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TRACS TORQUE

Trucks too.

January 2024

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



**Compliments of the Season to
all TRACS members.**

Our end of year BBQ was highlighted by
the opening of our new shed.

Below, Alan McKenzie and Kaaren Whyte
unveiling the plaque.

It is now 18 months since
TRACS obtained title to
the land at Wilga Road.

The improvements at the
site over the last year are
massive.

All of the TRACS mem-
bers who have contribut-
ed to this should be
proud of their achieve-
ments.





TRACS—What's On in The Next Year or So.

January 2024

- **Wednesday 10th** -TRACS meeting 7.30pm at Irymple Bowls Club
- **Saturday 13th January**—Geelong Truck and Machinery Show

February 2024

- **3rd and 4th**—Glenelg Vintage Machinery Rally—feature is 75 yrs of Chamberlain
- **Sunday 11th Feb**—Picnic at Hanging Rock Classic Car Show.
- **Wednesday 14th**—TRACS meeting 7.30pm at Irymple Bowls Club.

March 2024

- **16th March**—Lower Murray Heritage Rally and Tractor Pull at Murray Bridge
- **Wednesday 13th March**—TRACS Meeting 7.30 pm at Irymple Bowls Club.

April 2024

- **25th to 28th**—Dareton Coomealla Centenary
- **26th to 28th April**—NHMA National Tractor Convention at Deniliquin

July 2024

- **6th and 7th**—Wentworth Junction Rally—check the website www.junctionrally.com

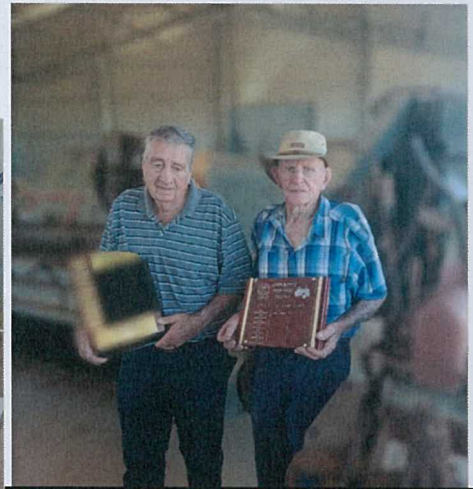
August 2024

- **8th to 11th**—TRACS Australian Day—feature 75 years of Chamberlain

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Above, Dale Munro with his Clubman of the Year award and Bob Lampard with the trophy for the Pull of the Day at the Tractor Pull. Congratulations to both. The awards are well deserved.

The new shed was used for the first time and was appreciated by all.



The Old Mailroad Trek—10th to 12th December.

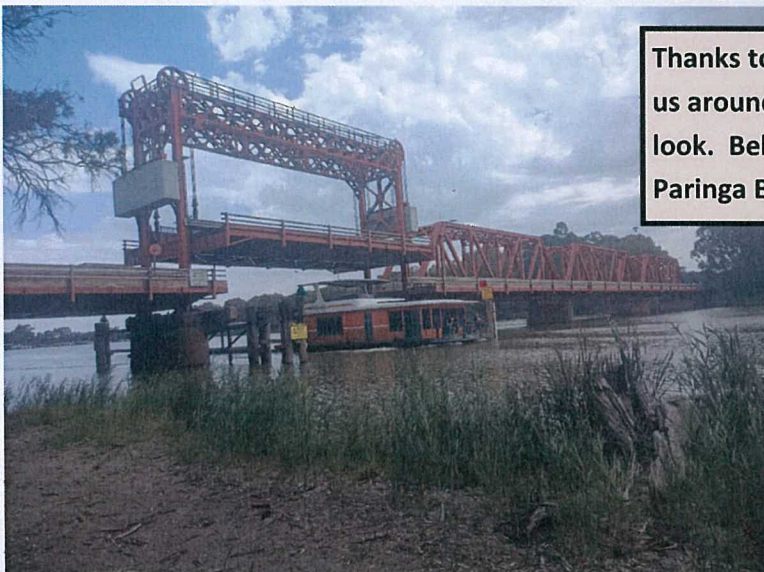
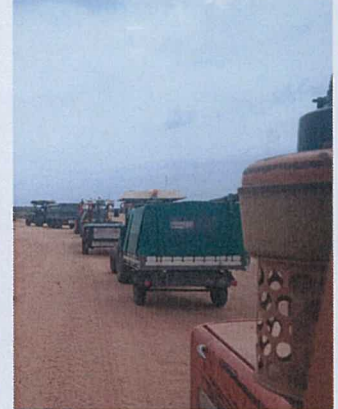
3 Fergusons, 3 Chamberlains and an Austin Fire Truck.

First night opposite Lock 7 and the 2nd night on The Lindsay River upstream of Lindsay Point.

An excellent 3 days in spite of some bumps and with somewhat variable weather.

Thanks to Danny and Dave for organizing the trip.

It would be quite rude to mention that Danny had a small tractor problem on the way back.....



Thanks to Wayne Howell (above left) for showing us around the Paringa Museum. Well worth a look. Below an old poison cart and at left the Paringa Bridge being raised.



