

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club



July 2024

Corowa Military Vehicles Reunion – The Year of the Blitz Truck

Sunday, 17 March 2024 by Dave West



This was our first visit to this venue. John Oldenmenger (Dutchy) gave an insight into its history. 44 to 46 years ago four enthusiasts gathered at the Ball Park Caravan Park, Corowa on the Murray River, all with a common interest in older military vehicles. Every year since it has



escalated.

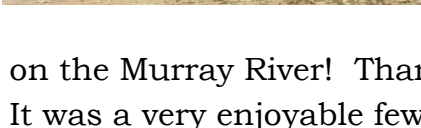
In 1995 “Back to the Track” happened – from Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Port Augusta, Alice Springs to Darwin. 84 ex-army vehicles participated. Back to the Track was established for military vehicle enthusiasts to mark 50 years since the end of WWII. The track retraces the old supply route from Alice Springs to Darwin, now the Stuart Highway. It was used when the Top End was bombed during the Battle for Australia. Most of the trucks and cars are restored. A parade of the vehicles is held every year in Corowa’s main street. Several years ago 300 military vehicles participated. This year there were 150 vehicles including jeeps, amphibious vehicles, heavy trucks, trailers and troop carriers.



They also have visits organised for children from the local schools.



Mr Dutchy gave me a guided tour through the park in his jeep. It was a great experience. Thanks Dutchy.



Noelene ticked an item off her bucket list – a ride in a Duck on the Murray River! Thanks to Bruce and Kaye Brown. It was a very enjoyable few days.

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"The purpose of our lives is to be happy." – Dalai Lama

The Australian Motor Heritage Foundation

Economic Value Study

As many of you will remember, last year members of WSHTC were asked to participate in the National Economic Value Survey. The findings of the study are detailed below:-

“Sydney, 11 April, 2024 - The owners of Australia’s historic vehicles spend some \$9.9 billion each year on their passion and economy

The Economic Value Study (EVS) of well over 6,000 Australian respondents, distributed to over 800 motoring clubs nationally, was conducted for the Australian Motor Heritage Foundation (AMHF) by the Mercurius Group (TMG). The Foundation is champions of Australia’s motor heritage, and an organisation dedicated to promoting and preserving Australia’s motoring history.

The enthusiast owners of an estimated 970,000 historic vehicles in Australia spend on average close to \$10,240 per vehicle annually. The historic vehicle fleet represents 12.5% more than people who own daily driven cars. The historic fleet represents 4.4% of Australia’s 21 million total vehicle fleet. Around 50% of the survey respondents own only one historic vehicle, the other 50% owning two or more vehicles. “Historic” vehicles are in two categories: those 15 to 30 years old defined as “classic” vehicles and those over 30 years old defined as “heritage” vehicles.

Such a survey has never been comprehensively undertaken on so wide a scope or on a national basis in Australia. Following publication of the similar landmark 2020 HEROERA study in the UK, the AMHF decided to find out what is the real figure for the economic contribution of historic vehicles in Australia.

*“The findings of this survey have certainly highlighted the significance of the historic vehicle sector to both the community at large and the economic sector “*says Hugh King, Chairman of the AMHF.

The survey also reveals the total annual economic impact, including both direct and indirect expenditure, is \$25.2 billion: with the sector creating almost 79,000 jobs - 42,000 direct and 37,000 indirect. These jobs generate \$6.2 billion in wages and salaries annually. These are very large number by any standard.

Stavros Yallouridis, CEO of the Motor Traders’ Association of NSW, said the AMHF’s survey

“I'm not great at the advice. Can I interest you in a sarcastic comment?”

- Chandler Bing (Friends) 2

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PAYMENTS: Payment may be made by CASH or EFT directly into the club's bank account:

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The EFTpos facility is up and running for phone payments.



Payments at Events...

Breakfast meal tickets will be sold up to 9.00am. All other payments, will be collected from 9.00am - 10.00am. After the 1 hour collection period expires, all further cash payments should be placed in an envelope (supplied on the table) and sealed and, with your name, membership number and what the payment relates to written on the front. It can then be handed to the Treasurer, President or Secretary.

The Treasurer will issue you with a receipt at the next event or post it with your next newsletter.

**When going on a non-club sanctioned event,
Remember to fill out your log book before taking your truck out on
the road...**

"The best way to predict your future is to create it." - Abraham Lincoln

Easter Breakfast Run at Frank Pace's "International Shed"

Sunday 28 April

by Michael Dodds

Just the mention of the name "Frank Pace" and his International Shed Museum brings people out of the woodwork in their hundreds. More than 200 members, family and friends from the Sydney Antique Machinery Club, the Pioneer Timber Cutter Club and our own Western Sydney Historic Truck Club descended upon Frank Pace's 'Inter Shed' for brekky with a hint of nostalgia amongst 100 years of transport history.

