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TRACS TORQUE

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MARCH 2022.

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



FEBRUARY MEETING.

Wilga Rd grounds are very dry, the rain missed this area when Mildura copped a drenching. Sunday 13th February started on time at 10:00AM, a hot day but we missed some of the heat by the early start. A good roll up of members.

Discussion on planning for future events, some dates allocated more planning required on others, see up dated TRACS program 2022.

After the meeting final arrangements for the tractor trek north to Anna Branch and Menindee were made, departing 9:30am 21st February O'Donnel Park Curlwaa for 8 days (see February news letter for Danny, Alan and John's planning).

Terry Mc Gauchie brought along the 1969 VF Valiant station Wagon for a run.

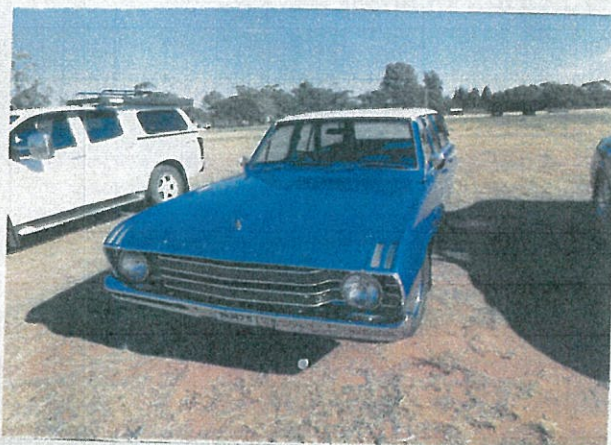
NEXT MEETING 10:00AM 20th March 2022 at Wilga Rd Red Cliffs.

NOTE 3rd Sunday not 2nd (change is because of the public holiday on Monday 14th).

After the meeting a BBQ lunch will be available, meat, soft drinks etc usual cost, all assistance will be appreciated to set up and run.

Next meeting more discussion on projects that are on hold, planning working BEES, equipment and expertise required when and where.

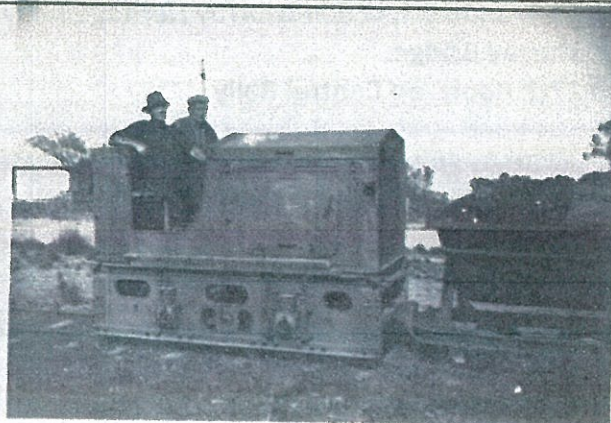
Hope to see more attending as the season changes and weather cools down.



RED CLIFFS CENTENARY DISPLAY.

Sunday 3rd April 2022 Jamieson St.

For the display of trucks, cars and tractors
We require numbers so Centenary committee
can issue tickets for the purpose of
management/safety/traffic control etc.
Please let Phil know 0408920205.



TRACS PROGRAM 2022.

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR NEXT MEETING due to long weekend on previously selected date.
MARCH 20th 10:00AM meeting, BBQ lunch now planned.

February 21st tractor trekkers left for 8 day trek Anna Branch ?? Menindee ??

APRIL 10th 10:00AM meeting.

April Sunday 3rd Red Cliffs 100 year celebrations, display Jamieson St
Trucks, Cars, Tractors see front page for arrangements.

MAY 8th 10:00AM meeting.

National Motoring Day Car Trial ? ?

May 20th and 21 Mildura Field Day display.

JUNE 12th 10:00AM meeting.
June trip Nulawil Pioneer Museum date to be set.

JULY 10th 10:00AM meeting.
July 23rd and 24th Play day at Bob Lampards.

AUGUST 14th 10:00AM meeting.

August 14th Australian Made Day

SEPTEMBER 11th 10:00AM meeting.

OCTOBER 9th 10:00AM meeting.

October date to be set Tractor Pull Truck Show.

NOVEMBER 12th 10:00AM meeting.

Christmas Gathering BBQ.

DECEMBER 11th 10:00AM meeting.

July Bendigo Anniversary Run.
March 18 to 21 Port Perie Museum and truck Run
March 19th and 20th Lower Murray Heritage Rally
Murray Bridge.
March 27th Booleroo Central Rally.

