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TRACS TORQUE

Trucks too.

March 2025

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



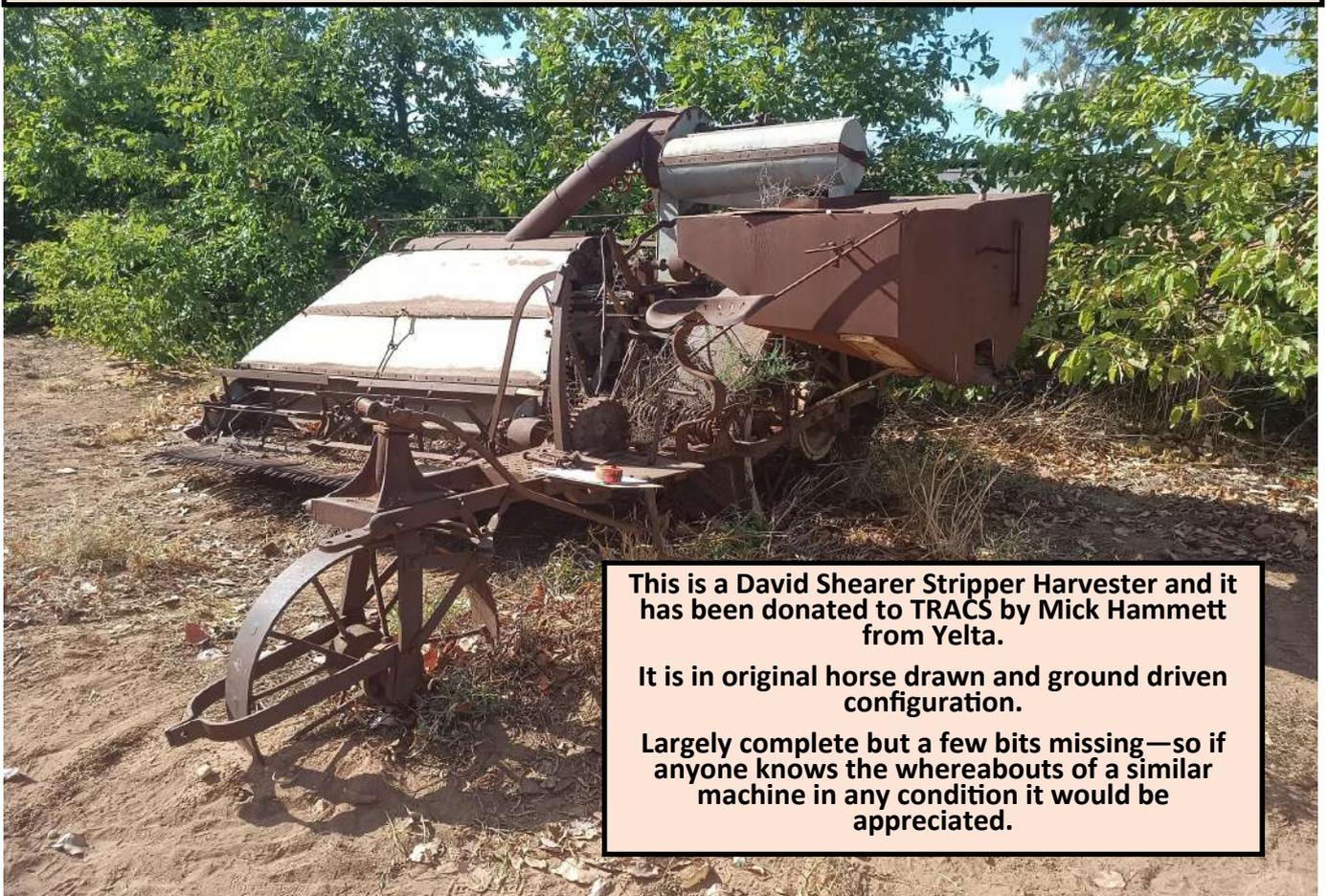
PO Box 569 Irymple 3498 www.tracsmildura.com.au 436 Wilga Road, Red Cliffs

Sunday 2nd March—Tractor Pull test afternoon at Wilga Road.

