

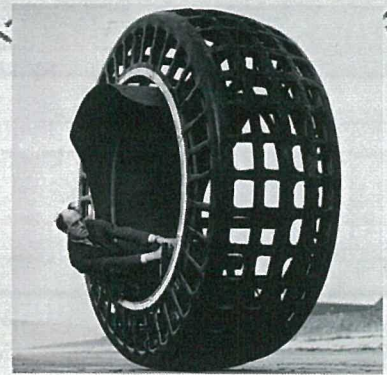
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# TRACS TORQUE

Trucks too.

November 2022

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



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**OCTOBER MEETING** was Held at the Irymple Bowling Club Rooms 7:30pm on 12th, 28 members attended.

Many items discussed :- Wilga Rd working committee some volunteered some nominated. because we need their expertise.

Tractor pull Truck Show for 2023 will be the long weekend, 1st week end .. 7th October (original day).

Dale Munro was getting his crop binder out next week end if any one was interested.

Christmas BBQ see note.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY EVENING 7:30pm 9th November 2022.**

Irymple Bowling Club Rooms.

( Please keep in contact with fellow members it is easy to forget meetings and events and a gentle reminder will help keep numbers up and avoid dissapointment ).

De Fibrulator training prior to Meeting.

Details of car trial explained at the meeting ( it's on Saturday 12th November ).

**CHRISTMAS BBQ GATHERING Wilga Rd.**

Sunday 27th November play 4:00pm meal 6:30pm.

If you want to play come earlier, bring a toy.

Arrangements :- \$10 for meat, which also covers bread/rolls pineapple slices, baby beets tea or coffee etc. (increase in price to cover inflation)

Bring a salad/sweets/nibbles to share.

BYO drinks.

Enjoy good company and conversation.

The Ivanhoe Truck and Tractor Show 2022





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## TRACS PROGRAM 2022.

De Fibrulator training prior to November meeting.  
Trip Nulawil Pioneer Museum date to be set.  
South Australia Convoy Run on agenda for future planning.  
Bob's tour through northern Mallee had to be postponed due to the rain causing roads to be closed, decide on a date next Meeting.

NOVEMBER 1st Tuesday Ouyen Farmers Festival.  
NOVEMBER 5th and 6th Power of the Past Mount Barker SA.  
NOVEMBER 9th 7:30 pm monthly meeting Irymple Bowling Club.  
NOVEMBER 12th Car Trial (2nd Saturday).  
NOVEMBER 12th and 13th Bendigo National Swap Meet.  
NOVEMBER 19th 8:00am Saturday working BEE Wilga Rd.  
NOVEMBER 20th Sunday Motor Show Merbein South Hall.  
NOVEMBER 20th Hobsom Bay Classic Car / Bike Show Altona Vic.  
NOVEMBER 27th Christmas Gathering, play 4:00pm. meal 6:30pm.  
please bring a salad or sweets to share, meat \$10 ?

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

## 2023

JULY 8th and 9th 2023 Wentworth Junction 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.

**We also have the problem of floods and road closures causing alterations or spoiling events.**

**I see there are listings for events at towns that are flooded.**

## EARLY PLANNING DATES.

DARETON COOMEALLA CENTENARY CELEBRATION 1924 - 2024.  
Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th April 2024.  
( Coomealla Club promotion ).

## Some Pre-loved Equipment looking for a new home.

Chamberlain 306—near Ivanhoe.  
Contact Edward on 02 6995 3905

MF 35X and 148—contact Rod on  
0427 274 335

Lanz Bulldog—contact on 0448  
758 932



Renault 1925 MV1

Rare truck needs a home. Restoration started, but unfinished. Engine has been overhauled, and machine runs well. New timber in tray and nearly complete

Cabin remains are there for patterns, etc. Photos available of type work done. Vehicle needs a home \$10,000.

Also various used truck tyres—fair to good condition—various sizes 8.25, 9.00 and 10.00 X 20. Inspection invited.

