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Ruston Hornsby Model 1VTO Stationary Engine

owned by Tony McGarry

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Meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Defence Veterans' Drop-In Centre, 44 Pitt St (cnr Pitt and May St), Walkervale, Bundaberg. Members will be advised if there is a change of venue.

From the Editor's Desk



The rally and show season has started with plenty to keep members busy. Please keep sending photos and reports to be included in the newsletter. Thanks to Ian and Lorraine for their report about the Milbong Tractor Trek.

This issue we visit Tony McGarry's shed and have a close look at his current restoration projects. If you would like an article about your projects please contact me.

With the BVVC's Heritage Day happening soon I have included some photos from 2018 when the RCVMC display was set up in the old machinery area near the car club's shed. Many present members and their displays are featured.

Recently Trevor and Helen travelled to New Zealand where they visited many museums that housed some very interesting machinery. Over the next couple of issues I will feature some of the engines, tractors and exhibits that they saw and thought might be of interest to our members

Until next time,

Marilyn

President's Report

G Day Members,

We are approaching the busy time of the year with the local agricultural show season upon us. These shows are wonderful social events that bring our community together and celebrate our shared interests. Please let the organiser know if you are attending.

We have the Gayndah Show this weekend with the Kemp family organising the display, but a reminder that the Mt Perry show has been cancelled this year. So the next show after Gayndah would be the Monto Show, so contact Ed Murray should you want to participate. This is usually a great show.

The Yesteryear Club rally is on the first weekend in May and since their last rally they have made permanent engine compounds and will hopefully have a place to plough. So let's try and support this one as they have had a bad trot with the weather recently and with the change of date from April to May let's hope it works out for them this year.

Looking ahead, our primary focus will be on our upcoming rally on August 8 and 9. This event is crucial for our club, and I will be dedicating most of my time and effort to ensure its success. We are making good progress, but there is still plenty to do. If you know of any local community groups that would like to showcase their interests at the rally, please put them in touch with us, and we will see what arrangements can be made.

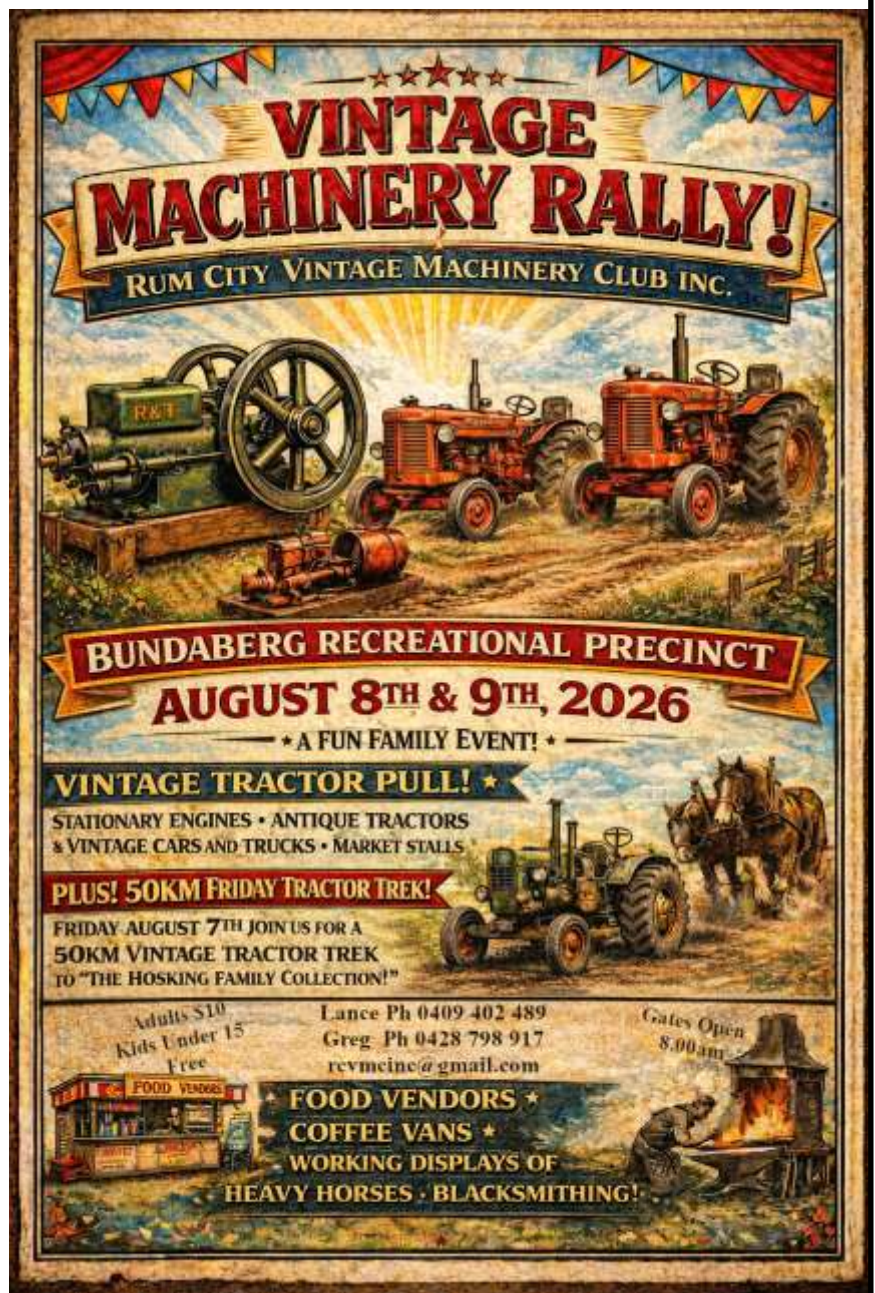
Thank you once again for your continued support and participation. Together, we can make this rally an unforgettable event.