5pm start and BBQ to follow.

Bring a tractor or any other toy.

There will be several tractors for anyone to drive.



This is a David Shearer Stripper Harvester and it has been donated to TRACS by Mick Hammett from Yelta.

It is in original horse drawn and ground driven configuration.

Largely complete but a few bits missing—so if anyone knows the whereabouts of a similar machine in any condition it would be appreciated.

Next TRACS Meeting Wednesday 12th March—7.30pm at Irymple Bowling Club.

TRACS—What's On in The Next Few Months.

March 2025

- **Sunday 2nd** — Tractor Pull practice and training day at Wilga Rd. 5pm start BBQ to follow.
- **8th to 11th**—Scoresby Steamfest
- **Sunday 9th**—Clunes Historic Vehicle Show. Ph 03 5469 1239 for more info.
- **Wednesday 12th**—TRACS Meeting
- **Sat and Sun 15th and 16th**—Stawell Tractor, Engine and Hobby Rally
- **Sat and Sun 29th and 30th**—Boomeroo Steam and Traction Fowler Rally

April 2025

- **Sat and Sun 5th and 6th**—Mallee Steam, oil and Machinery Club Rally at Woorinen.
- **Wednesday 9th**—TRACS Meeting
- **Sunday 27th**—Wangaratta Historic Motor Show and Flyin—at Wangaratta Airport.
- **Sunday 27th**—Federation Scoresby Picnic

May 2025

- **Wednesday 14th**—TRACS Meeting
- **Friday and Saturday 16th and 17th**—Mildura Field Days

Ray Dickeson is after a TE20 rear
tyre 0428 241 958

June 2025

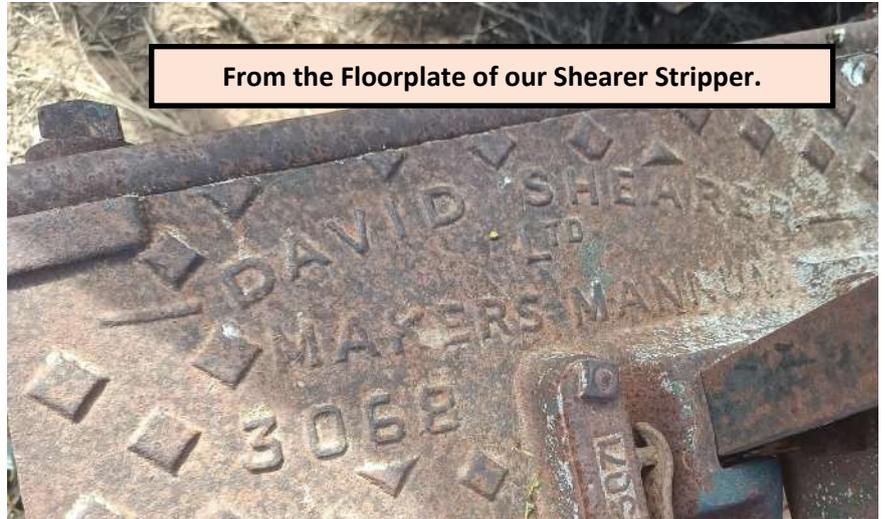
- **4th to 11th**—Tractor Trek to Belvedere
- **6th, 7th and 8th**—100 years of Caterpillar at Belvedere.
- **Wednesday 11th**—TRACS mtg.

August 2025

- **Australia Day**— date and format to be confirmed.
- **Sat and Sun 30th and 31st** — Wentworth Show

October 2025

- **Sunday 5th**—Tractor Pull at Wilga Road



From the Floorplate of our Shearer Stripper.

