

# STEAM WHISTLE



Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society Inc.

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PRESERVING THE PAST





# PRESIDENTS REPORT



OCTOBER 2024

Hi Members and welcome to the latest edition of our monthly newsletter.

Monthly Run Day for the miniature trains is scheduled to recommence in October as works reach conclusion even though we still have very wet grounds. As discussed in a previous meeting we are now planning to have one of the larger engines out on display or rolling **around in November**, and will be encouraging members with Red Plate vehicles to attend and make a bigger display to encourage the crowds.

The General Meetings continue on the last Friday of the month so this month will be the 27<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 7:30pm – we only small numbers again last month.

We will be speaking further with Rebecca from Council re the proposed ground works and she has further draft documents on the project. Anthony and I are hoping to get in touch with her to schedule her to do a presentation at a club meeting so everyone can.

The council elections are upon us so we are hopeful of our new councillors being sympathetic to our purposes and the renewal of our lease which will be negotiated during this 4 year term.

I would also encourage members to start thinking about the next year's committee positions. Whilst I am confident that the existing committee remain committed to volunteering for the club's management there will always be opportunities for others to put their hand up.

We are still looking for ideas about events we can a) undertake ourselves and b) join in with other clubs or bodies. Heather has generously offered to organise the end of year lunch/dinner but between now and then it would be good to get out and about some more.

And as a final reminder – we need support on Run Days for the miniature railway, working bees days as well as volunteers for the coming season of external events where we take our trains to other shows. These are all fund raisers for the Society for the range of projects we aim to undertake but without your support it just won't happen

See you around

**Graham**  
**President**



# VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

## OCTOBER



**Buoy**



## Minutes of the GVMS General meeting held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 7.30.p.m.

**Chair – President** Graham Williams     **Minutes Secretary:** H Guillot

**Meeting opened:** 7.42 pm

G Williams opened the meeting at 7.42 pm and welcomed a very good attendance of members.

Graham thanked Chris Dixon for his excellent work as minute secretary over the past couple of months.

**Present:** Andrew Morrissey, Trevor Dunn, Brian Grieve, John Beaty, Jeff Shepherd, Chris Dixon, Kerrie Frost, Pierce Wood, Roger Payne, Len Redway, Deb Williams, Graham Williams, Adrian Guillot, Heather Guillot, Tim Reid, Ian Northcott.

**Apologies:** Anthony Davis, Mal Grant.

**Minutes of the previous meeting** held on the 26th of July 2024 received on the motion of Chris Dixon and seconded by Graham Williams. Carried

**Business arising** from previous minutes:

- \* Tram shed - status. Ready to dig holes for column foundations.
- \* Site maintenance - status. Little progress, terrible weather.
- \* Signage for Steam Shed and Ractliffe – status. Quotes have been received.

Moved by L Redway and seconded by G Shepherd that the quote from Magnum be accepted.

\* The Christmas social outing - status. Heather to investigate The Olive Tree and /or The Radio Springs Hotel.

\* Recruitment flyer / Membership pack / Badge - status. Deb has prepared some excellent material for consideration. The committee agreed to proceed with the flyer with more muted colors. It was agreed to use professional printing. Committee to preparer text for Deb to use.

Graham will organize new badges through a local supplier. It was suggested that the flyer has reference to the fact that we are a Red Plate club. This would appeal to owners of Red Plate vehicles. Graham encouraged members to bring along to the next run day their Red Plate vehicles for display.

\* Preparation of steam roller for operation at a run day - status. Simon Marsden to machine and sleeve BFW piston as it is badly pitted.

\*Request to Macedon Ranges Council for an account for our lease - status. MRSC has waived all fees during the COVID period and is not re-issuing notices for that time. Council has been informed that we want our new lease account progressed. They will provide correspondence soon. A question was also raised by Len about what we are paying for as we have always assumed that the top point, (a large area) down the paddock was part of the lease but on the current drawings it is not part of the lease. This will be queried with the council and or DWELP.

**Correspondence:**

Inwards letters: MRSC re lease - we have been supplied with the lease documents.

Silvers Circus re use of land for their circus event in November.

Inwards emails: MRSC request for current public liability insurance certificate. NFPTaxation matters.

Inwards correspondence received on the motion of: Adrian Guillot and seconded by Graham Williams, Carried.

Outwards: Minutes and agendas sent out.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report tabled.

Moved by: L Redway and seconded by: A Guillot. Carried.

