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TRACS TORQUE

Trucks too.

DECEMBER 2017.

Newsletter for
Members of the Tractor
Restoration and Appreciation Club
Sunraysia Inc.

P.O. Box 559 Irymple 3498.

CHRISTMAS this signals the drawing to a close of another very busy year for TRACS members. With over 100 members we have had stories of visits to far flung places around the world. I have read with interest and a bit green with envy as they are co-ordinated into the news letter. TRACS has been represented at many events, treked and displayed and attended functions as proud members . We have run our own events, (All Australian Day, Vintage Tractor Pull and Truck Show) which were very successfull, there has been shed crawls, play day,BBQ and working bees. We have very good numbers at our monthly meetings, some have done their own thing with treking and traveling the "BIG PADDOCK".

Members have also carried out restoration & extra purchases which we hope to see displayed at future events. With all this activity it has been a very full year.

I would like to thank all the members who have supplied the photos, stories, technical and unusual bits which make the news letter interesting. (If you have a story there are members who can help you to put an article together).We use memory sticks a lot for transferring photographs and data, I refuse to go on line, I prefer the personal touch, these sticks can be posted .

Thank you to all who have expressed words of encouragement and support or have enjoyed a particular article. I look foward to more stories, photos etc in 2018 even if there is difficulty fitting them all in the current month.

To all TRACS members, families and friends (and supporters, yes we have people who are pleased with what TRACS has achieved) have a merry festive season and look foward to happy and prosperous New Year.

From the News Letter Co-ordinator.

P.S. When you see next years program, We plan to be very busy. Please get, or keep involved.

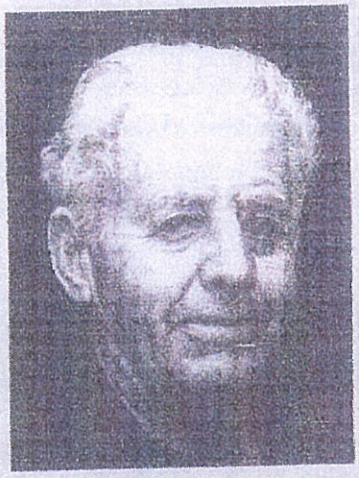
Extra photos from Frank and Liz Wallace trip to the UK. (continued from Octobers news letter).

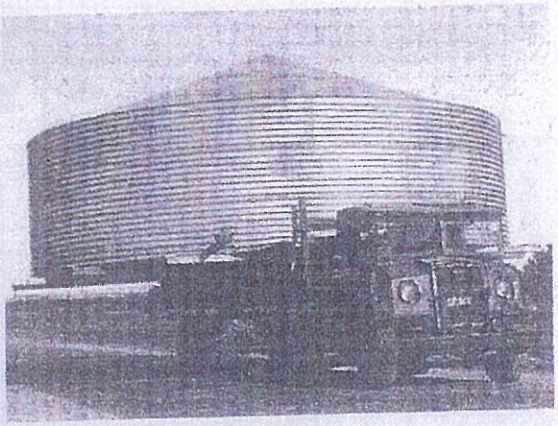
Foden A Focus on our Fodens

This 1952 Foden, which is proudly displayed in the National Road Transport Hall of Fame, was donated by Gorden Cupper from Merbein. It was one of a fleet that serviced the district in the 1950s and 60s mainly hauling dried fruit to Hay, NSW, where it would then transfer to rail. Backloads would usually be made up of timber and clay for the Mt. Gambier and Mildura Regions. The restoration of this magnificently restored vehicle was carried out at GTS Freight Management Mildura with the assistance of:

* **Don Matthews,**
* **Ange Rodi and staff at GTS**
* **John Judd Industries**
* **Mildura Stop Signs**
* **Murray Valley Electrics**
* **Bridgestone Tyres Australia**
* **APK Engineering**
* **Mildura Truck Centre**
* **Tony Lush**