Contact Ian Hinks 03 5024 5248



**TRACS**

## TRACTOR PULL & TRUCK SHOW 2022



Preparations for the annual tractor pull and truck show got under way at Wilga Road, Red Cliffs, in northern Victoria, on Friday, 7 October, after a break due to the Covid problem.

There were many members doing the required jobs to ensure a successful day; some were erecting the 'tucker tent', the 'office' i.e. the record keeping area, others were lining up the exhibits in the delegated areas, eg. tractors not participating in the pull, and trucks in lines in different areas.

All of this was being 'overseen' by the close proximity of the famous (in this area) **Big Lizzie's** second trailer.

The 'Michael O'Callagan Pavilion' held the blackboard for recording the results of each effort, plus a bench holding entry forms and on another wall was a display of older truck and tractor photographs.



In the background, some distance from all the activity, stood the two sleds— the big and the small, in their new white livery after maintenance and painting by enthusiastic members.



**SATURDAY** arrived with no threat, or hint of rain, to make the day a challenge.

During the latter hours of Friday, more vehicles, and campers moved in and took up their allocated areas, along with the finishing touches, and preparations, within the 'tucker' tent.

The ground had filled up markedly with exhibits such as smaller tractors not participating in the pull, and several vintage/classic vehicles were also lined up.





With all things in readiness, and the 'pull-back' tractor, on loan from the Kubota outlet, was hooked-up and with the flag marshal, and sled controller, in place, it was all systems 'Go'.

There were many club members who keen to help, and were allotted jobs.

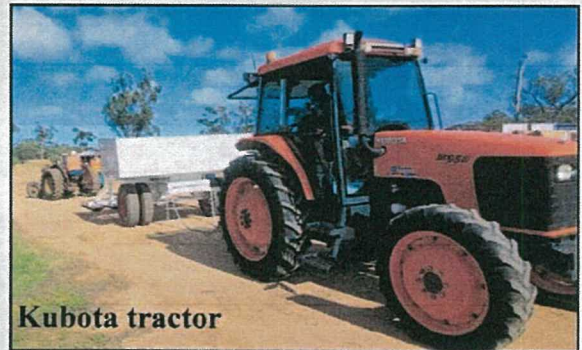
The first run was with the small sled, and the tractor, and perhaps set the precedent for the day as it managed a 'full-pull' first up.

From then there was a procession of tractors 'doing their thing', or in other attempts 'trying to do their thing' with not much success.

The day was most a most successful, and the sun shine was appreciated by all.



Spectators enjoying the action



Kubota tractor

Some of the action (Below)



This is the historic generator, which was on stand-by at the Alice Springs aerodrome during WWII



The track leveler did a great job —all day



## Ivanhoe Truck & Tractor Show – 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

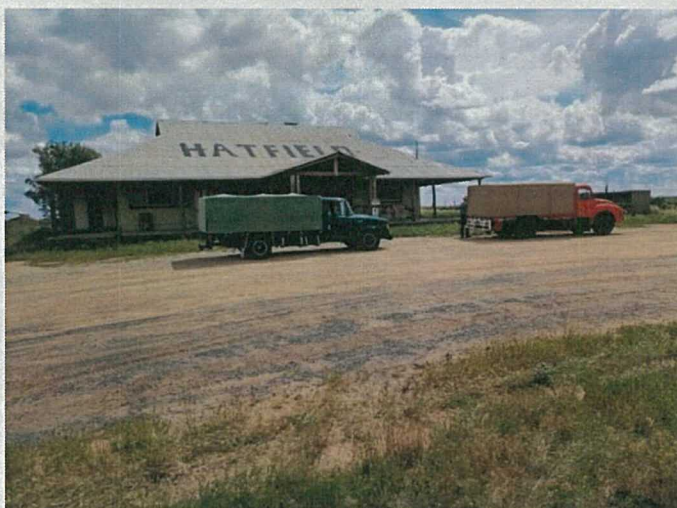
Met up with Phil Muir. We had coffee at the Gol Gol bakery before heading off towards Ivanhoe. Phil in his Austin ex Buronga fire truck, & myself in the DLine 1310 International. Both trucks fitted with sleeping quarters. No ground hogging for these OLD TRUCKERS!! Stopped at Balranald for fuel – Inter 12 MPG, Austin 9 MPG.. Noticed another bakery, so another pie & coffee – oh well! We travelled on towards Ivanhoe stopping at the pub with no beer – the old Hatfield Hotel. Phil found a cold one in his fridge – me another coffee from the thermos!