Report from Treasurer on the status of the new NFP tax return requirements. If taxable income for the year is greater than \$416, a tax return is required. The Rally, the hire of the model railway and the run days are counted as income. If yearly expenses are greater than the income received and with carry over of liabilities from previous years, will indicate if tax is payable. Grants would be considered as income and taxed at the normal business rate of 33%. Costings in any particular calendar/financial year will be carefully monitored including donations and kms travelled for club business. We have till March 25 to lodge any other documentation.

## 8. **General Business**

Ian Northcott: Website needs to be updated. A trolley is being constructed for the steam winch / engine on Noel Smithwick's truck. Many thanks .

Ian Northcott gave a very positive report on his day on the Maldon Railway with the VIP package.

Pierce Wood has a job interview with Cummins re an apprenticeship.

Roger Payne: A key and broach for the keyway have been made by Roger for the Lancefield Traction Engine steering wheel. Ian and Chris continue to progress work on the Lancefield Traction Engine.

Chris Dixon: Trevor has donated a small centrifugal fan. This will be used to dry out boilers after use to prevent corrosion.

Jeff Shepherd: Jeff is organizing the next steam ticket training group. Congratulations to Jeff on the organization and implementation of the training. There have been at least eight new members who have been actively contributing to the work of the club. Training will be run early next year.

John Beaty: About four people are working on the hay press with a view to making it operational.

Trevor Dunn: Trevor mentioned that there are two Pyrox gas heaters that can be utilized if the safety requirements are met. If they are surplus to need, they will be removed. Could be used in the model shed.

Len Redway: GVMS response to MRSC dog off leash areas review. Thank you to Len for his response and his suggestions for the provision of a public toilet, shelter and cover for the vintage tram. A comprehensive email has been sent to the MRSC.

9. **Next meeting:** Friday 27th September 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Gisborne Community Centre 8A Hamilton St Gisborne – near the library opposite the Telegraph Hotel.

10. **Meeting closed** at: 8.30pm.



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## WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S BIG CHAMBERLAIN

Our annual winter escape from East Trentham this year took us to WA.

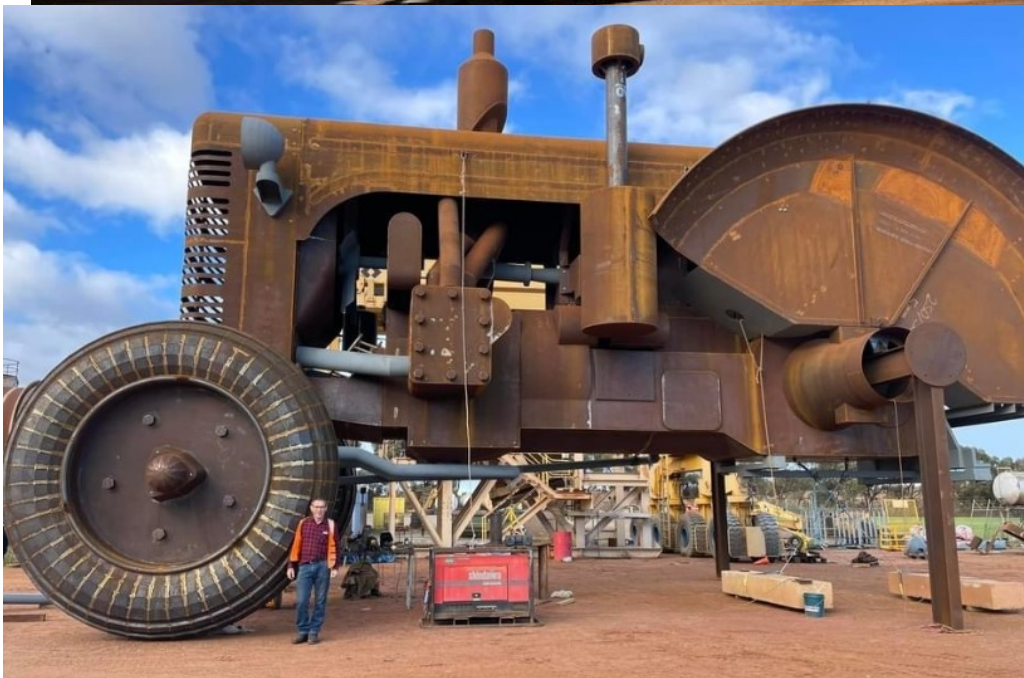
Being a tractor enthusiast, especially Australian made Chamberlains, I found the factory that is building a large Model 40K Chamberlain. It will stand 11 meters high when finished and is 5 times the size of the original.

