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TRACS TORQUE

Trucks too.

March 2024

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



Next Meeting Wednesday 13th March at Irymple Bowling Club—7.30pm start.



As all TRACS members will know, the 2nd of Big Lizzy's trailers is parked at Wilga Road.

At our last meeting we had the privilege of having Les Gates as guest speaker.

Les' father commenced working on Big Lizzy in 1916 before it arrived in Sunraysia and continued working with it for many years after.

The 'saving' of the 2nd trailer, its delivery to Mildura and the subsequent restoration work was a process driven and largely done by Les.

Every TRACS member present was impressed by the effort he put in and were disappointed by the obstacles he encountered.

The trailer can remain at Wilga Road but there was a general view that it should be with Big Lizzy in Red Cliffs.

On Monday 19th February, 'Little Lizzy' was delivered to our shed at Wilga Road, courtesy of Malcom Simmons.

Little Lizzy is a working (well nearly working) scale model. It is powered by a Rosebery engine via a Holden gearbox.



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

March 2024

- **Sunday 10th** —Clunes Truck Show
- **Saturday 16th** —Lower Murray Heritage Rally and Tractor Pull at Murray Bridge
- **Wednesday 13th** —TRACS Meeting 7.30 pm at Irymple Bowls Club.
- **Sunday 17th** —Likely working bee at Wilga Road.
- **16th and 17th** - Stawell Tractor, Engine and Hobby Rally
- **Sunday 24th**—Booleroo Steam and Traction Rally

April 2024

- **6th and 7th**—Mallee Annual Vintage rally and Tractor Pull at Woorinen
- **Wednesday 10th**—TRACS meeting at Irymple Bowls Club. 7.30pm start.
- **25th to 28th**—Dareton Coomealla Centenary
- **Saturday 27th**—Coomealla Centenary Parade. Assemble at the Coomealla Club carpark from 8am for a 9.30 start
- **26th to 28th April**—NHMA National Tractor Convention at Deniliquin

May 2024

- **4th/5th May** Ronaldson Tippet rally at Lake Goldsmith
- **Wednesday 8th**—TRACS Meeting
- **17th and 18th May**—Mildura Field Days

July 2024

- **6th and 7th**—Wentworth Junction Rally—check the website www.junctionrally.com
- **Wednesday 10th**—TRACS Meeting

August 2024

- **9th to 11th**—TRACS Australian Day—feature 75 years of Chamberlain
- **Wednesday 14th**—TRACS Meeting

September 2024

- **Wednesday 11th**— TRACS Meeting

October 2024

- **5th and 6th October**—Ivanhoe Truck and Tractor Show.
- **4th to 6th October**— Dunmuncle Sump Oilers Rally at Murtoa
- **Wednesday 9th**—TRACS Meeting.
- **Saturday 12th October**—Tractor Pull at Wilga Road.

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Tractor Restoration & Appreciation Club of Sunraysia (TRACS)



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Chamberlain Tractor Muster Australia

9 - 11th Aug 2024.

Club venue:
436 Wilga Rd, Red Cliffs,
Mildura, Vic.

Celebrating 75 years
Australia's first Chamberlain tractor rolled off the production line

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION

Name	_____	
Mobile	_____	Post Code _____
Camping	Bush style camping at club grounds for those bringing tractors or exhibit 436 Wilga Rd Red Cliffs	Yes / No
Fri. 9 Aug	Day Tractor Trek - including two vintage tractor collections : start-finish 436 Wilga Rd	Yes / No
Sat. 10 Aug	Day Tractor Trek to Colignan, lunch & Murray paddle boat cruise : start-finish 436 Wilga Rd	Yes / No
Sat. 10 Aug	Evening social event with fully catered meal in new big shed at cost ; 436 Wilga Rd	Number for meal _____
Sun. 11 Aug	Australia Made Day (bring anything made in Oz) & Chamberlain Tractor Pull demonstration event at 436 Wilga Rd \$5 entry per adult—kids free	No. of Chamberlains in pull _____
Anytime	Visit Big Lizzie, not a Chamberlain, but arguably Australia's biggest made tractor; Red Cliffs—free to public	

By 31 May; complete form, scan or take pic & **send to; milduratracs@gmail.com**

Note; **this is an EOI only; we will contact you before the event to confirm**

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www.tracsmildura.com.au





A good rollup and good progress at the last working bee at Wilga Road.