Kind regards,

Lance Maskell

President RCVMC.

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In My Shed

Tony McGarry



Tony began his apprenticeship in Bundaberg in the 1950's at Stewart Brothers Motors (Holden dealership). From there he went into sugarcane farming. The first harvester he bought was a J150. He then switched to a Don harvester. As the harvesting contract grew he bought a Massey Ferguson 102.

Although he left harvesting and the farm his passion for harvesters continued. He began working for Massey Ferguson Harvesting. After working there for a couple of years he was offered an overseas position as a harvester technician. With this job he travelled to Madagascar, Taiwan, Islands off Japan and finished up working in the US. He remained there for 37 years. When he retired he returned to Australia.



J150 Harvester

While in Florida he joined the Florida Flywheels Club and so when he returned here he looked for a club. He joined the RCVMC and has in the past held the positions of Treasurer and Vice President. He used his knowledge of harvesters to work on harvesters that were donated to the club.

Lately he has turned his interest to tractors and small stationary engines. Besides working on his own projects Tony has spent a lot of time working on the club engines donated by the Truscott family.



“ I get a lot of enjoyment out of making old things look good again, and especially if you can make it run again. Some day the current equipment that we all use today will be in the same category and hopefully the young of today will continue on and keep it running.”

Current Projects

Ruston Hornsby engine

Tony is currently restoring a Ruston Hornsby, model 1VTO stationary engine. It's a liquid cooled engine weighing 1/2 ton. It has 4 1/2 hp at 800rpm and 5hp at 1000rpm.

This engine was purchased new in 1938 at the Brisbane Ekka by a family on a cattle station at Moolboolaman. It was used to run a 32volt generator to run the house lighting. After electricity was connected the engine was moved to the eldest son's place at Captain's Creek and used to power the house with lighting.

After taken out of service it was stored for a considerable amount of time before being offered to Tony for restoration.



It is a work in progress:

- The connecting rod bearing was gone and he had to get someone to pour a new bearing and machine it to fit the crankshaft.
- New seals
- Cylinder was fine
- Fabricated gaskets for the oil pump
- Originally the fuel was from an overhead tank outside so he was given a fuel tank off a small engine and fitted it.
- At the moment is making a new cooling tank and cooling hose.
- THEN HOPEFULLY TRY TO START IT!