The tractor is a copy of the 40K Chamberlain which was designed and the proto type built in Port Melbourne, Victoria. The WA government of the time offered the Chamberlain Brothers a handsome deal to relocate their manufacturing operations to Welshpool, WA. Tractor No.1, the prototype, is housed in the Tractor Museum of Western Australia at Whiteman Park, Perth. (I also took the opportunity to visit here!)

The model 40K has been built by DIAB Engineering in Geraldton. When finished in September 2024 it will be disassembled and transported to Carnamah in the mid-west wheat belt of WA where it will be reassembled and put on display in a park for all to view. It will be visible to travellers from 2 kms out of town. It is said to have cost approximately \$600,000 and five years to complete. The construction has been overseen by Tracmach, the Vintage Tractor Collectors Association of Western Australia.

If you are ever travelling that way, don't miss the opportunity to visit.











## BE ALERT NOT ALARMED

VICROADS HAVE BECOME VERY SLACK  
IN SENDING OUT CLUB PLATE RENEWALS  
TWICE I HAVE NOT RECEIVED A  
RENEWAL NOTICE FOR MY CARS  
KNOW WHEN YOUR REGO IS DUE  
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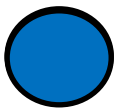
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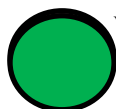
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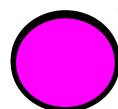
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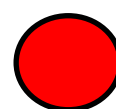
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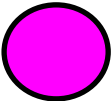
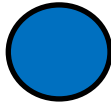
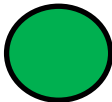
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Run Day



# October 2024

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## GISBORNE VINTAGE MACHINERY SOCIETY Inc.

The headlines may appear to indicate nothing to do with cars, trucks and motor cycles but the facts mean this is incorrect. G.V.M.S. have all manner of such and are an Authorised "Club Permit Scheme". We have early vintage trucks, cars; veteran motor cycles along with historic machinery including two traction engines [ under restoration ]. Steam roller, portable steam boiler, plus of course our steam railway locomotive. We share part of our grounds with Macedon Ranges Car Club.

Currently work is still being carried out on the steam trains' two foot gauge track - with plans for greater expansion around the grounds when finance and manpower is available. Finance is one of the biggest problems of most historic [ volunteer ] clubs and this is where our latest idea comes in; the incredible interest and financial outlay for early car number plates. No doubt readers will be aware that VicRoads - in conjunction with Shannons Insurance / Auctions, did for many years auction off veteran, vintage, classic era number plates. [ Please understand that this statement is not all correct in as much "number plates" per se' have more in depth and historical meanings ].

An example of this is in "veteran or very low numbers" themselves, particularly those issued or in use after 1932. Who owned the original number, what did the owner do, what make of car did he or she drive. Question after question can be asked and this report is only a summary. Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society Inc., has recently acquired over one thousand details of early HOLDEN cars / utilities / panel vans, they range from early 1948 to 1960. Now you may ask what has this to do with G.V.M.S., and probably thousands of other people. [Genealogists, Family History Researchers etc.] The answer is that G.V.M.S., wants to expand the railway and requires hundreds of sleepers together with other rail equipment. This leads us into CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA, the recycling of plastic and how all are combined in our thoughts. HOLDEN cars are a very collectable item sought by many people, early number plates [in this case mostly Alpha Numeric, with owners' name and address will soon become available via G.V.M.S. If there is enough interest it means the sale of these particulars will go into purchasing railway sleepers made from recycled plastic plus HOLDEN and motoring enthusiasts will gain more information. Whilst very few of these Holden records have engine numbers, consider what else is there that has not been available before !

All RECORDS are in the Public Domain: the Privacy Act has been perused, information digested and that is why there is a cut off date of 1960 [inclusive]. A long story which may be of interest from a Club that is a "go - ahead" group that holds its' Annual Rally in May each year.

In past times there have been many vehicles displayed from veteran to classic, space is somewhat limited so it is advised to contact the Club directly if you wish to attend in an historic motor vehicle and have it on display. NEWS to some, and yes ..... more to come. The vintage years, classic years etc., have been mostly collated for vehicle registrations; over one hundred thousand entries so far ! It is hoped enthusiasts will show enough interest with lots of those HOLDEN entries, again it all depends on interest: watch for further announcements.

PRICE per item. \$85 : 00. We can generally produce a Registration No., [sometimes an engine number] plus the name and address of the owner. If we know more it will also be included. We take two week to four weeks turn around. All monies should be paid directly into the Account of Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society .... B.S.B. .... Account No. BENDIGO BANK Nexus Way Gisborne Vic. 34376

PLEASE ENSURE YOU INCLUDE YOUR NAME / VEHICLE NO. YOU ARE CHECKING.



