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TRACS TORQUE

Trucks too.

November 2026

Newsletter for
Members of the Tractor
Restoration and Appreciation
Club Sunraysia Inc.

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Next TRACS Meeting— Wednesday 11th November at Irymple Bowls Club.



Congratulations to Team Muir.

First place in The Preservation Award at this year's Bay to Birdwood.





Presidents Report

Hi fellow Tracs members,

Wilga Road Shed - The foundations for the cement floor has been compacted and levelled for the first pouring of cement, the first third will be completed by the time you receive this newsletter.

Our Christmas party will be held on the 29th of November at Wilga Road Clubrooms hopefully with a nice, new concrete floor. Arrangements to be sorted at our next meeting as to requirements for this event.

A serious issue has appeared about Tractor Treks within the New South Wales Government as they believe that tractors do not comply with registration for road use.

I would say at 28kmph top speed they are very safe and most treks are done on isolated roads, when speed limits are 50 kmph in town, tractors do not pose any threat to other road users.

So with the greatest respect to the New South Wales Government they need to reconsider their changes.

Regards

Michael Snadden

TRACS—What's On in The Next Few Months.

October 2026

- **Mon 26th and Tue 27th**—visiting NZ Tractor Group
- **Sat 31st and Sun 1st Nov**—Lake Goldsmith Rally

November 2026

- **Monday 2nd to Thurs 5th—**Tractor Trek—details on page 4
- **Sunday 8th—**South Merbein Motor Show—9am to 2pm
- **Sunday 8th**—HCVC Display Day at Yarra Glen. Dinner the night before
- **Wed 11th**—TRACS Meeting
- **Sat 14th and Sun 15th**—Bendigo Swap meet
- **Sat 14th and Sun 15th**—Power of the Past at Echunga Recreation Grounds
- **Sunday 29th**—Christmas break up at Wilga Rd.

December 2026

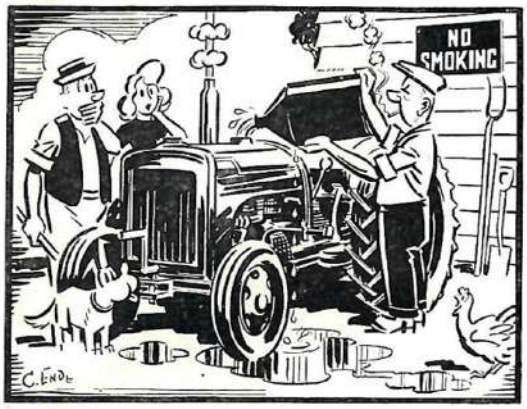
- **Wed 9th**—TRACS Meeting

January 2027

- **Wed 13th**—TRACS meeting



"Belts should always be treated with respect . . . "



"Every workshop, tractor and combine should be allotted a fire extinguisher."

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NSW Historic Motoring Association

TRACS is an Affiliate member of the Association. As its name suggests it is NSW based and advocates for the benefit of owners of Historic Vehicles in that State.

The letter below outlines proposed changes to the NSW Historic Vehicle Registration Scheme relating to tractors and plant.

TRACS is opposing these changes. As a local example, the recent Flood rally would not be possible under regulations such as this.

G'day NSW Historic Motoring Association member,

Following your expression of interest, I am writing to you to alert you to several significant proposedchanges to the Historic Vehicle Scheme regarding historic tractors and plant. These changes arecurrently under consideration and, if implemented as drafted, will severely restrict how our clubsoperate and participate in community events.

The next industry meeting with Transport for NSW is scheduled for 19th October. We stronglyencourage your club to review the summary below and submit your own feedback before thismeeting so your concerns can be formally raised.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES: Based on recent industry discussions, the proposed frameworkincludes:

Removal of Logbooks: Logbooks will no longer be issued for historic tractors.

"Club Runs" Only: Operation would be restricted to official club runs (defined as a minimum oftwo vehicles). Solo travel to meeting points, local shows, or community events would no longerbe permitted.