There are other club events planned and listed but it is too hard to program and be certain they will be on. Please check just before you go, display conditions, ticketing etc, cancellations are not well advertised. Any or all planning could change with very little notice.

FOR SALE.

1959 F600 Ford Truck.

E2YN Fordson Tractor with a Parts Tractor.

Contact:- BOB FOX 0457338712.

Rob Bonton's Got a Truck !

It's not a "toy".

TRACS members if you need assistance to move something big and heavy ring him on 0400650302.
He may be able to help you.



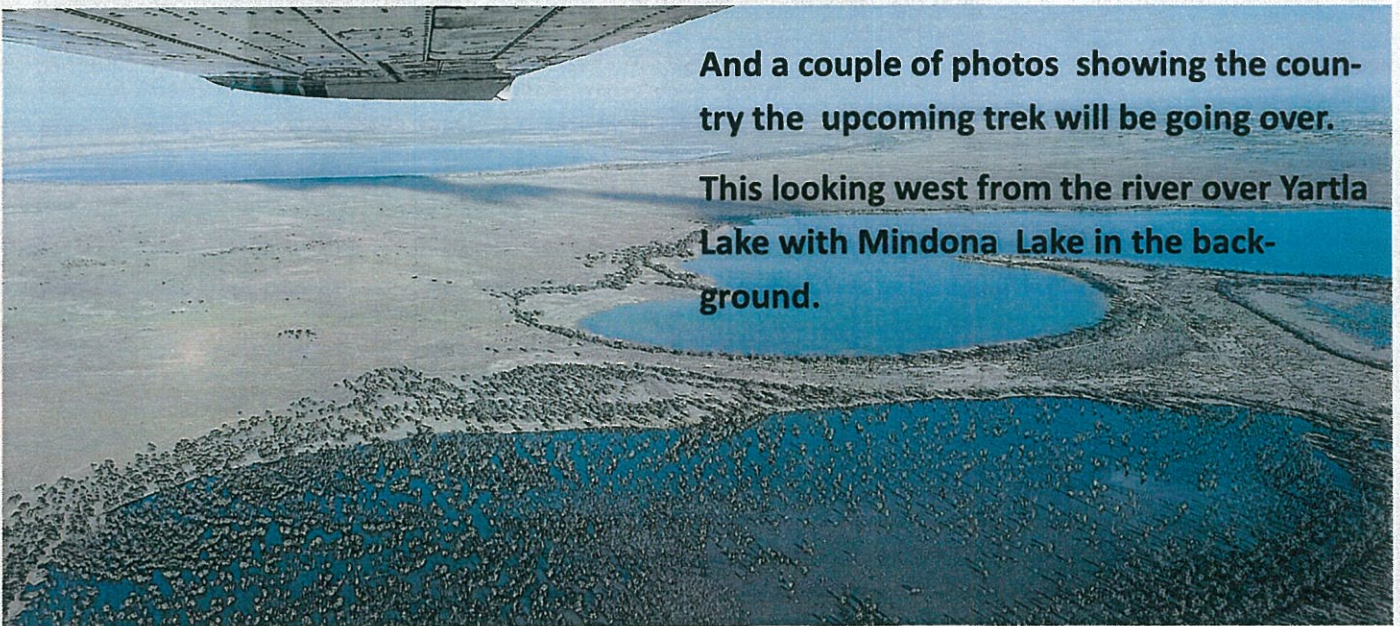


We have had a request to try and find this Farmall 100 tractor.

It was sold into this area some years ago from Werribee.