Allis Chalmers "B"

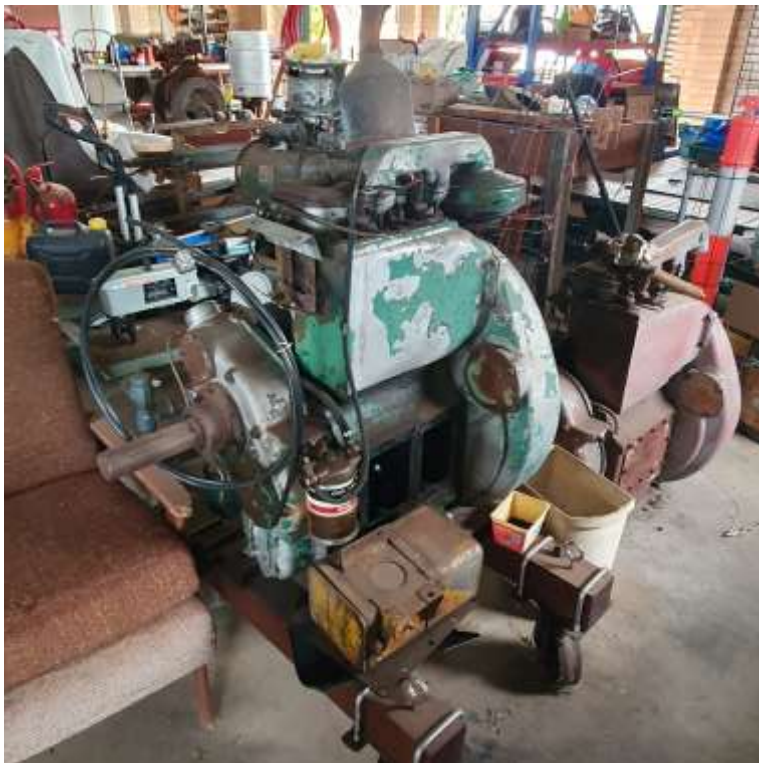
Tony is also restoring an Allis Chalmers "B" tractor (American made version). The tractor was purchased from Howard.

Work completed so far:

- New radiator and water pump
- New rims and tyres on front wheels
- Good compression and magneto



Projects Awaiting Restoration



Ruston Hornsby 2 YWA



Ruston Hornsby 4 YDA

Briggs and Stratton engine

This 1950's Briggs and Stratton 4hp engine with a reduction drive was used on a sieve in the gemfields.



Tony out and about with RCVMC



Displaying some of the Club engines



Helping with the raffles



Participating in the Pageant of Lights float.



At the Sausage Sizzle.

Rally Roundup

Cooyar Show

Several RCVMC members attended the Cooyar Show on 21st February.

For the second year running the engine boys, Jan, Laurie and Trevor, displayed some of their stationary engines. Lance and Greg had tractors there and Dave once again had his 1925 Model T Ford.

During the afternoon a grand parade was held. Included in it were tractors and trucks from RCVMC, TADOMs and Kingaroy Clubs.

The rodeo and fireworks ended an enjoyable day.



Trevor's 1949 3.5hp Lister CS and a Nevertire Piston Pump



Jan's Ronaldson Tippett 1929, 2hp, type H engine rebadged in Australia by International Harvesting Company as "The Ideal Motor". It is displayed with a Nevertire Piston Pump.



Some of the tractors in the Grand Parade.



Dave's 1925 Model T Ford driven by Trevor Pincott leading the Grand Parade



RCVMC members' stationary engine compound.



Greg on his 1950 Fergie in the grand Parade.



Lance had his restored Farmall on display.



Line up of some of the variety of tractors on display.



Trevor and Jan putting up the RCVMC flag.

"Which way does it go?"

"Thread this through here I think."

