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# TRACS TORQUE

Trucks too.

MAY 2023.

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



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**APRIL MEETING and BBQ** was held at the Irymple Bowling Club Rooms, the cooks were on the job early preparing the meal for members. Approx 22 members attended the bbq, thank you Phil, Max and others that assisted with the event very well done.

30 members were at the meeting topics for the evening were, news letter and electronic mail out to reduce hard copy production. Setting proposal for membership fees, completed work and proposed work at Wilga Rd, SA convoy run for tractors and trucks, Chamberlain event proposal for 2024.

## **NEXT MEETING 10th MAY 7:30pm Irymple Bowling Club Rooms.**

Update on proposed/completed activities since last meeting.

Planning for May, Mildura field day, Wilga Rd.

As you can see things are happening to keep up to date come to the meeting and be able to inform other members who can not attend.

## **ANNUAL SUBS. Early payment makes the job easier for the Treasurer.**

We have decided to set subscriptions to \$65 full membership.

The second member of same family \$50 juniors \$40, membership with NHMA insurance already paid at other club \$45.

This will be ratified at our next AGM.

The subscriptions can be paid at any time either by direct deposit ( liase with Michael if unsure ) or send in post to TRACS, PO BOX 569 Irymple 3498 , or

Go to Bendigo Bank and direct credit to the account name T R A C S. BSB 633000 account number 109631358 the appropriate amount of \$65, \$50, \$45 or \$40 and your name, so Michael knows who paid.

If you pay direct to Bendigo no fee, if through a bank other than Bendigo there will be a bank fee.

Members with club permit registered vehicles must be financial for vehicle permits to be valid, failure to comply can have serious results for our club and fellow members.

As discussed at the last meeting, we have the option of emailing the newsletter. Please let Phil know if you would prefer this.  
And thanks to Frank and Liz Wallace and Ian Hincks for their reports in this newsletter.

## WHATS ON (TRACS PROGRAM ) 2023.

75 years Chamberlain include in 2024 ALL AUSTRALIAN DAY.  
Coomo Centenary Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th April 2024.

May 6th -7th Lake Goldsmith Steam and Vintage Rally.

MAY 10th 7:30 pm monthly meeting Irymple Bowling Club.

May 19th -20th Mildura Field Day.

May 20th -21st Hamilton Pastoral Museum Rally Celebrating 100 years of Howard Auto-cultivators  
Hamilton Vic contact Glen 0409258135.

May 20th - 21st Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally Heyfield Vic.

May 27t -28th Winton 46th Historic Anniversary Display Winton Motor Raceway Austin 7 Car Club,  
contact organisers by email: [displays@historicwinton.org](mailto:displays@historicwinton.org).

June 10th -11th Echuca Rally.

June 10th - 11th HD/HR Holden National @ Benalla.

JUNE 9th -12th Hamilton and District Vetran Vintage Classic Drivers Club contact Pam 0419145452  
[handdvvcdc@gmail.com](mailto:handdvvcdc@gmail.com)

JUNE 14th 7:30 pm monthly meeting Irymple Bowling Club.

JULY 8th and 9th 2023 Wentworth Junction Rally **CANCELLED**.

JULY 12th 7:30 pm monthly meeting Irymple Bowling Club.

AUGUST 9th 7:30 pm monthly meeting Irymple Bowling Club.

AUGUST 13th Sunday "All Australia Day" Feature stationary engines and Howard's all types.

August 28th-27th Wentworth Show.

August 27th- 1st September FEDERATION OPEN TOUR Marong/Shepparton 6 days/nights [www.federation.com.au](http://www.federation.com.au)

August 29th Federation Northern Tour.

SEPTEMBER 13th 7:30 pm monthly meeting Irymple Bowling Club.

OCTOBER 7th Saturday TRACS Tractor Pull and Truck Show.

OCTOBER 11th 7:30 pm monthly meeting Irymple Bowling Club.