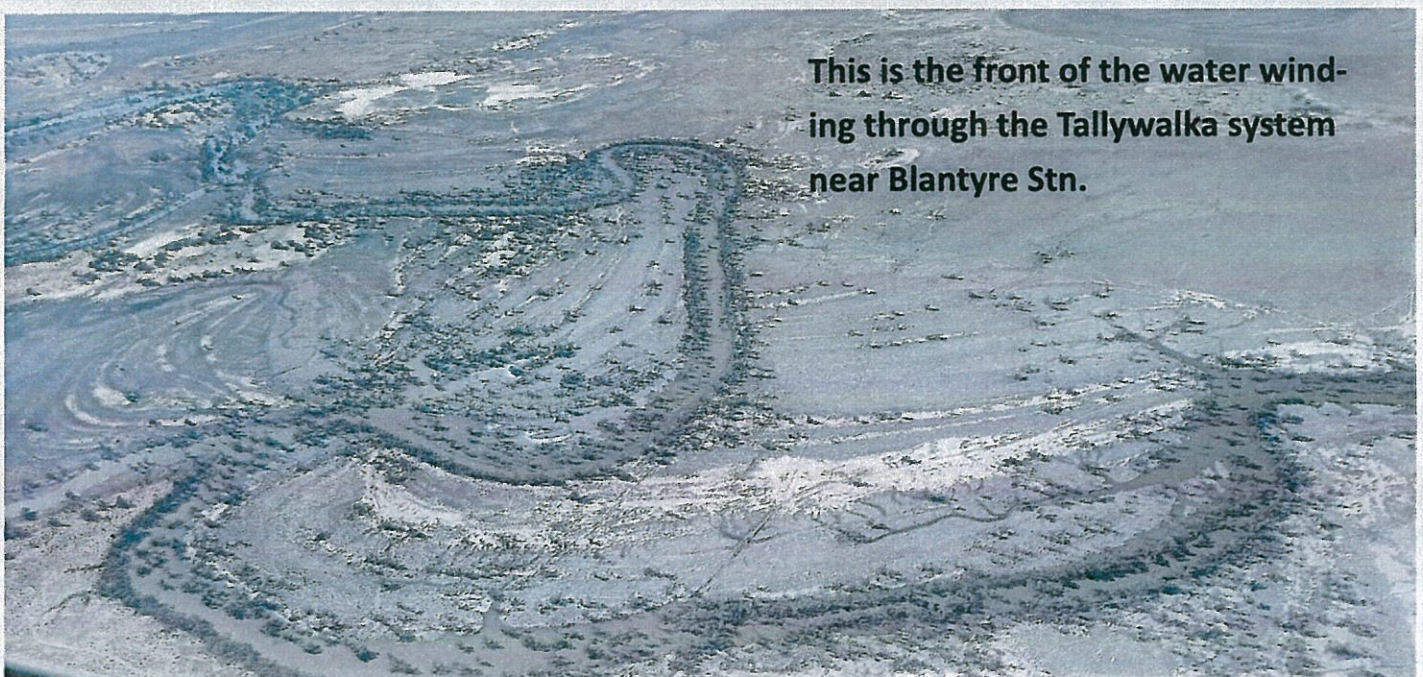
The family who sold it are interested to get it back if possible as their grandfather owned it from new.

Any information to Trent on 0400 156 862



And a couple of photos showing the country the upcoming trek will be going over.

This looking west from the river over Yartla Lake with Mindona Lake in the background.



This is the front of the water winding through the Tallywalka system near Blantyre Stn.



Tractor trouble: Lex Garner, whose 1933 model International F12 Farmall (inset) has disappeared.

Picture: ANDY ROGERS

Missing tractor is a vintage mystery

By CHRIS McLENNAN

RETIRED Colac carriage contractor Lex Garner wants to find his vintage tractor.

His distinctive 1933 model International F12 Farmall is the only known tractor of its kind in Australia.

It was last seen at a tractor exhibition in Western Australia. Mr Garner, 82, helped load the Farmall on to a transport 18 months ago to be displayed in Western Australia, but hasn't seen it since.

"I trusted a man I have been dealing with for 20 years to do

the right thing and I allowed it to go away," Mr Garner said.

"Some people might think me naive, but I let it go in good faith ... after eight months I started the search; it was quite clear it wasn't coming back."

After a long career as the state's biggest onion grower and

then building up his truck fleet to cart those onions to market, Mr Garner has been working with tractors for 50 years.

His particular interest is in row-crop tractors, which have a narrow track to squeeze between vegetable beds.

The missing tractor has

brute-rattling steel wheels and a 16-horsepower engine.

It has been seen in other tractor rallies in W.A. though Mr Garner does not know where it is today.

The tractor was once valued at \$12,000, but could be double that now.

RED CLIFFS CENTENARY. (information from Red Cliffs Tourism Booklet).

The Red Cliffs township was established after WW1 to be the centre of a community for returned servicemen and their families. The first township land was sold by auction in December 1920, at the time the first allocation of fruit blocks was made. Shanty shops which had been put up in the temporary living area were relocated over the railway line to the current shopping centre. 700 returned soldiers were allocated blocks in the Red Cliffs Area.