The Gordon Cupper (Cupper Transport) Story





ABOVE: This Blitz was Gordon Cuppers first truck

Cuppers Transport is based in the small township of Merbein in Victoria within a large surrounding horticultural, dried fruit and wine region in which it provides services within the transport and warehousing of dry and frozen goods. The current depot was first established in 1962 by Mr. Gordon Cupper and started with an ex-Army Ford Blitz

Originally the business started because there was a need for a reliable transport service due to numerous rail strikes which increased demand for road transport. The haulage business started with one truck a Ford army blitz being replaced with a new Austin in 1949 which he operated for four months then acquiring two new white WC series 22 prime movers with diesel engines and by 1951 Gordon had acquired six trucks.

In these early days they ran one dedicated truck driver to each truck running Merbein to Melbourne growing to cover Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane and other small towns. The first transport depot was 80 feet x 40 feet, growing to its current location and size of 30.5 metres to 45.7 metres with covered loading area, with freezer storage building for frozen goods.

Gordon pioneered the use in Merbein of the first semi-trailer this lead to the establishment of the first semi-trailer haulage service from Merbein to Melbourne. The business continued to grow with good cartage contracts including transporting of beer & supplies to Broken hill and Wentworth.

In 1960 Gordon setup a depot in Melbourne to receive material for delivery to Merbein and Sunraysia with Merbein produce being delivered to Melbourne Markets helping the local farming districts to grow & prosper. In the late 1970s Gordon set up a new freight forwarding transport operation handling bottled wine & orange juice cartage for the local wineries and fruit processors with frozen product storage which continues today with support of John Nicholls

Arthur Gillott's Foden

Arthur Gillott, who was inducted into the Shell Rimula Wall of Fame in 2006 has driven his immaculately restored Foden to Alice Springs on several occasions over the years and it will be making the long trek again in 2010. The difference this time is that she will be staying in the museum on display as testament to the Gillett Family's long and industrious involvement in the Australian road transport industry. The family were involved in both the truck and bus sectors and heavily involved in many associations.

Foden : Where it all began

As far back as 1899 the Sandbach, Cheshire, firm of Hancock & Foden started experimenting with steam wagons, the first having a vertical boiler, front wheel drive and rear wheel steering, and the second a loco-type boiler and "overtype" engine layout. In 1901 a third wagon was successfully entered in War Office Trials. With rear wheels inside the chassis frame in locomotive style, this had a 2-speed gear train with final-drive by tandem roller chains. A year later the business was registered as E Foden, Sons & Co Ltd, and series production got underway. The first new development was a 5-tonner with smaller rear wheels outside the frame, a larger boiler operating at higher pressures and increased load space, joined briefly by a 2-ton derivative.

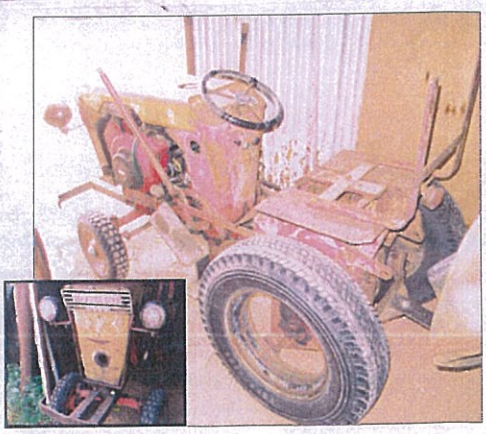
The company became one of the best known manufactures of "overtype" wagons, gradually improving on the design until, in 1925, the 6-ton 'C'-Type was launched. Driving position was much higher than before, cam-operated brakes and Ackermann steering were fitted, and a speed of 29km/h was possible. The same 2-cyl compound engine was modified to produce 23bhp. This model also formed the basis of an articulated 6-wheeler built in small numbers up to 1928, and a 12-ton payload double-drive model, with chains linking the rear axles, was also launched. A 6-ton "undertype", with vertical front-mounted water-tube boiler and a 2-cyl double-acting engine beneath the chassis frame, was built in 1925. Called the 'E'-Type, this had cardan shaft, worm-drive to the rear axle, and was also offered in 6-wheeled and tractor form. Few were built and the 4- or 6-wheeled 'O'-Type or 'Speed Six' appeared in its place having a vertical front-mounted boiler. *Cont. next page*

EATON Roadranger: Eaton, Dana, and other trusted partners providing the best products and services in the industry. Roadranger

Gordon Cupper's Fodens National Road Transport Hall of Fame Alice Springs. Photo by Ian Hinks.

