possibly it had been towed behind a ship coming from Japan. He now has two trucks in his collection - a 1975 Peterbilt masterpiece and a recently restored D5N Dodge which has come up really good. “I thank my boys for their help in doing the resto on both trucks”. As for any future plans to expand the collection “Wife says NO but in my mind, my next project will be a trailer. I'll probably end up with a box trailer.”

Malcolm has been a member for the past three years. He lives with his wife Leonie and they have a daughter and two sons Luke and Anthony. Both boys are also interested in trucks and have given their time to assist in the restoration of both of Malcolm's trucks.



Saturday 13 June - The First Club Run Since Covid-19 Restrictions Relaxed a little...

Story by Phil Longhurst
Photos - Bruce Brown, Nick Vassallo and
Terry Poss Burnett

First I would like to thank all those who came on the Gunning truck run. Approximately 25 trucks and around 50 people enjoyed a relaxing run down the old Hume Hwy. We picked up others on the way i.e. the Wollongong boys (thanks for coming). A few of the older ones made it to Berrima before fatigue set in and a nanna nap was suggested, onward for the others, pulling up at Sally's corner for a recharge.

I forgot that cabovers kick like a mule when they haven't got 40 ton of grain on them. The run through the Cullerans was probably the roughest but at the end was Gunning and the great little café -

The Old Hume Café. Trucks parked all over the place reminded me of a time gone by. Although social distancing was adhered to, the cafe certainly did a brisk trade and, the food was great.

Thanks to Michael Vella for organising the run. I hope there can be more of them in the Future... See "you's" all on the next one!!



The First Club Run Since Covid Restrictions relaxed...cont'd



Remember to fill out your log book before taking your truck out on the road


“BELL’S LINE OF ROAD “

The story behind the naming of Bell’s line of Road, which runs from Richmond, NSW via Tomah to Bell in the Blue Mountains, is interesting. It rose following a question as to why the road was not known at Bell’s Road.

The following is an extract from the Sydney Gazette, October 9, 1823:

“We are happy to announce that Mr Archibald Bell, junior, of Richmond Hill, has, after one unsuccessful attempt, at last effected a passage from that part of the country to Cox’s River.”

Archibald Bell was a farmer at Richmond, in those days one of the biggest settlements in the district. Bell Jr. mapped out the line for the road, and the route was known simply as “Bell’s Line.” In 1804, George Cayley traversed the same route and, although he didn’t know it, found a way over the Blue Mountains to the west. Cayley named Mount Banks, which was skirted by the road, after Joseph Banks. Thirty years later it was renamed Mount King George, after George IV, and was known by this name until the 1980’s.

During World War II, the building of a road was commenced along the line for strategic purposes, and later an all-weather sealed road was constructed to relieve the traffic on the main western road. By then the well-established name “Bell’s Line Of Road” was retained. 

PLEASE NOTE:

This is a reminder to members who haven’t yet renewed their membership. Next year’s membership renewal fees (\$50.00) are due and payable NOW

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.

I hate to spread rumours, but what else can you do with them? - Amanda Lear

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2019 - 2021 Committee Members

President/ Assistant Registrar	Andy Nash	0418 277 271
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Secretary/ Newsletter Editor	Mike Dodds	0417 068 144
Treasurer	Brian Hodges	0408 275 754
Registrar	Steve Pardey	0412 646 280
Safety Officer	Ron Ross	4576 3423
Safety & Merchandising Officer	Dave West	0409 724 647
Events & Major Events Coordinator	Michael Vella	0404 011 813
Major Event Coordinator	Bruce Gunter	0459 991 929

Club Merchandise...

The following club merchandise is available for purchase:

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

Jackets - \$60.00 each - sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL

Windscreen Stickers - \$4.00 each

Baseball caps - \$15.00 each

Number plate frames - \$15.00 per pair

Name badges - \$10.00 each

10th Anniversary mugs - \$20.00 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.*

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 ...Brian 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 Brian, then you cannot claim your merchandise.

For all merchandise enquiries please contact David on 0409 724 647.

*You want to know the difference between a master and a beginner?
The master has failed more times than the beginner has even tried...*

Making good use of home confinement during Covid-19

As several of the WSHTC ladies know, my wife Jann, is a patchwork quilter....

It was foggy, early this morning and, not wishing to get lost while walking around the neighbourhood, I did my cardio exercises at home instead. This time Jann joined in and by 10am we were done.

Jann went to her sewing room and her 'Wombats' quilt project. Not hearing a 'damn' or 'bugger' which was the norm when "reverse sewing" was needed due to an unintended mistake, had me wondering what was happening. Silence had prevailed for quite some time so I went to investigate.

I had been asked for a "design consult" the day before, so I wondered whether a redesign was on the drawing board.

Fortunately, no redesign but changes to the fabric choice in some locations. But yes...Plenty of reverse sewing though, but no swearing!!!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

The following events are subject to change due to the current Coronavirus health situation. Please contact Michael Vella 0404 011 813 for the latest status of events

Friday 11 - Sunday 13 September - "Kung Flu Classic" - aka KFC - the Chicken Run - planned as a 3-Day event... Friday meet at Suttons Forest to start. For all details check the event's Facebook page for the latest updates.

Sunday 27 September - Spring Hill Coffee, Cars & Trucks Show. Spring Hill Recreation Ground, Whiley Road, Spring Hill, NSW. Enquiries 0419 258 336

Saturday 17 - Sunday 18 October - **Weekend Run to Gundagai** - The Showground is booked, so stay overnight and return home Sunday at your leisure. Final details TBA. Contact Michael Vella 0404 011 813

Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 November - **Truck Racing at Wakefield** (Goulburn). A great event with camping available.

Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 November - 16th Annual Southern Tablelands Vintage Farm Machinery Rally at Taralga Showground. Make sure you have your membership card with you. Further information contact Robert Handley (02) 4840 6150 or M: 0406 875 695.

Friday 9 - Saturday 10 - Sunday 11 April 2021 - 18th NHMA Rally hosted by the Cudgegong Valley Antique Machinery Club held at the Australia Rural Education Centre site Mudgee. Make sure you have your membership card with you.

*All contributions for publishing in the next Newsletter can be mailed to
PO Box 3140, Rouse Hill 2155, or emailed to wshtctrucks01@gmail.com*



Brad Dwyer's "Effie" Ford F350 - 2017 Haulin' the Hume