All the posts are in the ground for the next stage of fencing. Thanks to Dave Beard for the posts, Nev Smart for the water jet and the rest of the fencing crew for marking out and standing the posts.

The work on putting doors on the front of the shed has commenced. It's a much easier job with a bit of equipment. Thanks Bryan.

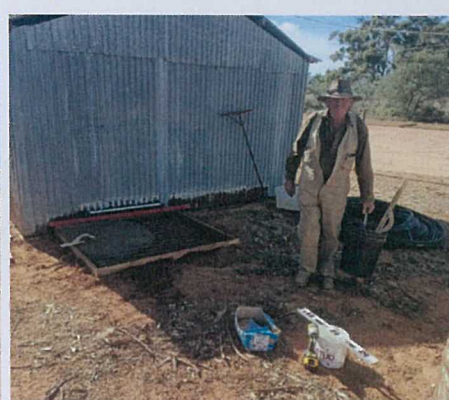
The concrete slab is poured for the security box to hold a generator.



The old power poles, which were seats, have now been repositioned to form a barricade at the back of the display area.

As always, thanks to the TRACS members who were there.

Next working bee on the Sunday after the next TRACS Meeting.



Corryong to Coorong Trek

The Harry Ferguson Tractor Club will be conducting a tractor trek following the Murray River from its source near Corryong to the river mouth at the Coorong.

The trek is scheduled to depart Corryong on August 19 arriving Mildura September 3.

Depart Mildura September 5 arrive Coorong September 13.

Any TRACS members who wish to take part, can choose to do the whole trek or only a section/s are welcome to do so.

TRACS members are welcome to be a part of the trek, you are not required to become members of the HFTC. All insurances etc are covered through your TRACS membership.

The only stipulation is that your trekking tractor is a Ferguson over 25 years old.

You will need to be self sufficient for all of your camping requirements. The trek will pass through many towns to re-stock fuel, food etc. It is mainly bush camping but there are a few caravan park camps along the route. If you wish to trek with the company of a support vehicle, that is ok.

For further details contact Danny Lee 0427147321.



Murray Green has been adding to his collection of Internationals. Well done.



Courtesy of the Waikerie Hit and Miss Newsletter

An old farmer got up in the middle of the night to use the toilet. As he was heading back to bed, he looked out the window and saw the lights on in his shed. A closer inspection revealed men loading his tools and farm machinery into their truck.

He rushes to the phone and calls 000

"I need the police! There are some guys clearing out my shed!"

"OK sir, we have dispatched officers, they should be there in about an hour."

"An hour?! But they'll be long gone by then!"

"I'm sorry sir but there are no officers in your area."

The farmer hangs up angrily, waits 5 minutes and then calls 000 again.

"Hi, it's me again. Don't worry about sending those cops, I've just shot the robbers." and he hangs up.

Less than 10 minutes later, three cop cars and a helicopter arrive and the robbers are arrested. The sergeant goes up to the house and bangs on the door. The farmer opens it in his dressing gown and holding a cup of tea.

"What's going on here!? You said you shot the robbers!"

"You said there were no officers in my area."