The scenery was great with plenty of green feed along road; some water still lying about. We arrived in Ivanhoe at 3pm. Fuel up again & noticed the PUB across the road; beer nice & cold. We proceeded to the Oval where quite a few trucks & tractors had arrived, and a lot more to come. Eileen & Terry McGauchie had arrived after driving up the back road. Stuart Richardson & Rat arrived Saturday morn in the red & black SLine; he had his own dance hall on the back!! Looking great. Bob Lampard, (what a legend he is at 90 years old) came the back way in his ute & caravan, his dog following along behind the tractor trekkers. Friday night tea was at the R.S.L. Club - \$15 a plate B.B.Q. smorgasbord & all you could eat.

Saturday weather was warm & sunny. Had a quick count of 70+ trucks, plus many tractors. There were some stalls for the ladies, an auction trailer loaded with goodies. Raffle for the footy club. The C.W.A. ladies done a great job all weekend. Tea was served by the R.S.L. again of roast beef rolls & chips at the oval. A 60-70's rock band from Cohuna played at the oval Saturday night. Very entertaining.

Wonderful organization by Alan Carmichael & his helpers. He never stopped for the 3 days I was there & a great weekend. Job well done.

Frank Wallace - TRACS member, Mildura.





## The Ivanhoe Truck and Tractor Show—from a Tractor Perspective.



Kel .P keeping some of the TRACS contingent in order.

As with all our tractor trips, some thanks are due.

We camped at Glen Tilt, Bellevue and Beilpargi Stations—so thanks to the Pippin, Rees and McKenzie families respectively.

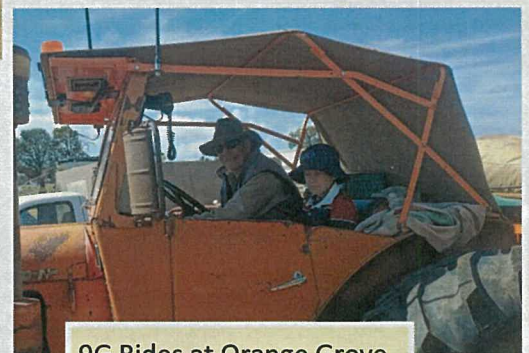
We spent time at Orange Grove, Clare, Peneena and Baymore Stations. Thanks to the Griffith, Waugh, Rees and Griffith families.

It's the stops along the way which make these trips and 9G Chamberlain rides for the younger generation are always a hit..

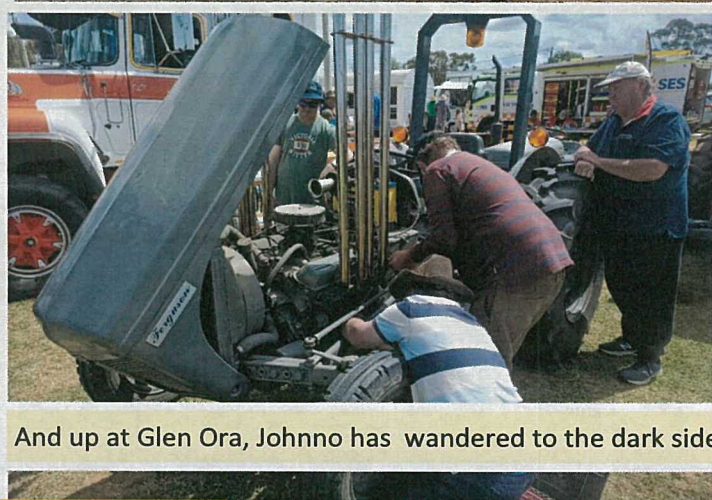
And finally, thanks to John Ablett who organized this trip and Allan Carmichael for the Ivanhoe Show.



