

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



November 2020

Sunday Lunch Run - Yanderra Pie Shop

The run from Uncle Leo's Truck Stop, Casula to Yanderra Pie Shop, down Highway #31 via the Razorback was a fresh winter's day... fine, sunny and crisp. Everyone was suitably attired in their best wintry gear. Perfect for a casual run to get lunch. Some were very eager to blow the cobwebs out, or very hungry, and arrived well ahead of the rest of us.

Groups arrived from different directions - Those from the Wollongong area, those from the Wollondilly Shire, and the rest from Sydney Western Suburbs.

Everyone entered their details in the Covid register as well as the attendance book. Social distancing was the norm. Thirty people attended in 21 trucks, one motor coach and a couple of cars. And despite upholding our essential covid responsibilities, it was a great event.

Several people, just out for a Sunday drive, stopped to admire the trucks, and chat for a while or reminisce about what dad used to drive.

The covid situation restrictions has affected our members in different ways. You can only wash and polish your old truck so many times before you need a change of scenery and a change in activity...

Lionel Penberthy decided he needed another project to restore. He noticed an International D1510 in reasonable condition for sale.

Confirming with the seller what he wanted to do, Lionel made an offer and now it's his. Then he was offered another International D1510 which was quite rusty. It was given to him for free as a donor truck. So now he has two trucks for the price of one. /-



Lunch Run to Yanderra Pie Shop continued...

Lionel is now waiting for his nephew to pick up the two trucks and bring them home so he can start work.

Frank Skeers owns an old DMR Dodge tray truck with a smoky slant six Chrysler engine.... Well, Frank turned up in his Dodge and lifted up the bonnet, not because there was a problem, but to show off the new V8 engine sitting in the engine bay. A group of interested onlookers soon appeared. Keeping the 4m2 rule in place, they asked for all the gossip!

Apparently the covid home schooling has had quite an effect on young Emily Dove too. During breaks between classes she has been learning how to drive her father's Kenworth. She looks very professional sitting in the driver's seat!! And she has "the Michael Vella pony tail' sorted too!



The "Necessary" Truck Run:

During the Covidvirus isolation, people were becoming desperate to maintain some degree of sanity. Dogs had been walked around the neighbourhood too many times and had gone on strike. Many dogs had been heard to say - "not another bloody walk!!"

Bruce Brown's dog spoke to him in no-uncertain-terms "for trucks sake take the bloody Toyota for a run."

So taking the wisdom of his dog to heart, Bruce contacted Bob Irwin, Peter Hand and Geoff Martin and, organised a run on the spur of the moment. Relaxation of the covid restrictions regarding numbers at gatherings had already started to lift anyway.

So they all met at Thirlmere Train Museum and headed off through Hilltop to Mittagong and return.

They stopped for lunch at the Yanderra Pie Shop. Although practising the 4m2 rule, they were 'sprung' by Paul Dove's better half, Karen who, had just had her hair done and happened to have her camera handy.

Not sure what Bruce Brown is saying to Bob Irwin...but Bob seems worried. I think he's in trouble...

"Ahhh Bob, everyone agreed it's your turn to pay the lunch bill."



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.

Mario Sammit
Leigh Milner
Andrew Nolan

Perry Burke
Michael Conratt
Darrell Booth

{ You may collect your cap,
{ name badge and shirt
{ at your first event
{ from David West 0409 724 647

Although we have been able to go on a couple of runs to play with our toys, life is not back to normal yet. So the empty pages have been filled with more member profiles. Enjoy the read!



“SOME COOL KIDS” and their toys visited the old HALFWAY HOUSE TRUCK STOP on the Putty Road - Sunday 16 August 2020

by Phil Longhurst

There was a good gathering of 20 odd trucks turn up for the run up the Putty, meeting up at Windsor for that all important coffee. Everyone behaved themselves all the way to the halfway house for lunch.

I used to travel that road a fair bit in the 70's and 80's when I had to, for certain reasons, and I can't believe how good it is now compared to then. I'm sure we'll have another one up there again. Thanks to everyone who turned up and thanks to Mick Vella for organising it.



Why do we only Rest in Peace? Why don't we Live in Peace too?

