



# BITS & PIECES

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*The News Letter of*  
**THE BURDEKIN  
MACHINERY  
PRESERVATIONISTS**

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Club Working days on Mondays.  
(Tuesday if Monday is a holiday.)

## October 2016

### **Editors Notes:**

Well we have a few busy Days coming up in November. First there is the Home Hill Harvest Festival and display on Saturday 5th November and this will be followed by the BMP's Open day on Sunday 6th at Brandon. We firstly need your attendance, then maybe with an Engine, Restored Car, or some item of interest to the Public, help with setting up the rally area, help with the BBQ and Stalls, and anything that you can help with on the Day. It is a long list but the Public are coming and we need to make a good showing from the Club.

Good cranking, Alf.

### **From the last meeting:**

We had a fair attendance of Members, although we had a good number away on holidays. Some attending various Rallies in the South or being a Tourist. We wish them a happy Holiday and a safe return.

The Club went into discussion on the venue of the next QHR Rally. It should be in the Central Region, and Craig Cooper had not received any Application for that Region. It is now open for any other Club north or south to apply. The opinion was that we wait and see what happens at the meeting at Oakey.

Ayr Show There was further discussion on the success of the Club's attendance at the Ayr Show. The Tractor Pull under Michael Pirrone leadership was a great success not only for the Club but also for the Show Committee and Patrons. Thanks go to Mark Brown and his happy team from the Tablelands who brought down the Sled and Tractors.

**Power House** The construction is now well underway. As mentioned in last newsletter the roof and end walls were in place. The side wall facing the rail crossing is now in place. One double door has been finished with its cladding. The other 3 doors have been cut to size and welded. The remaining mounting brackets have been completed and painted. We are close to having 3 sides of the shed completed.

**Open Day** This was discussed and Alf was first to contact Jane Farmer about the Poster. Some new photos will be required. Jim Phillips was going to have further contact with Jane about the Poster. Invitations have been given to the Mayor Lyn, Dale Last, and George Christensen to attend. The Posters have been erected around Ayr and Home Hill.

### **News:**

**Public Visitors** The Club has decided that the opening of the Precinct will be only on a Monday while we are working on Projects. We will open to the Public in the New Year around April-May.

**Walker.** Work on this Engine is going along slowly. There has been a fair bit of painting by Bruno Fabbro on the main trunks of the Engine. The Heads have had attention to the valves. The rocker gear shafts have been removed and cleaned. The last wall of the Shed cannot be put in place till a lot of the Walker has been assembled on site.

The Steam Boiler and Engine are now being looked after by Lex Kelly. It was run when the Army Logistic team were in town recently. Further checks have been made and it will be ready for the Open Day. It uses a fair supply of fuel in an hour so its start-up is restricted to special days or an event. The Club's special thanks go

to Peter Toomey who has had a lot to do with initial installation of the Boiler and running at various times over the years. Thank you Peter.

**Workshop addition.** The Club has now been given a new Radial Drill - only 50 years old from Inkerman Mill. Not sure how it come to BMP but it is a welcome addition to the Workshop. The Club will find a suitable location after a lot of gear from the Walker is installed.

**Pioneer Loco** Jim Phillips has had a lot to do with this project. New side plates have been cut to size and ready to be fitted. Also they have been painted. We will have to watch the closing date of the Grant conditions.

**The Building Team** Special thanks go to Des Moody and his willing band of Members who have with Des have almost completed the outside construction of the Powerhouse Shed. Inside there has been the construction of the formwork for the Foundations for each Engine completed by Howard and Lex. The cableway through the floor for Air, Water, and Electrical Cables is quite an achievement. It has been a Major, Major Project for the Club to take on. I don't think anyone thought it was going to be such a massive undertaking for the Club Members to achieve. Thank you to all who have worked or supported this Project.

### **Coming Events:**

Working Bee every Monday with a Sausage Sizzle Dinner. Morning Smoko or Tea at 10am. Visitors and members are welcome to attend.

QHR Rally at Oakey Southern Qld from the 28th to 30th October

Home Hill Festival Rally Saturday 5th in 9th Street in Water Board Yard Set up around at 2pm. Goes to about 8.30 to 9 Pm, Parking of Cars in the Yard.