Strict ≤70 km/h road speed limit: Access would be limited to roads with a posted speed limitof 70 km/h or less, with only limited, controlled exceptions being reviewed.

Exclusion of Solo/General Transport: Solo travel, non-event use, and long-distance trips onhigher-speed roads are explicitly stated as outside the intended scope of the scheme.

Potential Form & Plate Changes: There are discussions around updating registration forms tocapture conditional approvals, but it is unlikely a new number plate will be introduced.

WHY THIS MATTERS TO OUR CLUBS?

The "First Mile" Dilemma: It would become illegal to drive a tractor solo from a shed to ameeting point, effectively grounding members who do not have heavy-duty transport.

Practical Impossibility: Members living on 80 km/h+ roads would legally be unable to exit theirown driveways to join an event.

Threat to Charity & Community Events: Major events (like the NHMA National Tractor Trek,local school fetes, and charity fundraisers) rely on members being able to travel to participate.These restrictions will cause participation to plummet, directly impacting regional towns andrural mental health initiatives.

HOW YOUR CLUB CAN HAVE ITS SAY: A united industry voice is critical to ensuring a balanced,evidence-based outcome. We urge your club to make a formal submission outlining how thesechanges will impact your members and events.

Please follow these simple steps:

Draft your club's submission on **your own club's official letterhead**.

Email the submission to **me at ihandib@bigpond.com** no later than **Wednesday, 14 October2026**.

I will collate all club submissions and submit them directly to the participants in the upcomingmeeting. I hold a seat on behalf of the NSW Historic Motoring Association at the table in theupcoming meetings and will ensure your club's concerns are formally presented. A second seathas now been secured to strengthen the representation of affected clubs across NSW.

Note: If your club would like a copy of a draft submission to use as a reference or template for yourown response, please reply to this email and I will gladly provide it.

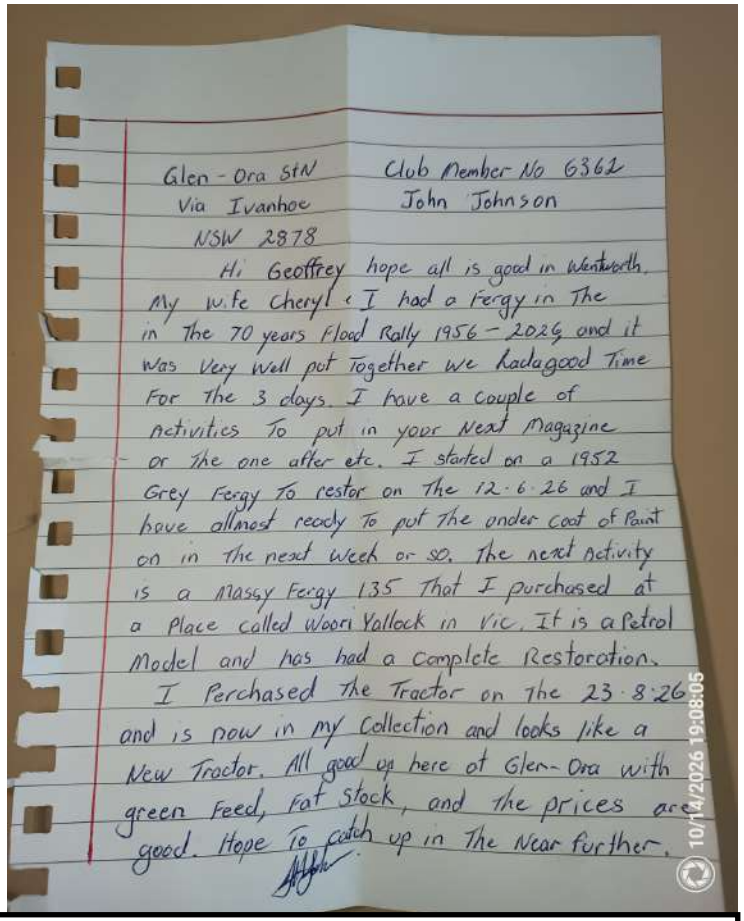
Let's work together to ensure our historic machinery can continue to be preserved, shared, andenjoyed safely. Time is of the essence, so we appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Kind regards, **Ian Browning, Vice President, NSWHMA**



Above, team McKenzie is going green—with this being 1 of 2 added to the fleet.

