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TRACS TORQUE

Trucks too.

May 2025

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



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

**Next meeting Wednesday 14th May,
7.30pm, at Irymple Bowling Club.**



**Cooper has a new (to him) toy.
A 1925 Chevrolet, one of Bob
Fox's restorations, is back on
the road. Congratulations.**

Annual TRACS Subscriptions are Now Due.

These will remain at \$70

A member who has NHMA equivalent insurance elsewhere is \$55 (but you must detail the alternative coverage), membership within the same family at the same address \$50 and Junior Membership at \$45

The preferred method of payment is by depositing cash or cheque at any Bendigo Bank Branch or by electronic transfer to the TRACS Bank Account—**INCLUDE YOUR NAME AS THE TRANSFER REFERENCE.**

TRACS Bank Account is with the Bendigo Bank—BSB 633 000 and Account number 1096 31358

Alternatively, payment can be by cheque to PO Box 569 Irymple 3498—or by cash at a meeting.

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

April 2025

- **Sunday 27th**—Wangaratta Historic Motor Show and Flyin—at Wangaratta Airport.
- **Sunday 27th**—Federation Scoresby Picnic
- **Sat and Sun 26th and 27th**—Lockington Vintage Rally—Ronaldson & Tippett feature

May 2025

- **Saturday and Sunday—3rd and 4th**—Lake Goldsmith Steam and Vintage Rally
- **Wednesday 14th**—TRACS Meeting
- **Friday and Saturday 16th and 17th**—Mildura Field Days
- **Weekend 23rd, 24th 25th**—100 years of caterpillar at Hartley SA
- **Sunday 25th**—Likely Sled Practice day at Wilga Road.

June 2025

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

August 2025

- **Wednesday 13th**—TRACS Meeting.
- **Sunday 24th**—Australia day—with a focus on things built in the 50's and 60's.
- **Sat and Sun 30th and 31st** —Wentworth Show

September 2025

- **4th, 5th and 6th September**—NHMA National Tractor Convention at Gulgong Show-ground.

October 2025

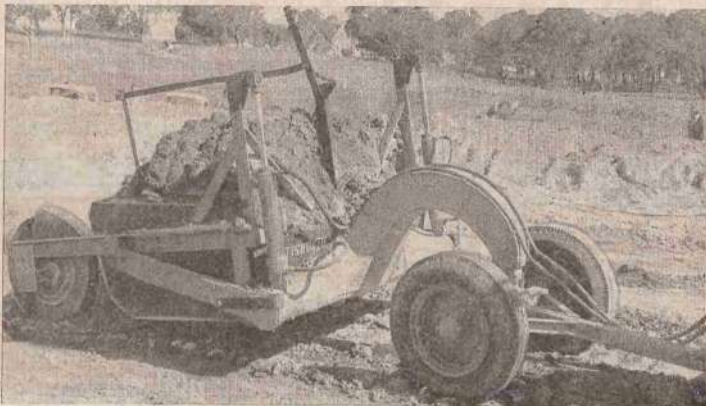
- **Sunday 5th**—Tractor Pull at Wilga Road

November 2025

- **Sunday 9th**—Merbein Motor Show

BUTTSWORTH

The SCRAPER of Tomorrow



Pictured above is the model "A" 3½-4½ yard hydraulic scraper which won the third award of merit for a Buttsworth implement at the recent Orange Field Days.

The Buttsworth model "A" scoop features easy draft, easily regulated depth of cut and high clearance for the better negotiation of tank batters. All of its movements are controlled by the tractor driver, and operations can therefore be continuous.

Other Buttsworth scoops are available in sizes from ½ yard to 2 yards and are suitable for tractors fitted with either 3-point linkage or remote controlled hydraulics. There is also a range of Buttsworth silt scoops in sizes of 20 cub. ft., 35 cub. ft., and 45 cub. ft.

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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.