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At right, Max Midgeley with his 'new' Renault 4CV ready to go on to Club Plates.

Below, Bryan Hamilton is working on a restoration of one of Sunraysia Motors original Vangard Service Vans.



STAWELL TRACTOR, ENGINE & HOBBY RALLY

Vintage Tractor Pull

Lawn mower sled pull
Saturday & Sunday

15th & 16th March 2025

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

Country Music Saturday
BYO chair

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:stawellvttec@outlook.com

StawellVintageTractor&EngineClubInc

Theme is Chamberlain Ronaldson & Tippett

Organised by the Stawell Vintage Tractor & Engine Club Inc

ANNUAL VINTAGE RALLY AND TRACTOR PULL



Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th Of April 2025

Where : Woorinen South Township Recreation Reserve
Approx. 10km north/west of Swan Hill.

Admission : Adults \$10.00 Children \$5.00



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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CATERPILLAR



CAT 100

THE VINTAGE MACHINERY
SOCIETY OF SUNRAYSIA INC.

The Vintage Machinery Club of Sunraysia and
TRACS are proud to present Cat100.

100 years of Production of Caterpillar Machinery.

When—Kings birthday weekend—June 6th -9th 2025

Where—Belvedere Station—110km North of Wentworth.

Main Demonstration Day— Saturday 7th June

All old machinery welcome—and particularly Caterpillar.

The Weekend will operate under NHMA guidelines.

BBQ Lunch available for Saturday 7th—the main day.

On site camping with toilets and limited showers.

No dogs and no exceptions.

BYO food and drinks—BBQ facilities available.

Loading ramp and forklift available.

Sites for static displays—engines, vehicles, equipment of any type.

Ray Hill—Vintage Machinery Society—0418 625 238

Alan Whyte—TRACS—0428 528 136

Joe Scadding—Belvedere— 0447 271 275

Please advise attendance to Ray Hill. RSVP by 31st May.

Property Biosecurity requires Registration on arrival.

Mobile Phone Service on site. Bring a chair.



CATERPILLAR

Three TRACS members competed at Milang tractor pull on the 18/19 January in warm conditions. The track is permanent and well maintained with a few tricky soft patches to negotiate. The entries totaled 35 tractors ranging in horsepower from 10 to 80, with wheeled and crawlers in the mix. Run over two days and two pulls each driver the distance for the four pulls are added together then divided by four to give an average total. Our three competitors were Robert Pech, Leon Wittwer and new member Melodee Keays. Robert drove his E27N Perkins Fordson for an average of 97 m. beating old rival Rex Neville by .5 of a metre! Robert also entered his International A414, average 79.25 m. Leon entered his Nuffield 342 with two extra drivers, new member Melodee, who only had 15 mins practice on Friday afternoon in the car park! The third driver Sally Sharland (Yorke Peninsula) has driven the Nuffield previously. The results for "Team Pink" are as follows Sally. 63.5 m Leon. 61 m Melodee 60.5 m. The war goes on at Price Y.P. first weekend in August. Leon Wittwer