At right, an update from the Glen Ora Collection. Johnno may need another shed…….



Glen - Ora StN Club Member No 6362
Via Ivanhoe John Johnson
NSW 2878

Hi Geoffrey hope all is good in Wentworth. My wife Cheryl & I had a Fergy in The in The 70 years Flood Rally 1956 - 2026 and it Was Very Well put Together we hadagood Time For the 3 days. I have a couple of activities To put in your Next Magazine or the one after etc. I started on a 1952 Grey Fergy To restor on The 12.6.26 and I have allmost ready To put the under coat of Paint on in the next Week or so. The next activity is a Massy Fergy 135 That I purchased at a Place called Woori Yallock in Vic. It is a Petrol Model and has had a Complete Restoration.

I Perchased the Tractor on the 23.8.26 and is now in my Collection and looks like a New Tractor. All good up here at Glen-Ora with green Feed, Fat Stock, and the prices are good. Hope To catch up in The Near further.

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Tractor Trek Nov 2026

Mon 2nd Nov	Meet at corner of Arumpo Rd and Silver City Hwy 9.00am Travel up Arumpo Rd to Camp at Mungo Camp Grounds. Stopping at points of interest along way. Est camp costs $12. Dist from Hwy 100k.
Tues 3rd Nov	Continue up Ivanhoe road past Leaghur, to Balmoral rd and head north. Left onto Darnick Road and back to Pooncarie. Overnight at Pooncarie Camp ground. Est cost $10. Probably can have meal at pub. Dist for day 115k
Wed 4th Nov	Back and cross the bridge over Darling. Stay on High Darling rd then low Darling rd to Garston. Farm tour of Outback Almonds and overnight accom at their Farm Stay Est Cost $50 Dist for day 85k
Thurs 5th Nov	Depart for home via Low Darling rd, Pomona Wentworth to Abbotsford Bridge Dist S0k Everyone make their way home from there. Dist Approx 350klm plus to get to start and from Abotsford.

The Concreting of The Shed at Wilga Rd.—with thanks to the members who have done the work and The Forbes Wilson Group for assistance with the concrete.



