
STEAMING UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS INC

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19th NHMA NATIONAL RALLY



Featuring:
“STEAMING UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS”

To all NHMA Affiliated Club Members

In August 2025, the 19th National Historical Machinery Association (NHMA) 'National Rally' is being held at Jondaryan Woolshed over 9 days from 23rd August to 31st August 2025.

The feature theme for this event is 'Steaming under the Southern Cross', potentially the largest gathering of heritage steam machinery ever held in the Southern Hemisphere!

Whilst the NHMA rally is held every 2 years at locations across Australia, this is only the 3rd time in 40 years this event has been held in Queensland.

The NHMA National Rally is widely regarded as the preeminent heritage machinery event in Australia. The addition of the Steaming under the Southern Cross element takes the event to the next level economically and socially.

An entity called Steaming under the Southern Cross Inc has been formed by the three host organisations to deliver the 19th NHMA 'National Rally' after winning the rights to host this event at the previous 18th National Rally at Mudgee in April 2023:

- Toowoomba and District Old Machinery Society,
- Queensland Steam and Vintage Machinery Society
- Steaming on the Downs Inc

The value of this event to the heritage machinery movement in Queensland, to regional tourism and to the Toowoomba Region cannot be overstated. This event forms a launchpad to elevate the profile of not only the heritage machinery movement in Queensland to a new generation, but also Jondaryan Woolshed as a significant tourism location with major event appeal.

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Drawcard Feature Theme

The feature theme of this rally is ALL THINGS STEAM! – hence the addition of ‘Steaming under the Southern Cross’.

What we have in scope for the steam feature is as follows:

- **40 full size traction engines, steam rollers, steam wagons;**
- **miniature traction engines**
- **Miniature steam locomotives (there is a 7.25' gauge miniature railway on site)**
- **Countess full size and miniature stationary steam engines and plant**
- **Steam cars**
- **Steam boats**
- **Steam sheep shearing demonstrations**
- **2 steam powered sawmills**
- **Steam well drilling and stump pulling etc**
- **Steam engine heavy haulage play pen**
- **Steam train shuttle trips to and from Toowoomba and Jondaryan on 23/24 August and again on 30/31 August.**

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In addition to the steam component above:

- **500 stationary IC engines**
- **300 tractors**
- **Classic, vintage and veteran cars, trucks, motorcycles etc**
- **Tractor pull**
- **Fine food, markets, merchandise and live music**
- **Animal nursery, kids rides etc**

SPECIAL FEATURES

Of particular interest is a number of **historic local manufacturer's** equipment on display. Great local companies long gone such as Eclipse Foundry from Toowoomba will be well represented

Aside from steam, we are encouraging the owners of **Hot Air Engines** to dust them off, drag them out of the shed, throw them in the trailer and bring them along! These quirky curiosities from another era are a hit with kids and parents alike!

Veteran Trucks are also strongly encouraged to attend!

Don't forget the **Steam Road Run and Tractor Road Run** are being held on the 21st and 22nd August 2025!



Exhibitor General Information Volunteers

Exhibitors can complete their registration online by clicking the link [here](#) or alternatively download a PDF version of the form [here](#).

When you submit your registration form you will receive an email confirmation. If you want to edit your online submission there will be a link in your confirmation email to update your online submission. If you want to amend your PDF submission you will need to email exhibitors@susci.com.au with your updated form.

Our [website](#) & [facebook](#) page will be regularly updated and e-newsletters will be sent to Exhibitors to keep you updated.

Not an Exhibitor but you're a Club Member and you want to attend, just complete a [Club/Group Affiliation Registration Form](#) or ask your Club to include your name on their application.

If you know anyone who may be interested in joining our team of volunteers please ask them to visit our website and complete an online Volunteer Registration Form.

Volunteer opportunities include:-

- Supervisors
- Catering
- Exhibitor Registration & Information
- Finance
- Entry & Exit Gate Marshalls
- Setup and breakdown
- Directing attendees and providing information
- Ticket Sales & Tour Guides
- Visitor Information
- Parade Marshalls & Runners/floaters

We'll then be in touch to discuss the volunteer opportunities.

We look forward to seeing you all at this fantastic event. Tell your friends!

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