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May 2026

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



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Kulkurna ANZAC day trek—departs Dave Beard's 9am Friday 24th April
Working Bee prior to Australia Day Thursday 30th April—9am start at Wilga Rd.
Please register for the 70th Flood Rally—get those Grey Fergusons out.
Australia Day Sunday 3rd May—Every member is expected to bring something.
Next TRACS Meeting Wednesday 12th May

TRACS PRESENTS

CARS
MOTORBIKES
TRUCKS
TRACTORS
MACHINERY



MOWERS
CHAINSaws
ENGINES
TOOLS
HOMEWARES

SUNDAY 3rd MAY 10am to 2pm.
436 WILGA ROAD RED CLIFFS

Annual TRACS Subscriptions are Now Due.

These have been set as \$75 with a posted newsletter and \$50 for an email version.

A member who has NHMA equivalent insurance elsewhere is \$20 less (but you must detail the alternative coverage), membership within the same family at the same address \$50 and Junior Membership at \$40

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TRACS Bank Account is with the Bendigo Bank—BSB 633 000 and Account number 1096 31358
Alternatively, payment can be by cheque to PO Box 569 Irymple 3498—or by cash at a meeting.

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

April 2026

- **Friday 24th April**—depart Dave Beard's 9am for Anzac Day Dawn Service at Kulkurna Stn. Return via Riverland and arriving back Tuesday
- **Thursday 30th** - working bee at Wilga Rd 9am start.
- **Thursday 30th**—registrations due for Flood Rally

May 2026

- **Sunday 3rd**—Australia Day at Wilga Rd.
- **Wednesday 12th**— TRACS meeting
- **Friday 15th and Saturday 16th**—Mildura Field Days
- Friday 16th and Sunday 17th—Heyfield Vintage Rally.
- **Sat 30th and Sun 31st**—49th Historic Winton

June 2026

- **Weekend 5th to 7th**—Wentworth Flood Rally. All period correct machinery welcome
- **Friday 5th**—TRACS trek from Red Cliffs to Wentworth
- **Saturday 6th**— Travel Wentworth to Pomona and then lunch at Fort Courage. Return via Junction.
- **Sunday 7th**—display/parade in Wentworth main street.
- **Wednesday 10th**—TRACS Meeting

August 2026

- **Wed 12th**—TRACS Meeting
- **Sat 29th and Sun 30th**—Wentworth Show

September 2026

- **Sunday 6th**—Tractor Pull
- **Wed 9th**—TRACS Meeting

November 2026

- **Sat 14th and Sun 15th**—Bendigo Swap meet



Historic and classic vehicle compliance

Conditionally registered vehicles from five car clubs were recently inspected at Silverwater by Transport and NSW Police.

"These inspections are part of a series of compliance events directed at historic and classic vehicles, with more planned throughout 2026," explained Leigh Grant, Senior Manager Vehicle Operations.

"I want to thank vehicle owners and clubs that have cooperated in this ongoing operation. We have seen some well maintained, safe and compliant vehicles. However, there are some concerning vehicle safety issues arising from our inspections," said Leigh.

"We remind clubs and owners of the importance of complying with Transport's lawful directions regarding vehicle inspections. For the clubs and vehicle owners who have not complied, Transport will be exercising its powers."

Transport directed 85 owners to present their vehicles for inspection to assess vehicle safety and confirm eligibility for historic and classic registration.

Key outcomes included

- 46 vehicles inspected
 - 25 vehicle defect notices issued
 - 16 vehicles identified with major defects, including six deemed unsafe to drive from the inspection site
- 19 vehicles deemed ineligible for the Historic or Classic Vehicle Scheme.

Enforcement action is underway to cancel the registration of 39 vehicles that failed to comply with the inspection direction, including a vehicle registered to the responsible person of a club.

Two club officials who are also Authorised Examiners within the Authorised Inspection Scheme (AIS) have been referred for action against their AIS accreditation. The Motor Vehicle Tradesperson Certificate of one person was expired and the Motor Vehicle Repairer Licence of the other was expired.

As the first line of compliance, recognised clubs play a vital role in the historic and classic vehicle scheme, and it is essential that the integrity of the scheme is protected.

