

Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club Inc

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July/August 2017 Newsletter

Storage shed extension gets a new roof and the Bar inside the shed also gets a roof!

The new 12 x 16 metre storage shed extension got its new roof sheeting iron on recently, thanks to club member turning up to lend a hand. The lads started at 7am and by noon it was all done under the expert working supervision of Jeff Barbler and Mat Lonsdale. Also hard at work was Justin Hood, seen here busily working away on hiding the roller shutters by fixing a bull nose covering. Eventually, the entire front section of the Bar and back wall behind same, will be decked out in with a Rustic look.



Working Bee club members complete the roof sheeting of the storage shed on July 22. By noon it was all done.



The lads at work fitting the curved hood to hide the roller shutters over the bar area.



Roof is completed.

Correction:

In the last NL with photos of homemade steel tables etc, was Mick Freeman, not Col Wharhle. Our apologies to both members.



Justin Hood and Graham Pearson work on the curved rustic hood that covers the roller shutter over the Bar. Eventually, the whole Bar area will have a rustic look about in time for the Rally.

Club history....

A GREAT TREE GROWS FROM A SMALL SEED....

The Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club Inc. was founded on the 21st October 1997.



Early in September 1997, following a call from Graham Reed who was organising a vintage machinery display at Kumbia, Duncan Rackemann called a meeting for all interested parties in the Kingaroy Museum and it was on this night, the 21st October 1997, the club was born with 15 foundation members.

The club extends its thanks and recognises the tremendous efforts of the late Colin Staier and Graham Peterson as well as Doug Peterson, Cliff Hood, Gladys Hood and many others who gave their energy to build the framework of the club from that small start.

Successive years have seen the club grow with its first formal outing at the Kingaroy show in 1998 showcasing 20 vintage machinery exhibits from members.

In late 1998 the club was granted its incorporation which, even in those days of no computers, no internet and no smart phones, was a dead set paperwork nightmare but we got through it all. Kevin Woods was a big help in this space. Thanks Kev.

Using good old fashioned Aussie initiative the club decided to approach the local Council not long after to see if they would let the club use some vacant land to grow crops and develop an income for the club to pay its bills and grow (*pun intended*).

The Council thought that was a cracker of an idea and gave the club some land on lease next to the airport in the same year for cropping.

In those early years it was the efforts of members such as Bill McLennen, Jeff Barbeler and Graham Peterson that really kick started the farm income side of things and the Peterson Brothers were also big movers and shakers in supporting members and the club.

Early club rally events were held at the Coolabunia School and then progressed to the popular Kumbia Sports Ground up until 2013, when the annual rally event was moved to the new Kingaroy club grounds at the airport precinct.

With the growing interest in tractor pulling in Australia, the club built its first vintage tractor pull sled in late 2004 and this has only sparked greater interest and participation in the sport of vintage tractor pulling.

Following many years of growth the club was successful in late 2012 in securing a long term lease agreement with the South Burnett Council for a larger acreage block of land next to Kingaroy Airport, adding onto the existing cropping land.

Many people have been mentioned throughout our journey but it has to be mentioned and recognised the tireless efforts of a few members namely, Tim Smith, Andrew Rackemann, Bluey Newton, the "Hood" gang, Matt Lonsdale and a few others along the way who turn up time after time to put the yards into supporting the club. Well done guys and girls.

How the Kingaroy & District Machinery Club was started

Sometimes I have been asked how the club got started. Since I did the early work on this I'm in a position to tell it as it happened. The reason the club ever got started at all could be blamed on Graham Reed. In September 1997, the Kumbia Hall Committee held a 'Back to Kumbia' type of day. Graham was on the committee at the time. He was trying to organize some vintage machinery displays for the event. He rang me one night asking if I could help in some way. To this I said "no problem". The next thing Graham said to me was "It's a pity you buggers wouldn't get together and form some sort of club, that way I'd only have to ring one person instead of half the district." What a bloody good idea I thought. Straight after the Kumbia event I got on the phone asking people I knew if they would be interested in the idea.

Col Staler and Graham Peterson were the two blokes who gave me the most encouragement and a lot of support. Things started moving very quickly. The Kingaroy Historical Society allowed me to use the museum to hold our first meeting there in October 1997. I was a bit nervous that there may not have been enough interest to get the club started. However, my fears were groundless. Those of you who attended that meeting will remember there was a big roll up for it. At that meeting I was elected the club's first President, Col Staler was Secretary - Treasurer. What followed was a lot of hard work especially getting the club's incorporation. I'll never put myself through that again if I can help it, but I think it was all worthwhile now, with hindsight. A constitution had to be drawn up and many other jobs completed.

A successful meeting took place one Wednesday afternoon with Kingaroy Shire Council, who were kind enough to allow the club use of some ground at the aerodrome. This has proven very profitable to the club over the years. I thank the various farming committee's for this and also the kindness from the Peterson family. You are no longer with us Graham but I remember your help at the start. Thank you mate.

10 years ago I never pictured a club with grounds, a sled, a marquee, a belt pulley gadget, some club owned tractors or a large corn thresher. Perhaps you could say I started a monster, but I could not have done any of this by myself. It is the members that make a club what it is! This club to me is something very special, it's members as well. The club is a bit like the old Murray River, sometimes it flows fast, sometimes slow, turning in torment within it's banks but nothing will ever stop it. It has never gone backward. Flow on Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club, flow on.

Kindest regards
Duncan Rackemann

First club meeting - Oct. 21, 1987.

Here's some highlights taken from the Minutes book, here's some highlights.