BMP Open Day at Brandon For members from 8am. Public from 9.30am to after 3.30 pm. Display of all things ancient. We need your support and the Public.

## **From the Past:**

### Newsletter February 1992.

#### EDITORIAL:

No doubt the recent hot weather has made the restoration of old junk machinery a bit of a chore. It wouldn't be much fun in a little tin shed somewhere out in the sun, working on some cantankerous engine that would not start, despite the fact that there was absolutely nothing wrong with it. (Other than the fact that it's a bloody engine, that is!)

Anyway, hopefully the weather will cool soon, and work can resume on the latest project. For instance, The NQ Field Days are just begging for something new.

Alf

The club badge is now available. Umm, should be anyway. They will cost members \$5.00 each, and are well worth it, as they are very nice. They are supposed to be available at the next meeting, so come to the meeting, bring some cash and buy a couple of badges. One at least should be bought for preservation in your collection of family memorabilia.

For those attending the NQ Field Days, Tom has booked three rooms at the Sunbird Motel, so if you would like to stay at the Motel, and avoid traveling back and forth, contact Tom.

At the last meeting, it was proposed that the Inter Club Rally be held on the May Day Weekend. a rough plan is Saturday - arrival, Sunday - display at Plantation Creek, Monday - look around.

Tom and Jan Callow off to New Zealand in a fortnight.

Next meeting is Monday the 24th February, at the Memorial Hall.

The Treasurer is asking for members to ensure that they are financial. Some fees for 1991-92 are still outstanding, and at only

\$20.00, (being \$10.00 for membership and \$10.00 for insurance) it is really not a large amount.

The financial year is from July to June, so if you have forgotten your fees, come to the meeting and part with your cash, and avoid the Treasurer having to send the boys in the dark suits carrying the violin cases to your place late one night.

## Minutes Meeting January 1991.

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January, 1992.

Present were:

Tom Callow, Les Crossman, Les Crossman, Nev Wood, Bill Phillips, Jim Phillips, Peter Toomey, Alf Shand, Howard Simpson.

Apologies: Rocky Wassmuth.

Minutes:

The President, Tom Callow, opened the meeting and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. Moved Alf Shand that the minutes be accepted. Seconded Jim Phillips.

Carried.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer gave his financial report for the club, with a Cr balance of \$478.88, and moved that the report be accepted. Seconded Bill Phillips. Carried.

While on the subject of finances, the Secretary asked for clarification as to whether or not non financial members should receive the Club Newsletter. After discussion, it was decided that the Treasurer would write, or otherwise contact, non-financial members to ascertain the intentions of those members.

Correspondence:-

Inward: A letter from the Home Hill Harvest Festival expressing appreciation for the Clubs display during the Festival.

General Business:

Jim Phillips brought to the meetings attention, a Fordson club newsletter, wherein financial members were named and addressed. He inquired of the members opinion as to the desirability of such names and address being so published. There was mostly dissent as regards the publication of addresses, but it was thought the BMPA could publish names only, in a newsletter

a couple of months after the AGM, when subscription would be overdue.

Jim Phillips reported that there were no Club badges as yet owing to a disastrous unforeseen circumstance whereby, even after heroic attempts far beyond the call of duty by the said Mr Phillips, the master drawing was unfortunately made unavailable. Members were quick to offer sympathy and regret at the unfortunate happening, hastening to add that they, in no way, held Mr Phillips responsible.

Tom Callow reported on the NQ Field Days. He had booked rooms at the Sunbird Motel for the NQ Field Days period. Confirmation of the booking was required a month before. There was a new NQFD Secretary who had said that the club had close access to water. Les Crossman asked if the Club could obtain vehicle passes or something to allow parking near the display. Tom said he would ask. It was suggested that the Club paint it's star pickets before the event.

The upcoming Inter-Club Rally was discussed. It was decided that, if distant people were to be able to attend, the Rally would have to be held on a long weekend. The only possible time was Labor Day Weekend, the 4th May. It was decided that the Club write to Ian Stewart and ask for the time and place to be noted in T.O.M.M. Also, write to the Townsville, Mackay and Charters Towers Clubs, with the view that those clubs would notify their members.