**2024 Theme
Kay Engines**



**Vintage
Tractor Pull**

Lawn mower sled pull
Saturday & Sunday



16th & 17th March 2024

Swap meet, trash & treasure sites available
Club insurance essential for site holders

Antique chainsaw display & demonstrations

• Tractors	• Collectables	• Motorcycles
• Vintage Engines	• Hobby Displays	• Cars
• Trucks	• Antiques	• Art & Craft

Entry \$10.00 Children under 16 FREE
Sat 10am-5pm & Sun 10am-2pm
Stawell Harness Racing Club, 78 Patrick St, Stawell
Graham 0428 582 177 or Lisa 0432 817 961 E:stawellvtec@outlook.com

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**ANNUAL VINTAGE RALLY
AND TRACTOR PULL**






Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th Of April 2024
Where : Woorinen South Township Recreation Reserve
Approx. 10km north/west of Swan Hill.

Admission : Adults \$5.00 Children \$2.00

Vintage Machinery Auction—9:00am Sunday



On Display



Vintage Engines, Tractors, Machinery, Trucks, Cars,
Motorbikes & Memorabilia.
Full catering on-site.
Swan Hill street procession—10:30am Saturday.
Tractor Pull—Saturday night under lights &
Sunday Competition.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAM



25TH - 28TH
APRIL 2024

On behalf of our community we acknowledge and thank



For more information follow and like Dareton / Coomealla Centenary Celebrations

Thursday 25th April 2024:

- 11am - 12noon Anzac Day Service - Tapio Street Park
- 12:30pm - 2pm Community lunch in Tapio Street Park
- 1pm - 5pm Open displays in Shops
- 12pm - 4pm Registrations - Senior Citizens Rooms, Millie Street
- 5pm - 7pm WDFNC - Training / Meal available, George Gordon Oval

Friday 26th April 2024:

- 8am - 10am Breakfast available at Coomealla Club
- All Day Open displays in Tapio Street Shops
- 11am Official Centenary Opening - Wentworth Shire Mayor Daniel Linklater - Tapio Street Park
- 11:30am Official Opening of Travellers Rest - Tapio Street Park
- 12pm - 4pm Registrations Senior Citizens Rooms, Millie Street
- 12:30pm Opening of Dareton Men in a Shed - New Shed / Facilities Recreation Reserve behind Dareton Pool
- 1pm - 4pm Arts & Crafts display - Dareton Primary School BMEET Gallery display, Silver City Hwy - Old Coomealla Packers Store
- 1pm - 5pm Screening Film - "Flowing Gold", the 1954 21 min. Coloured documentary film on the development on the WWII soldier settlement in Coomealla Function Room Coomealla Club. Screening commence on the hour.
- 1pm - 4pm Open displays - Fox Lillie - Western Murray Coomealla Pumps - Men in A Shed - Elizabeth Morrison Dolls - Early Settlers Museum
- 5pm - 7pm Registrations - Coomealla Club
- 6pm Coomealla Golf Club Meals - Entertainment - return of the popular Friday Golf Club Meals, plus entertainment with Broly Bros - Bookings required - contact Coomealla Club.
- 6pm Dinner One (1) - Coomealla Club Auditorium Guest Speakers - Shantelle Thompson, Ben McGlynn & Peter Vandenberg 3 Course Meal - \$70pp Bookings required - visit Coomealla Club website.

Saturday 27th April 2024:

- 7am - 1pm Centenary Golf Event, Coomealla Golf Club
- 8am - 10am Breakfast available Coomealla Club
- 8am Assembly for Street Parade - CMSC Car-Park (vehicles / floats) - registration required
- 9:30am Street Parade depart Club Car-Park. Route from Matong St, Turn right into Avoca, turn right into Mitchell Ave, veer right past CHAC building in Tapio Ave. Parade passes through Tapio St and around corner (CPS) turning right into Matong St concluding in CMSC car-park for display vehicles
- 10am Street Parade - Walkers may join from Sturt Place. WDFNC - Football and Netball George Gordon Oval (Juniors commence 10am, Seniors 4pm (Twilight Game)
- 11:30am Street Parade finish Club Car-Park
- 12pm - 2pm Registrations - Senior Citizens Rooms, Millie St
- All Day Open displays in Tapio Street Shops
- 12pm - 4pm Bowls Pairs Tournament - enter at Coomealla Club
- 1pm - 4pm Screening Film - "Flowing Gold", the 1954 21 min. Coloured documentary film on the development on the WWII soldier settlement in Coomealla - Function Room Coomealla Club Screening commence on the hour.
- 1pm - 4pm Arts & Crafts display - Dareton Primary School BMEET Gallery display Open displays - Fox Lillie - Western Murray Coomealla Pumps - Men in A Shed - Elizabeth Morrison Dolls - Early Settlers Museum
- 6pm Dinner Two (2) - Coomealla Club Auditorium - Tribute to CVE. Join us for an evening of fun and entertainment as we pay tribute to The Coomealla Variety Entertainers CVE. The program will feature some old talents and some new talents to commemorate the contribution of CVE to local entertainment 3 Course Meal - Entertainment \$70pp Bookings required - visit Coomealla Club website

