

# THE GOOD OIL

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Welcome to the April/May issue of our newsletter, The Good Oil.

My apologies for not producing a Good Oil last month.

With the rally planning in full swing, I ran out of days in the week.



**Happy Birthday** to our April and May born members.

We hope you all have a beautiful birthday and many happy returns.

<b>April</b>		<b>May</b>	
Phil Adams	2	Mia Thomson	2
Victoria Laffan	3	Andrew Mackay	7
Eddie Buxton	8	Michael Thomson	10
Laura Thomson	11	Hugh Freeman	9
Ned Fletcher	16	Joyce Cheong	18
Trevor Thompson	30	Blake Thomson	19
		Adam Thomson	25

## ICONIC W Class MELBOURNE TRAM Bound for Gisborne Steam Park

As Melbourne's transport system was modernised older trams were progressively retired and placed into storage, or sent to the Tramway Museum Society, Bendigo Tramway, Sydney Tramway Museum, Adelaide Aust Electric Tramway Museum, Ferrymead Heritage Park NZ, Museum of Transport Auckland NZ, Perth Electric Tramway Society, and the list goes on. The Victorian Government has decided that it no longer needs to keep all the stored trams and offered 134 of them, mainly W class trams, to individuals and not-for-profit organisations who could demonstrate how they would reuse the tram and how it would benefit the community. The stored trams were mainly W class of which 752 were built in 7 sub-classes over a 33 year period from 1923 to 1956. The following is a brief summary of W class trams built from 1923 to 1955/1956.

200 W class trams were built from 1923 to 1926. They seated 52 passengers, with room for 93 people to stand.

30 W1 class trams were built between 1925 and 1928. They were a variation of the W class and used a different seating arrangement. They were later converted to W2 class.

The 406 strong W2 class were introduced in 1927 and remained in service until final withdrawal in mid 1987. A trademark feature of these trams was their uncomfortable wooden bench style seats and roller blind doors.

W3 class were built between 1930 and 1934. These were the first trams to use an all steel frame. There were 16 trams built using parts and equipment intended for Y1 class trams and wheels from scrapped S and T class trams. All were withdrawn from service by 1969 due to cracks in the frame which held the motors.

W4 class – 5 built between 1933 and 1935. They had a wider body and lower floor than the W3, all were withdrawn by 1968.

W5/SW5 class were introduced between 1939 and 1941 and were in use until the mass withdrawal of the W class trams from 1994 to 1996. By 1986 all 85 of the W5 class appear to have been converted with sliding doors to replace the weather blinds and they had rounded windscreens, 10 more trams were built as SW5 class

W6/SW6 - the SW6 class were introduced in 1939 and were followed by the W6 class produced between 1951 and 1955. 150 were built in total. These had quieter wheels and soundproofing, bus seats in the end saloons until the early 1970's when the entire class was refurbished with upholstered seats throughout.

W7 class - 40 built in 1955/56 for operation on the new Bourke Street routes. Originally 70 were ordered but this was cut to 40 following the change of government in the 1955 state election. These had upholstered seats throughout and pneumatic operated sliding doors

5 W6/W7 class were modernised from 2012 and designated W8 class. The upgrades included improved traction motors, suspension, braking, crashworthiness and LED lighting while retaining the general appearance of the original trams (information on the various classes of the W trams sourced from Wikipedia)

From the 1,500 applications received the Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society was successful in it's application and has been allocated a W7 class tram number 1014. The history of tram 1014 is as follows : In service 2 June 1955 December 1960 – O2 Overhaul May 1962 – O3 Overhaul September 1964 – O3 Overhaul October 1970 – Headlights and Brake/Tail light units fitted to aprons March 1976 – O1 Overhaul March 1985 – O3 Overhaul and Livery changed to MET green and Yellow February 1987 – Converted to Advertising Tram – Deep Spring June 1987 - Changed advertising to SSW November 1987 – O3 Overhaul September 1988 – Redecorated advertising SSW November 1990 - Changed advertising to Tennis Centre May 1992 – Changed advertising to Coffs Harbour Tourism April 1993 – Changed advertising to AGC Finance 1994 - Placed into storage 2020 - New home at Gisborne Steam Park

## **Rally Reports**

### **Geelong Classic Truck & Machinery Show 12/13 January 2019**

The RGAPS (Royal Geelong Agricultural Pastoral Society) machinery section holds the Geelong Classic Truck & Machinery Show at about this time every year. For visitors and exhibitors the weather can be an issue. Rather than 40 degree temperatures the forecast was for cooler temperatures in the mid-twenties but with gusty southerly winds.

