Good day fellow members, sorry about missing last month but we were fairly busy getting ready for Biloela.

Our AGM will be held next meeting on the 31st of August. Every one should attend so that positions can be filled. Any one interested in doing the Newsletter should attend the AGM. I have been doing it for 6 years and would like a break from it. Also we thank Beth Harris for once again doing our books, Beth says due to rule changes we won’t have to have them done again.

Only the Townsville Model and Hobbies expo on this month, was held at the train park near the Civic Theatre.

Received a restoration story from our youngest member Stephen Williams of Charters Towers. Stephen has only just turned 15 and I think it is a credit to him to achieve what he has while he was 14. I have printed the first part of his story this month.

I am hoping some one will do a full story on Biloela and next month there’s something about some one getting lost.
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Bileola turned out to be a great success and we should be quite pleased with our clubs effort down there, especially our northern members who had further to travel than the Townsville group.
The weather was perfect although they say it reached –2C on the first morning, it must have been worrying as there was a fair bit of rain around several weeks before.
There were around 400 engines and almost 300 tractors as well as hundreds of other exhibits on show. Backing this with numerous other activities such as blacksmithing, well boring, tractor pulls, chaff cutting to name a few.
I spent many hours looking at the exhibits and found that I had to have a break after a couple hours as the engines started to blend in with one another, as it turned out I did not see everything.
There was something there for everyone, engines that I had not heard of let alone seen. The exhibits ranged from working clothes to some that had to be finished better than show room.
Keith.

Noel Akers with his immaculately restored Caterpillar Ten, down from the Tableland
My First Engine
By Stephen Williams

Hello my name is Stephen Williams I am only 15 and the youngest member of the NQMP. I have loved working on old engines since seeing them at a swap meet in Charters Towers.

I was told if no one had restored them they would probably be in the dump. Now I’ll do up any that I can get my hands on. My first engine was a Villiers given to me by Ian Williams. This engine wasn’t in bad condition, when I got it just a bit rusty and I spent 5 to 6 months doing it up.

First job was to take it apart this took about 4 hours, I did not want to rush it as I was told if you rush things they can soon turn to shit. So I took my time and everything turned out OK.

It took a while to find out that Michael Ford of Charters Towers used to be the agent, they did not have much at all and I got all they had left for $60, a carby set, gasket set and rings.

It took a day to sand the casing down and put on paint, it came out better than I expected. The carby was next and it cleaned up like a new one, but the fuel tank was rusty and it took a couple of days to clean and paint.

The magneto points were a 100% with a very good spark, I tested by turning the fly wheel not to fast. Lastly I cleaned the engine and sump and reassembled.

I gave her a couple of pulls but it did not start so I mucked around with the carby and made sure the magneto was sparking, with the lead close to the body it gave a beauty blue spark, perfect. I don’t think the fuel was getting into the engine as there was not a lot of fuel in the tank and the needle was all the way in.

I fixed these problems and gave one pull and. There was a bang away she went. She puttered away perfectly, I let her run for about 1/2 an hour before shutting her off.

Stephen

My Farm Pumper restoration will be in the next Newsletter.
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NQMP members at Biloela

Richard  Russell  Malcolm  Ian  Andy  Merv  Tony  Ian

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