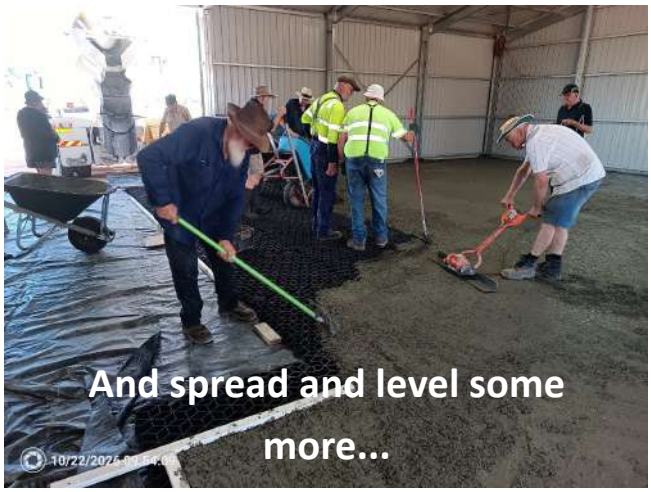
















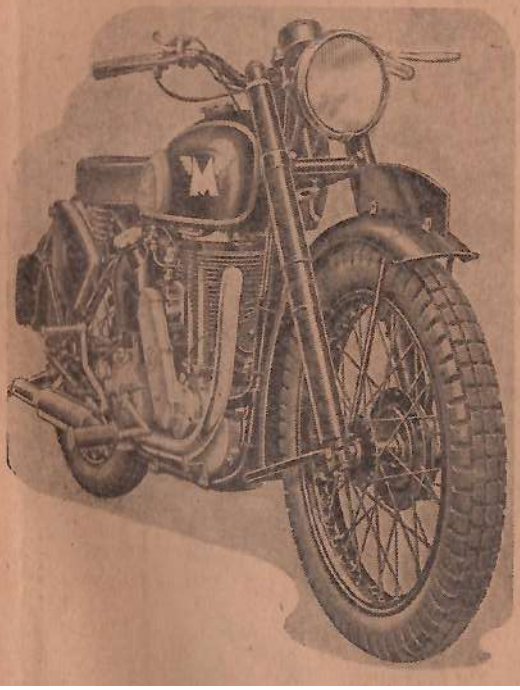
Make: Mastercal Machinery (Chinese made)
Model: 1440 Gap Bed Lathe
Specs: Single Phase 240 volt.
40" (1016mm) between centres.
14" (355mm) diameter swing over the bed.
20" (500mm) with Gap out (approx).
Tailstock No: 3 Morse Taper.

Includes: Three Jaw self centering chuck.
Four Jaw independent chuck.
Face Plate.
Full set of change gears.
No: 3 MT Dead Centre.
Fixed Steady Rest.
Tool Box with spanners etc.

This lathe was purchased new (by me) back in about 1999 and has been used mainly for hobby use. It is a well made and very serviceable unit. The 1440 spec lathes are a good size which can undertake reasonable sized jobs. This lathe is not excessively heavy, so it is not a logistical nightmare to relocate. The lathe has been well maintained and has not been abused, misused, or damaged in any way. It comes with a home made steel framed stand.
The lathe is still currently in operation and can be seen operating.
Price: $2250.00

Motorcycling

Matchless Clubman 350 and 500 c.c. Models



Two new overhead valve Clubman models have been announced by Matchless, and both incorporate many postwar features.

During the war, the 350 and 500 c.c. Matchless models were used extensively by the Army, and from this heavy service a number of worthwhile improvements were evolved. Also noted for its reliability, the Matchless combines strength and lightness with an outstanding road performance.

Teledraulic forks are standard on both models, and add to their steering and road-holding qualities. High speeds under cross country conditions are made possible without undue strain on the rider.

The engines are single cylinder units of very high efficiency with overhead valves and single port heads. Rocker box cover plates are fitted to allow easy access to the valve adjustment.

Both these machines are well finished in black and chromium with large winged M's on each side of the tank.

In it's day, this new Dodge was admired—with much harmonizing going on in 1947.



Girls from the Shell Show on the Macquarie Network harmonise with the beautiful new Dodge.

Merbein South Community Hall & Recreational Park Inc
1192 STURT HIGHWAY MERBEIN SOUTH *(Old School Site)*

26 MOTOR SHOW

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2026
9AM - 2PM

LARGE DISPLAY OF VEHICLES
VINTAGE BIKES & CARS, MUSCLE CARS,
HOT RODS, BURNOUT CARS, UTES, VANS,
TRACTORS, DRAGSTERS, REMOTE CONTROL CARS,
STATIONARY STEAM ENGINES & MANY MORE

LARGE VARIETY OF FOOD
DEVONSHIRE TEAS, SAUSAGE SIZZLE,
PANCAKES, DONUTS, COFFEE, CHIPS & MORE!

MARKET STALLS

TRADE STALLS

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES
CAR TRAIL &
MORE ACTIVITIES

RAFFLE AND GIVEAWAYS ON THE DAY

great family day!

ENGINE STARTUP 1.30 PM

CONTACT VICKI 0427 044 588

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$10 PER PERSON
CHILDREN UNDER 16 FREE



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