Larry Cole's newest new toy, **Rare 4WD Howald** tractor.

(only 120 ? -150?? made)



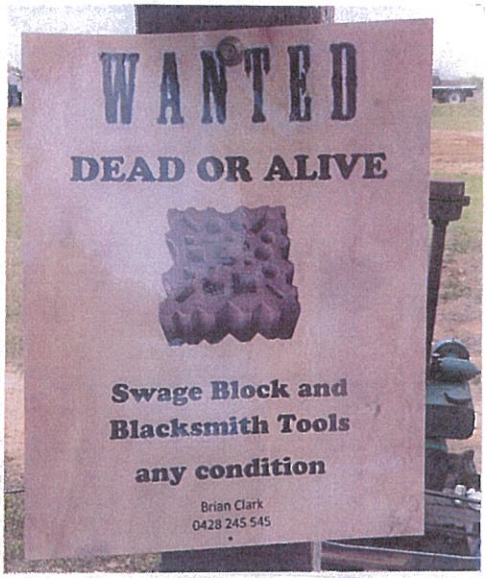
Larry's 'new' toy: a **HOWARD** 2000

RAFFLE WINNERS.

1st Prize (Childrens bike) Glenda Fox.
2nd Prize (Framed tractor jigsaw) Dave Richardson.
3rd Prize (IGA Buronga $50) Marty Walker.

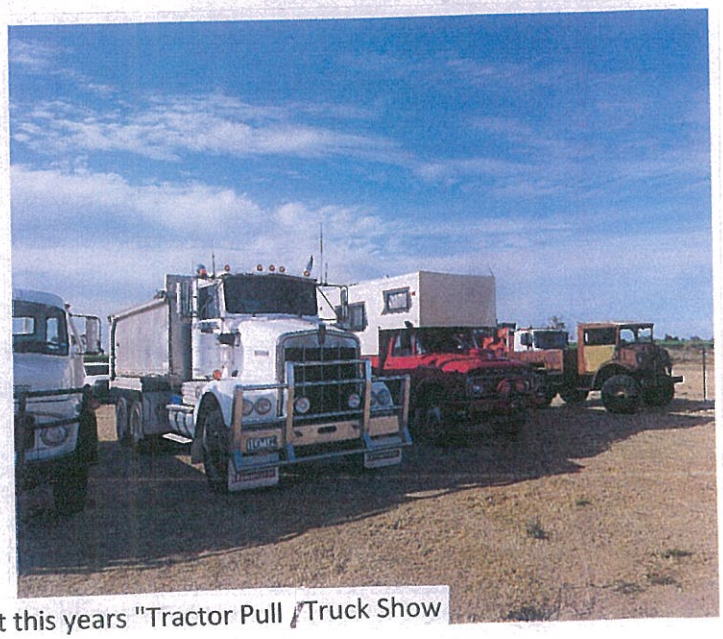
Summing up Raffle.

Thanks to everyone who sold their raffle tickets.
63% of our members returned their tickets for the draw that was conducted at our last meeting.
Thanks Peter Hodgson for donating the childrens bicycle, Geoffrey Lane for the framed tractor jigsaw, and IGA Buronga for the $50 voucher.
Thank you to the members who helped set this money raising effort up and all who supported this project.



Brian Clark 042824554.

Yes we had boats at the All Australian Day Norm Boyd and Phillip Moser.



