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National Rally at Mudgee



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# EVENTS

At the time of printing this newsletter we have the following:

## MAY

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

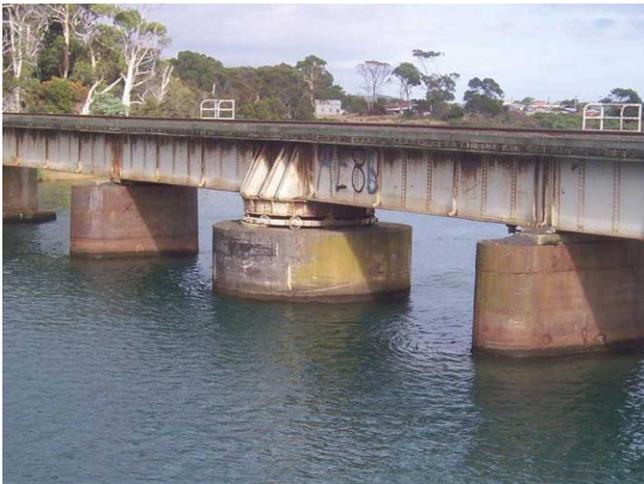
**Agfest**

**Setup Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Pack up Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Camping available at Bishopsbourne Hall**

Please contact John Booth if you would like more information.



The Old Leith railway bridge is one of the last remaining swing span bridges in Australia. Since this photo was taken, a new bridge has been built beside it and this bridge has been converted for pedestrian use as part of the North West bicycle and walking path



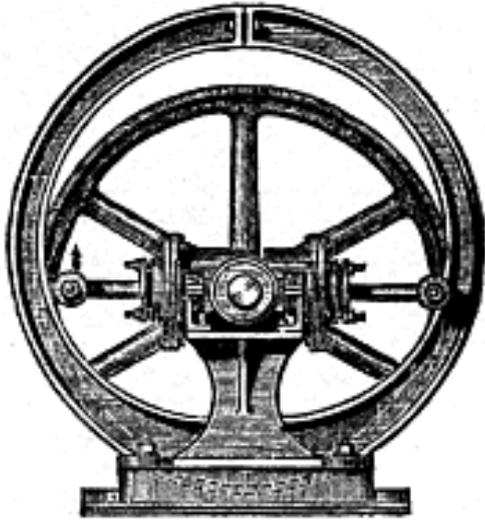
Leith jetty remains. Leith was once a very busy port, shipping out vegetables from the Forth Valley



Leith railway station remains

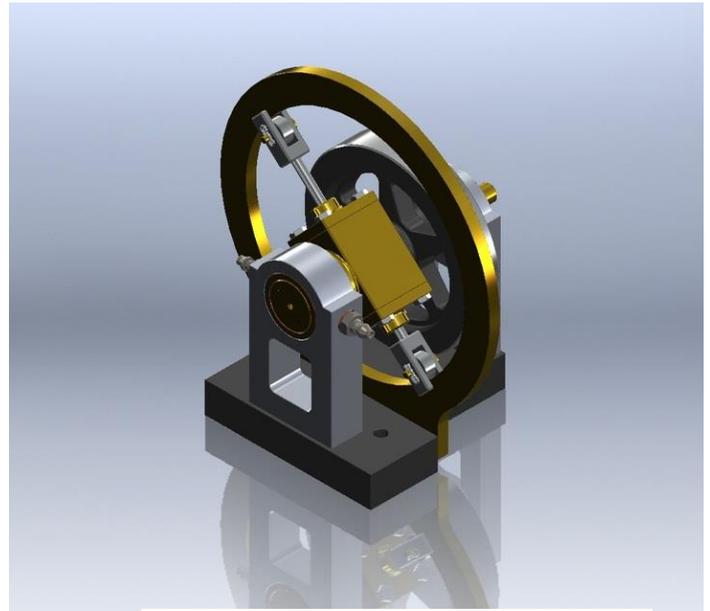
# THE COOMBER ENGINE

This is Coomber's Rotary Engine from 1876, devised by Mr W A Coomber of Scotland Street, Ironworks, Birmingham, and described in "The Engineer" on Jan 21, 1876.



The cylinder rotates on trunnions with a through piston rod terminating with rollers running in an oval ring. Steam and exhaust ports in the trunnion. Pressure of the piston-rod rollers on the oval ring revolves the cylinder and fly-wheel on its trunnion."

