

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



March 2018

The First Breakfast Run for 2018 at Warragamba

It was the hottest day on record in Western Sydney... 47.3 degrees Celsius!! Yes it was bloody HOT!! But it didn't deter about 80 to 90 people from enjoying another Bruce Brown gourmet breakfast, the first for 2018 and shared with mates, family and friends at the Warragamba Picnic Centre. Bruce was ably assisted by Anne Nash, Kaye Brown and Linda Haywood and her friend Rosey. Thank you ladies. The menu was quite extensive comprising sausage in a bread roll, egg and bacon sandwich, hash brown and a beverage. All available space in the shelter shed was quickly taken up and several groups had assembled close by in what ever available shade they could find. There was a lot of chatter.... People catching up with old mates, some discussing projects on the go and others spreading true lies or just stretching the truth.

Bruce conducted a fund raising game called "fifty/fifty" where participants purchase a ticket for one dollar for the chance to win half of the total amount. The other half goes to the club. A total of \$245.00 was collected and the winner, Ross Burgess finished up \$122.50 richer.

Somehow it slipped out that it was Andy Nash's birthday on the day, so on the count of three, everyone sang "Happy Birthday". I think he tried to keep it quiet!

An interesting truck in the car park was Peter Hand's recently restored Diamond T fitted with an "external drive" for extra power and speed when going up hills.



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AUSTRALIA DAY - 2018 WILBERFORCE & CAMDEN

Forecast to be a hot and humid summer's day with 32 degrees and 80% humidity in the west, 26th January was all of this and more... Something we

are all used to at this time of year.

At Wilberforce there was a buzz in the air and it wasn't wild bees swarming. There was an air of anticipation and excitement of big things about to happen. People were dressed in period costume. Horses and carts stirred up the dust as they raced through the Pioneer Village taking passengers on a scenic tour. Vintage trucks were parked down by the lagoon. Closer to the Village were vintage cars and other classic marques huddled together along the dirt roads. Military vehicles were parked up at attention overlooking the little train station. It was interesting to note that the "Rail Unions" had no jurisdiction here because the train ran on time and the drivers worked overtime with pleasure. Numerous groups had settled around the site as lunchtime approached giving it "a family



picnic in the park" atmosphere. There seemed to be a larger crowd this year compared with 2017 and more stuff to see. Even in the church a wedding took place. In the yard behind the church there was a burial and the Governor Macquarie Memorial Pipe Band marched down the street in celebration of the day.

At Camden, it was also hot but thankfully cloud cover all morning kept the heat down even though it was humid. A cool breeze arrived about ten thirty which helped to make it bearable.

Australia Day 2018 continued...

Fifteen WSHTC members and trucks assembled at Camden's Showground. Along with various makes and models of different automotive manufacturers. Some veterans, vintage, classics, 'modifieds', hot rods, and American 'yank tanks' of the 50-60-70's era. A replica race car brought back memories of earlier race events from Catalina Park (Katoomba), Warwick Farm, Oran Park.

WW1 (The Great War) mounted troopers in full uniform and rifle holsters re-enacted Australia's contribution to the war. Marching bands, various walking groups, floats of different displays provided an exceptional parade. The Camden Main Street was packed with youngsters, middle-aged, oldies all waving the Aussie flag, a sea of red, white and blue and yelling out "blow the horn!" The WSHTC trucks were very appreciated by the people.

At the end of the day everyone involved had enjoyed a wonderful Australia Day... Well Done!!



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 for the current year.
This is an early reminder that membership renewal fees for the 2018-19 must be paid no later than 30 June 2018. 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.*

Communication just at hand.... Please note !!

"Due to the recent increase in severe accidents involving trucks, a change to safety requirements for all trucks now require the truck to be modified to give a clear 360 degree view for the driver and the driver to wear approved safety head gear while driving" (as pictured)



3) the Time after it's wasted.

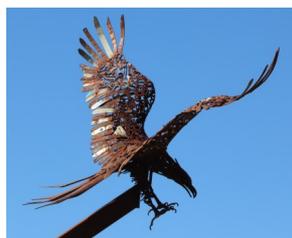
LOCKHART TRUCK SHOW - 3 MARCH 2018



At the Lockhart Showground it was dry, dusty and hot. The visitor car park was full. Inside the grounds there were about 30 to 40 trucks and a handful of cars lined up like soldiers on parade, awaiting inspection. It was an impressive sight.

