

NEWSLETTER

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The show season has been very busy for the club.

FERGIES AT THE SOUTH POLE



In 1957 Edmund Hillary of Everest fame journeyed to the South Pole with a team of New Zealanders on Fergusson tractors. This example is in the Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT) in Auckland



Lyn Richards from the Historical Machinery Club Tasmania with her 1934 Farmall F-12; and (inset) her 1960s Holder A12 Cult tractor on show at Agfest. Pictures: Alison Foletta

On the hunt for a beloved family tractor

Alison Foletta

Lyn Richards' collection of vintage farming equipment spans almost 100 years, but the location of her dream machine – her grandfather's tractor – remains a mystery. Ms Richards and her husband Greg both collect vintage farming machinery, with the oldest, and most expensive, being the 1928 A model roadster.

But Ms Richards would love to find her grandfather's Fordson tractor.

“When I was young, whenever we'd visit my grandparents, I'd ask to sit on the tractor. I don't even remember the colour.”

Ms Richards said the last she heard was the tractor went to her uncle and he had sold it.

“You never know,” she said. “Maybe one day.”

While her grandfather's tractor may be a memory and something that sparked her love of antique machinery, Ms Richards still has quite a collection.

Ms Richards said that she loved seeing “old machinery kept operating”.

“I don't like seeing machinery painted shiny,” Ms Richards said.

“They need to look their age ... in their day they would have come out with a paint job using a brush.”

Part of The Historical Machine Club of Tasmania, she said events such as Agfest were a great way to connect. “People come up and tell you their memories.”

Office time boosts pay

Workers who skip the office could be losing money and promotions with revelations. Australian employers are secretly rewarding staff who ditch working from home.

A bombshell survey by recruitment firm Robert Half has exposed “proximity premium” – where being physically near the boss could be the key to boosting your salary and climbing the career ladder.

The findings show 68 per cent of Australian companies have adjusted employee salaries based on how often staff turn up to the office over the past two years, and 69 per cent have modified bonus structures to favour office workers.

Fresh take on flowers

Atmospheric plasma – a technology used in medicine and agriculture – can extend the life of cut flowers.

A Griffith University team experimented using three sets of flowers – roses, gerberas and dahlias – separated into five groups, from no chemical treatment to full treatment with atmospheric plasma and monitored them over two weeks. They found the chemical-free plasma-treated flower bunches had maintained their colour and freshness.

Lyn had her 5 minutes of fame at Agfest

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WINTER MEETINGS

- 6 June Westbury Hotel 12-30 for lunch, meeting after
- 4 July Furners Hotel Ulverstone 12pm lunch, meeting after
- 1 August Rocky Cape Tavern 12-30 for lunch, meeting after



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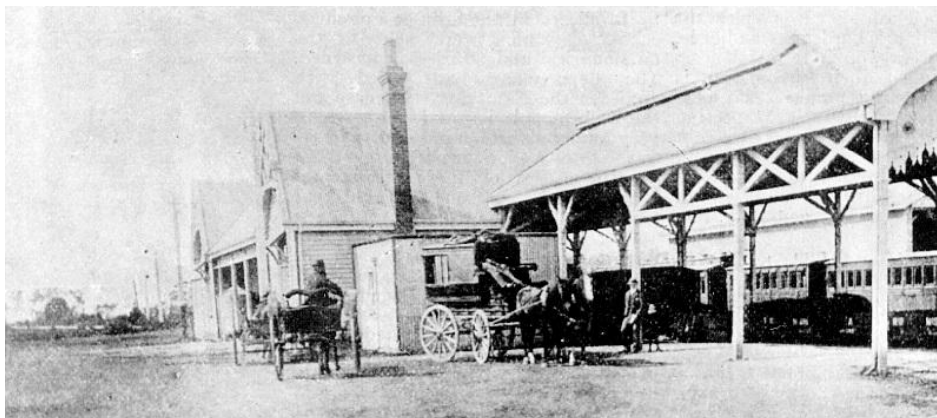


Don't even think about touching my tractor





The 2027 NHMA Rally will be hosted by partnership between Maitland Steam and Antique Machinery inc, Hunter Valley. Vintage Farm Machinery Club and Maitland City Council. Dates are 9 to 11 April 2027 and Steamfest 16 to 18 April 2027



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The club put on its' usual good display at Steamfest





**2026
National
Tractor
Convention**

**September 4, 5 & 6 2026
To be held at Gulgong**

Hosted by
Cudgong Valley Antique Machinery Club

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your membership renewal is due by 30 June.

If you receive your newsletter by email, your renewal form is a separate attachment to the email. If you don't have the equipment to print it, please contact the secretary to arrange a hard copy. You will not require a hard copy if your details are the same as last year

Contributions to the newsletter are always welcome and appreciated. If you have an article you would like to submit, please send it to allan.wilton@bigpond.com or contact me on 0409 516 290

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