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Price Tractor Pull

2nd & 3rd August 2025

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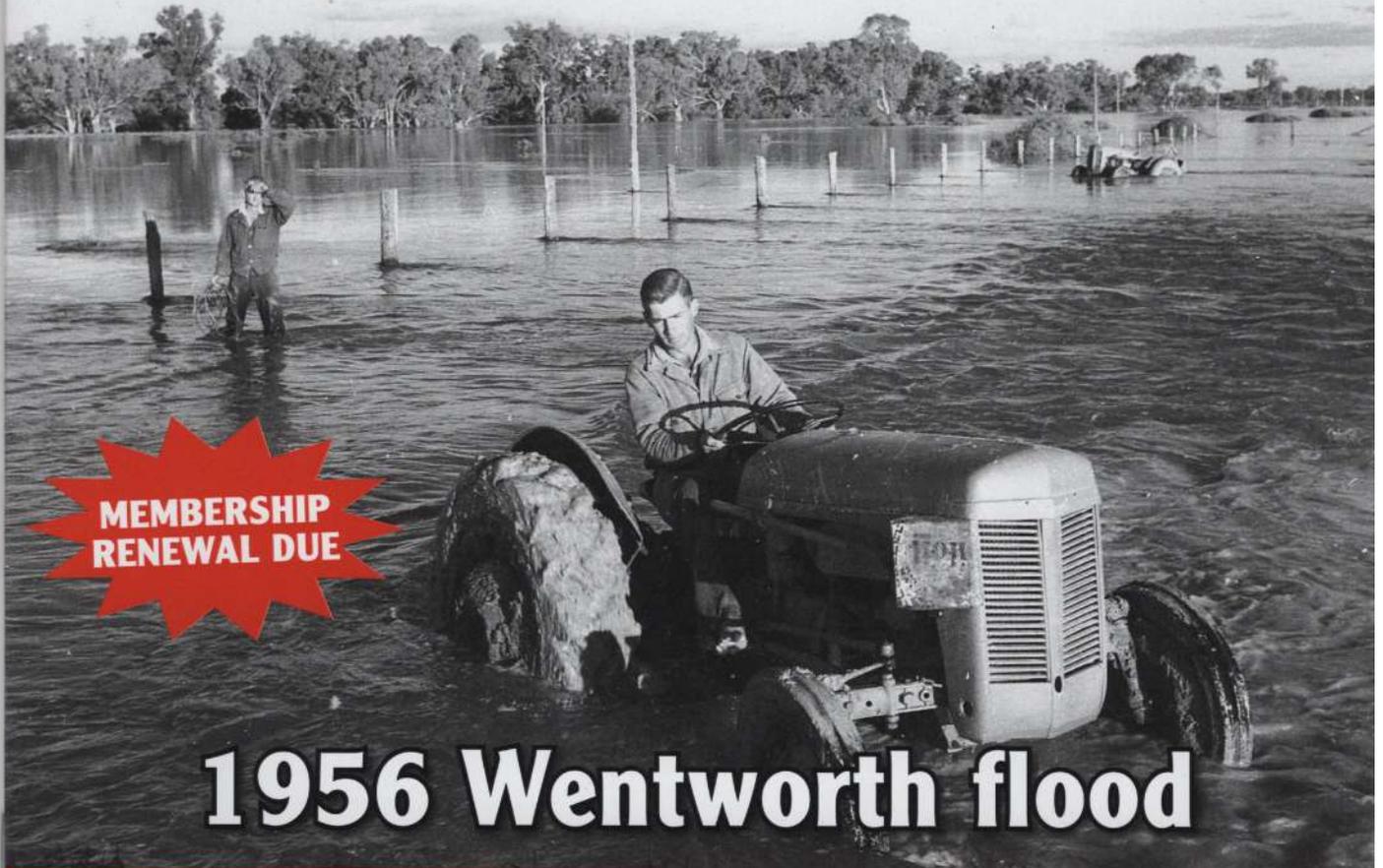
FERGUSY TALK



The Official Journal of the Harry Ferguson Tractor Club of Australia Inc.

February 2025. Edition 108

PAT WHYTE STORY



**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL DUE**

1956 Wentworth flood

This is from the cover of the latest Harry Ferguson Tractor Club Magazine. It follows from their trip along the River last year.

After the '56 flood, Sunraysia Motors ran a competition for the best Ferguson Flood Photo—and this is the winning entry. It went on to feature in Ferguson advertisements as shown on the next page.

Coincidentally, Wentworth Council have commenced the planning for the 70th Anniversary of the flood to be held next year.



Oldsmith Rally

pg 12



Wangaratta Show

pg 14

Ferguson -- Ferguson

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Miss Pat Whyte,
Box 40,
WENTWORTH, N.S.W.

