



Happy Birthday to our July and August born members.
We hope you all have a beaut birthday and many happy returns.

July		August	
Eldred Johnstone	28	Marj Grandell	19
		Bruce Archibald	21
		Chloe Laffan	21
		Rob Garner	24
		Charlie Zammit	30

R.I.P. Jack Muir OAM

As you all know, we lost our beloved Jack recently.
The follow is an article about Jack that was in the Tatura newspaper.

Just Loved to Serve

Unkept secret allowed Jack to enjoy an accolade he never saw

Tatura's Jack Muir was so excited about being nominated for an OAM that he couldn't help but tell everyone. "Your suppose to keep it a secret", his daughter Merrily Muto said. "But he use to go every day down to the coffee shop and he told them all there." So you can only imagine how Jack would have felt when he found out he had received the award. But sadly, he didn't live to see the day. Jack died on May 20, aged 94, leaving a legacy of lifelong civil, military and community service. He was a charter member of the Tatura Lions, and gave 66 years to Freemasons Victoria through the Tatura Rodney Lodge, and when it closed, the Kyabram Lodge. He was a member of the Tatura RSL, and a lifelong member of the Tatura and Shepparton Racing Club. Earlier, he was a member of the Australian Labor Party and Tatura Apex. And to top it off, he loved restoring old engines at the Kyabram Vintage Engine Club, and did so for 30 years. "Everybody loved him," Ms Muto said. "If he wasn't at the Lions, he was at the Lodge, if he wasn't at the Lodge, it was the Engine Club." The community he called home wasn't home from the start. Jack was born in Moonee Ponds, moved to West Gippsland for work, and then to Tatura. He wanted to join the army in WW2, but wasn't able to do so because his mechanic skills were deemed necessary to keep Melbourne trams operating. After the war, he obtained work with the Forests Commission, and then joined the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. But he did end up serving – In 1954 Jack joined 105 Construction Squadron of 22 Construction regiment, Royal Australian Engineers, of the Citizens Military Force. Soldiers in this unit were primarily recruited from the water commission to provide the army with a ready made force skilled in engineering, and Jack served until 1972. As part of his military service, he went to Papua New Guinea for a three week exercise, and worked in Ethiopia for a year with the water commission. But most of his life was spent serving the community in Tatura. Tatura Lion's president Glenda McLeod said Jack was a dedicated member. "Jack was always there to help when needed – to cook a BBQ or to lend a hand," she said. Kyabram Masonic Lodge ceremonies assistant director Andrew Morom was a fellow lodge member and close friend of Jack, and remembered him for his "good vernacular" and loyal friendship. "When I first came to Tatura about 25 years ago and joined the Masonic Lodge, Jack was one of the people who befriended and mentored me," he said. "He taught me an awful lot about the organisation and helped me with my progress in the organisation". And while Jack slowed down in his later years, he was awarded Tatura's Senior Citizen of the Year on Australia Day, and was an active member of the Tatura Lions until his death. Ms Muto said she was sad her father wasn't around to receive the OAM, because he would have just loved it. Despite that, she was glad he was recognised for his commitment to his community. "He just liked helping other people, he was really good at that," Ms Muto said. "Besides the social part of everything, he just liked to serve".

Memberships Due

Memberships are due by the end of July, which is when your insurance card expires.

This year membership payment can be made be either **Direct Debit** or **Cheque**.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 0439 448444.

If paying by cheque, please make payment to - Kyabram Vintage Engine & Machinery Restoration Group, and post to P O Box 855 Kyabram 3620

If you would like to pay for your membership via direct debit, please email your membership form to me at thomobarb@bigpond.com and then complete the direct debit to:-

Bendigo Bank -
BSB: 633 - 000
Account No.: 111145652
Account name: Kyabram Vintage Engine & Machinery Restoration Group
Reference: your surname

Please remember to reference your name so that we know who the money has come from.

Drinks for Sale (rally left overs)

The following drinks will be out of date by the time we have our next rally so we are hoping to sell them off to recoup some of our losses from the 2020 rally, that didn't happen.

Coke	30's	\$18.00 a slab
Lemonade	24's	\$10.00 a slab
Orange	24's	\$10.00 a slab
Solo	30's	\$18.00 a slab
Solo	24's	\$10.00 a slab

Please ring Barb on 0439 448444 if you would like to help us recoup some of our costs

Things to Ponder

If you are bored just think about a few thingslike,

1. If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
2. Which letter is silent in the word "Scent", the S or the C?
3. Do twins ever realize one of them is unplanned.
4. Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?
5. Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75 – 100 years to fully work
6. Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty
7. The word 'swims' upside-down is still 'swims'
8. 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses
9. At a movie theatre, which arm rest is yours?
10. If people evolve from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
11. Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
12. Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?
13. Wonder why the word funeral starts with fun?
14. Why isn't a fireman called a waterman?
15. How come lipstick doesn't do what it says?
16. If money doesn't grow on trees, how come banks have branches?
17. How do you get off a non-stop flight?
18. Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?
19. When two airplanes fly close to each other its called a 'near miss'. Shouldn't it be called a 'near hit'?

General Meetings

Our general meetings are still on hold due to the Covid pandemic.

You will be notified when we will be able to resume our meetings.

Until we do meet again, please keep in touch with your fellow club members. Give them a call to see how they are tracking.

You were all given a list of club member's phone numbers in the last mail out.

Well last night was a bummer. I dreamed all night I was a car muffler and I woke up exhausted.

