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JANUARY 2022.

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



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HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Christmas Gathering BBQ 12th December.

It has been a long time coming but the evening was enjoyed by all who attended, 45 people were happy to sign in and show proof of double vaccination, Phil Newton had modified the normal attendance form to cover vaccination status, this covered club requirements and covid regulations in one go.

I feel that this allowed us to be more comfortable knowing every one there is doing all they can to protect themselves and others.

The working bee did not produce many workers, it was very hot out in the sun so activities were mainly about cleaning up and preparing for the BBQ, others had previously set tables, BBQ and cleaned toilets prior to the day. Drinks, Meat, Gas, Cuttlery, Crockery, tea/coffee, Raffle etc were arranged.

Thank you to the BBQ cooks and to all who provided nibbles, salads and sweets to share, this was a very enjoyable spread of food.

I hope this event was a good lead up for 2022 so we can share more interesting times once again.

With a Happy Healthy and Prosperous New Year to All TRACS members and friends.

From the News Letter Co-ordinator.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

Three members were presented with Life Membership Awards , Ken Creighton (not present for the presentation) , Bob Lampard and Ray Carter .

They are all long time members (I think two were right from the start of TRACS and one not far behind) all are very active members.

Congratulations KEN, BOB and RAY job well done but you can not rest on your laurels because we will need all the support we can get moving on with covid lurking.

"David Hinks Memorial Trophy Best Club Person Of The Year "

Congratulations to Michael O'Callaghan 2021 winner, trying times for our TREASURER.

RAFFLE.

Thank you to Pam and David Beard and Danny Lee for organising, wrapping and ticket distribution. TRACS committee covered the purchase cost.

Winners were Neil Dunstan, Brenda Benson and David Beard.

NEXT MEETING SUNDAY 9th JANUARY 2022.

11AM WILGA RD RED CLIFFS.



Michael O'Callaghan.



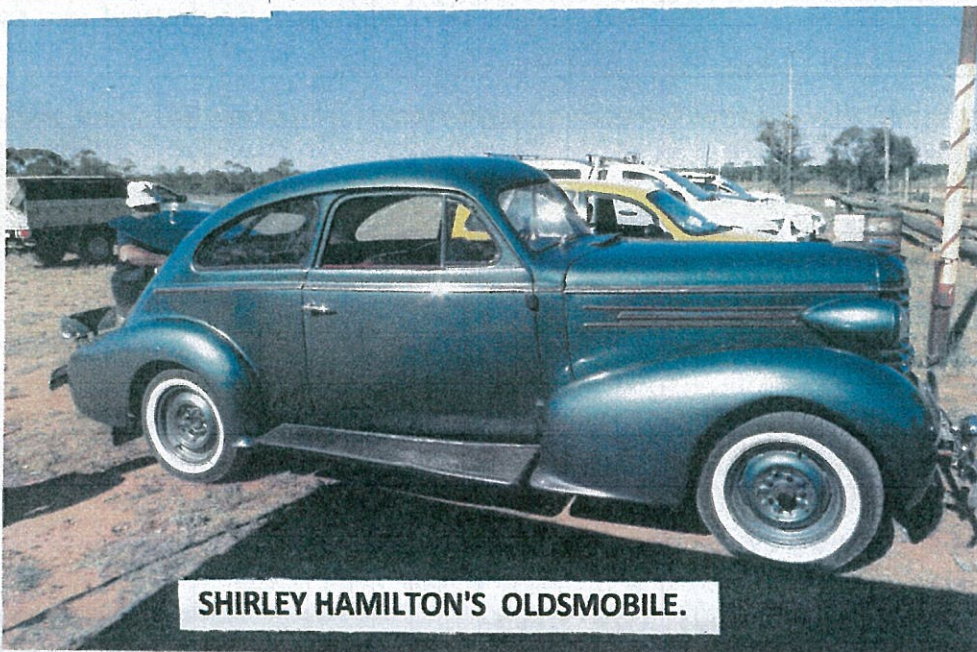
Ray Carter.



Bob Lampard.