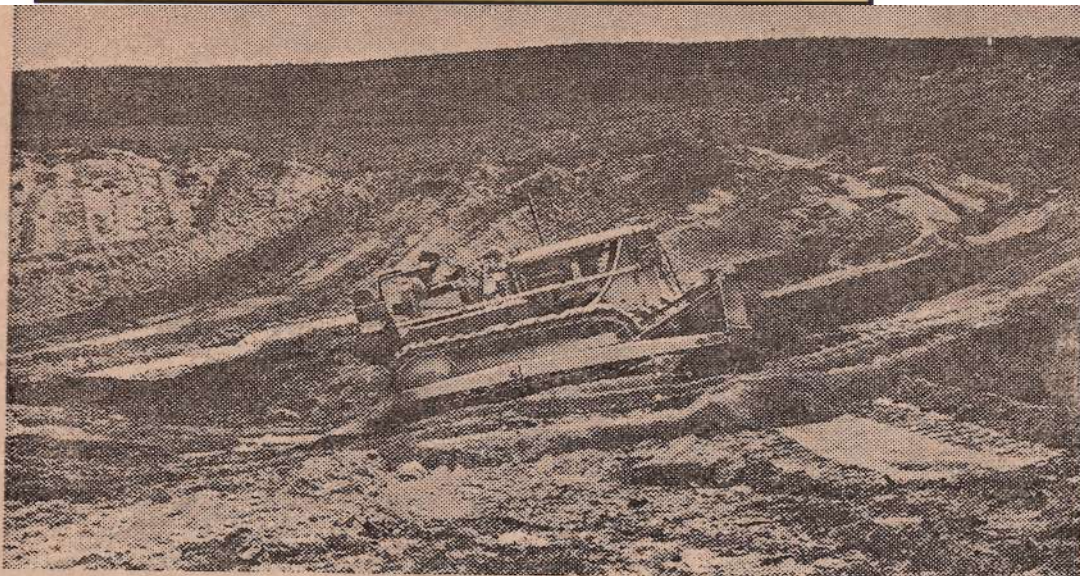


Illustration shows a "Caterpillar" D7 equipped with a "Steelweld" 7S Bulldozer completing a stock pond. This outfit completed the job in 7 working hours, shifting 1,000 cubic yards of earth.

CATERPILLAR DIESEL POWER

TRACS PRESENTS

CARS
MOTORBIKES
TRUCKS
TRACTORS
MACHINERY



MOWERS
CHAINSaws
ENGINES
TOOLS
HOMEWARES

SUNDAY 24th AUGUST
436 WILGA ROAD RED CLIFFS



Our Australia Day program is being put together as per the flyer above. Thanks to the group who are organizing this.

The focus will be gear from the 50's and 60's.

The Mildura Field days are on again—the 16th and 17th of May.

TRACS will have a display and our focus this year will be encouraging Junior Drivers to become involved in our Tractor Pull. The minimum age is 10.

Murray is putting together a safety policy which will involve safety instructions, operating protocols etc. and we intend to have a training and practice day on Sunday 25th of May at Wilga Road.

We need to be able to show that all drivers have the ability to be involved in a safe manner.

So, to all TRACS members, tap any potential drivers on the shoulder and get them involved.

mildura
field days

Friday 16th May 9am - 5pm
Saturday 17th May 9am - 4pm
Mildura Racecourse,
53 Racecourse Road,
Nichols Point
www.mildurafielddays.com.au

water agriculture transport machinery resources

Our recent shed crawl was, as always, an interesting day. Thanks to Ray Carter, Bob Lampard and Phil Muir for allowing us to crawl over their collections.



**At top, Ray Carter amongst his collection of projects—and good to see Ken back on deck.
Above, Bob Lampard's IH 190 truck**





At top, operating instructions for one of our newer members on Bob's D7.

Below, the starting of Bob's big McDonald. As per normal, the more people watching, the more likely it will give trouble.

At left—centre and below—Phil Muir with one of his more interesting toys. Triple SU's were not standard fitment on a grey motor. Phil assures us it performs quite nicely.

At bottom right, a proud new custodian of one of Bob Fox's earlier restorations.

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1. THE FAMOUS FORDSON MAJOR KEROSENE-FUELLED TRACTOR

Positively the lowest-priced tractor per h.p. rating. Delivers more power per gallon of kerosene, due to 5 exclusive design features. 3-Way Power (drawbar, belt or power-take-off) supplies mobile power for every job on the farm.

2. THE MAJOR "ROW - CROP" MODEL.

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3. THE (D-G) ROADLESS $\frac{1}{2}$ TRACK KEROSENE or DIESEL TRACTOR

The interlocked track links form on the ground a rigid, curved track like a section of a wheel 20 ft. in diameter—giving increased ground adhesion, cutting rolling resistance and lowering fuel consumption. Ideal for hillsides, sugar cane areas and heavy, wet soil.

4. THE NEW B-I-G DIESEL-POWERED FORDSON

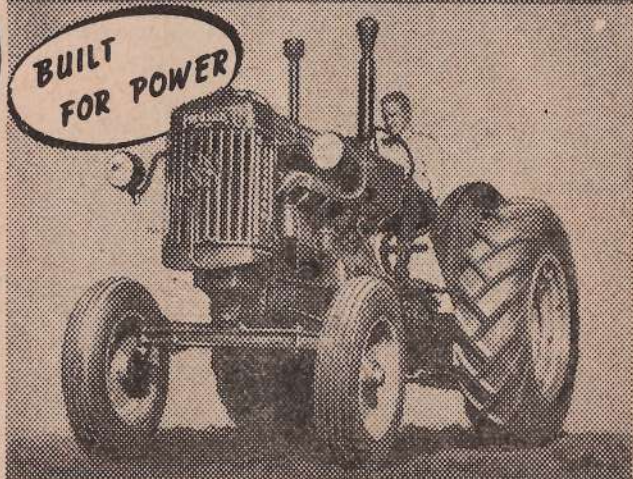
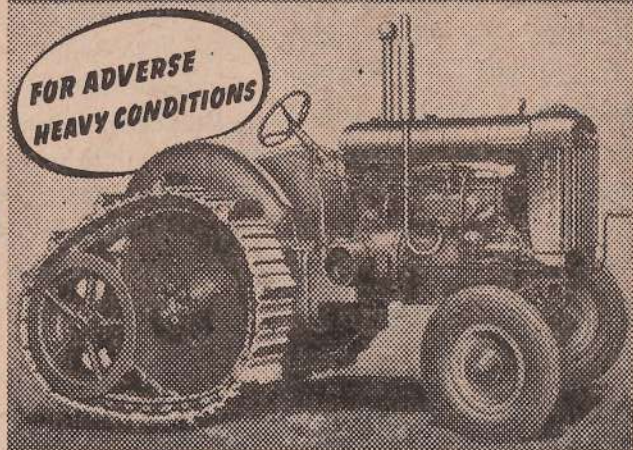
AVAILABLE IN TWO GEAR RATIOS

