Good day fellow members, well we have come to the end of year again so this is the last newsletter for the year. The end of year dinner will be held at the Victoria Park Hotel on Saturday night the 29th of November starting at 7.00pm. Anybody wishing to go that has not already been counted should get in touch.

The last club meeting for the year will be held the night before on the 28th of November at Ian William’s place, so we should try for a big roll up.

Late last month we took our engines to the St Anthonys school. Richard was showing off his new crane (an industrial one). It was certainly impressive, he can reach any part of his 2ton truck.
WANTED

Sell—Buy—Swap—Info

**Wanted** Your stories
Contact Keith Hendrick on 47788551 or mail to
23 Flagstone Av Rangewood Thuringowa 4817

If anyone is wanting any Kelly and Lewis bits I have a few left over with the completion of mine.
RAY BLAIN
rayandlyn@ledanet.com.au

**Wanted** A fuel filter end plate for a 'YB' Southern Cross Diesel part number 29B
Ian Matthews 07 4773 1563
Email ianm01@hotkey.net.au

**Wanted** Conrod, sleeve, for a 3hp 'YB' Southern Cross Diesel
Ian Matthews 07 4773 1563
Email ianm01@hotkey.net.au

**Sell** Southern Cross Farm Pumper. Contact Russell Spence on 47888135

**Wanted** updraught carby for Bristol 20 tractor. Manifold Size 41.5mm. Stud size 3/8” at 71mm centers and at right angles to the engine. According to the manual the original was a Zenith 30VEA.
Contact K Hendrick on 788551 keithfh1@ballyhoo.com.au

**Sell** Trailer, heavy duty, 8x4, tilt, reg 10/04, 14” rims light truck tyres, $700 contact
Ian Matthews on 47731563
Email ianm01@hotkey.net.au

I heard a bit of a snigger when I started unload my farm pumper (immaculate in natural colour) so I challenged him to stand on the farm pumper while it was still suspended, then I got on as well proving that it will lift anything I need to lift.

There were eight engines on display and we had a enjoyable night with plenty of interest from the public, I hope it becomes a yearly event. The only downside was the lights were behind us and the public did not see the engines to well looking into the lights.

I was fortunate enough to be given a Ransome mower during the night. I picked it up the next Saturday. It had been in the family since it was bought in the mid thirty’s, almost complete with only the catcher missing.

The engine was seized and so was the clutch. When I got it home I poured oil down the plug hole and placed a little pressure on the crank shaft, it came free and turned over quite freely. A couple of taps on the clutch soon had it free also, the mower was then pushed into a corner for future restoration.

Last weekend we went to Rollingstone for the N.Q.Wheels display, it used to be a Life Be In It Display but has now been taken over by the council. We were given a better spot under the trees, on the whole it was better set out than previous displays, with a little more room as the council moved out any campers the day before.

The crowd was down but there was a lot of interest in our display. It was pretty hot and there was no water in the creek, next year the council are talking of moving the display to earlier in the year. There was plenty see there with all the cars on display plus entertainers and singers.

Russell had his newly painted R/T there it looked good, one of his better paint jobs, he has purchased a small spray gun and it certainly made a difference.

I was having smoko when Ian Matthews started his engine up (after some effort) when we were covered by a cloud of black smoke, I thought I had smoked ham on the sandwich.

My farm pumper went well during the day so I decided to give it a spell in the afternoon.

The display finished earlier than last year and we were packing up by 4 o’clock, much better.
Again I was lucky to be in the right place at the right time, a bikey bloke asked if I would like an old engine (you don’t say no to big bikeys) as it was on the way home I dropped in and picked it up, a Southern Cross ET-B 2.5hp diesel all in bits. His place was easy to find I could see a bunch of Harleys half a k away.

The engine was temporarily reassembled with plenty of spray and moved it in beside the mower awaiting future restoration. I reckon it will look pretty good when it is cleaned up and painted.

Ian Williams has been working on a little Amplion generating set. Had a bit of trouble getting it going, very little spark. But I have to hand it to him, he did not give up and now it starts and runs like a clock. Maybe he might give us a story.

I have to apologise I missed out welcoming three additional members to the club last newsletter. John Kilpatrick of Cairns, Doug Smith of Atherton and Dale Wust of Cairns.

Well that’s it for another year, this month makes it three years for me, doing the newsletter, so I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Ian Matthews has been on a trip up Cape York he sent in a few photos.

For all your insulating requirements on roofs, mobile homes, caravans etc see the new space age Thermashield from Jesse’s Quality Paints - Your One Stop Paint Store - 14 Carlton St Kirwan.
R&T At Punsand Bay

The R&T is at what is know as "Punsand Bay Safari and Fishing Lodge" and is the most northernly place in Australia where people live but the locals are going to rebuild "Pajinka" and it is further north than the Lodge and there is no history to the engine as it was found in the bush. The chap that managers the lodge said he knew of bits and pieces everywhere in the bush but would not say where. I spoke to some of the local Aboriginals and they said that anything that could be used has been taken to Thursday Island and a lot of people have been up here removing what was left as the Yanks left a lot of stuff there after the war and I did have a look a couple of sites only to find rusty mounds.

Petter, Farm Pumper
The Lions Den is a hotel a couple of ks of the Lakeland to Cooktown road it is just a big shack built out of timber and iron with no particular design to it and there is items of interest in every room and one section there is thousands of signatures of everybody who has visited the "Lions Den Hotel"

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