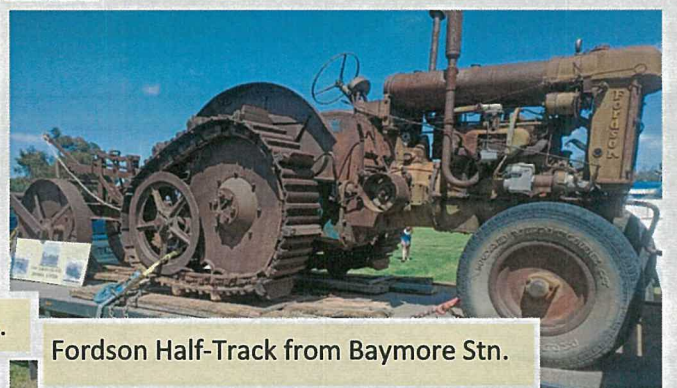
With the Griffith Family at Orange Grove



9G Rides at Orange Grove



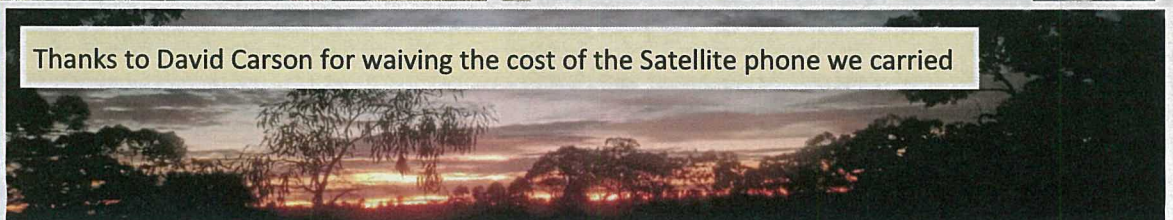
And up at Glen Ora, Johnno has wandered to the dark side.



Fordson Half-Track from Baymore Stn.



Thanks to David Carson for waiving the cost of the Satellite phone we carried





## A Report from Ray Carter on the National Rally at Wedderburn

On the Friday, 86 tractors lined up. It was a little wet underfoot but no rain. There was a lot of water on the trek but it was all good.

The group was split into halves and one went west and the other east. And split again so about 20 tractors went in opposite directions for each trek. We met up at Dinner time and changed over.

Catering was well done—morning tea, dinner and afternoon tea.

The next day we went the other way with the same procedure.

We went west on the second day past the Eucalyptus farm—about 20000 acres of bush for harvesting.

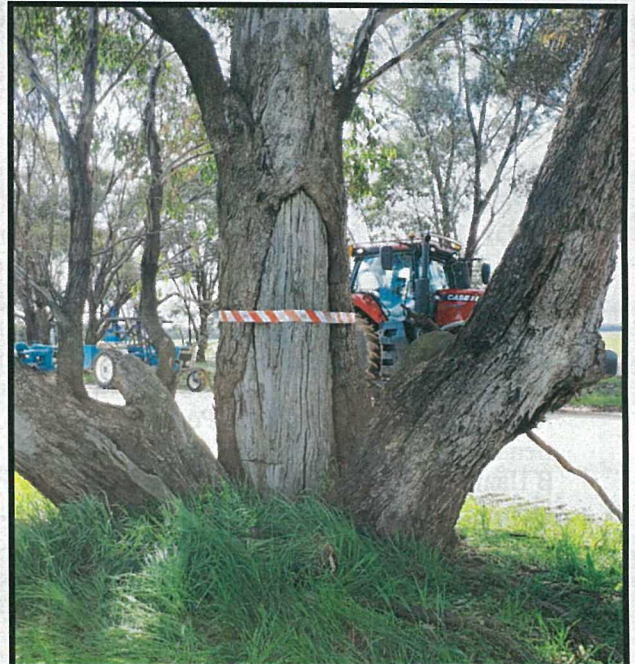
We looked at their goodies— Ruston Hornsby 114HP twin cylinder engines, an old compressor and an old truck—a Day Elder—which they think is the only one in Australia and only 1 other overseas.