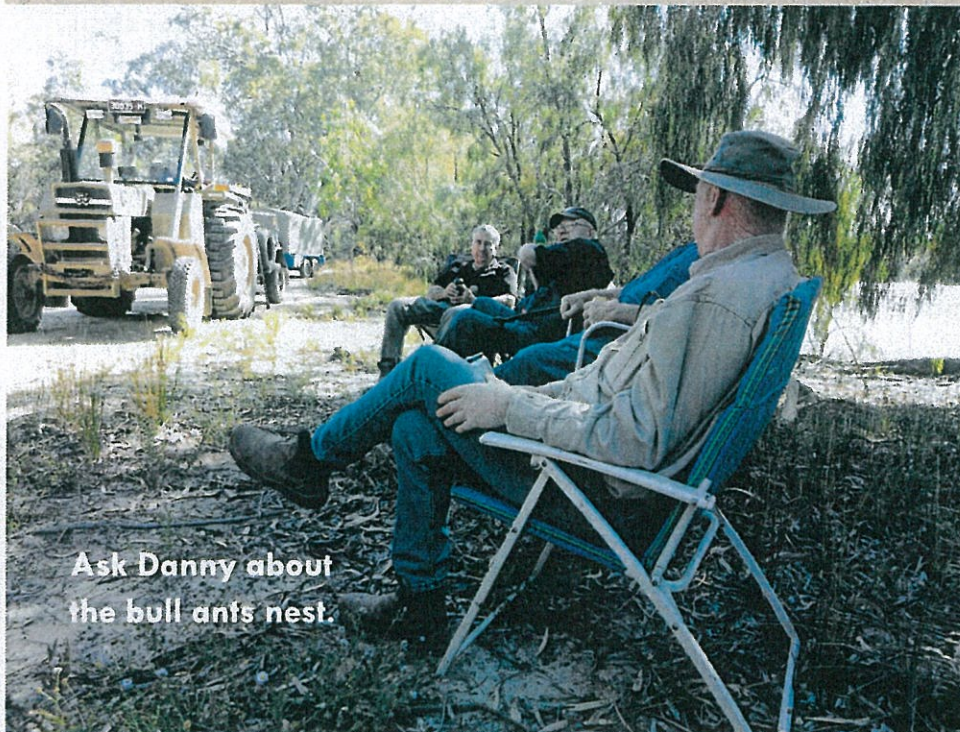
Cooks on the BBQ.



SHIRLEY HAMILTON'S OLDSMOBILE.



TRACS a Trekkin



Ask Danny about the bull ants nest.



Darling River-Menindee Lakes- Anabranck Trek

The first Trek for 2022.

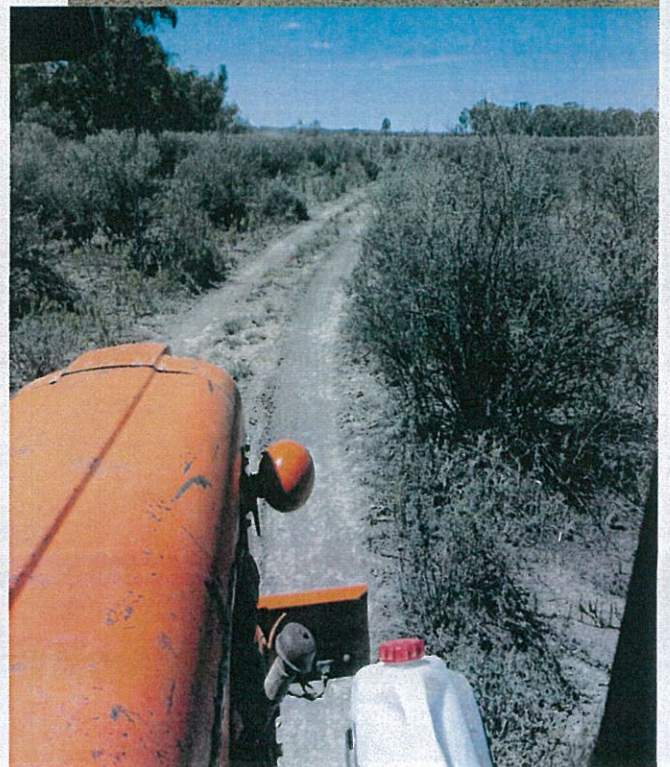
Friday 14th to Thursday 20th January 2022. (Approx)

The water has returned, who knows for how long it will be there or when it will be back again, so now is the time to see it.