The Coomber engine was very successful with many being sold to industry. Its relative simplicity of design and the ability to be adjusted for wear were in its favour.



A Coomber engine in miniature

## Winter meetings

### Please note:

There will be no May meeting due to Agfest.

The three winter meetings will be held as follows:

**Saturday June 3** at the Westbury pub. 12.30 for a meal and the meeting will be held after. Please contact John Booth for bookings. If you want to have a meal, you must make a booking.

**Saturday July 1** At a venue to be announced in Ulverstone. 12.30 for lunch and the meeting will be held after. Please contact Karen Haines for bookings, if you want to have a meal you must make a booking.

**Saturday August 5** at the club rooms in penguin. There will be a members only barbeque and display with the meeting held sometime during the day. The club will supply BBQ meat but please bring along a salad or sweet.

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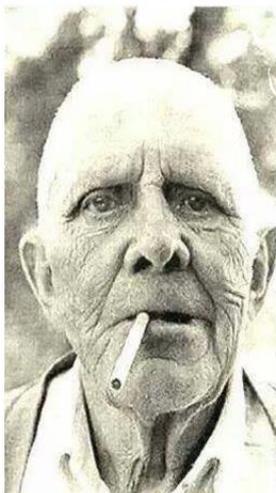
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 You can't do that now..... ¶  
 Too many bloody security cameras ¶



## MEETINGS

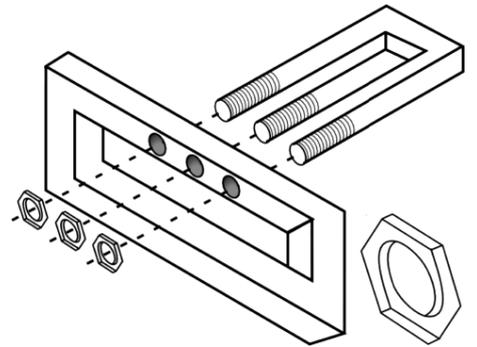
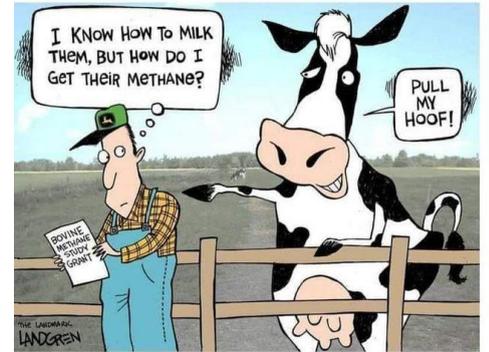
Meetings are held in the Penguin club rooms on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm

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Lloyd Tunbridge strutting his stuff on his motorbike at the 1972 Apple Festival

# BUY & SELL

## WANTED TO BUY

Item	Details	Contact	Phone No.
<b>Vintage Axes</b>	Do you have any old axes laying around in your shed?	Ian Clayton	6429 1121
<b>Motor</b>	Older style motor to power a 40-foot boat	Roy Jennings	0422 550 151

## WANTED TO SELL

Item	Details / Price	Contact	Phone No.
<b>Farmall wheels 32", one with tyre</b>	\$150	Carl Dick	64376165
<b>4 old stationary motors</b>	\$1200. 1 x Rosebery and 1 x horizontal Crossley	Carl Dick	64376165
<b>Single cow electric milking machine</b>	\$400	Barry Smith	0427 876 108
<b>Various iron wheels Villiers motors Allis Chalmers WD parts Belt driven saw bench Victa mower parts plus much more</b>	Prices negotiable	Barry Gillies	0457 449 621
<b>AOS6 International tractor</b>	In good order. Open to offers	Colin Good	0429 666 933
<b>2 Newman tractors</b>	Tractor number 1 3-wheeler restored and running well. Tractor number 2 4-wheeler unrestored, dismantled restoration started. Spare motors, transmissions and more. \$4,000 or best offer for the lot.	Frances Ransley	6442 3965 fander@aapt.net.au

## CLUB MERCHANDISE

		
Cloth Patch \$10	Car Sticker \$1	Metal Badge \$8
Limited quantities of T-Shirts & Polo Tops Contact Karyn Haines		