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70 years on Wentworth Flood Rally 1956-2026

Friday 5th June to Sunday 7th June 2026



REGISTRATION FORM



(Separate form for each tractor, truck, car or static entry will be appreciated)

Entrant's Name					
Postal Address				Postcode	
Phone		Mobile			
Email					
Please cross the boxes for the days you will be trekking.	Friday	Do you require the Friday bus?	Yes or No	Saturday	Sunday
Entry Type (Tractor, Truck, Car)			Static (No Fee)	Yes or No (Circle your answer)	
Make			Model		
Conditional Registration (Compulsory unless you are a Club Member)	Have you applied for a Conditional Registration? YES or NO (Circle your answer)			Year of Manufacture or approx. age of Tractor/Truck/Car	
	Registration No.				
Club Membership	NHMA No.				
Driver's Name			Driver's Licence No.		
Entry Conditions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tractors must be capable of travelling at a speed of 16 kms p/h and be in sound mechanical and roadworthy condition. Tractors judged to be unroadworthy will be required to remain in a static display. Mounted implements are welcomed and encouraged, eg scoops were a vital part of the levee bank building. No implements are to be towed. Drivers must be licensed and legally able to drive on NSW Roads. Only 1 person per seat per tractor. No alcohol is to be consumed whilst in charge of a tractor. 				
Indemnity	All entrants, owners & drivers who enter and participate in the Wentworth Flood Rally 2026 ENTER AT THEIR OWN RISK. The organisers, promoters and sponsors of the event, their agents and employees accept no liability for any loss or damage suffered by, or to, any entrant, owner or driver by any means, act or omission through any circumstances. The entrant hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the organisers, promoters and sponsors of the Wentworth Flood Rally 2026, their agents and employees, against all actions, suits, claims, proceedings of damage or loss, however so arising out of the entrant participating in the Wentworth Flood Rally 2026.				
Declaration & Confirmation	<p>I hereby declare that the Entry listed above (tractors/static display tractors, trucks or cars) are fit for purpose and are safe. Any mobile rally entries are appropriately insured and are legally registered to travel on NSW Roads. Nominated driver will hold appropriate driver's licence. Abide by the events WH&S requirements, directions from the rally organizers and obey all NSW road rules and guidelines.</p> <p><i>(Copy of Registration/Permit/Club or Vehicle Insurance MUST be attached with this form)</i></p>				
Privacy and Personal Information Protection Notice	We are collecting this information to process your request. We may not be able to do so without it. Supplying this information is voluntary and it will not be used for any other purpose without seeking your consent. We will store your personal information on our systems or in our offices, where it will be used by our staff and contractors. Other people can request access to it under the <i>Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009</i> . You can ask us to suppress your personal information from a public register and we will consider your request in line with the <i>Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998</i> . Our Privacy Management Plan sets out how you can access or correct your personal information. Please visit www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au for a copy of the plan.				
Signature	X		Date		
	By signing or typing my name above I agree to the conditions of entry				
Print Name					

REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE 30 APRIL 2026

(Place a (x) box)

REGISTRATION COSTS - REVISED		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$150 per person Includes: Gift, Friday, Saturday & Sunday Treks - Friday local tractor collection donation, Friday lunch, Friday briefing dinner (3 x course), Saturday breakfast, morning tea & lunch and Sunday breakfast	How many? x \$150 =	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> EXTRA person/s FRIDAY NIGHT Dinner 3 x Course Roast Dinner, 6:30pm at Wentworth Showgrounds Community Pavilion	How many? x \$55 =	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 per person Includes: Gift, Friday, Saturday & Sunday Treks - Friday local tractor collection donation, Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast, morning tea & lunch and Sunday breakfast	How many? x \$100 =	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 per person Includes: Gift, Sunday Trek ONLY - and Sunday breakfast	How many? x \$50 =	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 2026 Metal Commemorative Badge	How many? x \$25 =	\$
TOTAL		\$

Please attach any additional information and/or photographs you have about your entry and give permission for photos taken over the weekend for use in publicity or promotion related to the 70 years on Wentworth Flood Rally!