On Sunday we did a trek around Wedderburn in the morning and back for dinner time. Then packing up to go home.

It was a very well organized rally and the weather was good.

The photo of the scar tree dates back to 1914. A man started to saw it down for posts, but the war broke out. He left the saw in the tree and rode his bicycle to Wedderburn and enlisted in the Army.

The saw was still there when he returned after the war.





# TRACTOR RESTORATION & APPRECIATION CLUB SUNRAYSLIA

Inc # A0038764N

Minutes of Meeting 12th Oct, 2022 at Irymple Bowls Club



MEETING OPENED: 7.30pm

## BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Outwards

- 1 Thank you letter Hodgson Cycles
- 2 Thank you letter Maloney Anderson
- 3 Email declining invitation Mildura Show

### Inward

- 1 HCVC Sept Monitor
- 2 Bendigo Bank Statement
- 3 Trafalga Truck restorers Oct Newsletter
- 4 Hit & Miss Oct Newsletter
- 5 NHMA Insurance cards x 6
- 6 Deniliquin Collectors Club Sept Newsletter
- 7 Invitation Hobson Bay Classic show 20/11
- 8 NHMA meeting advice and Ins Update and grants notice advice
- 9 Invitation Ouyen Farmers festival

Moved P Newton, Bob Lampard that correspondence be accepted. Carried

## BUSINESS ARISING:

Nil

## TREASURERS REPORT

Tabled

Monthly income	399.85
Expenses	285.74

Gave report on Tractor Pull but will be in next months report.

Moved M O'Callaghan that report be accepted  
Sec R Carter Carried

## General Business

### (a) Acceptance of New Members

Nil

### (b) Clearing Sales

Nil

### (c) Restoration Activities

Nil

### (d) New Purchases

Alan W knows of Chamb 306, MF148 and MF35X all for sale. Liase with Alan.

### (e) Newsletter Co-ordinator

Thanks for help. Has articles on Ivanhoe for next issue.

### (f) Tracs Assett (Wilga Rd)

Future Development Committee Formed  
A Whyte, B Hamilton, M O'Callaghan, P Newton, P Moser, J Ablett.

Moved I Hinks, Sec D Lee, Carried

Can co-op others if need be.

Alan W has visited local members offices re grants but none at moment.

Ian Hinks has offered shed components from Davids.

### (g) TRACS Website

Up to date

### (h) NSW Registrar

1 renewal

### (i) Vic Registrar

Lots of renewals.

Advice from Federation is don't throw away log books as people are scamming details if found and they are proof of journeys should anything arise

### (j) Future Club Events

Car Trail 12th Nov Dean Bennett in hand  
Merbein Motor Show 20th Nov No details yet  
Christmas BBQ 27th Nov

Play from 4.00pm BBQ 6.30pm

Calder Convoy After much discussion and lack of volunteers and uncertainty about Charlton, decided to let go next year.

HCVC may take it on.

### (k) Any Other Business

Wash up Ivanhoe 10 members took trucks and Tractors. Well organised although safety was issue. Suggested send letter to organisers.

### Wash up Tractor Pull

Alan thanked everyone who came and helped. 48 Tractors and 40 display vehicles. Moose won popular choice of display vehicles by kids.

We have a list of improvements for next time.

Next Working bee Sat 19th Nov 8.00 am

I Hinks thanked the Grivics' for replicas he is selling with proceeds to club.

Next Meeting 9th Nov Meeting closed 8.45pm