Setup day on Friday was quite windy and very dusty with the dust causing havoc with the engines throughout the whole rally; the engine display compounds being located adjacent to the tractor pull. There was no problem with heat, however, the southerly winds kept the temperature down and caused havoc with some tents. The Geelong show grounds are quite extensive so there is plenty to see making this event well worthwhile for a day visit. The RGAPS have large exhibitions of models of various types. There are vintage bicycles, classic cars, a traction engine, a liberator bomber engine operating and some very handsome trucks. The truck display is a major part of the rally with some fine examples from yesteryear. Particularly impressive was an all-wheel drive Mack Crane Truck – what a toy to have in the back yard and I believe it was for sale! Tractors feature heavily in the program and large number of well presented tractors are on display with some very rare types which can be seen running including Ronaldson and Tippett as well as Jelbart. A tractor pull is part of the program and it is clear that the early tractors some with belt drive have no chance of matching it with the later models. Competition is hotly contested in each of the horsepower categories. In the higher horsepower categories, the surrounding area is filled with exhaust smoke and dust with the very loud bellowing of Chamberlain 90 horsepower two strokes when dragging the heavily loaded sled. A large crowd watched the spectacle in awe. Also there was a large display of military vehicles and armaments mainly of Second World War and Korean War vintage. A demonstration of the capabilities of these together with some gunfire was staged a number of times on both Saturday and Sunday for the enjoyment of the spectators. The event is well attended and organised. The exhibitors were well looked after by the RGAPS, facilities were good for those who camp in caravans and motorhomes during the event. The show grounds were bulging with the number of campers that turned up so if you are thinking of camping contact the RGAPS and arrive early.

### **Kyabram Vintage Engine Rally and White Truck Muster**

Well it is done and dusted for another year. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our rally and muster in any way. I especially thank our volunteers and family members who helped us out. Without their help it would be almost impossible for us to set up and run our weekend.

We have awesome volunteers, family and club members who gave their time and effort to provide our exhibitors with a great rally and muster.

Many thanks to the Show Committee for the way that the grounds were left after the Rodeo. It helps to make our job a lot easier. The week started off with the big gardening effort on the Monday, public holiday, with a great number of bodies ready, willing and able to help. We had ride on mowers, push mowers, whipper snippers, chainsaws and rakes going full bore all day and the grounds looked even better than a parade ground. The trees got a trim up and with thanks to the ute trays and trailers, we added a considerable amount to the burn pile down the back of the grounds. At many stages throughout the day it looked like a dust storm blew over the grounds, but on closer inspection, it was just the four boys mowing the top off anything that got in their way. If you are wondering, the Bain mower was the fastest.

Tuesday was compound erecting day and with the boys back at school and our younger members back at work, we still had a great number of helpers arrive to carry, cart, bang in and roll out and by lunch time the compounds were looking the goods. Our new corner posts helped to keep the corners looking sharp and every post, wire and barrel was looking precise. The faithful Massey Ferguson and the yellow terror (forklift) were kept busy for the rest of the day and the days following.

Wednesday and Thursday were pretty hectic with all the incidentals that had to be done like toilet cleaning, shed cleaning, sign erecting and numerous other jobs too many to mention. We have found that if it hasn't been completed by Thursday night, then it most likely won't get done, as time on Friday is spent with our exhibitors arriving, shopping and the general organising of everything.

I would like to especially thank our unseen workers, the night security people. These club members spend two hours each, at all times of the night, on both the Friday and Saturday nights, to keep all of the exhibits safe. Spare a thought for those who had to get out of bed from 2am to 4am or any of the other times throughout the night. It is a hard task to do, especially when you cannot

get to bed early, you have to travel in and then go home again, and you have to be up early to get things done for the rally.

Thankyou very much for your work!!!!!!

Our Friday evening sausage sizzle was well attended and we had to delve into our Saturday evening food, as our visitors kept coming along for a snag. It was great to see everyone sitting around and catching up with each other and enjoying a chat before the weekend began.

We had quite a few exhibitors that had not been to one of our rallies before. Many of them were on their way to NHMA national rally which was held the following weekend. It was nice to meet them and hopefully they enjoyed their stay with us and they will tell their club mates about our rally. We were a few exhibitors short as well, probably because of the NHMA national rally. All in all, our numbers for our Saturday evening meal were only down a few.

