

Ian Stewart

The Australian vintage machinery fraternity has lost one of its elder statesmen. Ian Stewart passed away after a long illness that kept him away from his beloved hobby for the last few years. Ian had a lifelong interest in all things mechanical, restoring a variety of vintage machinery and collecting many scale models.

Ian first championed the concept of bringing Australian machinery collectors together to share knowledge and display their machinery on a national scale. He founded Australia's first dedicated vintage machinery magazine, 'The Olde Machinery Mart' in 1985 with his wife Kate.

Ian was the driving force and founding member of the National Historical Machinery Restoration Association, an extension of his passion to unite the old machinery movement, assist clubs and foster friendships. This is embodied by the National Machinery rallies which Ian and Kate supported by attending as many as they could, organising TOMM Tour groups to some of these events.

Ian and Kate also started a business, 'Working Stirling and Steam Models', selling all types of model engines. This gave Ian and Kate the opportunity to catch up with machinery enthusiasts Australia-wide. They made many friends in their travels.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Vale Ian Stewart

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