Touring the Upper Hunter - 5 September 2020

by Andy Nash

Ann and I left home at 6a.m at the start of a wet and foggy morning. By the time we reached the M1 freeway the fog had lifted to give us a beautiful day. We reached the truck parking bay on the Newcastle expressway at Branxton just after 8 a.m. We were given a temperature check and entered our details into their Covid book. After a driver briefing we were on our way.

We proceeded onto the Newcastle Freeway and turned onto the Golden Highway, past Mount Thorley and onto Denman where we all regrouped, and then headed to Merriwa.

We arrived in Merriwa at lunchtime, and to be Covid correct, we broke up into small groups. Some lunched at the pubs. We found a nice cafe and enjoyed a nice hamburger and chips. After lunch we walked through the town, and stopped to buy some novelty things for the grandchildren at a community building called "The Hut."

At 12.30 pm we regrouped on the outskirts of town before proceeding along the Putty Rd to Milbrodale and The Truck Drivers Memorial Wall. We met up with the Putty Rd Memorial ladies, led by Marie Warby. Here we were spoilt with tea/coffee, cold drinks, sandwiches, cakes and bickies. After paying our respects and taking some photos we, all said our farewells and headed for home.

There were about 23 vehicles on the day including a P76, a mini and a land rover, and varied trucks. Ann and myself were home about 6pm, a great day, good weather and some like-minded company. I believe everyone had an enjoyable day.





"Kung Flu Classic" - The Chicken Run to Temora

by Bruce Gunter

It was a few months before the KFC that I was approached by Mick Vella who kindly stated "hey, seeing as you've had a year off from Haulin the Hume and the Clarendon Show & Kenworth Klassic, how about you organise a mini road run for the Club". Now, that was almost met with a relatively blunt response but those that know me realise that I'm not really full of sarcasm so, in the best interest of helping out my fellow club member I put my head into thought mode and called Mick back with a plan.

I had often thought that the off year of Haulin the Hume should be a run into country NSW as I have a love of country towns and buildings and cruising along the bush roads, exploring the unique ways of the individual towns and, in recent times, helping to give a bit back considering the hard slog that the towns have faced. We have some great club members who have participated in charity events into the towns and the thought of this was along the same lines. So I went back to Mick and the Sydney-Temora-Forbes-Sydney event was born and then backed up with a Facebook page to help spread the details of the event. While talking with Dave Chapman I said that I needed to think of a name for it and it was Dave's partner John Turner (Turnout) who called it the Kung Flu Classic due to his love of America's No.1 President and Darrell Killick lookalike, Donald Trump. And of course, once it was shortened to the 'KFC', the Chicken Run became the call for it.



The best part about life...Every morning you have a new opportunity to become a happier version of yourself!

Kung Flu Classic - The Chicken Run continued...



The Facebook page was launched and I was immediately approached by a Haulin regular Paul Moran from Condobolin who invited us to Condo rather than Forbes and he offered to look after the Condo side in full so a change was made to stay overnight there. Meanwhile, Mick had been in deep discussions with the fantastic people of Temora and was getting information from them regarding the great places to see in the town and he found them incredibly accommodating. All was going full steam and Paul was amazing in his assistance and organising until the dreaded Covid closed the Victorian border and within a week the Condo Council decided to put a raincheck on our visit due to concerns for their local community – fair enough in these uncertain times. So we decide that we needed to postpone the whole event until four weeks later – two weeks before the actual event was due to go ahead, Mick received a phone call from his contact at Temora Council asking if we were still coming.



Why do we rest in peace, why don't we live in peace too?

Kung Flu Classic - The Chicken Run continued...

In fine form, Mick called me and happily handballed the Temora event over (probably in case it went pear shaped and he could throw it back at me) and I phoned his contact there and threw the tough Covid questions at him. In short, I had concern for any club members or participants being fined for breaching any of the Covid regulations and wanted permission from both the Council and local Police that we were welcome there. And they did exactly that! And so it was on and with the exception of having a Covid-19 Plan approved and a few other small details we were able to proceed. It was unfortunately very short notice and blisteringly cold and wet on the weekend however, the Council and Showground Society were a delight to deal with and it turned out to be a great weekend and a few days where we could all catch up again after such an awkward year. The Air Museum and the Rural Museum were spectacular and we visited plenty of café's, pubs and restaurants in the town much to the delight of the locals. We had around 90 trucks/buses/cars there and it was a terrific turnout.