In front of the main shed there were several stalls with many customers browsing to snap up a bargain. WSHTC even had a stall with Bruce Brown and his Jeep parked ready to take anyone who wanted to save their legs, for a small charge, and see the show in comfort.

A coffee van provided hot drinks but cold cordial ice slushies were very popular with the kids. The Little Athletics Club manned the big shed near the track with other food options. Cold drinks, ice creams and sandwiches with tomato and coleslaw with a choice of sausage or steak could be purchased. It was also a very popular venue too. There was a constant flow of people checking out the exhibits, looking for that special something or standing in line for something to eat or drink. But away from all this activity, and over by the caravans and RVs I found the a group of people chatting...members of WSHTC of course with Dave West holding court, telling his "true lies". In the meantime the heritage listed street in the centre of town was buzzing with market stalls under the cover of the very wide verandas... Also around the streets of town there are many



sculptures made from scrap metal collected from clearing sales. It is a community driven vision to promote rural art and heritage.

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> "

Breakfast Run at Mulgoa Park - 11 March 2018



What a magnificent autumn day!! A total of 60 people...Forty seven members, some with family, some with friends, enjoyed another one of the award winning breakfast delights of Chef Bruce Brown. Bruce was ably assisted by Kaye Brown, Bob Irwin, Ron Ross, Geoff Martin, Ann Nash...and a few others. It is very interesting to note that as the numbers at our breakfast runs grow, there is an increasing number of hands ready and able to help out at the barbecue.... Well done team!!

As for the assembled historic trucks parked in the playing field... there were many, lined up in two rows, and there were several vintage cars too.

Club shirts and jackets were distributed to those who had put in an order and several other orders were taken. The shirts cost \$32.00 and jackets \$58.00.

As the eating and chatting part of breakfast was drawing to an end, Bruce Brown held one of his now famous 50/50 fund raising games. For the cost of a \$1 paid, participants had a chance to win 50% of the amount collected. The other 50% went to the club. This day \$200 was collected



and Phil Longhurst was the lucky recipient of \$100 to refuel his truck. Next, Peter Hand, owner and driver of the big green Diamond T, held court to present some Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of the Australian Road Transport Heritage Centre, Gundagai to

Bruce Brown, Bob Irwin and Andy Nash (on behalf of WSHTC) for the support given at the recent Tractor Pull and Swap Meet at Gundagai Showground, to help raise funds for the heritage centre. By 10am, after the perfect start to the day, people began leaving for the next activity of their day....a swap meet, a truck show, or a barbecue lunch with glass or three of a great red.

Update from "Restoration Central" - 80 year old International



All together pre Xmas 2016

Over the past twenty plus years, I have invested a lot of time, money and colourful language into the restoration of my 1938 International tray truck. Just before Christmas 2016 my "toy" was ready to be started up and driven, or so I thought. It was still covered in a layer of dust from the activities in the shed but the shine from its paintwork still shone through. All the electrical work had been completed and the trim had been done. It looked the real deal. I was full of anticipation to finally hearing the engine run.



Internal trim pre Xmas 2016

After pouring fuel into the tank, connecting the battery, checking the power circuits, lights and gauges, I inserted the ignition key, held my breath and switched it on. After a couple of revolutions it coughed into life. We let it run for about a minute, switched it off and checked for any tell-tale leaks or loose nuts. Finding none we left it for several more minutes before cranking it up again. It started immediately and ran faultlessly. At idle or full revs, the engine sounded good... no rattles or groans. It sounded like the tight rebuilt engine that it was supposed to be. But then, Murphy's bloody Law came into the play!!