Follow the Darling North to Menindee, explore the Lakes, then meander down the Anabranck back to the Murray. Might even be able to catch a feed of yabbies.

Approximately 6 days 5 nights duration. Some bush camping, so need to be fully self sufficient, fuel at Pooncarie and Menindee.

To register, or inquiries, please contact Alan Whyte on 0428 528 136, Dave Beard on 0427 060 199 or Danny Lee on 0427 147 321.



Firstly, thank you to the Club for entrusting me with the position of President.

But more importantly, a thank you to Ken for his contribution to TRACS since its inception.

We had a very successful XMAS wind up. Great attendance and good weather.

Thank you to all involved in organizing this.

The Clubman of the Year Award was presented to Michael O'Callaghan.

And Life Membership awards were presented to Ken Creighton, Ray Carter and Bob Lampard.

These awards recognize what have been exceptional contributions over many years. All remain active members and I am sure their contributions will continue well into the future.

We can, hopefully, look forward to the coming year having less complications from Covid.

As mentioned in more detail in this Newsletter, Danny is planning another Trek in the 2nd half of January. The plan is to revisit Menindee now that water has arrived.

Anyone is welcome to join—and in any vehicle. It is not limited to tractors.

We have been notified the Red Cliffs Centenary will be held on April 1 to 4. I would expect we would have a significant presence there. As a suggestion, it would be good to have implements on the tractors to reflect the work that was done. Scoops, cultivators, weeders, furrowing out shovels etc. Drag discs might be a problem.

And as we hopefully work our way out of the Covid restrictions, I would welcome any suggestions for Club activities in the coming months.

Alan Whyte.

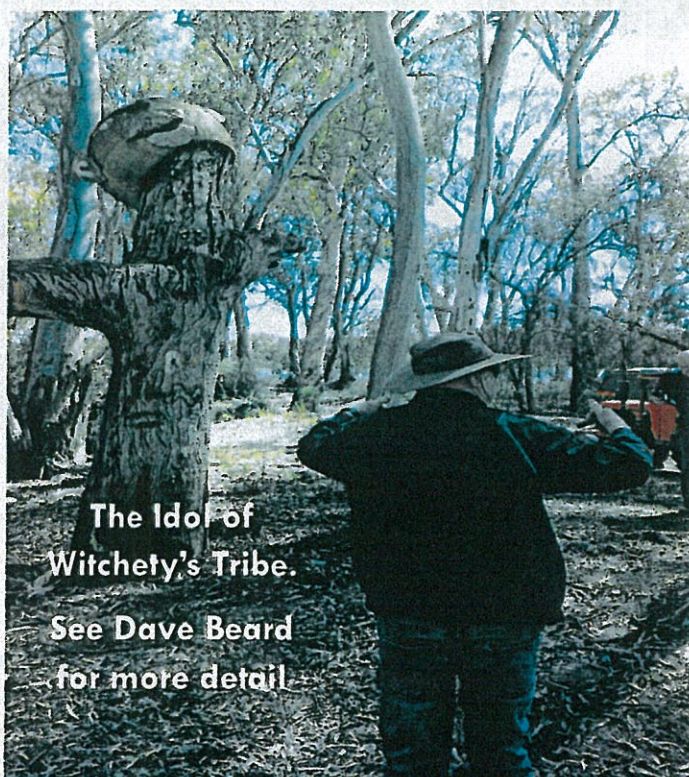
Abbotsford Bridge to Walpolla Creek Trek

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th December 2021

This was the last trek for 2021. Followed the Murray River from the Abbotsford Bridge to Walpolla Creek and exploring Walpolla island, in the footsteps of the Possum.