15th November, 1956.

Dear Madam,

We thank you for your entry to our recent Photo Competition. It gives us great pleasure to enclose our cheque of £10.0.0. for your outstanding photo.

The response to this Competition was very pleasing, but both we and our Judges had no hesitation in proclaiming your entry the winner, and were unanimous regarding the merits of your photography.

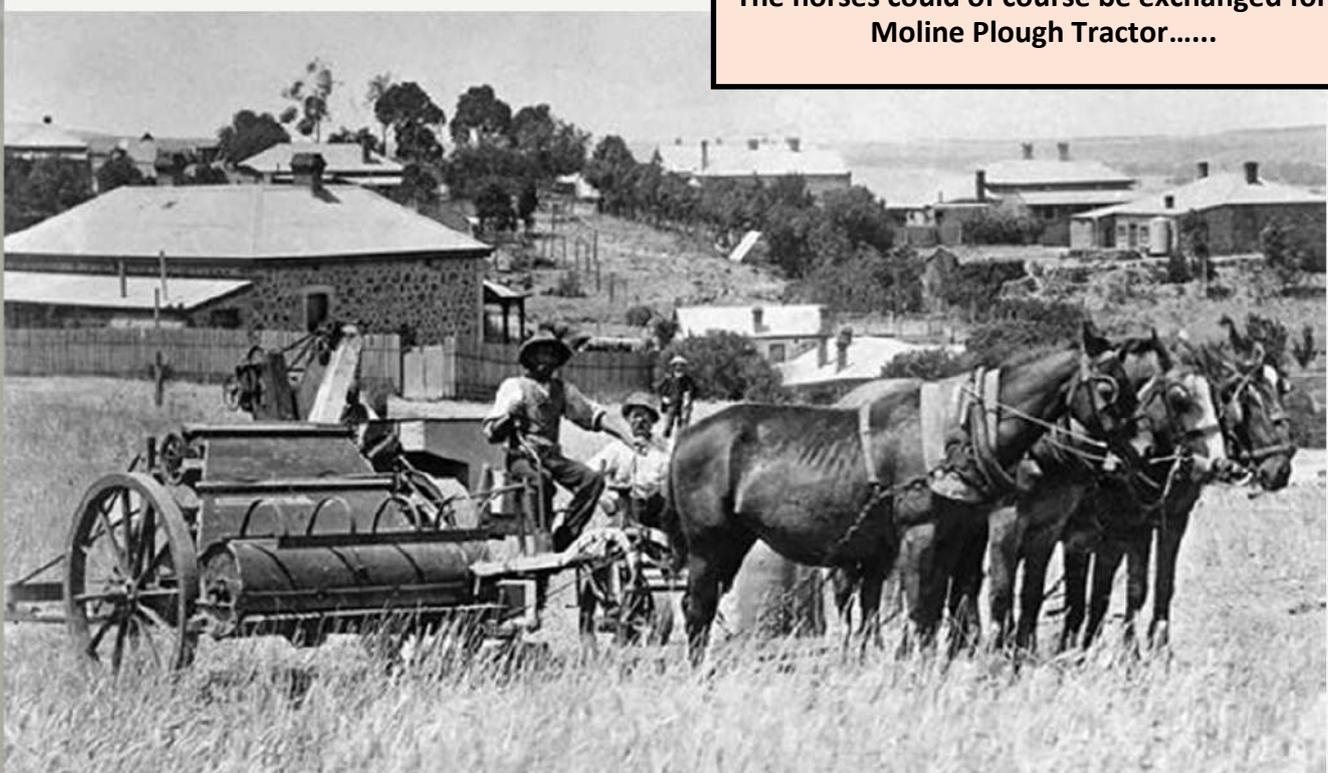
Once again many thanks.

Yours faithfully,
Sunraysia Motor & Tractor Service.