Return Entries:-	POST: 70 years on Wentworth Flood Rally, PO Box 465, Wentworth NSW 2648 EMAIL: tractor@wentworth.nsw.gov.au IN PERSON: Wentworth Visitor Centre, 61 Darling Street, Wentworth		
Payment Options	<input type="radio"/> Direct Deposit BSB: 633 000 ACC: 111 053 492 Reference is your: Surname, first name	<input type="radio"/> Over the Phone with Credit Card	<input type="radio"/> Cash
Enquiries	Phone: 03 5027 5080 (Wentworth Visitor Centre) Email: tractor@wentworth.nsw.gov.au		
TREKKERS PLEASE NOTE COMPLUSORY BRIEFINGS FOR EACH TREK:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 5 June, 8:30am at TRACS grounds, Wilga Road, Red Cliffs Friday 5 June, 6pm at Wentworth Showgrounds Community Pavilion, Wentworth for SATURDAY Trek Saturday 6 June, 7:30am at Wentworth Showground Community Pavilion, for SATURDAY Trek Sunday 7 June, 7:30am at Wentworth Showgrounds Community Pavilion, for SUNDAY Trek 			
Office Use Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Date Received _____ <input type="checkbox"/> PAID Direct Deposit/ VEND /Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of UVP/NHMA Insurance	Number:	

Community Bank
Wentworth & District





Ken Creighton reports on The High Country Tour.

Ange and I recently participated in the High Country Tour run by the Historic Rally Club of NSW/ACT. The four day tour commenced in Albury, with the group being able to drive wholly on tarmac, or a combination of tarmac and gravel. Each car was issued with rally notes to navigate throughout the day.

The first two days were out of Albury, then on the third day, cars travelled to Tumut to continue the event there.

Approximately 50 cars were entered, with our Holden being the oldest.

The gravel roads and the navigation in the forest sections were very challenging. At one stage we had no wipers working, as we travelled on the mountain roads in the fog. Not a great experience! It's the first rally where we've used the terra-trip to navigate the measured distances.

The event concluded at Tumut, having travelled 1,700 kilometres, of which 430 kilometres were gravel logging roads. A presentation dinner was held, with the participants sharing many stories of their adventures.

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MESSRS. T. L. BOND & SONS, OLD JUNEE, N.S.W.

"We stripped the worst tangled crop seen in this district for years and got all the wheat. We were told by numerous people we would never strip, but we harvested 17 bags per acre in what looked a hopeless job and made a good sample."

MR. F. A. MAYNARD, LAMEROO, S.A.

"I have driven every other make of Header and I can honestly say that this is the best as far as handling the stuff is concerned. I am sure no other make could follow it at the same pace."

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"The machine handled the crop with ease without appearing to be overloaded as was the case with the older type Header."

MESSRS. BURKE & DIVE, BIRRIWA, N.S.W.

"We are very pleased with this machine as it wastes no wheat."

MR. E. A. HUEBNER, SHEEP HILLS, VIC.

"During my farming experience of over 30 years I have never seen a crop in such a condition. Quite a number of farmers from far and near came to see the machine and all were amazed at the way it swallowed off the crop."

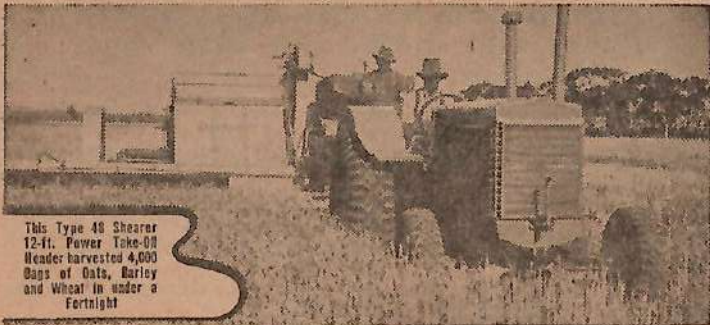
MR. F. W. BENN, PIRRINUAN, QUEENSLAND.

"My crop had gone down badly through having had a good deal of rain on it. Notwithstanding the down condition of the crop I harvested 15 bags of wheat to the acre. No other machine that I have seen could have done as well."

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Address.....

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As part of the renewal process this year, we are updating members contact details.

Could you fill in the form below and send it to our Secretary, Murray Green.

The easiest way is by filling it in, taking a photo on your phone and then sending it to Murray at

0417 008 588.

You could get the grandkids to do this if necessary.

Or bring it along to a meeting.

Name..... Phone Number.....

Postal Address.....

Email

Alternative contact and phone number.....

Newsletter by post or email (pls circle) Email Post

Membership Category (please circle)

Life Member. General Member. Young Member.

Member with NHMA Coverage Elsewhere (provide details).....



As in past years, TRACS will have a display at The Mildura Field Days.

This is an excellent way to promote TRACS to our local region.

A range of vehicles creates the best display and having TRACS members on site is always a plus.

Below, somewhat sad examples of scrub overtaking restoration potential. These photos from the front yard of houses in Adelaide.....