## THE AUSTRALASIAN HORSELESS CARRIAGE SYNDICATE

As avid readers it is certain you all recollect this photograph from previous books etc !

To compliment that we have now bring you the story from: *The Australian Cyclist; March 1897*

*The motor car is here at last, and we now enter upon the brain-racking era of horseless carriages. There is magnetic enticement in it. A prominent feature at the Cycle Show, therefore, was the pioneer motor carriage of the southern hemisphere. It was exhibited by the manufacturers, the Australasian Horseless Carriage Syndicate, of Collins Street Melbourne. Our representative gave the vehicle a most critical inspection, and congratulates the makers upon a record triumph in a new colonial industry. This auto, built like a stylish doubled-seated dog cart, is beautifully painted and trimmed, the colours of Lord Brassey being a conspicuous feature. The motive power, derived from a horizontal oil engine using the ordinary kerosene, takes up a small space in the rear, and acts upon friction gearing [with chain and sprocket wheel resembling the bicycle] direct on to the rear wheels. The fore carriage is a smart piece of skills, possessing the desired quick turning power for buys street traffic or narrow roadways. The controlling power levers, simple enough for anyone to learn quickly are all handy to the driver. This pioneer car was first run in Fitzroy at the beginning of February, and at the run on the 26th, at the Exhibition, appeared to spin along on the oval path at over ten-mile speed. The chairman of the syndicate is Mr. Walter Ridgeway whose special ability as a consulting engineer is widely known in the old country and the colonies, and he has supervised the inventive construction throughout. The committee, too, include some hard-headed, practical men. Yorkshiremen with no end of pluck and honest perseverance, and you should have noticed at the vice-regal inspection the clannish twinkle in his eyes when Lady Brassey's undoubted vernacular quickly gave away her Yorkshire descent. Mr. Wm. J. Bartram is the active secretary, and Mr. A. Chisholm Scott the syndicate's representative. We understand that orders for cars are now in the factory, and overtures have been made by a big city firm to purchase the car now on view."*





# OUR ANNUAL EXHIBITION

OCTOBER 19 & 20,  
2024

ST ANNE'S CHURCH HALL  
101 RIDDELL RD, SUNBURY, 3429

**MELWAYS REFERENCE Page 382, B1**

Our Annual exhibition is held each year on the 3rd  
full weekend in October.

It represents the clubs main source for fundraising  
revenue.

Or check out our event page on  
Facebook

SUNBURY MODEL RAILWAY CLUB'S 2024

# MODEL TRAIN SHOW

## OCTOBER 19 & 20

SATURDAY 10am - 5pm SUNDAY 10am - 4pm

ADULTS \$10 CHILD \$5 FAMILY \$25 (2 ADULTS & 3 KIDS)

ST ANNES CHURCH HALL, 101 RIDDELL RD, SUNBURY, 3429



JUST FOLLOW THE SIGNS

**OPERATING MODEL TRAIN LAYOUTS  
RETAIL AND SECOND HAND STANDS  
MODELLING DEMONSTRATIONS  
GREAT FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY  
WELL STOCKED DINING CAR  
IF YOU GET HUNGRY**

# To all AALS members

Bulla Hill Miniature Railway would like invite you to celebrate our 50th Anniversary with us.



**Bulla Hill Railway**

The Dinosaur Line



## Celebrating 50 Years

It is with great pleasure that we Invite you to our track to enjoy some trains and fellowship at Bulla Hill Railway in Victoria for our 50th anniversary.

The last of our founding members may be attending but health concerns may prohibit this.

We have 7 1/4" and 5" & 3" 1/2-inch ground tracks and a raised 5" and 3 1/2 track if needs persist, we can also loan some leg sparer carriages for the raised track.