The WSHTC were exceptional in their performance yet again, offering the club BBQ trailer up for anyone to use and helping as a team as always. I think that the lack of stress for me was the simple "come along and do what you please" mentality of the run and the laid back atmosphere of the event in whole. I have been speaking with Wollongong based Rob Starcic about a follow up Chicken Run to the South Coast and a run to the Ulladulla area is tentatively booked for the last weekend in January so as details progress and we get confirmation it will be announced.



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

I was at the airport, (before the pandemic hit) checking in at the gate when an airport employee asked, 'Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?'

To which I replied, 'If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?'

Public Risk Policy # AONBWU IFVCC

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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.

"On the day I was born angels looked into my cosy little crib, gazed upon my cherubic face & declared... 'This one's going to be trouble!'"



CLASSIFIEDS

During the covid crisis some members have been cleaning out the shed, finding various items that they no longer need and want to get rid of. Some members have had more time to continue with a restoration project and found they need parts specific to their project. Others have found they have more time on their hands and are in need of a project to restore. WSHTC members can place a 'for sale' or 'wanted' advertisement in the newsletter. It needs to be in writing and mailed or emailed to the editor. Please supply name, contact phone number, brief description and photo. Photos are accepted at the editor's discretion.



Shirts awaiting collection...

The following members have shirts to be collected. Please contact David West 0409 724 647 to arrange collection of your shirt.

118# Allan Shuttleworth	119# Glenn Gannon	120# Emmanuel Camilleri
121# John Hotchkiss	124# John Haylock	135# Will Davies
136# Allan Burke	144# Wayne Schembri	146# Joe Schembri
148# Pat DaCosta	149# Paul Nisbett	150# Charlie Zammit
152# Michael Murphy	153# Tabitha Murphy	154# Perry Scarfe
155# Frank Pace	156# Alfred Muscat	157# Barry Locock
158# Ron Beavis	159# Nathan Smith	160# Ross McDermott
161# Jake Graham	162# Adam Brooks	163# Mario Sammut
164# Perry Burke	165# Leigh Milner	166# Michael Conradt
167# Andrew Nolan	168# Darrell Booth	

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

*All contributions for publishing in the next Newsletter can be mailed to
PO Box 3140, Rouse Hill 2155, or emailed to wshctrucks01@gmail.com*

LONG LIST OF ITEMS AUSTRALIAN DRIVERS CAN BE FINED FOR

by Daily Mail Australia - a summarized version

Drivers can be fined up to \$344 and slapped with three demerit points for fixing stickers to their rear window or hanging fluffy from their rear-view mirror.

The obscure and draconian road rule bans any trinket that could obscure the driver's view and potentially cause an accident.

Police and road safety groups from all but one Australian state confirmed to the Daily Mail Australia that such items could constitute a traffic offence, and that they are now on the look out for these 'driver distraction' offences.

Such items, also including air fresheners, flags, toys, and so on, are not strictly forbidden from cars, but could attract a fine if police consider them obstructions. Placing a GPS anywhere but the lower right or lower centre of the windscreen, could also attract a fine for similar reasons.

South Australian Police traffic commander, Superintendent, Bob Gray, said his officers were specifically targeting driver distraction. *"Mobile phones, GPS devices and other technology, or items in the car, can be a major distraction for drivers and divert their attention from the task at hand,"* he said. *"When mounting your GPS display, or adding any decorative items like fluffy dice or stickers, consider whether it will obscure your vision. It is important that drivers have a clear view of the road, to the front, back and sides, at all times."*

Motorists driving without having a clear view face a \$193 fine, plus \$60 contribution to the victims of crime levy.

Western Australian Road Safety Commission said items stuck to any of a vehicle's windows, or placed inside that may cause an interrupted or distracted view for a driver, could attract a fine. Examples included a mascot, toy, or in the interior that was likely to obstruct or distract the driver. The fine is \$100 and one demerit point.

Victorian Police said attaching things to the mirror, or elsewhere, could attract a fine of \$248. *"the offence in relations to things hanging from the mirror here in Victoria is fail to have [an] uninterrupted view,"* Victorian Police said.

