



## **August Newsletter 2018**

### **Presidents Report**

Hi to all. A number of our long time serving Members have been nominated for a life time Membership by Gary Olssen. This motion was carried unanimously at the last general meeting held on the 5th of August 2018.

I would like to congratulate Members, Reg Hodgson, Bob Aird, Shane Lyell, Bill Ives and Mike Wilson, on behalf of the Members in thanking them for all the hard work and long hours you have put in to the place over the years.

August has been a busy month, with the involvement at the exhibition this year. I would like to thank Gary Olssen for putting it together, – organising, planning, getting people involved, liaison with the RNA people and putting up with phone calls and text messages all day long. A great effort - well done, thank you again Gary.

I would also like to thank all those who took the time and made the effort to help make this work for the society.

This has been a big boost for us as so many people asked questions about us, how we worked, where we are and how they could come out and see us.

It was also great to meet with members of the Public and hear their stories of riding around on the Ekka train [of which we had on display and is now owned by Matt Yapp who has done a great job of restoring it]. It really made a lot of older people's day to be able to share with their families the fun they had in the past, and to tell us their stories also.

The same goes for the Aveling and Porter roller (Marion) that we have restored in the last few years. People shared about playing on it when it was in NewFarm Park, tho I still never got anyone to confess about putting sand, sticks, stones or anything else in it boiler or other parts.

One of the security bloke's told me that he use to play on it as a young lad and after it was taken away from the park he tracked it down through our web site and has followed its progress to see it running. This amazed him, he was so thankful for the society for bring it back to life.

I enjoyed talking and sharing with the public about what we do at Petrie - restoring vintage machinery, etc and I think this is in part of keeping our history alive whether it is old trucks, cars,

farm machinery, tractors or steam. It's an experience to help, to enjoy, along with sharing the memories with the public.

Next year I would like to see us expand and also have a couple of tractors or stationary engines there if they would let us; I think it would be worthwhile and give the opportunity for even more of our members to join in. It is fun and personally worth it in promoting the society along with our activities.

Straight after the exhibition the Woodford rally is on and I would encourage any of our members to go up there and have a look around. They have some really cool stuff there - stationary engines, tractors, cars, trucks, along with a couple of those smelly, noisy steam things and other old stuff.

As always I like to thank all of our member for the work that you do and congratulations to the Members who have passed the boiler and steam engine exams and now have their tickets, well done and I for one, am glad it over and done with.

Regards

Dave

### **Ekka Report** Gary Olsson

The 2018 RNA Display can only be described as a great success.

With the support of 30 members and their families who lent a hand in a variety of ways, we were able to successfully run the largest promotional event in the 30 year history of this Society.

With good weather for the whole 10 days, the numbers of passing public was huge. There was a great deal of interest and favourable comments, with just under 5000 brochures promoting the Society and the 2019 Steam Fair being handed out to interested people.

We were also featured on the ABC prime time television with Jenny Woodward doing her weather report in front of "Jennifer". There was at least one Steam Engine operating at all times, with four engines in steam on the last day. We had several new members join the Society on the spot and many others took membership forms for consideration.

Due to the informative and friendly nature of all those who assisted with the display and the high quality of the display items we have already been unofficially been invited to be guests of the 2019 Royal National Show.

The future benefits of these events to the Society and its members will greatly assist us in reaching our goals and moving the Society into a bright future.

Lastly I would like to thank our major sponsors;

Royal National Association You Hire (Matt Yapp)

For their support, funding and providing the heavy machinery at no cost to the Society.

Thank you to all involved.

Event Coordinator

Gary Olsson

## **General Business**

The Committee is pleased to announce that we were successful with our grant application to complete the Hodgson and Aird building. We received just over \$12,000.00 to pave the front entrance, get new Heritage style wooden entrance doors and have a concrete wheelchair friendly emergency exit path constructed from the rear exit. Dave has managed to obtain some great prices and offers from the suppliers to discount there labour charge so we are getting great value for the grant money. This will finish off this great asset.

The Committee has been busy applying for more grants to keep our Society growing. We have applied for \$100,000.00 from the Community Development Funds Commemorative Grant program to build the Heritage Steam Engine House a dedicated Traction Engine, Steamroller and associated equipment building. We would like to thank the YMCA Park Manager Nicholas Dodd for his help and commitment to see our Society grow. We have also applied for just under \$5,000.00 funding from the Moreton Bay Regional Councils Grants program to run the 2019 Steam Fair. The 2019 event will have a Transport theme.

We have already seen the benefits of the Ekka display with visitors mentioning that they saw the display and had to come out and have a look at our Museum buildings. We have had a number of new members join recently some from the Ekka and we would like to welcome you all.

The weekend after the Ekka our Society had a display at the AMRSQ rally at Woodford. It was a great day on Saturday with a lot of interest in our display. A big thank you to the members that came to support our display and the AMRSQ that paid the transport for Roller to go.

We joined the 21 Century and set up electronic banking last Saturday so now we don't have to wait for statements so know on a daily basis where we are at financially. With this in mind we will be looking at updating how we pay bills and other purchases. Please look at the current purchasing procedures at the end of this Newsletter.

The Steaming Sunday in October will be this year's Steam it Sunday which is part of an international event run by the National Traction Engine Trust. This has been a great success the last couple of years with us gaining some media exposure. We hope to have all the mobile engines in steam as well as the Robey and the stationary steam engines operating. Clinton will be out with his steam toys and the Model Engineering clubs will be invited as well.

It has been decided to have a Members day on Saturday November 3. We will be having a driver training session in the morning for the newly steam qualified members. We will have a BBQ lunch and induction sessions then all members are invited to get up on one of our engines with a qualified member and have a go at steering and driving. Please wear covered shoes, jeans/long trousers and no loose fitting cloths.