NOVEMBER 8th 7:30 pm monthly meeting Irymple Bowling Club.

November 11th Bendigo swap meet.

DECEMBER 13th 7:30 pm monthly meeting Irymple Bowling Club.

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.

Work has commenced on the shed—with the pipework installed prior to the work on levelling and compacting the shed floor.

It is appropriate to specifically thank Phil Muir for using his digger for the trenching and John Ablett for identifying column locations. And, also, thanks to the many other members of TRACS who assisted on the day. It was a good rollup and is much appreciated.

The next stage with the floor base will be done by Richardson's grader and roller—so thanks in advance.

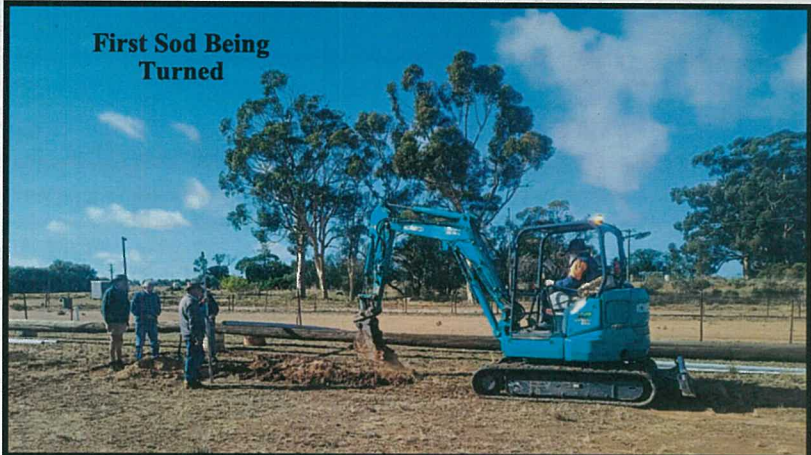
Dave Beard and Danny Lee have been simplifying the fencing and this too is appreciated.

There is a lot more work to be done over the coming months.

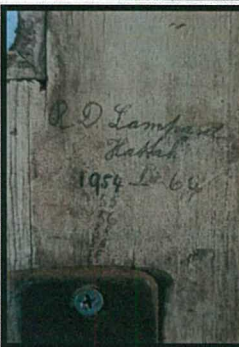
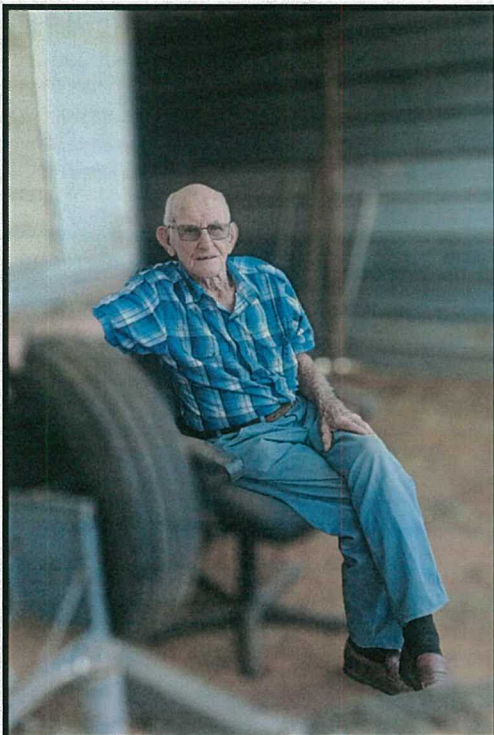
Contributions from TRACS members will mean we will get a good setup for a lot less money than using contractors.

## Works at Wilga Road

**First Sod Being Turned**



## The Bob Lampard Trek— 24th to 27th March 2023



Bob shore at the Brightons Tank Woolshed from when it was built in 1954 through until 1964. The note above he wrote on the back of the door next to the pen where he was shearing. He had the same pen every year.

