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



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The 2026 Danny Lee Trek Anzac Day Dawn Service at Kulcurna Stn.

With thanks to Paul Hanson for
organizing an excellent service.
Below left—the view after Sunrise



The Usual Reminders

70th Flood Rally—5th to 7th June
Next TRACS meeting Wed 10th June at
Irymple Bowling Club 7.30 pm start.
TRACS Subs are due—details inside.
And just for something different, we are
looking for 6 steel railway sleepers for the
Sled. Have to be straight and not the SA
type which have a bend in the middle.
Contact Ken Creighton if you can help.

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

May 2026

- **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

July 2026

- Wednesday July 8—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



Volunteers are at the core of the Bendigo Swap Meet. Via your club secretary, we encourage you to volunteer!

The dates for the next Swap are 14-15 November 2026, and there's lots of roles that we will need help with – the more the merrier!

Shifts are generally 2 hours long. Volunteers get free refreshments along with a quiet break space. There will also be a 50th commemorative badge for all volunteers.

For each volunteer shift, the volunteer receives \$10 to cover their meal, and the club they represent will get a \$20 donation.

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

The preferred method of payment is by depositing cash or cheque at any Bendigo Bank Branch or by electronic transfer to the TRACS Bank Account—**INCLUDE YOUR NAME AS THE TRANSFER REFERENCE.**

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.

Club Registration on vehicles is invalid if you are not a current financial member.

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The 2026 Danny Lee Trek.
To Kulcurna for an Anzac Day Dawn Service and returning via the Riverland. 24th to 28th April 2026.
Thanks to Paul Hanson at Kulcurna and The Cobdogla/Loveday Historical Group for their information and hospitality.



Clockwise from top, TRACS in front of the Cobdogla Steam and Irrigation Museum (access prohibited by Departmental decree), a morning stop, Max admiring transport of years past, a more than adequate lunch at The Overland Corner Hotel and finally, and most importantly, Danny's shirt came for the run as well.



Clockwise from top, on the Lyrup Ferry, some of the Cobdogla/Leveday collection, the forbidden shed holding The Humphrey Pump (from a distance), the Pump (a file photo), an excellent lunch at Loveday, and finally, an Aveling & Porter Steam Roller at Loveday.



At bottom left, a file photo of The Humphrey Pump. Alas, no one is even allowed to look at it anymore. It is located in the shed in the distance in the photo above. Originally powered by Charcoal Gas, it delivered water to the Cobdogla and Loveday Irrigation Settlements. It is verging on criminal that access to this site and the extensive accumulation of historic equipment remains prohibited.





Above, some photos from Australia Day. Thanks to the members who contributed to the display. Below, some acknowledgment to David Carson and Chris Kovac for their support for the Club.



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TRACS at the 2026 Mildura Field Days.
 From cute little blue cars (thanks Max) thru to Kenworth Trucks—and lots of kit in between.
 Thanks to the TRACS members who contributed to the display.



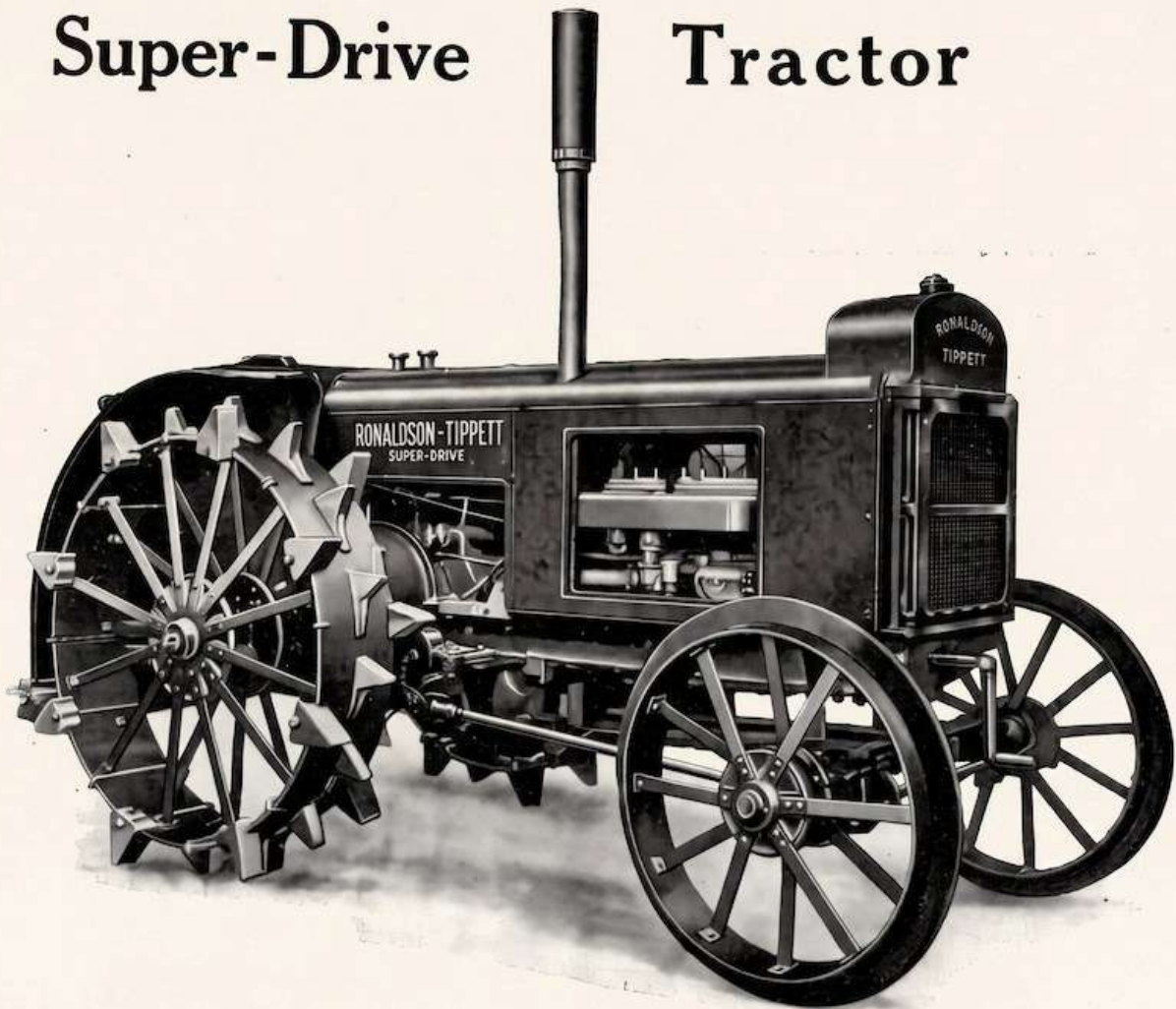
Terry McGauchie 's Model KJ Cooper Engine.
 Originally used to power a backup generator in the cellar at Bowrings' store in Wentworth.
 Note the use of sixpences to set the point gap below.



Contacts have worn so much as to require
 ing, the need for further adjustment should
 rise.

The Breaker Point Contacts should be just touching one another when the Armature (No. 100) is distant from the Cores a space equal to the thickness of two sixpenny pieces— $3/32$ inch to $7/64$ inch. To get this adjustment "trip" the Armature from its contact and place two sixpences between the Armature and the face of EACH of the Cores. Turn the upper of the two Nuts (No. 302) until the Lower Contact just touches the Upper Contact (No. 301).

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