Some of the display tractors and trucks at this years "Tractor Pull / Truck Show

FOR SALE.

Jan Collins (Curleys' Wife) has a heavy duty car trailer for sale. Not quite finished project, but would be very suitable for small tractors and cars. Ph Jan on 0428 246 970.

FOR SALE.

Grey Ferguson TEA good condition, one new tyre, 3 point linkage, 9 hole bar. $2,250. Contact: Garry Harding 0407908660.

Rex Stone had a note about some second hand 30" & 32" tractor tyres at our last meeting, seems like most of them have been spoken for, but he can get more and will let us know when and sizes.

TRACS 2018 PROGRAM is being compiled, limited draft copies are available, if you want to input ideas do so by December 2017 meeting, so program can be sent out in January 2018 news letter. **NOTE** item "J" in December news letter, Minutes of Novembers meeting **TWO SUB COMMITTEES** formed.

"Sled" or "Sledge"?

This is the question which arose at the last meeting. To try to answer this question dictionaries published years apart indicated the following.

Webster's 1988:-

Sled a small, light vehicle on runners for use on ice & snow.

Sledge:- a low sled used to transport usually heavy loads

Nuttall's 1907:-

Sled- a carriage or vehicle on runners for transporting loads

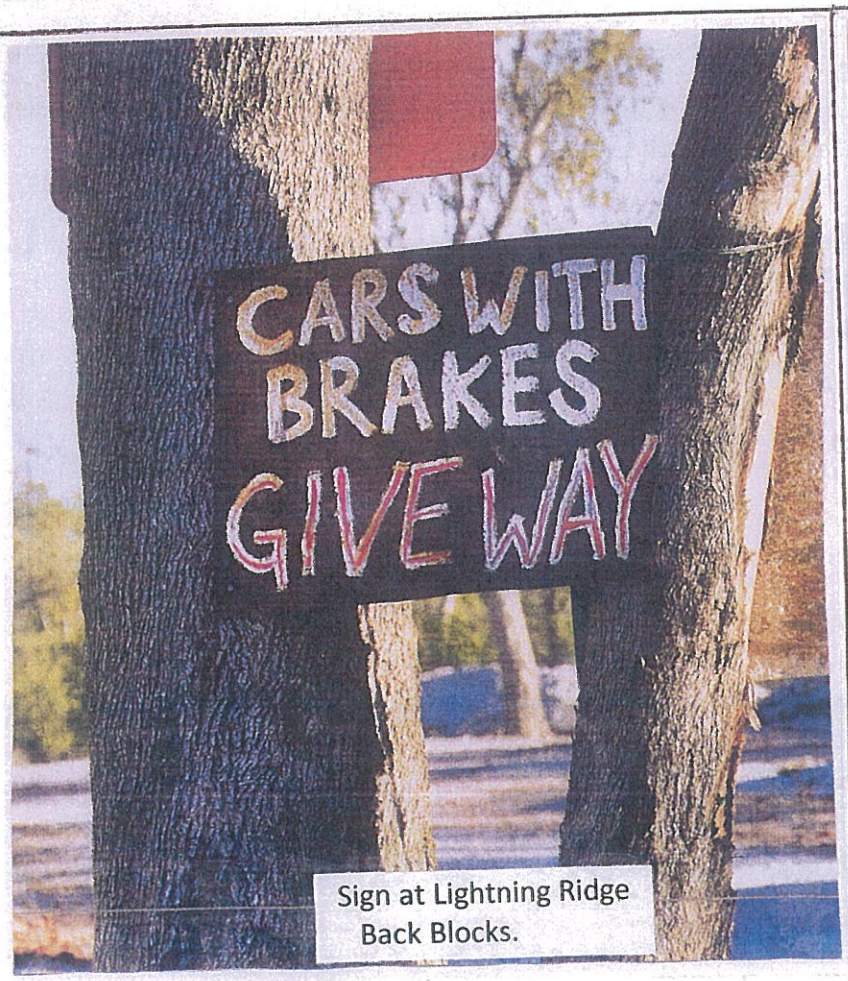
Sledge- a vehicle moved on runners to slide over snow

To add some spice, if horses or reindeer are used to haul your sled it is a sleigh.