The rule is similar in NSW where the penalty is \$344 and three demerit points. *"If the item is positioned in the way that the driver can't see other cars, it is an offence,"* NSW Police said.

The Roads and Maritime Services website states that to 'drive a vehicle with a TV/VDU image visible to the driver' is listed as an offence under their general driving offences section, and NSW Police also confirmed that a driver shouldn't be able to see 'any part of the image on the screen' from a TV or visual display unit while the car is moving.

FINES FOR FLUFFY DICE OR STICKER IN EACH STATE

NSW: \$344 fine, three demerit points.

Victoria: \$248 fine.

Queensland: \$311 fine, but police do not consider them obstructions.

WA: \$100 fine, one demerit point.

SA: \$253 fine.

Road safety groups issued similar warnings and advised drivers to be careful about what was inside their cars, to avoid being stung with a fine.

The NRMA advised NSW drivers to 'use a bit of common sense' when setting up bling inside their cars. *"The most important thing is to have a clear view of the road at all times,"* it said. *"It is never a good idea to stick or hang anything on the windscreen that will obscure your view. The penalty sits at \$337 and three demerit points. It is not just cars we're looking out for on the road, it could be a young child or a dog, which may be hard to see."*

As always, please drive with care, courtesy and consideration.

"If the environment and all our food is poisoned, how come we're all living longer?"¹⁰



Historic Vehicle Scheme

Period Options, Accessories & Safety Items

Eligibility for vehicles for inclusion in the Historic Vehicle Scheme (HVS)

Transport for NSW has compiled a defined list of period options, accessories and safety items which may help motoring clubs to determine if vehicles are eligible for inclusion in the Historic Vehicle Scheme. This list is for light vehicles it does not cover motorcycles or heavy vehicles.

Important considerations

- The items listed below are considered acceptable period options, accessories and safety items for inclusion in the scheme.
- This list will be used to determine if a vehicle is correctly registered under the scheme.
- It is recommended that motoring clubs circulate this list to their members and that they provide appropriate education and advisory services.
- Clubs may suggest other items which they believe should be included in the list; additions will occur after consultation and shall be confirmed by Transport for NSW in writing.
- The final decision as to whether an item is added to the list will be exclusively determined by Transport for NSW.
- Clubs must provide evidence of the item being available in the period/s as nominated.

Technical considerations

- Period accessories and options relative to a vehicles age or build date are considered to be within 2-3 years ('defined period') of the build date of the vehicle. Note: There may be exceptions to this rule and clubs are invited to seek clarification where appropriate by emailing industryengagement@rms.nsw.gov.au.
- The installation of an item must not affect compliance with applicable vehicle standards.

Period Options

- Tuning kits offered by a manufacturer or dealer and fitted by a manufacturer or dealer (for vehicles built before July 1976 or not built to ADR 27A)
- Tuning kits offered by a manufacturer or dealer and fitted by the vehicle owner (for vehicles built before July 1976 or not built to ADR 27A)
- Wheels of period type conforming to VS109 (Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) diameter and tyre profile for vehicles pre-1970). Both the wheels and tyres must have been available in the defined period (as stated in the technical consideration above)
- Exhaust kits (for example, a Lukey muffler)
- Lowering kits – maximum 25mm or 1 inch only permitted
- Bonnet scoops
- Sump guards
- Air conditioning (including an under-dash system if not offered as an integrated system)
- Water injection (for example, a Kleinig system)

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- Floor change conversions – OEM or aftermarket
- Overdrive on gearbox – including a Laycock system or similar
- Wire wheel conversion – whether optional or not
- Disc brake conversions from later year of **same** make/model (Note: must be complete system including wheels and tyres)
- Disc brake conversions from **later** model of same make (Note: must be complete system including wheels and tyres)
- Optional engine fitment (Note: must be complete package including brakes, transmission, axles, wheels, tyres and other required items)
- Optional Transmission change – including automatic to manual or manual to automatic conversion within manufacturer's optional equipment.
- Half cage/single hoop roll bars in an open sports car – CAMS or VSB14 – not allowed in sedans or Fixed Head Coupes (FHC)
- Sun roof – OEM fitted
- Sun roof replicating OEM (must have an accompanying VSCCS compliance certificate)
- Webasto-type roof conversion – OEM fitted.