Real history in pencil on the back of a door.

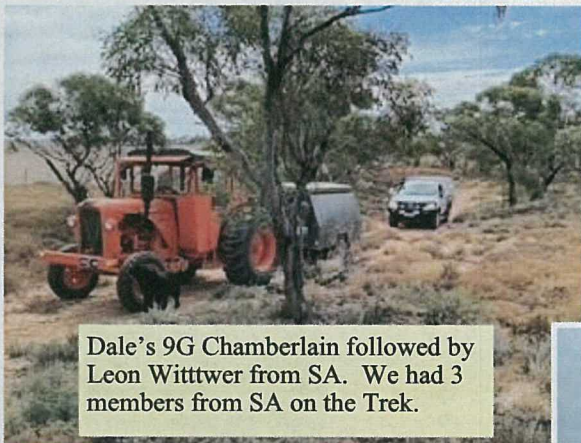
After being delayed by wet weather twice and once by a heatwave, Bob's trek finally happened.

We travelled from Wilga Rd to Bob's property at Carwarp on Friday and then through to Kiamal for the Saturday night.

Thanks to Trevor and Neth Dobbin for an excellent lunch on Sunday and Mansell's for putting us up on Sunday night.

Bob's family originally settled near Kiamal and then later moved to Trinita. Their house at Trinita was moved when his parents started the Hattah Store. Later on, Bob acquired his current land at Carwarp. For most of his working life he was shearing as well as farming.

A good trek enjoyed by all.



Dale's 9G Chamberlain followed by Leon Wittwer from SA. We had 3 members from SA on the Trek.



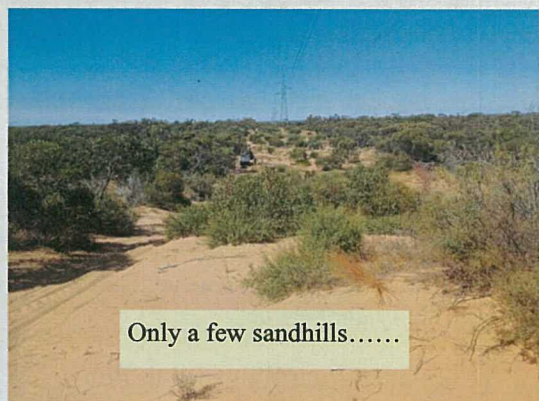
Ken's 'Baby Blitz'



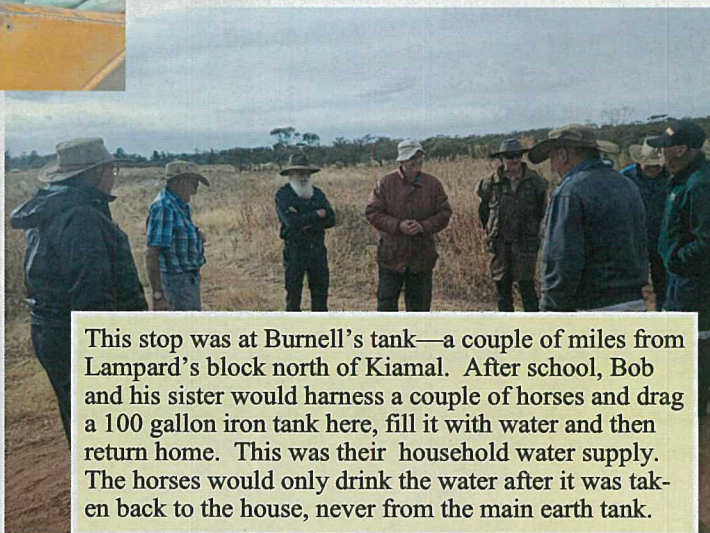
Kel . P enjoys his treks.