Take your pick! The words would appear to be interchangeable and mean the same thing.

Q.E.D. Thank you Ian.

Can not see if you are in these photographs, then you had better buy a 2018 Calendar, you will also know what day it is.
$15 each get in quick before the price goes up !



Sign at Lightning Ridge Back Blocks.

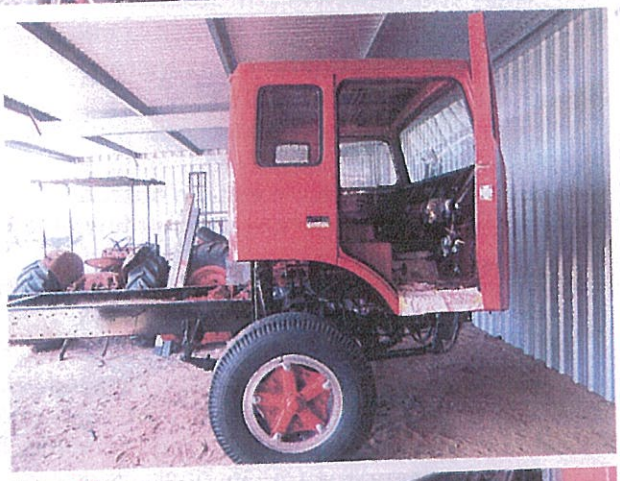
This is a Magna, Terry Mc Gauchie said "fixed shed space but created other problems".

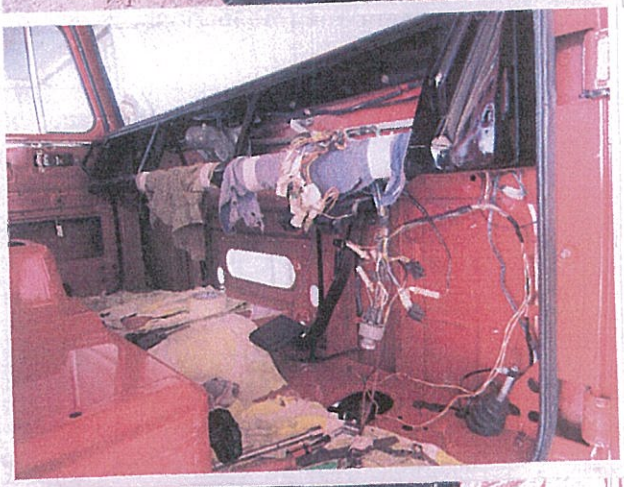
TOURIST NOTES.

Some interesting Fergusons for our TRACS tourists to find. Reading the latest **FERGYTALK** November 2017 Edition 79. **No 1 Fergie in Australia** housed at Mont de Lancey Historic Museum Wandin Vic. (made 1947, 70 years old). TEA20 Standard Motor Company engine 16 h.p.