Period Accessories

Note: Accessories must be able to be removed and the vehicle returned to its original ("as built") condition.

- Radio
- Tape player – 8 track or cassette (not CD) – unless OEM fitted
- Mudflaps
- Wheel trims and hubcaps
- Rear window blinds that do not obstruct vision (for example, louvres are acceptable)
- Mirrors – internal or external
- Dash mounted fans (check regulations for applicability)
- Additional instrumentation – dash mounted
- Side window blinds
- Mesh headlamp covers
- Luggage racks (roof or boot)
- Halda Speedpilot or TripMaster (or similar)
- Map lamps and other internal reading lamps
- Driving and fog lamps - including mounts
- Badge bars
- Bonnet mascots
- Additional chrome strips
- Additional reflectors – including scotch tape or otherwise
- Demisters – including hot air or electric bar type
- Heater – hot water type
- Windscreen washers
- Bug deflectors

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- Sun visors – internal or external
- Radiator/grille and insect screens
- Water bag carriers and water bag
- Period metal fuel cans and wooden tool boxes on running boards
- Additional spare wheel racks – roof or boot, running board or rear mounted racks
- Additional horns (for example, Klaxons). Note: Must not alternate sound like an emergency vehicle. Must not be siren whistle or bell.
- Reversing lamp/s
- Additional stop lamps
- Tow bar
- Wheel spats
- Wheel dress trims and rings
- Hubcaps
- White wall tyres
- Hardtop for convertibles – OEM or aftermarket.
- Pinstriping consistent with the period style at vehicle build date
- Auxiliary Lighting – forward facing
- Badge Bars
- Weathershields
- Sunvisors.

Safety Items

Note: seat belts and CRA are not mandatory if the vehicle was not fitted with seat belts or CRA as an OEM fitment. However, they are strongly recommended for all vehicles where installation is possible.

- Seat belts – must be road approved (including, for example lap, lap sash and harness varieties). The belts must comply with Schedule 2 of the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulations 2017.
- Vehicles built to comply with Australian Design Rules (ADR) 4 and 5 must continue to comply.
- If a vehicle does not have seat belt mounts and seat belts are installed, they must be signed off by a suitably qualified Engineer.
- Child Restraint Anchorages (CRA) – a vehicle must comply with ADR 4 and 5.
- Direction indicators – can be white or amber (amber is preferred). The style must be in keeping with the defined period of the vehicle. Brake lamps flashing red for direction indicators are not acceptable. The replacement of semaphore type indicators is permitted.
- Left-Hand Drive (LHD) sourced vehicles must have Right-Hand Drive (RHD) headlamps.
- Toughened glass windscreens must have a safety zone immediately in front of the driver.
- Imported vehicles may retain OEM belts. However, if the belts are fitted after importation, they must comply with Schedule 2 of the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulations 2017.

Members wishing to provide feedback to RMS are requested to email comments to Mike Dodds at wshtctrucks01@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following events are subject to change due to the current Coronavirus health situation. Please check the club's Facebook page for the latest status of events

Sunday 8 November - Convoy For Kids, Goulburn - Departing 10am for a vehicle rally only. Details to follow. Contact Michael Vella 0404 011 813

Saturday 14 November - Dane Ballinger Memorial Show. Bathurst Showground. Gate fee \$5.00, kids under 16 free. Must pre-register Haylie 0438 316 150, Debbie 0407 489 634, email: info@designer events.net.au

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.

Sunday 6 December - 12 midday, Christmas Party Barbecue at Dandaloo Hotel, Kanahooka Road, Dapto. \$10.00 p/h/meal. RSVP on the club's Facebook page or send text message to 0417 068 144.

Sunday 10 January - First breakfast run for the new year at 8.30 am to Warragamba Centre. Bring mug, \$6.00 and chair. Please contact Andy Nash on 0416 869 464 for catering purposes.

26 January 2021 - Australia Day Celebrations - same as last year. For details - Camden phone David West on 0409 724 647 or for Wilberforce phone Ron Ross on 4576 3423.

Saturday 6 March - Lockhart Truck Show. 10.00 am at the Showground. Feature truck - MACK. Further details: Peter Smith 0458 422 808; Trevor Slater 0407 513 974; Joy Shultz 0428 566 902 Email: cooinda75@bigpond.com

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

Home-schooled child to mother- "I know 2+2 is 4! But I want to know why!"

