

THE GISBORNE VINTAGE MACHINERY SOCIETY INC.

"The Steam Whistle"

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Presidents Report

Welcome to our 2011 Annual General Meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who so willingly gave their time to the Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society and a special thanks to the Committee, who gave support, their valuable time and effort throughout the past twelve months.

For me personally the year has passed by quite quickly and when I reflect on our achievements and activities. Listed below is some of our achievements of the past year.

Gisborne branch of the Bendigo Bank gave us a Grant of money to enable Noel to employ professional people to carry out specialised works and expedite the restoration of the Fowler Traction Engine. One only has to wander around the grounds and sheds to be most pleased and proud of what has been achieved over the years and the improvements to our kitchen, 71/4 rail area and the steam shed in the past year.

I would like to thank the members who represented our Club at other Engine rallies, Tractor Treks, Shows, Fairs, Tractor Pulls etc. This promotes our club and your efforts are much appreciated.

The highlight of the year "Our" annual rally was the most successful for a number of years, the patronage was up and accordingly our gate takings were increased, thus enabling us to continue on with further improvements to grounds and assets. It was nice to see the return of a couple of senior ex members on rally day wandering around and chatting.

A pleasing part of this years term has been the signing up of a number of new members including three juniors. This situation ensures the future of our Club and whilst on our future we now have a Website which exposes our club to like-minded clubs around the world.

Again I would like to thank the Committee for a job well done and also the members for achieving so much this year, I look forward to the coming year.

Kind regards,
Trevor Dunn.

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Notice of Annual General meeting - repeated—from last newsletter.

The Annual General Meeting of The Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society inc will be held at the Gisborne Municipal Chambers in Gisborne, commencing at 8.00pm on Friday 28th October. The main business of the Annual General Meeting will be to declare vacant the following committee positions and to conduct elections for those positions.

The positions vacant as per the two year terms are:

Vice President	currently held by Rod Roberts
Secretary	currently held by Julie Reynolds
Two committee members	currently held by John Poulton and Jeff Shepherd

The following positions are NOT up for re-election:

President	currently held by Trevor Dunn
Treasurer	currently held by Harry Ripp
Committee positions	currently held by Noel Smithwick and Mac Reynolds

The following non committee positions need to be filled:

Public Officer	currently held by Harry Ripp
Grievance Officer	currently held by Jeff Shepherd
Editor	currently held by Barry, Rod and Andrew
Safety Officer	currently vacant
Rally Committee	currently vacant.

Nomination forms are enclosed in this newsletter.

As most will be aware in preparations for running a fund raising auction, it has been discovered that the clubs statement of purpose has been mislaid as part of the incorporation process a number of years back. To resolve this At the annual general meeting of the Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society Inc it is proposed that a special resolution will be voted upon by the members present to consider the adoption of a statement of purpose for the club.

Tim Reid is preparing a base document for discussion between now and the AGM, how this is notification to all members of this special resolution—be there as it is an important night for the club.





Trentham Ploughman's day.

On Sunday, October 2nd, the Trentham Ploughmen held a ploughing day at Bill Henderson's Blackwood North property. The day turned out to be dry with the sun coming out in the afternoon - just right for ploughing. There were 10 in attendance and all ploughed out their plot under the watchful eye of Cam Banks. There was a wide variety of tractors including Ferragies, David Brown, Nuffield, Inter Farmall, McCormick Deering and a Caterpillar crawler. I'm sure everyone had a great day. Many thanks to Jill Henderson for the hot soup and lunch and thanks also to Bill for letting us plough on his property. Thanks Jeff.

WEB SITE TOPICS

From Monty Russell

The web site seems to be working well.... If you have any comments or problems, please talk to me or Rob McKay.

We have loaded some new photos from Jeff Shepherd from the ploughing day at Blackwood North, and from Monty Russell from a previous Wedderburn Rally, and the Sheffield Rally and Tractor Pull, Tasmania.

Hope you all have had a good look at the new links on the "Links & Contacts" page. We have about 60 listed now, and there is an amazing amount of information available. Please let me know of any more you think should be listed.

If anyone has some good digital photos from Wedderburn, National Rally, Tractor Treks, Lake Goldsmith, Work B's at the Steam Park, or any other event of interest, it would be good to put them onto our web site photo gallery. You can email them to me or to Rob McKay, or we can copy them directly from your camera or memory card.

Does anyone need some basic coaching on computer usage and emailing? There are a number of sources available from local groups, either free or at a very nominal charge.... Community Health Centres, Libraries, U3A, Service Clubs, Senior Citizens, Men's Sheds, Schools, TAFE's. Or we may be able to arrange some 1 on 1 coaching? You don't need to know everything about computers, just enough to do the bit you want to do.

Please notify Rod Roberts if you are happy to access and print out if required your copy of the Steam Whistle, directly from the web site. This will save the cost of printing and postage, and will reduce the workload on volunteers. You also get it earlier, and with photos in colour. We will send out an email when each new Steam Whistle is available.

We have about 12 member's email addresses so far and need lots more. The easiest way is to send an email to the club address, see front page of Steam Whistle, or notify in any way convenient for you.

LIONS CLUB OF DIGGERS REST NOTES

TOWN GARAGE SALE On Saturday 26 November, the Lions Club has organised a Town Garage Sale, 8am till mid afternoon. Over 40 local householders are expected to take part, and will pay \$10 each. There will also be an area where trailers etc can set up. The Lions Club will arrange all advertising, signage and publicity, and produce a printed listing and map for buyers. Very successful event last year. All funds raised by Lions are donated to community projects or charitable purposes.

TRAILER RAFFLE The Lions Club is running a trailer raffle to be drawn at 3pm on Saturday 17 December at BIG W, Sunbury. The prize is a new 6x4 trailer with all contents, including a lawn mower, wheelbarrow, garden tools and supplies, mulch and plants. Total value over \$2000.

CHRISTMAS CAKES Lions Christmas Cakes are available, 1kg cake for \$11.

Editors Notes.

This is going to be my last newsletter as Editor, I would like to thank all those who have sent me articles to help make this the voice of your club. I feel it is time for some new blood on the keyboard, and this is the first one that is been created before 10PM. I hope you encourage and support the next newsletter editor.

Wedderburn rambles.

This year the Gisborne club was represented at Wedderburn by the Thomas and Hemphill clans. Our normal partner Rod was over in WA enjoying a well deserved break and a visit to the national rally.



Weather was cold and breezy, although it did turn out better than expected with bad weather forecasted by the bureau, with the only really bad shower on Sunday. There was a reasonable display of engines and other equipment. The number of market stalls was up a little, and as always we need to thank the Wedderburn club for making it all welcome and providing a great meal on Saturday night.



Calendar of Events

2011

October 23	Muckleford Steam Day and tractor trek.
October 28	Annual General Meeting—Gisborne Council Building
October 29/30	Lake Goldsmith 98th rally.
November 6	Working Bee Gisborne
November 12/13	Bendigo Swap Meet
November 27	Historic Commercial Vehicle Display at Sandown
December 2	Christmas meal and get together
December 3	Kilmore Show—engine/tractor display
December 9	Gisborne Christmas festival—pencil in but not sure if we are going to be there.

Long Term Ones

January 28	Quambatook Working harvest Day
February 17-19	Seymour Alternative Expo.
February 19	Ballan Tractor Pull and Rally
May 2012	Gisborne Steam Rally
May 2012	Heyfeld Vintage machinery Rally.



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