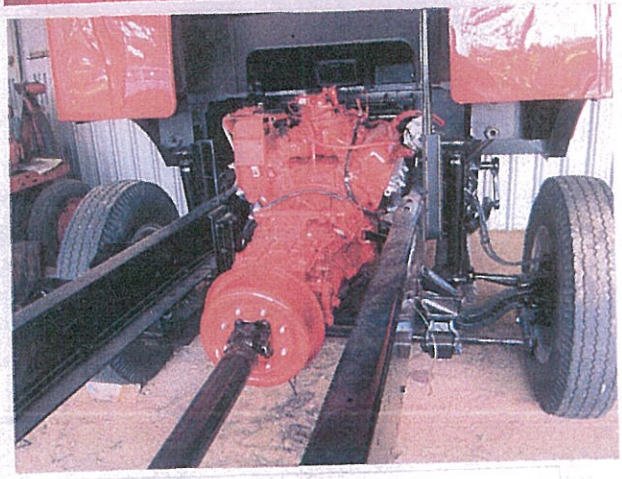
SOUTH POLE FERGUSONS Sir Edmond Hillary led expedition 1957 (only three made it to the South Pole). "Sue" the lead and Sir Edmond Hillary's tractor is on displayat the Massey Ferguson Technology Centre in Beauvais, France.
Two remained in New Zealand, one is on display in Canterbury Museum in Christchurch and the other at MOTAT Museum Auchland.
THE fourth Ferguson which did not make it to the South Pole was a victim to a crevasse and not recovered (better cross this one off your list to find).
A fifth Ferguson (base camp tractor),purchased jointly by Antarctic Heritage Trust, the Canterbury Museum and the Commodore Hotel (where It is at present Time) It will be moved to Canterbury Meseum when renovations are completed.
All Fergusons are TEA20.

ANOTHER VEHICLE OF NOTE.
1919 SAURER originally owned by Cooper's Brewery, now recovered and restored. On displayed in a small Museum at Cooper's Regency Park Brewery SA. This information is in Vintage Trucks Magazine No 44.





His International B275 diesel looking good.



Allan Haw is progressing with his International 1977 ACCO 1810A V8 petrol 345.

Allan unloading his Farmall Super A for display.

Thank you to Peter Crisp & his office staff for helping copy the TRACS news letter.

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TRACS Club Scrutineer For ALL Vehicles.
Ken Creighton 0428742016.
Bob Fox 50257358
Brian Hamilton 0427300875.
New and Renewal Officers.
Club Validation and Seal Stamp see President , Secretary, Treasurer or Jeff Lindsay 0438596976.
Don't forget for new registrations you need photos of 7 locations on your vehicle and must meet Historic vehicle criteria.
It would be best to arrange at monthly meeting.

See: BARRY POWER if you want to order a name tag.

CLUB SHIRTS purchase from Totally Work Wear
70 Lime ave Mildura (colour Logo and your name)
(Just say you are from TRACS)

Vehicle Registrations for New South Wales.
See Allan Mc Kenzie for Club Safety Checks 50276304.
or go to registered NSW vehicle inspector.
When this is done see TRACS NSW Registrar Geoffrey Lane for Club validation and Seal Stamp.
Note:- tractors no inspection owner fills in form 1245, "Vehicle Suitable for Safe Use Declaration."
Also require photos.

Photos ;- rear, front, left side right side, dashboard, engine and ID plate.
Copy of rego papers once registered.

If you do not reregister or sell Club permit vehicle you must let Club Registrar know ASAP so records can be correct at all time not when due for renewal.

We are registering HISTORIC VEHICLES ONLY NO MODIFIED, HOT RODS ETC.

We also have an attendancs requirements, 5 meetings per year and representations at events may count, we do not condone free loaders.

WHAT DOES A LARGE EVENT LIKE THE 'WENTWORTH JUNCTION RALLY MEAN TO THE COMMUNITY?

Congratulations to the Vintage Machinery Club of Sunraysia and the Rivers & Riverboat Historical and Preservation Society, on a very successful Rally weekend. No doubt both Clubs will now have increased funds to carry out maintenance and develop future projects.

There were also many community organisations who benefited from being involved in the great weekend and combined they raised $18140 for their projects. The Community Groups involved were Country Women's Association, Delta Scouts, Wentworth Rotary Club, Wentworth Area Skate Park Committee, Wentworth Pre-School, Wentworth Public School, Pomona Public School, Wentworth Tennis, Bowls, Racing and Rowing Clubs, and the PS Canally project.