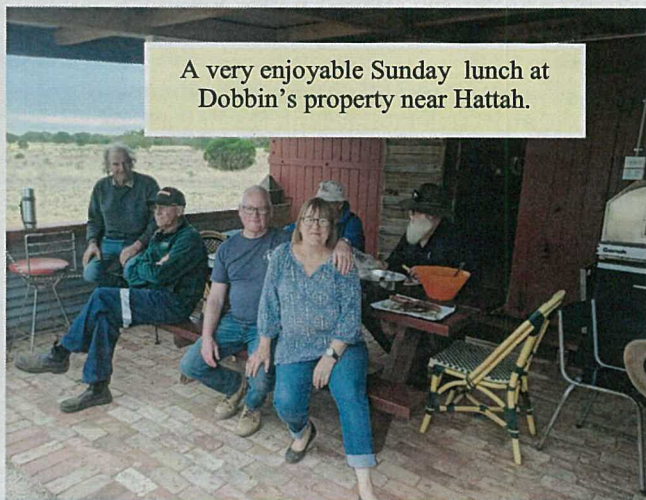
Lunch stop at Hattah.



Only a few sandhills.....



This stop was at Burnell's tank—a couple of miles from Lampard's block north of Kiamal. After school, Bob and his sister would harness a couple of horses and drag a 100 gallon iron tank here, fill it with water and then return home. This was their household water supply. The horses would only drink the water after it was taken back to the house, never from the main earth tank.



A very enjoyable Sunday lunch at Dobbins' property near Hattah.





## Port Pirie, 'Stories of the Road Museum' – 30 March – 2 April 2023

Frank & I set off from Mildura at 8.30 am on Thursday with Phil Muir, & Gail & Peter Bullock. 80 kl was the set pace! After stopping to stock up with fruit at Renmark Gail had put her phone on the mudguard, which eventually fell off just out of Renmark. After turning back some, caravan people had seen it & told them where it was (still going with a broken face). We then ran out of fuel in our front tank & had another stop to change over! Arriving at Burra about 3pm for a stopover at oval.

**Friday** - Off the next morning with Phil leading - after his GPS took us around the block we eventually got on the main road. Excited about having M.T. at the Chrystal Brook Bakery Phil again took a left turn instead of right!! Relegated to the back. Peter's turn to lead & we arrived at the Port Pire at midday. Great sites with Port & sea views. At 2pm we registered at the 'Stories from the Road Museum' & had a look around. Dinner of local fish & chips back at the C.P.

**Saturday** – Back to the Museum for the Inductions at 11 am; parked our trucks in for show. Viewed a great collection of vehicles & memorabilia. Lovely Lunch & dinner of B.B.Q., casseroles, sweets, etc, also morning & afternoon tea at Museum. Frank, Phil & Peter catching up with old friends & trucking enthusiasts. Gail & I had a ride around town in a T model 1928 Ford called "Droving & Mustering Contractors".

**Sunday** – Breakfast & dinner at Museum today. At 9.30 we participated in the parade down the main street, also a drive out to Weeroona Island; lovely views towards Port Pirie. A drone recorded this trek. PM we went to the R.S.L. Museum & drove around town. Farewell dinner at 5.30 pm with more amazing food!!!  
**Monday** – We left at 9.30, stopping at Burra for lunch (some had pies!!). Arriving home at around 6pm after a great weekend with lovely weather.



## WARRACKNABEAL 54th MACHINERY EASTER RALLY 2023

The weather was a little unfair during the w/e. The night we arrived it rained and RAINED !!! heavily, but no worries -the ground was that dry that next morning, there were very few puddles in the camping area; and the southerly wind was not lazy, for it went right thru' you. It was pretty cool for most of the weekend.

Many areas were prepared and tractors and many examples of machinery were displayed already. This pic. shows one side of a square around which many tractors were displayed, and there were many more about the museum area.



And, no matter where you go, Fergies rock up !!



With A.H. McDonald machine products being featured there were examples everywhere, tractors, stationary engines and even a picture of 'Big Lizzie', as part of the machine's construction was done at the McDonald factory in Richmond, Victoria.