We are opening an account with a local fuel supplier to centralise our fuel purchasing, this should be up and running in the next week. There will be a fuel book for any fuel used. Fuel purchase from others supplier's will not be reimbursed.

The committee is looking at Security in both our buildings and we will be up grading it over the next year.

We will need to get some firewood and cut it so that will be October 6ths working bee.

## **Other items for future working bees -**

- 1 Level the ground and place two rows of railway line down at the outside wall of the tractor shed, to keep the excess fence support drums out of the rain and dirt.
- 2 Weld angle iron racks standing 500 out from the outside end wall of the Road Loco workshop, to hang two rows of the newly painted display fencing out of the dirt.
- 3 Make two good qualities, heritage looking garden hose holders and fit them beside the two taps in the shed
- 4 Clean up what's left in woodpile
- 5 set up fuel cabinet and fuel book

## **YMCA Camp Groups**

We had a very successful day with the YMCA group. There were 36 children present and 4 Members took time off to look after them. This is a great way for us to spread the word about our Society so it would be great to expand this program. Great news there will be another school group going through the shed on 19-20 September and if anyone is available to please contact me Jennifer 0451904471 (schedule attached).

## **Pine Rivers Rally**

Our Society is putting on a display at the Pine Rivers Club rally this weekend at Pine Rivers Park Strathpine. If you would like to help please contact John on 0412755821

## **Just a reminder of who the Project Leaders are;**

**Marshall RL** Bill Ives

**Fowler Stump Puller** Mark Gough

**Aveling Roller** Dave Anderson

**Barford Perkins Roller** Gary Olsson

**Steam Fair** Bill Ives

**Blackstone** Shane Lyell

**Tractor Shed** Dave Anderson

**Steam Shed** (workshop, Display and Storage Areas) Bernard Fellner

Please ask these people if you want to get involved with any of the projects or if you want to bring anything into the shed you need to get approval from Bernard

## **Marshall Road Locomotive** Bill Ives

Firebox, Smoke Box Tube Plate and Barrel are all being worked on.

## **Tractor and Truck Museum** Dave Anderson

Work will commence shortly as outlined above.

## **Blue Cards**

As we now have a number of Junior Members and we are looking at expanding our School and YMCA Camp program later this year it is highly recommended that all members obtain a Queensland Working with Children Blue Card. These Blue Cards are free for volunteer groups so there is no expense involved. Dave is able to help anybody that is going to get one. The NHMA has a Working with Children Policy that we will be using. Here is a link to their web page, [http://www.nhma.com.au/downloads/WWC\\_policy.pdf](http://www.nhma.com.au/downloads/WWC_policy.pdf)

## **Purchasing Procedure**

You will have already received a notice about the way forward for all purchases this is just a reminder of the main points. All purchases will now need a purchase order number supplied by the Treasurer or assistant and that there is a floating scale of required authorisations depending on the items cost. All items will need to be for an approved project. Any unauthorised purchases will NOT be reimbursed.

## **Committee Contact**

The Committee Members all have a pigeon hole in the Kitchen for messages and ideas. They can also be contacted via the Society's Email [livesteam002@yahoo.com.au](mailto:livesteam002@yahoo.com.au)

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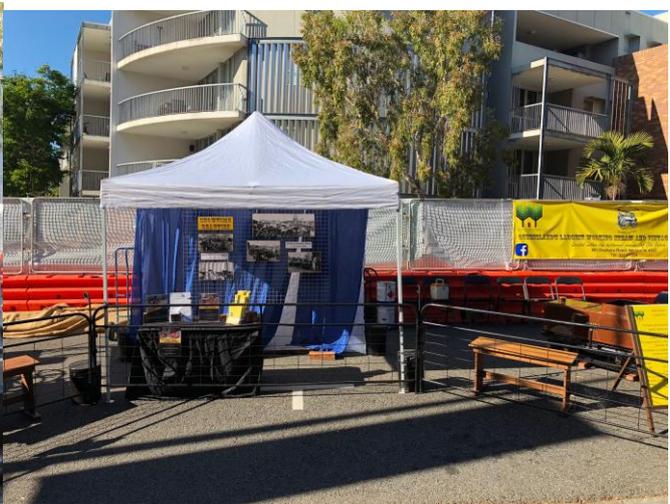
John 0412755821

If you have anything to place in the Newsletter please email it to [livesteam002@yahoo.com.au](mailto:livesteam002@yahoo.com.au)

AGM Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

Regards

The Committee



Group	1	2	3	4
Numbers				
YMCA Instructor				
<b>Day 1 - Wed. 19th Sept., Living Faith Luth Prim Sch.</b>				
1100-1230	#Steam Museum	#Card Making		
1330 - 1500		#Steam Museum	#Card Making	
1530 - 1700			#Steam Museum	#Card Making
<b>Day 2 - Thu. 20th Sept, Living Faith Luth Prim Sch.</b>				
0900 - 1030	#Museum – Living with Trees/ How did They			#Steam Museum
1100 - 1230		#Museum – How did They/ Living with Trees,	#Pottery	
1330 - 1500			#Museum – Living with Trees, How did They	#Pottery
1530 - 1700	#Card making			#Museum – Living with Trees, How did They
<b>Day 3 - Fri. 21st Sept, Living Faith Luth Prim Sch.</b>				
0900 - 1030	#Pottery	*Free Museum 9.00 – 0945/ Self Guided		*Free Museum 0945 – 1030 / Self – Guided
1100 - 1230	*Free Museum 11.00 – 11.30 / Self – Guided *	#Pottery	*Free Museum 11.30 – 12.00 / Self – Guided	