An event of this size would not be possible without the support of Sponsors, great support keeps the entry fee low for the visiting public. These are the sponsors that I can think of: Wentworth Shire Council, Wentworth & District Community Bank, NHMA, Coates Hire, Sunraysia Crane & Rigging, Cleanaway, Monaghan Logistics, Forsters Bulk Haulage, Tobin Sound, Discover Murray/Brand Action, Mallee Meats, NSW Rural Fire Service, Advertising Development Services and the Wentworth Show Society.

WHATS ON 2017.

December can not find any events.

"It's not the wrong road, it's just another way."

WHATS ON 2018.

1st January Psyche Bend Operating Day Red Cliffs Vic.

2nd to 6th January Great Snowy River Stampede Bega & District Historic Machinery Club Inc. Registration no later than Friday 1st December 2017 PO Box 645 Bega NSW 2550. Email: bdhmclub@hotmail.com

20th & 21st January Milang Yesterday's Power Rally Milang Oval, Pre 1973 Tractor Pull. This year features John Deere tractors, Fairbanks Engines, Bedford trucks, Holden cars and Indian motorcycles.

27th & 28th January Quambatook Vic Vintage Tractor Pull, Harvest Working Day.

31st March 1st April Wheatlands Warracknabeal 51st Annual Machinery Rally. Feature Chamberlin tractors, Ronaldson Tippet engines, working exhibit Balers. Phone (03)53981901 or 0407242914. www.facebook.com/WheatlandsVintageRally

25th March Booleroo Centre SA. Annual Historic Steam & Traction Rally. 50th Anniversary. Information at Pt Pirie Regional Tourism and Arts Centre. Phone 1800 000 424 or 08 8667 2185.

7th & 8th April Mount Barker 33rd Power of The Past Rally, Mount Barker Oval Alexandrina Rd. Feature "everything that used to be made in Australia" engines, machinery, vetran/vintage/classic vehicle's & tractors plus other exhibits are welcome.Information contact Peter 0417081502 or pop@ahmrc.com.au

20th to 22nd April Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic, Stansbury and Port Vincent. There will be vintage cars, motor bikes, classic caravans and engines from the past. Contact Colin 0437710494 or Richard 0438524243, e-mail; lighthousepr@adelaide.on.net www.ypsaltwaterclassic.org.au

28th & 29th April Bendigo Swap Meet Prince Of Wales Show Grounds. 42 - 47 Holmes Rd Bendigo. www.htmswap.com.au or phone 0408033839.

11th&12th August Loxton Museum of Agricultural Technology Kaesler's Landing Open Days. PS Industry Cruises, stationary engines, blacksmithing demo, sheep shearing demo, vintage tractors, vintage vehicles, farm machinery, classic river boats, market stalls, activities for kids, fully catered & more. 1216 Bookpurnong Road. Contact Paul (08)85841420 or 0428841420 , Raelene 0438819001. Email: lmatcontact1@gmail.com

5th & 6th May Albany W.A. State Vintage Machinery Rally TRACMACH Great Southern Branch. Information contact Denise or Debbie tracmachgs@gmail.com or David Mcintosh 0428425343.

16th August to 6th September 2018 Restore U.S.A. Tour. Tractor & Vintage Machinery Tour to America. Washington D.C. to Chicago feature Tri-State Gas Engine & Tractor Show & The Mid West Old Threshers Reunion. For information contact: Destination Management P.O. Box 1109, Stafford. Q.4053 Internet: www.toursgallery.com E-mail: travel@toursgallery.com Phone toll free1300307317. Brisbane phone 0733596651 Fax:0733591263.

20th to 22nd September 7th NHMA National Tractor Trek Hilltops Region of Young NSW. Locations Iandra Castle, Model Train Museum, Chinaman's Dam Chinese Gardens & more. Info www.nhma.com.au or www.visityoung.com.au Enquiries: Dave Curtis 0418688786 holkim@iprimus.com.au or John Guymer 0457697453 johnguymer05@gmail.com

13th to 20th October 2018 RACV Federation Tour. Postal Good Times Motoring Club of Yarram inc. PO Box 22n Yarram 3971. Email; goodtimescarclub@outlook.com

Every effort is made to ensure event details are correct, not all events are listed due to the large number available,if you are interested in an unlisted event tell me the details and I will add it to the list.(two months prior to event date).