Member Profile - Alan Shuttleworth

Alan spent his youth growing up in Dapto and hasn't moved far from his roots in that time. He now resides on the eastern side of the highway in Kanahooka where he lives with his wife, Cynthia. When he left school he trained and worked as an apprentice carpenter & joiner. And in 1974 he became interested in trucks when he gained his truck drivers licence. His first truck was a 1974 model G88 Volvo which was in fair condition and later traded up for something better.

Alan's interests lie in his passion for hot-rods and old trucks. His first passion is his 600hp hot-rod racer but his dire need to transport his hot-rods to and from shows safely required a substantial vehicle. His stunning looking 1987 359 Peterbilt flat bed car carrier was the solution. His skills as a carpenter & joiner came to the fore when he had to extend the "truckport" to keep the truck completely undercover.

When asked whether he had any plans for future additions to his collection, he just said "maybe" which means he is still thinking about the possibility. Alan has been a member of the WSHTC since May 2018.



Member Profile - Garry Schroder

Garry grew up in Canley Heights and now resides in Bringelly. He is married to his wife Rita and they have four children, all of whom are married.

Garry's first job was as a trainee mechanic. He drove tow trucks for a while before owning a concrete agitator. Later, with a tipper, he subcontracted to Readymix for a while. He then worked for SX Trailers until he retired a few years ago.

Garry's interests include vintage trucks and speedway. (that might explain why he mentioned about putting in a 'big block chevy' into my truck, the first time he saw it... hmmm!/) He first became interested in trucks and old trucks last century, about 40 years ago, in the late 1970's.

Garry's first old truck, an NRMA D5N Dodge tow truck which he restored in excellent condition. His second truck is a CD1840 International prime mover which was fully restored within the last few of years. His third truck is an unrestored CD1840 International awaiting Garry's attention.

As for future plans to increase his collection, Garry has not decided yet but he's keeping his options open. He has been a member of the Western Sydney Historical Truck Club since 2009.



Member Profile - Bob Irwin

Bob spent his early years in Ingleburn when it was mainly an army camp with a few surrounding farms. At the age of 7 years, his father taught him how to drive a DH22 rotary hoe tractor. And, shortly afterwards Bob was allowed to drive his father's AR130 International coal truck. He went through primary school and started high school. After spending only one and a half days at high school he decided it wasn't for him.

At the age of 12 Bob's first job was cutting down trees using an axe, for coal mine pit props.

Bob's interests are anything mechanical, welding, truck driving. He will have a go at almost anything.

He went into business for himself driving trucks as soon as he could get his C-class licence. His first working truck was a "Butterbox" ACCO 1800 International and then later he traded it for an ACCO 555. The last working truck was an ACCO 3070, used mainly for carting coal but also gravel, road base, sand, etc.

After closing his business Bob drove buses and coaches for 31 years before retiring 3 years ago.

Bob has only one truck in his collection – a blue ACCO 3070 Aerodyne with big dog box and a 903 turbo Cummins engine, and with the name 'Thunder Down Under'. It's in really good nick and Bob 'loves her heaps'.

Now he's retired, Bob has no plans for increasing his collection of truck toys. He is more than happy and content with what he's got now.

Bob has been a WSHTC member since 2014, is a single man and considers most club members are his family.



Member Profile - Lionel Penberthy

Lionel grew up around Campbelltown when Campbelltown was still a farming community. His first job was milking the cows on his father's farm. He has been interested in trucks for most of his life, ever since when he was just a lad on the farm until present day.

Lionel's other interests are scouting and as a member in the volunteer fire brigade for a time.

Lionel's first truck was a 1932 Dennis Fire Engine and then a 1934 Dennis Ace. His current collection comprises a 1927 Chev truck, a 1945 Bedford and he has recently added a 1972 D1510 International truck and a 1972 D1510 International parts trucks. Lionel also has a cabinet full of little cars.

As for plans for future additions to the collection...He has just added the D1510 International, so the answer is just a question mark at this point in time!

Lionel is married to Maree and they have one son - Raymond, and three girls – Karen, Marg, and Janette. They have eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. He has been a member of the Western Sydney Historical Truck Club since 2015.

