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TRACS TORQUE

Trucks too.

October 2022

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



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SEPTEMBER MEETING was held at the Irymple Bowling Club Rooms, 7:30pm on 14th, 30 members attended (most were early/keen) one new member was accepted (Ross Davey). During the meeting and after the meeting discussion on some of the points raised were followed:- Names for jobs on Tractor Truck show were listed, also requirements on safety guide lines. More volunteers for Calder Convoy required, if you can help please speak up. A plan for Wilga Rd grounds was displayed calling for suggestions, noted for consideration. List of work such as fencing, water, sheds, grants, toilets/showers, camp area and generator etc. Discussion on potential road closures to events due to the rain, eg Ivanhoe and Mallee tour. We also have other projects on the go, which will require manpower. NSW HISTORIC MOTORING ASSOCIATION merits of joining up to promote and strengthen our say in regulations affecting N S W vehicle permits.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY EVENING 7:30pm 12th OCTOBER 2022.

Irymple Bowling Club Rooms.

All members thoughts and ideas are important, come along and help/volunteer to promote TRACS.

Some Safety Issues for the Tractor Pull.

TRACS is fortunate to be affiliated with The National Historic Machinery Association (NHMA).

Each year a proportion of the TRACS membership fee is used to provide insurance coverage for TRACS members and events and this coverage is organized by NHMA. In the current environment this insurance coverage is critical, but it does impose standards on us when we are holding events. The NHMA Safety Manual has recently been updated and it is important we comply.

Some basic examples are

- We have 3 safety officers—John Porker, Phil Muir and Bryan Hamilton—and they are familiar with the safety rules. Any decision they make on the day is final.
- There is a Zero Alcohol Policy for any participant during the day's activities. This specifically includes loading and unloading of machinery.
- Children cannot be in the vicinity of any operating equipment. Again, this specifically includes loading and unloading machinery.
- Exhibits in the static display must be in place by 9.30am and cannot leave until 3pm.
- All participants in the Tractor Pull MUST attend a safety briefing at 9.30am at the track.

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TRACS PROGRAM 2022.

De Fibrulator training.

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.

OCTOBER 1st and 2nd Ivanhoe/Central Darling Truck Show.

OCTOBER 8th TRACS Tractor Pull Truck Show.

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

OCTOBER 16th Ballarat Rally Ballarat Airport 40 Airport Rd.

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 20th Sunday Motor Show Merbein South Hall.

NOVEMBER 27th Christmas Gathering BBQ.

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

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APRIL 2023 Calder Convoy/Charlton date to be finalised with Charlton football program (14th ? 21st ? or 28 ?).

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.

EARLY PLANNING DATES.

DARETON COOMEALLA CENTENARY CELEBRATION 1924 - 2024.

Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th April 2024.

(Coomealla Club promotion).

Running of Truck Show/Tractor Pull Day 8th Oct

With the new regulations in place this has become a little more challenging.

We need as much help as possible on the day. If you can spare a few hours please liaise with Alan W or Phil N. You don't have to have a truck or tractor.

Thanks to everyone who is already helping.

We also need to have all display vehicles and participating tractors on site prior to the 9.30am briefing meeting. They will need to remain there till 3.00pm. (these are the hours open to the public). Display vehicles and tractors will need to enter via the ramp gate.

We are also still looking for some TRACS banners—about 2.4 by 1.2m.



Danny's Latest Trek—The Channel Country with the Ferguson Club

As all TRACS members will know, Danny Lee enjoys a good Trek. He is just back from his latest where he joined The Harry Ferguson Club as they traversed the Queensland Channel Country.