**Program subject to change

Sunday 28th April 2024:

- 8am - 10am Breakfast available Coomealla Club
- All Day Shop displays
- 10am Combined Church Service - Tapio Street Park
- 9am - 12pm Community Market - Tapio Street Park
- 1pm Social Lawn Bowls - Coomealla Club - Bowls available - All Welcome - register at club.



The Dareton Coomealla Community acknowledge and thank these businesses/ families for their support.



AJ - SA MURDOCH



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Minutes of Meeting 14th Feb 2024 at IBC

MEETING OPENED: 7 30nm

GUEST SPEAKER

Les gates gave very informative talk on history Of Big Lizzy

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Taken as read and correct

Moved : A McGauchie Sec R carter Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

- 1 Invitation Mallee Steam Rally from S/Hill
- 2 LMW acct 36.21
- 3 Hit & Miss Jan Newsletter
- 4 NSW HMA Bulletin 1&2/2024
- 5 Seasons Greetings from NHMA
- 6 Invitation for May Field Days
- 7 Note from NSW Transport changing rep to Alan McKenzie.
- 8 Note from NHMA of Logos to use.
- 9 Deniliquin Collectors club Jan Newsletter
- 10 Form from Vic Roads to re issue log book
- 11 Photos from Marg from Daylsford give aways
- 12 Advice for NHMA meeting 10th Feb
- 13 Note that Michael O has set up email for club
- 14 NHMA Subs newsletter
- 15 Invitation Stawell Rally 16&17 March

Outwards

Note to Transport NSW to change our rep.

Moved P Newton, Sec F Wallace that correspondence be accepted. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

Nil

TREASURERS REPORT

Away.

General Business

(a) Acceptance of New Members

Nil

(b) Clearing Sales/Auctions

Nil

(c) Restoration Activities

A few club members working on Chamberlains

(d) Additional Purchases

R Bunton has secured a couple of Fordsons.

(e) Newsletter

All Good Need to get more sent out by email if possible as postage going up considerably.

(f) Wilga Road.

Working Bee this Sunday 18th.

Front fence and side enclosure fence to start.

Verandah to be marked out.

Tanks cracks in base to be looked at.

Club has acquired a cement mixer for \$50.

Seats wait till verandah done.

(g) TRACS Website

Chamberlain Rally is up.

(h) NSW Registrar

7 Renewals

(i) Vic Registrar

Lots of renewals and B Hamilton new Valiant.

(j) Future Club Events

Working Bee This Sun 18th 9,00am BBQ follow

Coomy Centenary 27th April Parade

Wentworth Junction Rally Need to be individual entries. Ok for Harry Ferguson Club to be with us.

Chamberlain Tractor muster/All Aust day 2024

Details and video is now on club site. Michael has sent details to other Chamberlain clubs.

Tractor Pull date set as Sat 12th Oct.

(k) Any Other Business

Dimasi Shed. Future of our involvement in shed discussed. Alan and Bryan will have further discussions as to what is required.

Harry Ferguson national trek will be coming through Mildura in late august. Danny will have more details next meetings.

Next Meeting 13th March at IBC

Meeting closed 8.50pm