"Oops back to front. Swing it around."

"Perfect!"



Some of the trucks and cars on display.



Trevor Pincott and Chelsea.



Stacy Needer



Andrew Rackemann



Denis Needer



Byron Kriesch

Brooweena Pioneer Day

On 21st March RCVMC members attended the Brooweena Pioneer Day. On display were 4 tractors, several stationary engines and memorabilia items and Lin and Ralph's VW. Also a couple of members attended as spectators.

Spectator numbers were down due to the weather. The ground was quite soggy and a couple of showers were had during the day. However the spectators who did attend were interested and chatted happily with the members about their displays.

The soggy conditions made for good entertainment as engines were loaded and vehicles struggled to gain traction as a result of the water-logged ground.

Despite the damp conditions a very enjoyable social time was had by all members.



Ralph and Lin's 1965 Volkswagon "Beetle"



Ed's line up of engines-

*1945 Ronaldson Tippett (badged Ideal) 3hp, Type N. Was used on a cane farm at South Kalkie to run the chaff cutter.

*Circa 1950, 3hp, 3C-1 Goldsbrough manufactured by Westinghouse-Rosebery. Was rescued after being totally submerged in the 2013 Bundaberg floods.



Kev's Standard Cream Separator was built in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1920's. Both the engine and separator came from the Childers area.



Jan's Ronaldson Tippett 1929, 2hp, type H engine rebadged in Australia by International Harvesting Company as "The Ideal Motor". It is displayed with a Nevertire Piston Pump.



Jan's Champion No1 Blower. Was made by Champion Blower & Forge Co, USA in 1920's.

The No1 Blower was used as a hand cranked, lightweight air supply mechanism for blacksmith forges, rivet heating and light duty repair. These blowers were popular for farm, farrier or on-site construction use due to their portability and ability to work without electricity. They were also utilised as a mechanical replacement for traditional leather bellows.



Indy's RanD 3 1/2hp diesel engine with a vertical water cooled tank and hvid injector system. It was manufactured by Rapson & Dutton in Brisbane in 1934. A limited number were made and this is engine 179. They were mainly sold around SE Qld and Northern NSW. It was used to run a generator on a poultry farm on the Sunshine Coast. This was the first time Indy has displayed this engine.



Trevor's Villier's Mark 12/HIS, air cooled, 4stroke petrol engine. Built between 1957 & 1966 in Ballarat.

FL4 Bronze Gear Pump. 1" (25mm) ring.
Used on farm machinery as a spray pump.



4 Cycle 1 3/4hp PT type engine teamed with a Marino pump. Displayed by Jan.



The team trying to sort out the gremlins in Dave's Cooper engine.



Alan's display of a corn grinder and scale model machinery.



How many members does it take to load one engine?



The latest addition to the Kemp family, a 1966 MF 65, multipower and high clearance.



A 1953 Fergie TED 20 owned by the Kemp family.



Shane's 1949 Fergie TEA 20



"Shiny", Ray's 1952 Fergie TED 20



Milbong Tractor Trek

On Saturday, 7th March, the Milbong and District Tractor Club held a classic tractor trek around the local area. Thanks to Ian and Lorraine for the following report.

Trek was for one day, 7th March. There were 30 tractors participating leaving the tractor club grounds at 8 am. The trek was out and around Mt Walker being a very scenic drive, stopping for lunch at Mt Walker's Sunflower Farm. Club provided all meals from Friday night dinner to Sunday morning breakfast, doing a great job. Arrived back at club around 4pm after doing approximately 110 kms. A very enjoyable weekend had by all.