This was our third breakfast visit and was different to the last. Because of the large number of patrons expected, the truck display was rearranged to provide ample room for extra tables and chairs, and more conversation.



The morning was a typical "Hills" autumn day covered from ground to sky in thick fog with the perfume of hazard reduction bush smoke.

Visibility was limited to 100 metres so travelling at 30kph made it safer for taking in the beautiful scenery... if you could see it! The car park was affected the same, as photos show -



"Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced."

- Soren Kierkegaard

Breakfast at Frank Pace's International Shed continued



It was clear that everyone enjoyed themselves. For many people, it was their first experience at the museum and they left in awe of what they saw.

I thought I heard there was to be an easter-egg hunt. But I couldn't find any hidden eggs. So, I reckon it was just all smoke and fog!



A couple more Internationals to complete this page and, to pre-start the next, in the big shed at **The Sydney TruckFest.** over the page ►►►

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."
- Mark Twain

Sydney TruckFest - 2024

Friday 3 - Sunday 5 May

Article by Michael Dodds Photos by Snow Lovett.

The Sydney TruckFest was planned as a revival of the Yennora Woolshed Truck Shows of bygone years, displaying the latest trucks and transport services on the market. It was held at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds, Clarendon which had plenty of space to cater for the truck displays, the accessories and service stalls, the many food stalls, the kids rides and the huge crowds that came through the gate.

The big shed was set up like the original woolshed including truck manufacturer's banners and hay bales. Except it was full of vintage trucks displayed like they were brand new, a magnificent spectacle to see.

For those keen truck owners, there was a separate section of the showground set aside for a "Show 'n Shine" competition for the best shiny truck. The best were in the big shed of course!!

By all accounts the inaugural Sydney TruckFest was a great success and word has it that another TruckFest is on the drawing board, slated for 2026.



"I have a simple philosophy: Fill what's empty. Empty what's full.

Scratch where it itches."

- Alice Roosevelt Longworth

PUTTY ROAD TRUCK DRIVERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE - MILBRODALE

Saturday 18 May

Article by Andy Nash, photos by Bruce Brown



I left home early loaded with 3 message boards and bollards for the traffic management and arrived about 10.30 amidst a flurry of activity with the sound and stage being set up, and the local school busily supplying everyone with hot food, cakes and drinks. Positioning the bollards for traffic control and the message boards was completed by about noon.

It was a more sombre time this year as we all remembered Paul Crollick, who was the major force in establishing this memorial, who died suddenly on 22nd March this year. The service was followed with the piper and wreath placing by relatives.

Our club was well represented with 12 members attending and over 250 people in attendance. There were raffles and an auction held after the conclusion of the formalities. At the end of the day we proceeded to the Diggers Club Singleton for a organised dinner with over 80 people attending. Quite a few people stayed overnight and proceeded home Sunday.

A special thanks to Bruce Brown for organising the 50/50 raising over \$800 of which half was won by our member Michael Kennedy who donated a large portion back to The Putty Road Memorial. Thanks Michael for your generosity I am sure they will appreciate it. Again another well represented event and thanks to everyone who made the effort to travel up to Milbrodale.



"I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific."

- Lily Tomlin

Lunch run to Nepean Dam

Sunday 30 June

by Michael Dodds

It looked like our luck for a fine day had run out this time. In fact it was a cloudy, miserable, rainy day. But it didn't put a dampener on the activities of the day. There were 27 members in attendance, drastically down from the 55 who said they'd come.

One good thing about the rain was it kept everyone in the pavilion sharing stories and generally having a good time. Some members were having such a great time they forgot to sign the attendance book... it's okay though, their names were added in the official record. Memberships were renewed and membership cards issued.

Nepean Dam was an excellent venue for the last event for the year. No doubt we'll be back again.



"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."

- Mother Teresa

Annual General Meeting at Frank Pace’s “Inter Shed”

Sunday 14 July

by Michael Dodds

Administration Committee:

The following members were elected to the 2024-25 Committee:

President	Andy Nash
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Tony De Luca Volunteer of the Year: It’s not everyday that someone wins an award for their significant contributions to their club through their dedication, passion, commitment, and volunteer service over an extended period of time. Let alone be chosen the best out of 238 clubs with 40,000 members. Well, the WSHTC committee made a submission to CMC—VOTY and our very own Lynda Hayward, chef of many talents got the gong two years in a row. Congratulations Lynda, well done!

Also, on behalf of the club, Andy Nash made a presentation to Lynda in appreciation for all the work she has put into keeping the club members well fed on our various events over the years.