The news letter co-ordinator Geoffrey Lane.

TRACTOR RESTORATION & APPRECIATION CLUB SUNRAYSIA

Inc # A0038764N

Minutes of Meeting 8th Nov, 2017 at Irymple Guide Hall

MEETING OPENED: 7.30pm
Pesident Welcomed members

APOLOGIES: M Follett, R Kovac, P Carter, R Carter, J Droeffelar, R Mansell, B Fox, B Gray, J Cameron, J Lindsay, K Forster, M McGauchie, A Haw, G Bate, V Barnes, G East, J Garraway, G Ayson, D Schodde, R Clothier.

PRESENT: G Lane, K Creighton, L Grivec, B Lampard, R French, P Newton, R Stone, J Borchard, E Borchard, L Cole, D Hinks, R Carter, P Hodgson, F Wallace, R Fox, P Johnson, R Blanch, V Pollesel, D Lee, L Knight, B Power, D Beard, T Robinson, M O'Callaghan, A McKenzie, M O'Callaghan jnr, D Munro, I Hinks, G Chislett, B McNabb, B Foaster, D Gordon, L Poole, T Monson, T Mcgauchie, P Moser, N Smart, Moose, P Muir, J Porker, plus 3 I can't read.

MINUTES: Taken as read Moved : F Wallace, Sec I Hinks Carried

BUSINESS ARISING
Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Outward
1 Letter of thanks to Sunrise AG

Inward
1 Deniliquin Collectors Oct & Nov Newsletter
2 Bendigo Bank Statement
3 Bendigo Bank Investment Stmt.
4 Fed News
5 Fed Minutes and meeting advice
6 LMW Account
7 Waikerie Hit & Miss Newsletter
8 Notice of USA Old Machinery Tour
9 Advice of Next years Federation Tour

Moved R Carter and Sec B Lampard that correspondence be accepted. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:
Nil

TREASURERS REPORT

Bal C/F	$20,479.11
Receipts	2,270.65
Expenditure	1,080.56
Balance	$21,669.20

Moved M O'Callaghan Sec P Moser that Treasurers report be accepted. Carried

General Business

(a) Acceptance of New Members
Nil

(b) Clearing Sales
Several members attended Mal Hopkins Sale
Fergy $1K, Fordson $1800, 35X $3500.

(c)Restoration Activities
V Pollesel working on Mapleleaf.

(d) New Purchases
T Monson knows of rare Cat, ring him if interested
A Whyte has Ferg 30.
L Cole pur rare 4WD Howard. No 105 of 120 made

(e)Newsletter Co-ordinator
Needs a couple of promised stories.

(f) Tracs Assett (Wilga Rd)
Michael had another hic up with rates being written off but now sorted and letter going to solicitors as next step in adverse possession.
Surveyors job now complete.
F Wallace suggested we look at reimbursing M O'Callaghan for all his effort, but Michael refused.

(g) TRACS Website
Up to date

(h) NSW Registrar
Nil

(i) Vic Registrar
A few renewals done.
Ken and Frank heard rumours that there is a change to permit scheme pending.

(j) Future Club Events
Christmas BBQ 25th Nov. 50 to 60 indicated.
Ken raised possibility of have a **Truck Trek** next Year. Sub Committee of F Wallace, V Pollesel, J Porker, Moose, R Mansell, Ken to look into.
Suggested that another sub committee be formed for next years **Tractor Pull & Truck** show. T McGauchie, P Newton, I Hinks, K Creighton, M O'Callaghan volunteered.
Suggested next years BBQ be in March.

(k) Any Other Business
Lots of Calenders need to be purchased.
Major Raffle Drawn
1st G Fox, 2nd D Richardson, 3rd M Walker.

Next Meeting:
13th Dec at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed : 8.35 pm