There was also a display of A.H. McDonald memorabilia in the foyer area of the museum, and there were many other interesting items about agriculture, and agricultural machinery in the museum.

Following the Saturday morning street parade thru' Warracknabeal, there were



many opportunities to look around the many exhibits, scattered about the area and on both days, there were displays and demonstrations of, eg, chaff cutting, baling, shearing, blacksmithing. Also present was an axe handle making lathe.

On the Saturday there was the twilight tractor pull. but it was very chilly.

On Sunday p.m. there was music which featured the Royce Trio.

Another feature was a mobile zoo with lizards, snakes, a wombat, cockies and even a dingo and the kids showed a great interest in the animals, and in some cases they were allowed to pat them.



We enjoyed the weekend activities.



**BBQ held prior to meeting**  
**MEETING OPENED: 7.30pm**

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Taken as read and correct Moved : T McGaichie, Sec K Forster Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Outwards**

1 Application to Field days

**Inwards**

- 1 HCVC March Monitor
- 2 Invoice from Hatch Planning \$1816.20
- 3 Federation entry forms for NW tour
- 4 NSW HMA Meeting advice
- 5 Echuca swap meet advice for 22/4
- 6 Notice NHMA AGM 14th april
- 7 1 x NHMA card
- 8 Deniliquin Collectors Club March News
- 9 Trafalga Collectors Club March Newsletter
- 10 Advice NHMA Trek 2025 QLD
- 11 Advice NHMA Trek 2024 no date.
- 12 List of books for sale from Westprint
- 13 2 names for Newsletter by email

Moved P Newton, Sec M Hunt that correspondence be accepted. Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

Nil

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Tabled for March

Receipts 267.00

Expenses 7574.00

Moved M O'Callaghan that report be accepted

Sec M Midgley Carried

Next years subs discussed in length.

Subs set at \$65.00

Moved M O'Callaghan, Sec R Mansell Carried,

**General Business**

**(a) Acceptance of New Members**

Nil

**(b) Clearing Sales**

Nil

**(c) Restoration Activities**

P Muir working on his 32 Commer

**(d) Additional Purchases**

D Munro has picked up Fordson back end found during the last trek.

**(e) Newsletter Co-ordinator**

All Good Thanks to Alan Whyte for compiling.

**(f) Wilga Road.**

Thanks to everyone for helping at last Work Bee Hut has been demolished and stone into ramp. Shed location has been pegged.

Danny & Dave doing preliminary fence planning. David Beard looking for 600mm auger.

Danny suggested we should look at revamping fence between track and spectators for extra safety.

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**Next Working Bee** this Sun 16th 8.30 am. Will

try

and get pipe work in ground prior to shed base.

**(g) TRACS Website**

Up to date

**(h) NSW Registrar**

Nil

**(i) Vic Registrar**

Lots of renewals

**(j) Future Club Events**

**Tractor / Truck Trek** Tractors leaving Merinee/Benetook 9.00am Apr 28th. Down through Sunset via Murrayville to Pinnaroo by Sat night. Then to Loxton and home via Werrimul

Monday 1st. Trucks leaving Red Cliffs Sat 29th, travel to Pinnaroo and meet Tractors. Then home via Loxton and Werrimul Sunday

30th

**Mildura Field Days 19-20/5/23,**

Application to attend sent.

**All Australian Day 13/8/23.**

Aust Stationary Engines and Howard Tractors

**Tractor Pull /Truck show 7/10/23,**

**Chamberlain Tractor muster/All Aust day**

2024

Date set as 8th to 11th Aug 2024.

**Other Business**

Tractor Trek held 24th March. Thanks to Bob L

for

tour, Trevor D for BBQ Sun and Robert M for campsite Sun Night. A great trek.

**Next Meeting Wed 10th May 7.30 at IBC**  
**Meeting Closed 8.30pm**