Kathleen Toovey organised a lucky-door prize comprising a wonderful fruit & veggie basket. Snow and Heather Lovett were the lucky winners.



"The biggest adventure you can take is to live the life of your dreams."

- Oprah Winfrey



Transport for

Planning to sell your vehicle with historic or classic registration?

If you sell your historic or classic registered vehicle, you must cancel the registration and return the number plates to a Service NSW centre. Registration cannot be transferred between parties.

As the seller, you are required to complete the above steps prior to the new owner taking the vehicle away.

The new owner must plan for the compliant movement of the vehicle to its new location, such as using tilt-tray transportation service, using an unregistered vehicle permit or a car trailer.

The vehicle is sold unregistered, with the new owner now obliged to follow all processes to register it.

If the new owner wishes to register the vehicle with historic or classic registration, they must follow all the steps in the process, such as joining a recognised club, completing all necessary paperwork and inspections, obtaining new number plates, registration and certificate of operations from a [Service NSW centre](#).

The new owner must declare that they will abide by all conditions of the registration.

For further details, please visit the following websites:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/vehicle-registration/conditional-and-seasonal/apply-for-conditional-vehicle-registration>

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/vehicle-registration/how-to-register/classic-vehicles-registration/registering-and-using-a-classic-vehicle>

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/vehicle-registration/conditional-and-seasonal/renew-transfer-or-cancel-conditional-registration>

■ **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,

246 Spinks Road, Glossodia 2756

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■ Club Merchandise ...

The following club merchandise is available for purchase:

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

Multi-coloured shirts - \$90.00 ea - limited sizes in stock ⊗

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

Windscreen Stickers \$4.00 ea Baseball caps \$15.00 ea Name badges \$10.00 ea

Number plate frames - \$15.00 per pair 10th Anniversary mugs - \$10.00 ea

Navy blue, long-sleeve jumpers with the club logo embroidered on the left front are available and can be supplied at \$45.00 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 -

Western Sydney Historical Truck Club Inc. BSB 032371 Account 396047.

Please include your name and member ID number as a reference.

When making an EFT payment please advise Treasurer Garry Schroder of the payment, either by a text message to his mobile 0467 592 043, or emailed to gary.schroder@icloud.com Garry 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 Garry, then you cannot claim your merchandise.

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

NOTICE: The Eftpos facility is now up and running for phone payments.

"Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions." - Dalai Lama

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.

Jeff Bush

Nick Taylor

Dinesh Mohan

Lyn MacKenzie

James Cremona

The problem with electric cars is the power lead is not long enough for a weekend getaway!!

And the hassle of finding a charge station that is

working and not

vandalised takes too damn long!!



"Believe you can and you're halfway there." - Theodore Roosevelt

Attendance at Events... When attending an event sanctioned by the WSHTC make sure you sign the attendance book! Our insurance covers you when you can prove your attendance at an event should any mishap occur.

If you attend a sanctioned event and there is no attendance book present, you must send an email with the event details, including your name, date and location to wshtctrucks01@gmail.com to be covered by the club's insurance. If you do not email the details then you will not be insured.

Moving house?

Email your updated contact address details to wshtctrucks01@gmail.com or text message to 0424 821 960

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 10 - Sunday 11 August - Golden Oldies Truck, Tractor and Quilt Show - Dubbo Showground, Dubbo. Camping fees apply.

Sunday 18 August - Weethalle Truck Show - Weethalle Showground.

Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 September - Clarendon Classic - Hawkesbury Showground. Racecourse Road, Clarendon.

Saturday 28 September - Temora Truck Show. Temora Showground, Temora. Further details contact Jayson Collins on 0408 629 341.

Saturday 5 - Sunday 6 October- Wauchope Yesteryear Truck & Machinery Show - Wauchope, Showground, Wauchope.

Saturday 26 - Sunday 27 October - Pioneer Timber Cutters Show and Shine & Twilight Night at Luddenham Showground. \$5.00 entrant's vehicle, \$5.00 per adult, children u16 free. Camping on site available. For further information Contact Jamie 0408 964 249.

Saturday 9 November - Convoy For Kids, Goulburn - 25th Anniversary

Sunday 1 December - WSHTC Club Christmas Party get-together at Oakdale Workers Club, 11.30 for 12.00 noon. Menu is alternate drop mains and desserts. It will be a ticketed event as in past years, subsidised for members and partners only. People with special dietary requirements may select a meal from the restaurant's menu. People who have not pre-paid and turn up on the day will have to make their own arrangements for lunch. [More details to follow.](#)

Sunday 5 January - First Breakfast Run for 2025 at Warragamba Centre.



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