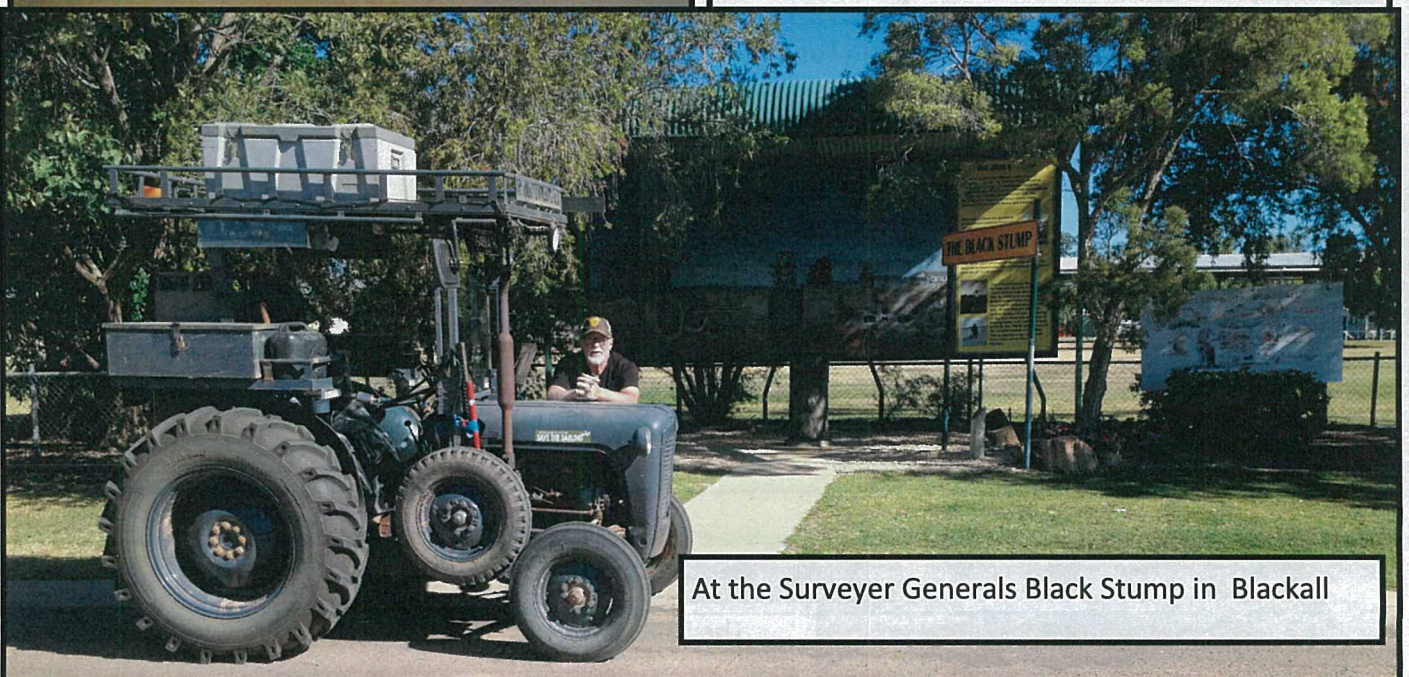
The trek group consisted of nine tractors, three diesel TE 20's, two diesel FE 35's, one diesel 135, two diesel 148's and the only petrol powered tractor - Danny's FE 35 Gold and Grey.



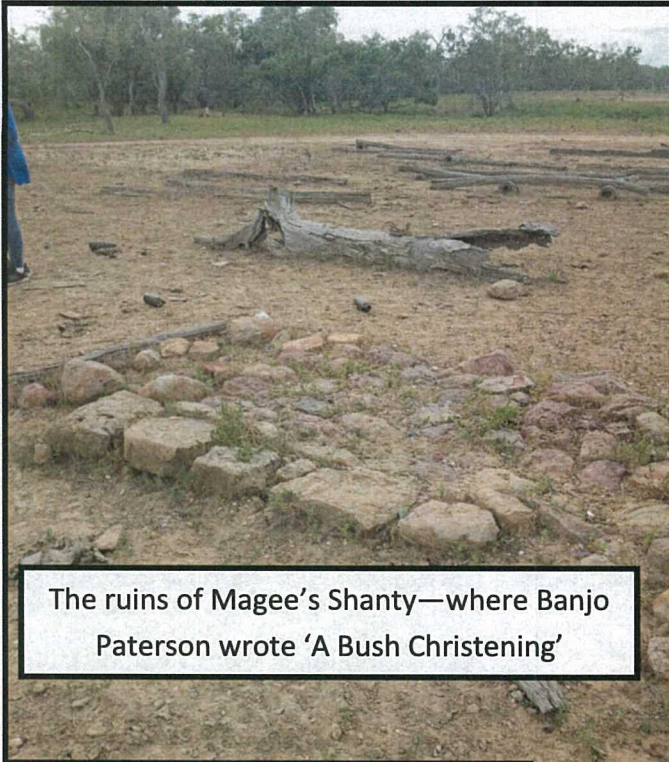
The Barcoo River in Welford National Park

Danny did the trek towing a camper trailer. The cruising speed was twenty-one kilometers per hour. The petrol consumption averaged out at 3.6 kilometers per litre.

Fuel use was 1386 litres at a total cost of \$2976 to cover about 5000km. Danny was away for 56 days and about 250 hrs in driving time.