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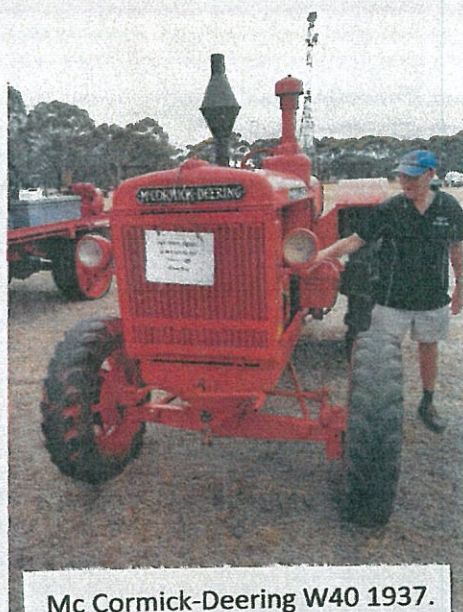
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Quambatook Tractor pull – 29 January 2022

Barry & I headed off to at 6.30 am for the Quambatook Tractor pull on Saturday 29th January. We stopped at Swan Hill for coffee, & arrived at Quambatook about 10am. Spent some time looking at the displays; which were well worth it. A few old stationary engines were started up. There was a good display of tractors, machinery, & a few trucks. We met up with Robert Mansell & brother-in-law & had a chat. The organizers were having trouble with the sleds & it was delayed. So after lunch we headed home as the weather was warming up. It was a very enjoyable day. Frank.



Mc Cormick-Deering W40 1937.



International 5 Ton 1924.



TRACTOR RESTORATION & APPRECIATION CLUB SUNRAYSIA

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Minutes of Meeting 13th Feb 2022 at Wilga Road



MEETING OPENED: 10.00am

President welcomed members

APPOLOGIES: G. Clifton, T. M.

General Business

(a) Acceptance of New Members

Nil

(b) Clearing Sales

Nil

(c) Restoration Activities

Bob Fox still going with FE

Max Midgley has 35 ready for Permit

(d) New Purchases

Nil disclosed.

(e) Newsletter Co-ordinator

Geoff would be grateful for any articles

(f) Tracs Assett (Wilga Rd)

Nothing to report

(g) TRACS Website

Need to change president on site.

(h) NSW Registrar

Few renewals

(i) Vic Registrar

Lots of renewals.

Extension of age from 25 to 30 years did not go ahead.

(j) Future Club Events

Next Trek departing Feb 21st. Menindie lakes and Tallewalker, 8/9 Days, Names to A Whyte or J Ablett ASAP.

Red Cliffs Centenary Sun 3rd April. Static near Library. Details to follow.

Car Trial No date set yet

Car/Truck trip to Nulawil Pioneer museum, 15 people indicated would go, Suggested when it cools down. Maybe June.

Working Bee To be organised next meeting

Tractor Pull Early Oct. Date to be set

All Australian Day Date set as 14th Aug

Bob's Play Day date set as 23/24th July

(k) Any Other Business

Discussed relocating Clubs banking to W/W or Merbein Community Bank.

P Newton moved that we transfer to Wentworth Sec A McKenzie, Carried.

Hamish Stringer passed away

Ken Nelson passed away.

Alan W researched getting sign made. Discussed a printed sign and Laser cut steel. Will now look into sign written and report back.

Robert Mansell raised issue of MRCC looking at old machinery on blocks. A Whyte is investigating.

Next Meeting 20th March 10.00am at Wilga Rd BBQ to follow

Meeting Closed 11.10.

100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Taken as read and correct

Moved: R Carter, Sec A Haw Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Outwards

Nil

Inward

- 1 Email Trent Egan Looking for Farmall 100
- 2 Bendigo Bank Statements
- 3 Notice Murray Bridge Rally 19 & 20 March
- 4 Email Mildura Field days May 20 & 21
- 5 Email Federation meeting 12th Feb
- 6 HCVC Monitor Jan
- 7 Trafalga Truck restorers Feb Newsletter
- 8 Email Defib check now done,
- 9 Deniliquin Collectors Club Dec Newsletter
- 10 Phone Red Cliffs centenary Sun 3rd April
- 11 Hit & Miss Jan Newsletter
- 12 LMW acct \$34.58

Moved P Newton, Sec B Lampard that correspondence be accepted. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

Defib Check done. New battery and pads due June.

P Moser will investigate someone to come and go through its use again.

TREASURERS REPORT

Michael not present

(k) Other Business cont.

Frank Wallace spoke on Pt Pirie Truckers re union 18/21st March. See Frank if interest

R Mansell raised issue of dragline relocation again. Will need to organise working bee to get going and move.