For Those Who Enjoy a Punt Or Two

The Yambuna Punt was established in 1876 when part of Stewarts Bridge was removed, possibly to allow boats loaded with timber passage to the sawmill at Echuca. The punt was placed near Simpson's selection but the approaches to the punt were awkward. The Yambuna punt over the Goulburn River was replaced by a new steel and timber bridge built by Arthur Golding & sons from Kotupna and opened in 1954. It was officially called Power's Yambuna Bridge after Michael Power who had selected nearby, and his descendants still live there.

The Cobram punt ran across the Murray River between Cobram and Barooga from 1889 until 1902, before the first bridge was built. In most summers before the weir was built, the river would become very low allowing vehicles a forging place beside the punt, avoiding the tolls. The Berrigan Coach often crossed there with mail and passengers. Before Federation, there was a customs office on the NSW side of the border and duties had to be paid on many items. Of the drought years, 1902 and 1914 were the worst and the river ran so low in 1914 that it was possible to cross the river on foot. Three years later in 1917 the river rose to its greatest level, completely flooding both Cobram and Barooga. After this flood, the local residents paid for and built a small bridge between Barooga and the main Murray drawbridge. This became known as 'The People's Bridge'. The Cobram punt measured 6 x 24 metres and weighed 80 tons when loaded. The fee for crossing on the Cobram punt was.....

- Pedestrian – 1 penny
- Horse and rider – 3 pennies/pence
- Gig or dray – 6 pennies (sixpence) = 5c
- Wagon – 1 shilling = 10c
- Wheat wagon – 1 penny per bag - a load of 80 bags, 5 shillings
- Cattle – 3 pence
- Sheep – half a penny or if more than 100 head then one farthing (1/4 of a penny) per head

The punt was operated by the Cobram Punt Company Ltd. and was christened 'Cobram'.

End of Year Financial Report

I have generated the club's end of year Financial Report to the end of June 2020. If anyone would like to know anything about the report before we have our next meeting, when ever that will be, please ring me.

The report will not be sent out to members as this is a privacy issue for our club.

NHMA National Rally 2021

The NHMA has sent out a 5 page entry form/registration for the NHMA National Rally that is to be held at Mudgee (NSW) on 9th – 11th April 2021.

If anyone would like to have these forms sent to them, please let me know and I will get them to you.

NHMA Tractor Trek

The 8th NHMA Tractor Trek will be held at Wedderburn on 2nd – 4th October 2020.

I don't know if this will still be going ahead or not. I will let you know when I hear something either way.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ken and Joan Robinson for their 50th golden wedding anniversary on the 21st March.

Just For Fun

What Causes Arthritis?

A man smelling of booze and cigarettes sat down on a subway next to a priest. His tie was stained, there was red lipstick on his collar and face and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket.

He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked "Tell me father, do you happen to know what causes arthritis?" The priest replies. "My son, it's caused by loose living, consorting with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and the lack of a bath."

The drunk muttered in response, "Well, I'll be damned", then returned to his paper. The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologised. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?" The man answered, "I don't have it, father. I was just reading here that the Pope suffers from it."

People keep asking, "Is Covid-19 really that serious?"

Listen up

Churches and Casinos are closed.

When Heaven and Hell agree on the same thing, It's probably pretty serious.

You've never appreciated what you have until it's gone.

Toilet paper is a good example.

Tools Explained

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh shit!'

DROP SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting on fire various flammable objects in your shop. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

UTILITY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

ADJUSTABLE WRENCH: aka "Another hammer", aka "the Swedish Nut Lathe", aka "Crescent Wrench". Commonly used as a one size fits all wrench, usually results in rounding off nut heads before the use of pliers. Will randomly adjust size between bolts, resulting in busted buckles, curse words, and multiple threats to any inanimate objects within the immediate vicinity.

SON OF A BITCH TOOL: Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'SON OF A BITCH!' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

Granny Smith Apple

Granny Smith is a variety of apple with green skin and tart flesh, originating in Australia around 1865 from a chance seedling propagated by Maria Ann Smith, aka Granny Smith. Granny Smith was born Maria Ann Sherwood in Peasmarsh, Sussex, England, sometime in late 1799. The daughter of an agricultural labourer, she later married a farm labourer. They emigrated to New South Wales in 1838 after being recruited by government agents looking for people with agricultural skills. They settled in the district of Ryde, Sydney, which was an intensive fruit growing area. The Granny Smith apple came about when 'Granny' Smith discovered a seedling apple, which had developed from the remains of some French crab apples grown in Tasmania, growing by a creek on her farm. It was not commercially developed in her lifetime, but the apple continued to be cultivated by local orchardists.

Maria Ann Smith died on 9 March 1870 and was buried in St. Anne's cemetery, Ryde, where her headstone can still be seen. The year after her death, in the 1871 Castle Hill Agricultural and Horticultural Show, the 'Granny Smith seedlings', as they were known, were awarded the prize for the best cooking apples.

Just to Fill the Page

A fireman was working on the fire engine outside the station, when he noticed a little girl, in a little red wagon, wearing a fireman's helmet, with little ladders hung off the side and a garden hose coiled in the middle. The wagon was being pulled by her dog and cat. The fireman walked over to take a closer look and said, 'that sure is a nice fire engine.' The little girl replied, 'Thanks.' The fireman looked a little closer. The girl had tied the wagon to her dog's collar and to the cat's testicles. The fireman said, 'I don't want to tell you how to run your rig, but if you tie that rope around the cat's collar you could go faster. The little girl replied, 'your probably right, but then I wouldn't have a siren.'