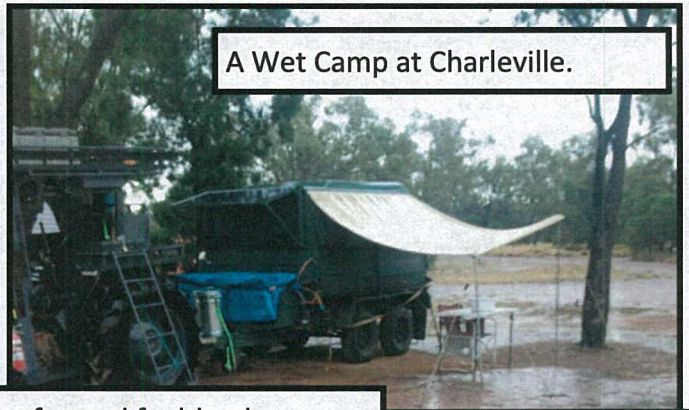


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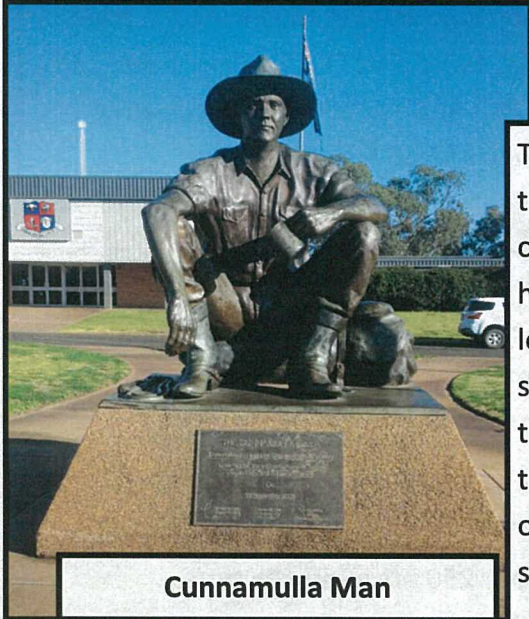


The ruins of Magee's Shanty—where Banjo Paterson wrote 'A Bush Christening'

The trek itself started in Charleville and did a loop through the Channel Country via Tyrone Station, Dumfries Station, Blackall, Emmett, Yaraka, Welford National Park, Jundah, Stonehenge, Mt. Felix Station, Mayne River, Lark Quarry Conservation Park, Old Cork Station, Western River, Winton, Eskdale Station, Muttaborra, Longreach, Isisford, Blackall, Listowell Downs Station, Scrubby Creek Sporting Complex, Langlo Crossing, finishing in Charleville.

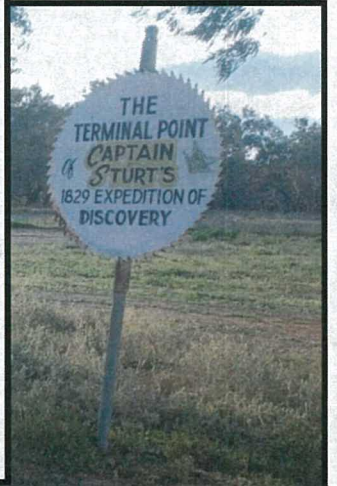


A Wet Camp at Charleville.



Cunnamulla Man

The tractor performed faultlessly throughout the entire trip except for the coil which gave up the ghost on the way home. A new coil sorted out that problem easily, so all good. The tyres are showing some wear after such a long trek, so rotated them around to even out the wear in the next few treks. Added one litre of oil to engine for entire trek, still full when completed trek.



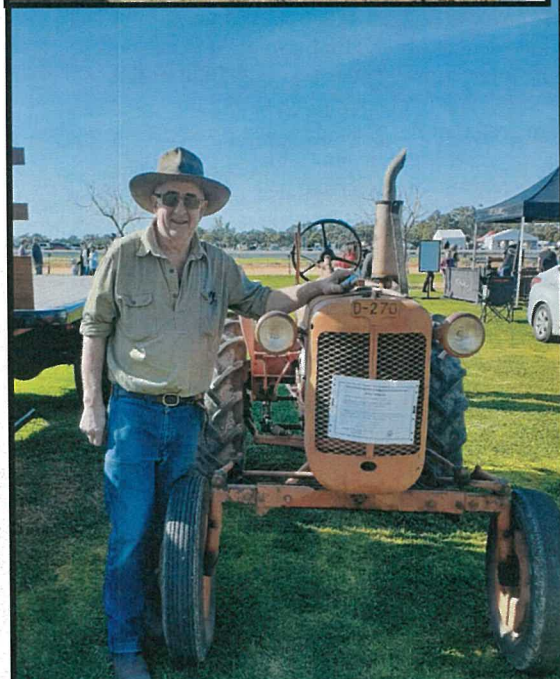
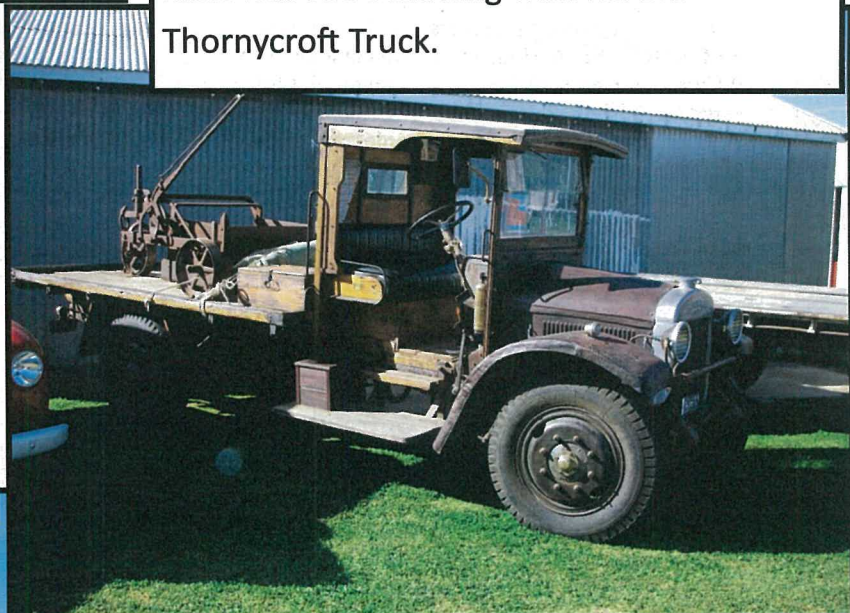
Danny travelled to Charleville by way of Mungo, Ivanhoe, Cobar, Bourke and Cunnamulla. and returned home through Cunnamulla, Bourke, Louth, Tilpa, Wilcannia then Broken Hill.