It was great to see our German friend, Achim, back with us again this year. What a great effort for him to come over for the week just to be at the White muster. Achim had a few bits and pieces of metal things to take back with him so I hope he got through customs without any hiccups.

It was exciting to have the 'Outback Truckers' TV show filming at our truck muster. Our mate, Dave Oram, was their man and the film crew followed him from Bega, through to Kyabram and during our muster, with his White truck with a Minneapolis Moline tractor on the back as well as an old Albion wooden truck and a big old gold stamper working a blower that blew up an enormous sock with 'White trucks' written on it and a proud Aussie flag flying highly on the top. Apparently this could be seen for quite a way along Allen Street.

Our rally theme of Anything Big, Old and Interesting was well represented. We had a good number of big engines in the compounds and our interesting exhibits were amazing. The rabbiting display was awesome, especially with the smoke coming out of the logs. The memorabilia shed was packed full of interesting old things and the "I remember having one of those" or "I use to use one of those" was heard numerous times. The secretary shed was also full with great displays. The meccano boys always entice the kids, and the big kids, to their interactive displays. They enjoy the looks of amazement on peoples faces as much as they do making their displays. The paddle boats are a favourite of mine. They are exact replicas of what you see sitting in the Murray River in Echuca. All of our displays prove that there are a lot of talented people in our region.

Lastly I would like to acknowledge our under age members. These are the kids, grandkids and great grand kids of our members. They were all a big part of or rally and were so willing to help out in any way they could. They took free bickies around to give to our exhibitors, they handed out the Budget magazines to anyone and everyone, they helped out in the food shed by serving, doing the money and even the tiny ones were able to get the can of drink out of the fridge. The parents of these kids should be proud of the way they interacted with the general public, who in turn took time to interact with the kids. The kids also ran messages, took things here there and everywhere that they were asked and then were there to help with the clean up and pack up on Sunday afternoon. Thanks kids!!!!

### **NHMA National Rally**

Apparently the next NHMA National Rally will be held at Henty, NSW, on the third weekend in March 2021, which is the weekend of our rally.

How disappointing that they don't look around the area to see what clubs run their rally at the same time.

### **Did You Know**

\*At any given time, there are 1,800 thunderstorms in progress over the earth's atmosphere

\*Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors

\*The cigarette lighter was invented in 1823, three years before the match

\*February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon

\*Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing

### **Wanted**

Does anyone have a spare Main Carby Jet for a WD model Wolseley 3HP engine.

If you can help, please contact Bob on 03 58548377

### **For Sale**

Colin Barlow, Lloyd & Marie's son, has for sale 7 binders, Allis Chalmers rotor baler, V4 Wisconsin engine, self drive wind rower, 2 sunshine headers, ground driven

If you are interested in any of these please contact Colin on 0427 746324

Josh Brown from Toolamba has 2 Howard rotary Hoes for sale, one of which has cast iron wheels.

If interested, please ring 0412144578

### **To Give Away**

Home made tractor with a Coventry climax 4 cylinder motor. Needs some work.

Contact Colin Wilson at Rutherglen 0260328438

## Just For Fun

An Aussie truckie walks into an outback diner with a full-grown emu behind him. The waitress asks them for their orders. The truckie says, 'A hamburger, chips and a coke, and turns to the emu, "What's yours?" "I'll have the same," says the emu. A short time later the waitress returns with the order "That will be \$9.40 please," and the truckie reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment.

The next day, the truckie and the emu come again and he says, "A hamburger, chips and a coke." The emu says, "I'll have the same."

Again, the truckie reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes routine until the two enter again. "The usual?" asks the waitress. "No, it's Friday night, so I'll have a steak, baked potato and a salad," says the man. "Same," says the emu.

Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, "That will be \$32.62."

Once again, the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table.

The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, mate, how do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket every time?"

"Well love," says the truckie, "a few years ago, I was cleaning out the back shed, and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there"

'That's brilliant!" says the waitress. "Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!"

"That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the truckie. The waitress asks, "That's great, but what's with the bloody emu?"

The truckie sighs, pauses, and answers, "My second wish was for a tail bird with a big bum and long legs, who agrees with everything I say".

Be careful what you wish for !!!!!



*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."*

*Lest We Forget*