**Camping** is available, non powered, but facilities are available in the club room microwave, electric stove. Pub is five minutes' walk and 10mins stagger back we also include a shower. BYO everything but a

large BBQ is available for your use at the club rooms and

**NOW free** BBQ's at the picnic area. Coal and wood for lighting locomotives is available.

Hope to see you there for this celebration!  
When: 30th Nov to 1st Dec (we may be able to accept interstate visitors on the Friday 29th)

Where: 15 Green Street, Bulla Vic

Other: All enquiries and bookings for camping to President Ian Cottee.  
Mob 0409 466 245

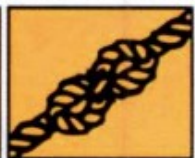
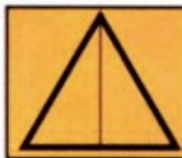
For more information contact jamboree2025@1stgisborne.com.au

# Join Our Journey: Help Fund 1ST GISBORNE SCOUTS'

## 2025 Queensland Jamboree Adventure!



**1ST GISBORNE  
SCOUT GROUP**



Scan QR code to order your tickets

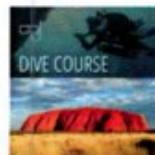


Victoria: Permit Number: 10075/24

### Monster Raffle

**\$2 per ticket - prize pool 144 prizes (\$58,267)**

**Drawn 28th Nov 2024 - winners notified**



Friday October 4-7

Waghope Yesteryear Truck & Machinery Show 2023

93a High Street Waghope, NSW

Our annual Show, traditionally held in July, has been moved to 4-5-6-7 October 2024 with set up on Friday 4th.

WAUCHOPE YESTERYEAR



## Alexandra Heritage Machinery Festival

Alexandra Museum 7 Station St, Alexandra, Vic

Steam train rides, stationary engines, vintage cars, blacksmith, historic displays, museum, kids activities, BBQ, food trucks. Adults \$10, Children \$5, Family \$25

Download Flyer

\$10



October 12 @ 9:00 am - October 13 @ 1:00 pm

## Vintage Farm Machinery Heritage Rally & Truck Show

Moruya Showground Albert St, Moruya, NSW

October 19 - October 20

## Urana Vintage Machinery Rally

Urana Sportsground, Victoria Park Federation Way, Urana, NSW



October 19 - October 20

## Goldfields Rally

Old Dunolly Racecourse 55 Racecourse Track, Dunolly, Vic

October 19 @ 9:00 am - October 20 @ 4:00 pm

## Corryong Historic Machinery Club Annual Rally

Corryong Recreation Reserve Strezlecki Way, Corryong, Vic







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October 27 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Mount Alexander Vintage Engine Club Annual Tractor Pull

Dave Bennett Reserve Muckleford / Walmer Road, Muckleford, Vic



# November

November 9 @ 10:00 am - November 10 @ 3:00 pm

## Power Of The Past

Mount Barker Showgrounds 14 Wellington Rd, Mount Barker, SA



November 15 - November 17

## Taralga Rally 2024



*If you know of any events member may be interested in please let me know, I will gladly include them.*



Steam Whistle September/October

# AUSSIE DESERT COOLER HIGH PERFORMANCE RADIATORS

351 Settlement Rd, Thomastown, Vic, 3074

Phone: 03 9 465 8806

## Community Bank Gisborne & District

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**B** Bendigo Bank

## *One Stop*

**Location:**

We are located at Shop 7 / 103 Evan's st arcade,  
Sunbury, Victoria, 3429

**Opening Hours:**

Mondays 9-3pm Tues – Fri 9-5pm.

**Phone:**

Telephone: 03 9744 1113

Mobile: 0438 463 405

**Email:**

[onestopembroidery@bigpond.com](mailto:onestopembroidery@bigpond.com)

*If you wish to buy a  
shirt with the  
GVMS logo this is  
where to go The  
set up has been*



**OH, YOUR TRUCK IS 500 HORSEPOWER?**



**THAT'S CUTE.**



this month I will....



Club Permit Signatory Details.

Hi to all club members that have Vehicles on the Club Permit Scheme.

The following members are authorised by VicRoads to sign your Permit renewals when they come due.

Trevor Dunn in Sunbury ph mob 0474101514

Sydney Green in Romsey ph mob 0409937719

Adrian Guilot in Gisborne ph mob 0429193496

Jeff Shepherd in Fern Hill ph mob 0408541820 home 0354248087

Remember that there is a once off fee per membership year July to June.

\$10 for 1 vehicle or if you have multiple vehicles it is \$15.

If you are wishing to put a vehicle on club permit, you need to get a current roadworthy certificate for the vehicle, supply me photos of all sides, front and back, dashboard and ID plates if it has them. Remember club permit vehicles can't be modified, if they are modified the need to have a VASS report that has to be issued by an accredited mechanical Engineer prior to obtaining a club permit. New permits can only be signed by me as I have to keep copies of this information on file.

Please also remember when you get your renewals signed bring a photocopy of the renewal for the club's records.

Regards Jeff Shepherd **351 Ford Engines**



The Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society inc.

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