THE SPECIAL RATIO for soil conditions where tough going and the implements used demand increased pounds pull at the drawbar.

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SPECIAL RATIO		STANDARD RATIO		
Drawbar pull lbs.	M.P.H.	Drawbar HP	Drawbar pull lbs.	M.P.H.
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				28.3



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TRACTOR RESTORATION & APPRECIATION CLUB SUNRAYSIA

Minutes of Meeting - 09/04/2025 at IBC

Meeting Opened: 7.30 pm

Apologies: R Blanch, G Chislett, B Clark, A Creighton, L Cricelli, P Crisp, J Droffelaar, D Gordon, D Lee, J Lindsay, E McGauchie, M McGauchie, A McKenzie, R Stone, L Wittwer, B Hamilton.

Present: A Whyte, M Green, M O'Callaghan, D Arnold, D Beard, G Benson, E Borchard, N Boyd, R Bunton, K Forster, B Forster, L Grivec, A Haw, P Hodgson, P Johnson, S Johnston, M Keays, B Lampard, G Lane, R Mansell, A McGauchie, T McGauchie, B McNabb, M Midgley, T Monson, D Munro, P Newton, D O'Toole, L O'Connor, L Poole, J Porker, B Stirrit, F Wallace,

Previous Minutes: Taken as read

Moved that previous Minutes be accepted: Moved: A McGauchie Seconded: T Monson Carried

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence Inwards:

Denilquin Collectors Club
Australian Post PO Box Renewal.
NSW Historic Motoring Association Bulletin 2025/02
Wentworth Flood Rally, Minutes of Meeting
Mildura Field Days Invoice (nil balance)
The Monitor HCVCA
Trafalgar Truck Restorers Club
Australian Post Tax invoice (newsletter postage)
Office Works invoice (printing supplies)

Correspondence Outwards: Nil

Moved that correspondence be accepted: M Green Seconded: P Newton Carried

Treasurers Report: Submitted.

Moved that Treasurers report be accepted: M O'Callaghan, Seconded G Lane, Passed.

M O'Callaghan moved a motion that "Membership fees remain the same as the last year."

Year 25/26, Full membership \$70.00. Family Membership at same address \$50.00. Jnr Membership \$45.00.

Seconded P Newton. Passed.

General Business:

Acceptance of New Members: Nil
Clearing Sales/Auctions: K Creighton reported on contents of Nandaly Auction.
Restoration Activities: Nil
Additional Purchases: Cooper Richardson, 24 Chev, (now on club plates.)
Newsletter: All good
Wilga Road, No pending works.
TRACS Website: Up to date
NSW Registrar: Nil
VIC Registrar: Lots of renewals.
Future Club Events

June 2025 Kings Birthday Weekend - 100 Years of Caterpillar at Belvedere – update provided by A Whyte.
Tractor pull training day 25th May 1pm.
Mildura Field days 16th – 17th May.
Australian made day. Wilga Road. 24th August.
Wentworth Flood Rally, 5th – 7th June 2026.

Any Other Business

A Whyte spoke about the issues of our current newsletter printer, a UPS is to be purchased to rectify the existing problem of the printer not retaining it's settings if the power is lost..
Still looking for shed materials.
A Whyte spoke about Wentworth Flood Rally 2026 – acknowledging 1956 Floods – show is scheduled for 5th – 7th June 2026, copy of first coordination meeting minutes supplied, detailing the show format.
M Keays provided update regarding first subcommittee meeting for the "Australian made day" to be held at Wilga Road 24th Aug, focus will be on the 60's and 70's. Admission will be \$10.00pp or \$20.00 per family.
A Whyte confirmed the clubs' intentions for the Mildura Field Days.
D Beard has donated a horse drawn 10 plate disc setup to the club for display at Wilga Road.
There was a point raised by M Keays for the need for "Working with Children check", for the JNR section of the tractor pull, because of a general discussion, M Green will check the requirements and report back.

Next Meeting: 14th May 2025

Meeting Closed: 8.30 pm