A rough itinerary was discussed, but not exactly decided.

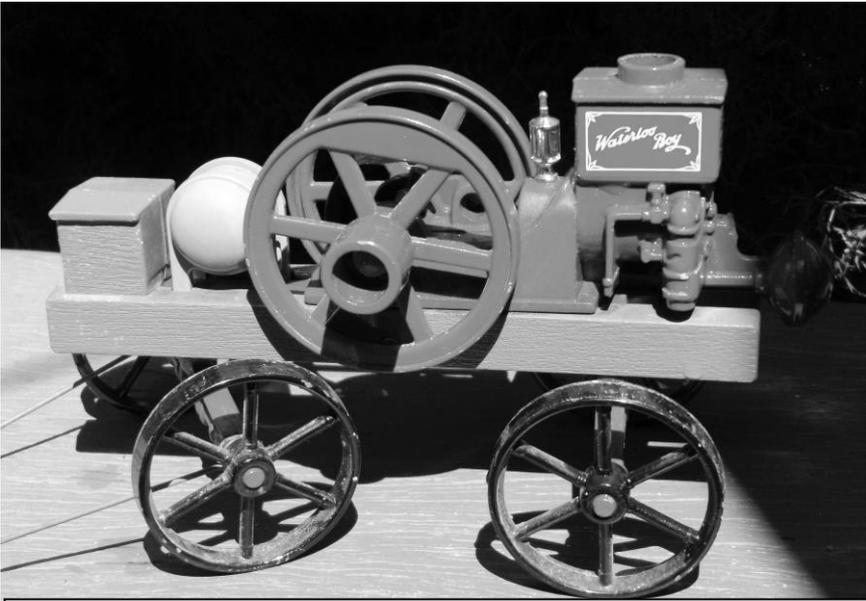
The next meeting will be on the 24th February.

Meeting closed at 9.30 PM.

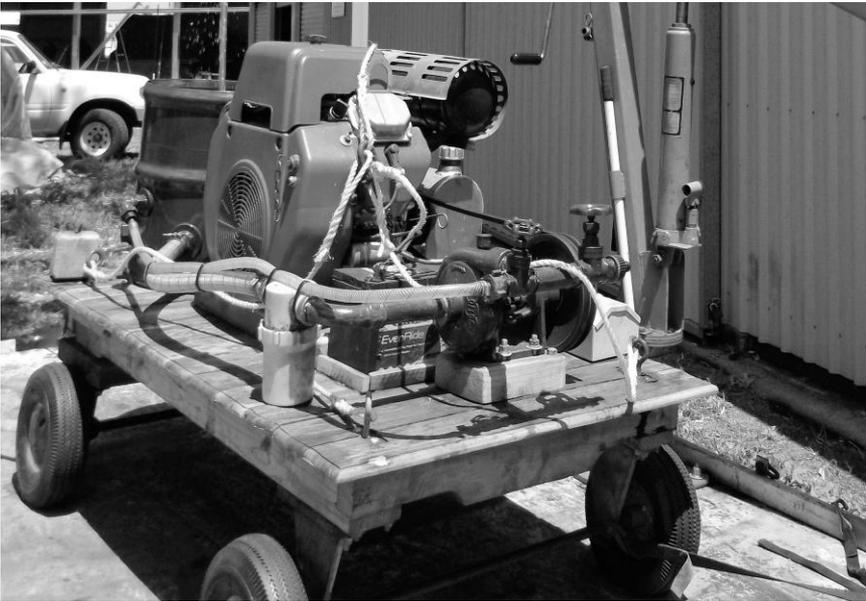
Tom Callow. President.

## **Next Meeting:**

Next monthly meeting will be on Monday 31st October at Brandon at 8pm. We would like you to attend as there are several items that will need some discussion, and we have the Rally at the Festival followed by the Open Day next day.



A Model of a Waterloo Boy engine, similar to Ray Blain's.



A picture of D2's 16Hp driving a 1 inch pump