The Tractors and Escort Vehicles at Tyrone Station.



The Wentworth Show was a great success again this year. More than 10,000 people turned up for the two day event in beautiful weather after two years of 'No Show' due to the dreaded virus.



TRACS members attended with a small display and joined up with the Vintage Machinery Society together providing an impressive line up. The prize for the best exhibit was Joe Scadding with his old Thornycroft Truck.

TRACTOR RESTORATION & APPRECIATION CLUB SUNRAYSIA

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Minutes of Meeting 14th Sept, 2022 at Irymple Bowls Club



MEETING OPENED: 7.30pm
President welcomed members

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Outwards

1 Nil

Inward

- 1 HCVC August Monitor
- 2 Bendigo Bank Statement
- 3 Deniliquin Collectors Club July&Aug News
- 4 Letter from Ryan Maloney
- 5 NHMA Insurance cards x 4
- 6 LMW Water A/c 63.34
- 7 Invitation to attend Mildura Show
- 8 Invitation to Junction Rally 2023
- 9 Donation from Peter Hodgson \$200
- 10 Trafalga Truck Restorers Newsletter.

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

BUSINESS ARISING:

Do we go to Mildura Show No
Do we go to Junction Rally Yes

TREASURERS REPORT

Tabled

Monthly Income 2486.35
Expenses 1796.70

Moved M O'Callaghan that report be accepted
Sec P Moser Carried

General Business

(a) Acceptance of New Members

Ross Davey
Moved J Porker
Sec P Newton Carried Welcome

(b) Clearing Sales

Nil

(c) Restoration Activities

P Hodgson refurbishing one of Dodges
A Whyte started on forward control Landrover
B Fox still going on FE

(d) New Purchases

A Whyte has bought back on old ACCO with Perki
A McKenzie has bought two TE20 as a present for his wife Sue.

(e) Newsletter Co-ordinator

Thanks for help.

(f) Tracs Assett (Wilga Rd)

Phil to send letter of thanks to Solicitors.
Solicitors now working on Water entitlement.
Michael has printed off site plane so anyone can mark on it suggestions. These could include Toilet, Shed, Showers, Fencing, Camping, Generator.
R Carter moved that the Executive can progress with possible development should an opportunity arise. Sec P Moser. Carried

(g) TRACS Website

Up to date

(h) NSW Registrar

After discussion agreed that we join the NSW Historic Vehicle association.

(i) Vic Registrar

Lots of renewals.

(j) Future Club Events

Bob Lampard Trek Rescheduled again due to rain.

Working Bee 25th Sept

Ivanhoe Trek 1st to 3rd Oct subject to weather
Tractor Pull/Truck show 8th Oct.

Lots of discussion. Details on 2 x boards

With new regulations will need lots of help.

Car Trial 12th November Details to come

Merbein Motor Show 20th Nov TBA

Christmas BBQ 27th Nov at Wilga Rd

Calder Convoy Possibly April Subject to catering at Charlton (Football fixtures?) and volunteer help.

(k) Any Other Business

All Aust Day washup ended up OK

W/W Show Show was huge success 3 trucks 2 trac

Discussed liasing with Mens Sheds due to similarities to our club.

Next Meeting 12th Oct

Meeting Closed 9.05pm