2mm hole in cylinder wall

After running so well for approximately five minutes, the engine just stopped without warning. A milky green liquid spewed out all over the ground. After the repeated one word expletive that sounded for 10 minutes, the atmosphere in the shed was dark, blue and very thick. When calm returned, we set about removing the head and checking the gasket. It was the first time it had been off since the 2002 engine rebuild. There was bad corrosion in the water jackets and the gasket didn't seal properly around studs etc. We noticed that cylinders 1 & 2 had not been firing at all and there was water in number 2. Further inspection of the block revealed a few cracks around some of the studs. The decision was made to remove the engine from the truck completely and dismantle it to see how bad it was. Half way down the bore in cylinder two, we found a 2mm hole through the wall into the water jacket, which would have explained the mess on the ground. Also the conrod in that cylinder was put in the wrong way around and probably what had made it difficult to turn over the engine manually. But none of this was known before the disaster....



The second engine pre Xmas 2017

Long story short, I was very fortunate to obtain a replacement engine which has been properly rebuilt and meticulously cleaned this time. We have been comparing the two engines as we reassembled the second one. The discrepancies found have led us to believe that the corners cut and the vital parts lost on the first engine would have been catastrophic on the road.



Waiting pre Xmas 2017

Five days before Christmas 2017 the second engine had been assembled and painted, and with the manifold, carby, distributor, alternator and starter motor was ready to be run before installation in the chassis early 2018. I hope there is a better result this time around.

-Mike Dodds

A few bad chapters does not mean your story is over.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

We rarely receive letters but received the following recently by email...

DEAR EDITOR:...About your Internationally acclaimed WSHTC Newsletter... I would love to compliment your young reporter Mike Dodds who covered the recent HILTON SIBTHORPE TRUCK SHOW at Vineyard. In regard to that handsome boy, Sunny Warby's big win with his ol' B Model Mack ... Mike was quite right, Sunny was so proud to represent the WSHTC and even stopped talking long enough to race up and grab his trophies! But I represent the Putty Road Truck Drivers Memorial and I am responsible for selling our merchandise at these various Shows .. and certainly as reported the blokes took over the stall when we ladies decided we needed a 'Chardie' to settle our nerves at lunchtime. Well may I offer this apology to all those sales our blokes conducted ... eg ... to the poor buggler that was coerced into buying our CD, who doesn't even own a player! ... and to the lady who can't even write who was convinced to buy two dozen of our pens! .. plus the person with an enormous head, who our blokes convinced to buy a kid's cap in hope it would stretch ... I could go on and on but it is far to distressing! Please accept this as our apology, as no correspondence will be entered into!

Regards ..Marie Warby.

The Putty Road Truck Driver's Memorial.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 545 328 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.

Sunday 15 April - Oakville Fire Brigade "Family Day and Car Show" at Pitt Town & District Sports Club, 139 Old Pitt Town Road, Oakville. Entry fee for entrants \$10.00. Gates open at 8.00am. For more info contact Ian 0407 774 348

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS continued

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.

Saturday 9 - Sunday 10 June - Long Weekend @ Gundagai. Theme: "Express freight of Yesteryear." Further info contact Darryl Weston 0427 756 983. email: info@arthc.com.au

Saturday 30 June - All membership fees are due and payable today. Please note that if you have not paid your membership fees by 30 June, you cannot have your say on how the club is run and your vote will not be counted at the AGM. Also your truck rego will be cancelled if you don't pay on time.

No payments for membership will be processed at the AGM.

Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 July - "Yesteryear Truck and Machinery Show" at Wauchope Showground. For more info phone Kirby Maxwell 0407 594 149

Sunday 22 July - WSHTC AGM at Andy Nash's Metropolitan Towing, 2/17 Sunblest Crescent, Mount Druitt. Lunch will be provided. Bring chair and cup/mug. Meet at 10.00am.

Saturday 11 August - Golden Oldies Truck, Tractor & Quilt Show at Dubbo Showground, Further info contact Jon 0428 143 644 or Brian 0417 291 053

Saturday 15 Sunday 16 September - **The Clarendon Classic and The Kenworth Klassic.** Set up from 8.00am Friday. Registrations forms and payments need to be in by Friday 7/9/18. For more info - www.sydneyantiquemachineryclub.com.au

Saturday 20 - Sunday 21 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

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 PO Box 3140, Rouse Hill 2155, or emailed to wshtc@rocketmail.com