## MEMBERS GEAR

# 1939 D MODEL JOHN DEERE and 1968 C1150 INTERNATIONAL Owned by Max and Faye Steers



The John Deere tractor was bought new by Sam Cope, a farming contractor of Ulverstone. At some time in the 1940's he was injured when he lost control of the tractor on a hill and it jack-knifed and rolled over. In about 1950 it was bought by Vern Frankcombe of Beulah. Vern used it on his farm and to drive several spot mills. After Vern's passing it was taken over by his daughter Faye and her husband Max Steers. Max and Faye restored the tractor over a period of 3 years. It was stripped back, cleaned and repainted. Some parts were obtained from the local John Deere agent and Seba bodywork made a new fuel tank and bonnet. The rear mudguards rebuilt and the clutch and brake linings were replaced. New wheel bearings and seals were fitted. The two cylinders were in good order, but the valves, head and manifold needed repairs. The radiator was replaced and the steering wheel and gaskets were sourced from John Deere in the USA. The exhaust system was rebuilt and some remaining damage from the rollover repaired. The magneto was rebuilt, new tyres were found and the tractor was painted in John Deere green and yellow.



Then came Max's next problem, how to transport a 3-ton tractor to shows. Max found a suitable truck at West Kentish. The truck had been used by the army and then the fire service. He stripped it down, had the chassis sand blasted and primed, cleaned and primed the front and rear axles. The motor and gearbox were stripped. The head was reconditioned but, with only 34000 miles on it, the motor seemed OK. The cab needed a lot of repairs and it was painted in international red. Badges, a radiator and a grill were obtained and Max built new toolboxes and a tray. He then added extra lights, a new sunshade and a bonnet emblem and after three years the restoration was complete.



**The truck and tractor now make an impressive display at our shows and attract a lot of interest**

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Submissions for the newsletter are welcome.

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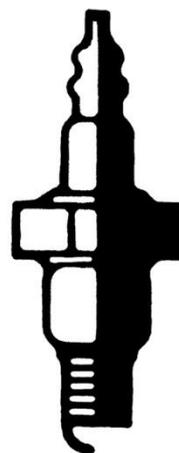
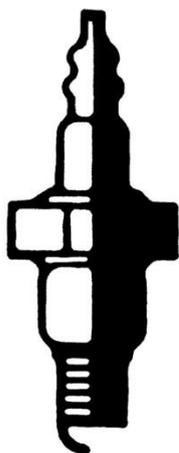
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# Membership Renewal

Thank you to all members for your support over the last 12 months. We would like to invite you to renew your membership for the coming year. Options for making payment are on the bottom of the renewal form. Membership **renewals are due by 30 June**.

The first payment to NHMA for your insurance will be made July 1st and it would be appreciated to have as many in as possible by that date to enable your continuing insurance cover. The next payment after that will be August 1st.

A membership renewal form is included with this newsletter. All members are to complete & return the renewal form with your payment so we can ensure that member details are up to date.

## Life Membership

Life Membership is the highest honour, which can be bestowed by HMCT for longstanding and valued service to the Club.

### 1. Criteria

- a. The Nominee must be a current Financial Member
- b. Must have been a member for a minimum of fifteen (15) years.
- c. Demonstrated an exceptional contribution, beyond the ordinary for an extended period of time, which has a measurable benefit to the Club and it's membership.
- d. Regular participation in the running of the Club, attendance of meetings and displays at events.
- e. Consideration will be given to members who are unable to attend meetings regularly because of distance but still contribute above what is expected of them for an extended period of time.
- f. Demonstrated attitude and behaviour that reflects dedication to the values of the Club.

### 2. Nomination

- a. All Nominations are to be treated with the strictest of CONFIDENCE
- b. Shall be on the approved nomination form only (Appendix A)
- c. Shall be sent to the Secretary no later than 2 calendar months prior to the AGM
- d. Contain a brief history of the member's participation of the HMCT
- e. 5 signatures of present financial members
- f. Shall then be passed by the Secretary in confidence to be assessed by the Executive Committee
- g. To be approved by the Executive Committee before being awarded.