Credit—Milbong & District Classic Tractor Club FB page

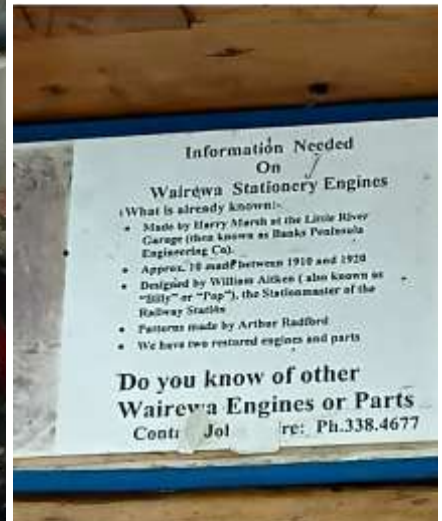
A Blast from the Past

A photo from 25 years ago. Can you recognise who the diehard Fergie owner is enjoying himself driving around on a Fordson? (Answer on last page)



On My Travels

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This engine was found at an old railway station / museum in Little River, just a short drive from Christchurch.




Ashburton Aviation Museum showcases one of NZ most extensive aircraft collections.

ROLLS-ROYCE AVON

The Rolls-Royce Avon was the first axial flow jet engine designed and produced by Rolls-Royce. Introduced in 1950, it went on to become one of the most successful post-World War II engine designs, used in a wide variety of aircraft, both military and civilian, as well as versions for stationary and maritime power. Production of the Avon aero engine version ended after twenty-four years in 1974, by which time over 11000 had been built. The current version of the Avon, the 280, is an industrial gas generator that is rated at 21-22000 shp. As of 2011, 1250 industrial Avons have been sold, and the type has established a 60,000,000 hour class. The modifications and improvements introduced to the Avon 200 series were considerable, resulting in a completely different engine with very little in common with the early Marks. Despite this, the name Avon was retained.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS
 Type: Turbojet
 Length: 126 in (3203 mm)
 Diameter: 35.7 in (907 mm)
 Dry Weight: 2890 lb (1310 kg)
 Maximum Thrust: 12650 lbf (56.4 kN) dry/16340 lbf (72.8 kN) with reheat





Flashback



BVVC Heritage Show 2018



**Rum City Vintage
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To join with the Wide Bay Historical Machinery
Club



At our Annual Machinery Rally 5th & 6th
September 2026
(Father's Day Weekend)

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2026**

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9AM TO MIDDAY

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General information: For further event details including information for exhibitors, sponsors and trade enquiries, please refer to the contact details on the left. Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates.

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**2026 Vintage
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Dalby Showgrounds, Dalby-Coyne Rd, Dalby QLD

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Upcoming Events

April

25/26th - Monto Show

May

2nd - Yesteryear Rally - Avondale Sports Grounds

3rd - General Meeting - 1:00pm, Defence Veterans' Drop-In Centre, 44 Pitt St, Walkervale

9th - Mundubbera Show

14th - Gympie Show

16th - BVVC Heritage Car and Machinery Show - Bundaberg Precinct

21st - Fraser Coast Show

23rd - Childers Show

23/24th - Dalby Pioneer Park Field Days

27/28/29th - Bundaberg Show

30/31st - Gin Gin Show

30/31st - Pine Rivers - "Powering Past Generations"

June

4/5/6/7th - Wentworth 70 years On. Flood Trek and Rally - Wentworth, NSW

7th - General Meeting - 1:00pm, Defence Veterans' Drop-In Centre, 44 Pitt St, Walkervale

12th - Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings

20/21—Mt Larcom Show

July

5th - General Meeting - 1:00pm, Defence Veterans' Drop-In Centre, 44 Pitt St, Walkervale

11th - Coalfest, Howard

18th - Old Wheels in Motion Rally, Biloela

25th - Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings

Date Claimers

Dates to put in your Diary

8/9th August 2026

RCVMC Rally

Recreational Precinct, Bundaberg

4/5/6th September 2026

National Tractor Convention

Gulgong Showgrounds

3/4/5th October 2026

QHR

Stanthorpe Showgrounds

9/10/11th April 2027

20th NHMA Rally

Maitland NSW

Swap meets

These dates are correct at time of printing but maybe subject to change.

May

23rd - Curra

June

July

11th - Hervey Bay

August

1st - Rockhampton



Answer -
Paul Irwin

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