1. Opened at 7.30pm. Ian Barron moves a motion to form an antique machinery club in Kingaroy - 2nd by Des Hoyle and carried.
2. Duncan Rackerman was elected President and Colin Staris? as Secretary.
3. Those present were: Duncan Rackerman, Chris Lorne, Murray Rasmussen, Colin Staier Cliff and Gladys Hood, Ian and Christine Enright, Ian Barron, Des Hayle, Graham and Doug Perterson. .
4. Membership fees were struck at \$5 and they took \$50 that night.
5. The president moved that the new club to be called the Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club. All were in favour and carried.
6. Ian Barron moved that the club to form its Aims and Objectives to enable the club to assist its members in presentations of Antique and Vintage tractors, and stationary engines. All agreed.
7. Ian Barron moved that club meet on the 3rd Tuesday every 2 months. 2nd by Chris Lorne and carried.
8. Other ideas flagged at the meeting was a banner to be designed by the club, an annual field day should be held on a members property, and the club to man a booth at the Kingaroy Show.
9. Meeting closed at at 9.30pm.
10. Next meeting was then held on Nov, 18. and the rest is history.....

Club badges for sale!



Also on sale are club shirts with and without Logos, and caps. At the Rally in September all of this will be on display at the Bar.

Club shirts and Caps on sale

At the March general meeting, the club announced they have 40 long sleeve micro fibre Maroon colour shirts with collar and pocket and **NO** club emblem. **\$40 each**. Also available are 40 short sleeve shirts with collar, pocket **AND** club emblem. **\$40 each**. Anyone wanting to get the club emblem and your name on their shirt, can do so at 'Stiches On' - next to the 'Busy Bee' cafe in Haly St. for \$8 and your name for \$2. All shirts come in various sizes. The club also has 50 **caps** in Maroon with club emblem and the words.. "20th Anniversary 1997 - 2017 "for **\$25 each**. To place an order, please call Eileen on 4162 2636



Ken Mills Machinery now has a full range of Kubota accessories for the man on the land, like this Flail Chopper designed for tractors up to 80 HP. Width ranges from 1.55m - 2.30m.



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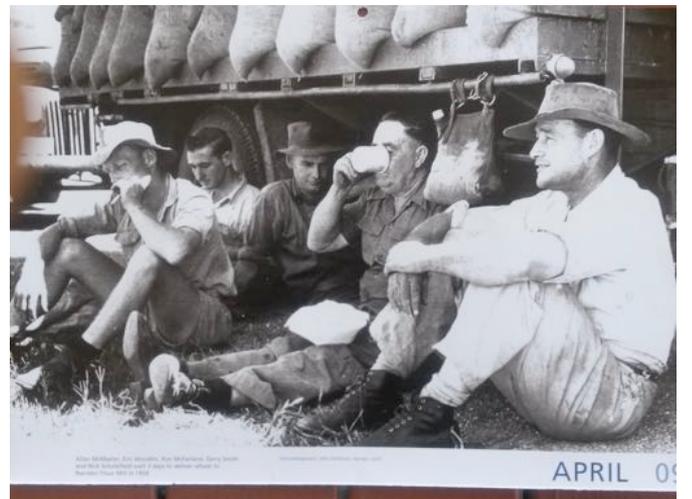
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Yes it has seen better days, but that's how it was back then, with hard yakka by those who tilled the lands from sunrise to sunset.



After many hours slogging it out in the hot Sun, it was time for a Smoko, something Americans find quite amusing.

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Vintage Machinery club Raffle

Drawn on site - Sunday at noon, Sept. 17, 2017

\$1 tickets on sale now!

1st\$200 Cash or a set of driving lights

2ndObservatory visit 2 adultsvalue \$70

3rd.....Club's 20th anniversary Capvalue \$25.

Contact Noel Barsby on 4162 5320

Club Meeting dates for 2017

The club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7pm in the big shed.
All welcome!

Sept 19; Oct 17; Nov 21; Dec. Xmas party TBD.

Deadline for the Sept/Oct Newsletter articles is Oct. 17.

If you have any stories, things you've done to share, this is your chance to do so.

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SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER. 2017 (9-4.30PM)

SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER, 2017 (9 - NOON)

DISPLAYS INCLUDE

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SATURDAY 16th

- 9:00 - SAFETY MEETING
- 9:10 - TRACTOR PULL
- 9:30 - PLOW, THRASHER+ HAY RAKE PARADE
- 9:45 - BAG LOADING
- 10:00 - GRAND PARADE
- 11:00 - BRAD SEILER CHAINSAW DEMONSTRATION
- 11:20 - RAKING, BAILING AND LOADING
DEMONSTRATION & CORN SHELLING
- 12:30 - LUNCH
- 1:00 - MODIFIED TRACTORS
- 1:30 - SLED PULLING AND SLOW TRACTOR RACE
- 1:45 - POST RIPPING
- 2:00 - GRAND PARADE
- 3:00 - ~~POST RIPPING~~ AND BAG LOAD
- 3:15 - BRAD SEILER CHAINSAW DEMONSTRATION
- 3:30 - RAKING, BAILING AND LOADING
DEMONSTRATION & CORN SHELLING
- 4:15 - PLOUGHING DEMONSTRATION
- 4:30 - MODIFIED TRACTORS
- 6:00 - DINNER

Tow & Plough

SUNDAY 17th

- 9:00 - SLED PULLING
- 9:45 - POST RIPPING AND BAG LOAD
- 10:00 - GRAND PARADE (TOW A PLOW OR THRASHER)
- 11:00 - BRAD SEILER CHAINSAW DEMONSTRATION
- 12:00 - END OF EVENTS