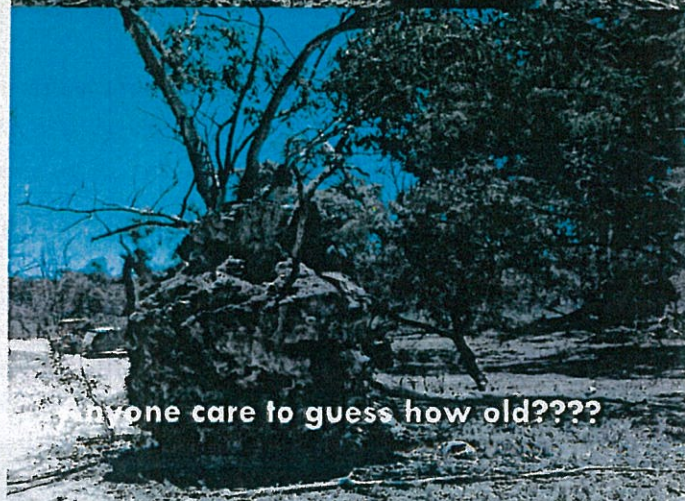
Points of interest included, Murray Darling junction, Witchety Tribe Idol, Snaggy Island, Finnigans Billabong, Finnigans Creek, Lily Pond, River Sandbars, Deadman Creek and heaps of typical Murray River bush and wildlife.

2 days, one night bush camping. This was not a fast trek, it consisted of all bush tracks so a steady pace was the order of the day. 5 tractors participated. Approximate distance of the trek was 150 kilometers.



**The Idol of
Witchety's Tribe.**

**See Dave Beard
for more detail**



Anyone care to guess how old???

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Werrimull Hotel Dinner 25th November.

Due to the forecast of more rain and very poor weather the tractor trekkers decided to postpone the trek along the old river road to South Australia border, but decided to drive cars to Werrimull Pub this would be a safe alternative, so the dinner was a goer.

Extra members volenteere to go **17 starters for dinner.**

I set off from Wentworth in light rain, got heavier to Coomealla 3rd allocation, stopped after I reached John Ablett's at Boeil Creek, (to car poole with John) on and picked up Ray Carter and Bob Fox.

By the time we arrived at Werrimull it was windy and dusty.

A drink or two in case it became too dusty, then feet under the table for dinner, (all ordered what we wanted) very nice meal as the photo showes.

These old pubs have many interesting displays, you do have to look hard to see some quirky exhibits.

Left for home just on dark, very nice evening, thank you John for the ride, a relaxed drive for me.

Report by Geoffrey Lane.



TRACS PROGRAM 2020.

JAN. 1st Psyche Bend Pump Run

8th 7:30 PM meeting.

25 & 26 Quambatook

FEB. 12th 7:30 PM meeting

MAR. 7th & 8th Clunes Truc

11th BBQ prior to meet

soft drinks. If you can

11th 7:30PM meeting

28th Crawl in' the Hun

29th March Booleroo

TRUCK TREK Sub Committee

April 8th meeting 7:30PM

11th & 12th Warrackn

25th Anzac day

MAY. National Motoring Day

Possible trip Lake Gol

13th meeting 7:30PM.

15th Mildura Tafe Fiel

15th Friday arrange to

16th Saturday Calder

17th Sunday Charlton

JUNE. 10th meeting 7:30PM

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20th Peter De Masi in

JULY. 4th & 5th Junction Ra

8th meeting 7:30PM.

24th July to 15th Aug

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25th Clean up day Wilg

25th & 26th Sat/Sunda

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12th 7:30PM Annual C

23rd to 30th Alice Spri

29th & 30th Wentworth

SEPT. 9th meeting 7:30PM.

(shed crawl) Kyneton

27th Clean up day W

OCT. 1st & 2nd Assembly

Michael O'Callaghan.

3rd Tractor Pull. 1st S

1st to 4th National Rai

14th meeting 7:30PM.

NOV. Lake Goldsmith Rally

3rd Melbourne Cup D

11th meeting 7:30PM.

22nd Sunday Christm

DEC. 9th meeting 7:30PM.

Not every year Events.

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If you wish to plan an event

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Annual General Meeting 21

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CLUB TREKS INCLUDING tractors, trucks, i

1 in Summer January TBC.

1 in Autumn April TBC.

1 in Winter July TBC.

1 in Spring October TBC.

Danny, David, John plus any others who
want to get involved with the planning.

TRACS PROGRAM 2022.

After March 2020 our program has been ripped up!

It now looks like we can patch up a new programme for 2022.

Regular monthly meetings,

Some events,

Displays,

Social activities, BBQ'S,

Things to look forward to with safety and confidence as a CLUB,
the Trekkers are showing how it can be done.

Events for Cars? Trucks?

run/ day trip?

CRYSTAL BALL.