S. C. Mills
S. C. Mills.

The photo below has come from the latest TOMM Magazine. It shows a machine very similar to the one donated to TRACS.

The horses could of course be exchanged for a Moline Plough Tractor.....



State Library of South Australia photograph B35208, c.1910, shows an early David Shearer harvester in Mannum being pulled by a team of four horses. Copyright expired. Was this an early harvester under test?

TRACTOR RESTORATION & APPRECIATION CLUB SUNRAYSLIA

Inc # A0038764N

Minutes of Meeting 12th February 2025 at IBC

MEETING OPENED: 7.30pm

APOLOGIES:

Apologies as per attendance sheet.

PRESENT:

As per attendance sheet.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Taken as read and correct
Moved : B Lampard : Sec E Borchard Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

- 1 Lower Murray Water Account.
- 2 NHMA—Jnr Membership requirements for Tractor Pull participation.
- 3 Wentworth Shire Council 2026 Event Planning, calling for volunteers from TRACS.
- 4 NHMA—Re Belvedere, Non club member participation.
- 5 Mildura Field Day prospectus.
- 6 Stawell Tractor , Engine Hobby Rally.
- 7 Mallee Steam, Oil & Machinery Club, Tractor Pull.
- 8 Deniliquin Collectors Club.
- 9 Quambatook Heritage Working Machinery Assn
- 10 Hit "N" Miss. Newsletter.
- 11 The Monitor Newsletter.
- 12 Philmac 2025 Aust Working Dog Calendar.

Outwards Nil

Moved, M Green Sec, J Porker, that correspondence be accepted. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

Nil

TREASURERS REPORT

Presented, as per submitted balance sheet.

Moved, Michael O'Callaghan, Sec, P Moser. Carried.

General Bussiness

(A) Acceptance of New Members

Kathy Judd

(b) Clearing Sales/Auctions

Nil

(c) Restoration Activities

Nil

(d) Additional Purchases

Renault CV4

(e) Newsletter

All Good

(f) Wilga Road.

All Good.

The club is seeking donations of suitable building materials, to erect "hay type" skillion roofed sheds

(g) TRACS Website

OK

(h) NSW Registrar

A Whyte advised the difference between the NSW and Vic rego schemes in regards to the annual renewal process.

A McKenzie, (Tracs NSW Registrar) spoke of the potential liabilities and a possible conflict of interest, pertaining to his existing business and the roll of NSW Registrar, in relation to issuing annual NSW Safety Inspections and club inspections.

M Green moved a motion that, "All NSW Club Rego Renewals for Motor Car, Motor Cycle, Trucks and Trailers" be accompanied by an independently supplied, (i.e. an authorised person , other than A McKenzie) NSW Safety Inspection Form."

Motion Seconded by J Porker. Motion carried.

(i) Vic Registrar

Lots of renewals

(j) Future Club Events

100 Years of Caterpillar Day at Belvedere
Long weekend June 2025.

A Whyte briefed the meeting regarding what to expect over the weekend and the conditions of entry to this invitation only event.

Jointly run by Sunraysia Vintage Machinery and TRACS. Not open to general public. (invitation only) Will be a tractor trek up there.

Training Day for tractor pulling

Sun 2nd March 5.00pm, followed by sausage sizzle.

(k) Any Other Business

A Whyte spoke about the Wentworth Shire request for volunteers to help organise the event in 2026.

Volunteers are, A Whyte, M Keys, M Green, B Hamilton, A McKenzie.

A Whyte, advised the meeting, of the response from the NHMA for the participation of JNR'S in the tractor pulling events.

A motion was proposed that " TRACS adopt the rules and guidelines as supplied from the NHMA website." Moved A McKenzie, Sec P Moser.

Carried.

Mildura Field Day.

Site to be booked.

A Whyte, advised that the club has accepted the donation of a new (old) stripper.

Next Meeting 12th March at IBC

Meeting closed 8.55pm