Hercules
SUPER - STRONG TOYS

INTRODUCING
 Australia's Toy Sensation
 of the Year

- THE SELF-PROPELLED JUMBO CATER-
 PILLAR TRACTOR FOR CHILDREN FROM
 3-10 YEARS.

Easily manipulated, runs over
 grass, stones and obstacles.

Tracks have breaking
 strain of 1½ tons each!

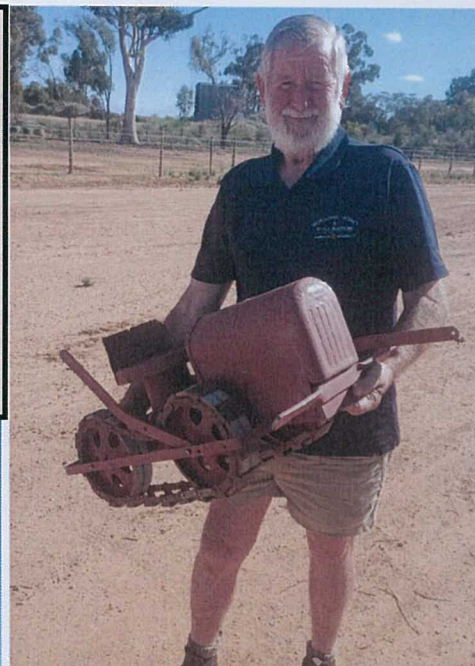


Write for details to
Hercules Steel Products
 (Aust.) Ltd.
 P.O. BOX 34, PORT KEMBLA.
 Telegrams: "HERCTOYS" Telephone: 221 PORT KEMBLA.

Trevor Monson brought his
 favorite toy to the end of
 year BBQ.

No doubt it was the envy of
 all his mates at the time.
 And Australian made to
 boot.

It struggled with the big
 sled.....



The Powerhouse Redevelopment has been a high profile pro-
 ject lately. The historical perspective is somewhat lacking.

Above right is one of 3 steam turbine and condensing units
 installed in an upgrade in the mid thirties. The pipes in the
 background are 2m diameter.

The turbine drove a gearbox which drove a generator. The
 complete unit lies neglected in a Mildura yard, along with an
 original switchboard.

Above left, the woodheap in front of the Powerhouse in 1931
 and at left a safety sign on the main gearbox.

TRACTOR RESTORATION & APPRECIATION CLUB SUNRAYSIA

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Minutes of Meeting 13th Dec 2023 at Wilga Rd

MEETING OPENED: 7.30pm

(c) Restoration Activities

J Porker working on V12

Alan Whyte has had Landrover Chassis

sandblasted, repaired and painted

(d) Additional Purchases—Ken Creighton Blitz

(e) Newsletter

(f) Wilga Road.

Shed passed final Inspection

No working bees for couple months scheduled.

Fencing to be looked at Shed wall to be looked at

Insurance taken out on shed for \$50k. No contents

(g) TRACS Website OK

(h) NSW Registrar

(i) Vic Registrar

Lots of renewals

Ken C has rally Citroen on road.

(j) Future Club Events

Working Bee to be organised

Wentworth Junction Rally June 2024

Chamberlain Tractor muster/All Aust day 2024

Date set as 8th to 11th Aug 2024. Set Meeting

Proposed trip through Dangalle NP next year.

Proposed trip with Harry Ferguson Club to

Murray mouth August next year

(k) Any Other Business

Tractor Trek (Mail Rd) Wash up -6 tractors and 1 Austin truck.
Very hot but missed thunder storms.

Harvest wash up—2 strippers and 1 header. Light crop. 25k
views on line.

Merbein Motor Shaw wash up Good Show

Christmas BBQ wash up—39 people came. Used shed for 1st
time.. Officially opened by **Mrs Whyte**. Pull of tractor pull day award-
ed to B Lampard. **Clubman of year** awarded to **Dale Munro**

Dried Fruit Industry display suggested by

Danny Lee. For discussion next meeting.

Next Meeting 10th Jan 7.30 at IBC

Alan wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Meeting closed 8.30pm

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Taken as read and correct Moved : D Lee.
Sec B McNabb. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

- 1 HCVC Renewal notice
- 2 Aust Post Letter no more cheques
- 3 Invitation letter J Clark
- 4 NSW HMA Bulletin 11
- 5 Hit & Miss Oct newsletter
- 6 HCVC Nov newsletter
- 7 NSW HMA Bulletin 14
- 8 NSW HMA AGM minutes
- 9 Certification of final shed inspection
- 10 NSW HMA Bulletin 12
- 11 Notice that Loxton Machinery Club in recess

Outwards

- 1 Thanks letter to Grower Services

Moved A McKenzie Sec P Moser that correspondence be accepted. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

Nil

TREASURERS REPORT

Tabled. Moved M O'Callaghan that report be accepted. Sec I
Hinks Carried

General Business

(a) Acceptance of New Members—Nil

(b) Clearing Sales/Auctions—Nil