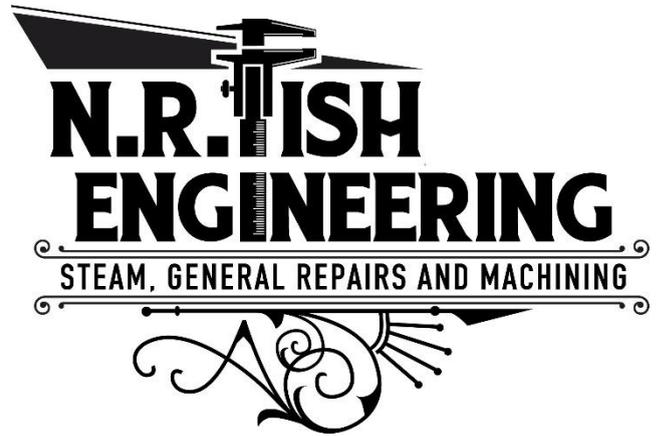
### 3. Benefits

- a. A Life Members shall be entitled to the same benefits as an ordinary member and shall be eligible to hold office in the Club.
- b. Reduced payment of the membership component of the annual subscription fee.

Life Membership will cease:

- a. On cessation or resignation of Club membership
- b. The Executive Committee has the right to also revoke Life Membership under extreme circumstances.

Hobart Club member and southern NHMA rep Nigel Fish has started his own business. He is offering discount rates to NHMA club members. If you have that unusual job that nobody wants to touch, contact Nigel, he will probably be able to help you.



As a machinist and toolmaker for the past 12 years, when the opportunity came up to start out on my own, I jumped at it.

- The machine shop is well fitted out with most gear any of us could ever need. Milling, Turning, Grinding - Surface and Tool and Cutter, heat treat and vertical shaping, there isn't much I can't tackle when it comes to this hobby.
- I've spent the last 5 years restoring a Marshall traction engine, before that model steam was the main interest, now more internal combustion engines have come into the fold, in the form of vintage motorbikes and veteran and vintage cars.
- I've worked on British motorcycles for the past 10 years and have my parts featured in some major collections in Tasmania, on the mainland and more recently the international scene - manufacturing parts for the Vincent and Brough Superior clubs in Great Britain.
- No job too small and competitive rates (discounted for members of the NHMA).
- I'm in this hobby and understand the trouble getting help when some jobs are beyond our own tools or capabilities.
- As of the AGM in Mudgee, I'm also the State Rep for the South for the NHMA.
- Custom fasteners, adapter plates, valve and head work, key seat cutting and manufacturing of missing or discontinued parts - ANYTHING! if it fits in my machines... give us a call and I'll see what I can do!
- Do check us out on Facebook, google or Instagram - just search **N.R.Fish Engineering**.



# NATIONAL RALLY

On 10th April we left on the Spirit of Tasmania for the NHMA National Rally and AGM at Mudgee. We took the Farmall Super C and Holder with us on the trailer. Although we have been to many, this was the first time we have exhibited at a National Rally. 2 days on the road going up with a night spent at Finley and also Wellington and arrived Thursday morning at the rally grounds to set up. Richard Edmunds and Halina Billing were already there and claimed a great spot for us.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday were rally days with all the usual exhibits and lots of people to talk to. Our club display was a great attraction and there was a constant stream of people walking by. Friday evening was the NHMA AGM. There has been a change to some of the State Reps with Nigel Fish now the second rep for Tasmania replacing Ned Morrisson. The 2025 National Rally was awarded to the consortium of clubs in QLD to be held at Jondaryan Woolsheds in August 2025 and National Tractor Convention 2024 was awarded to Deniliquin club.

After the AGM, the NHMA committee got together for a very enjoyable meal and social evening. Saturday was the rally dinner and this was well attended.

The awards presented were:

- Ian Stewart Award. Only 2 nominations from 2 States received
- QLD - Daniel Ives for his work on a Lister Auto Truck
- SA - Lyam Marshall for a Hornsby Petrol Engine
- NHMA - Mid North Coast Machinery club
- NHMA junior award - James Allison Border Flywheelers
- Non NHMA - Sydney Antique Machinery Club
- Non NHMA junior award - split between Alexander and Austin Muscat

We packed up Sunday afternoon ready for an early start Monday. Tuesday, we travelled to Lindenow to stay with relatives and Wednesday we picked up a motor for John Booth that has been sitting in the back corner of a shed at Longford, Victoria for some time waiting to be collected. Then it was back on the road heading for Geelong for the trip back home.

A quick trip but very enjoyable. It was great to catch up with the many friends we only see every 2 years at a National Rally.

## Lyn Richards

