Homebush

The steam locomotive at Victoria Mill is 100 years old
Hi all, Last weekend Ian Williams, Merve, Peter Higgins, Myself and just joined new member from Innisfail Allan Murray, displayed at the Victoria Sugar Mill at Ingham, helping celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Homebush Steam Locomotive.

The Loco was built in England in 1914 by Hudswell-Clark of Leeds. The loco hauled cane for the Homebush sugar mill near Mackay from 1915 to its closure in 1921. The loco was then moved to Ingham where it hauled passengers and freight from Lucinda to Ingham until 1932, it then carted cane until 1976 and was restored in 1978.

I am glad That I went on the first ride after the unveiling, as there was a continuous stream of people queuing up for a ride to travel out a couple of k’s then push back to the mill.

Thanks to Graham Gow’s article on Victa, I would like to add a little bit to the Victa built light aircraft the Airtourer. Victa only built around 168 and when they approached the government for help in the form of some tariff protection the government knocked them back, resulting in it being sold to a NZ company to produce them. The sad part is that the Australian Government then bought around 50 back as trainers for the RAAF. The Airtourer was a nice little plane with aerobatic capabilities. I was fortunately able to fly one in the mid 60’s.

There is one more display to go to this year and that is the Home Hill Harvest Festival held on the 8th of November starting at 2pm. I had the wrong date in last month’s newsletter.

The BMP have invited us down the next day Sunday the 9th, to a display and BBQ at their club house at Brandon.

Tony Little’s Steam Traction has turned 100 years old and will be on the move.

Our Christmas break up will be a BBQ to be held at Tony and Vicky Binders place the following Saturday the 15th of November.

Starting time around 3pm. Bring your own drinks. Will discuss further next meeting.  

Keith.
North Queensland Machinery Preservationists

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Above. Unveiling the Plaque.

Right. The Driver is checking for leaks.
A huge steam engine on display outside the Victoria Mill. The rim of the flywheel was buried under the ground on the other side, it would have to be at least 3m in diameter. A plaque on the side indicates that the engine is around 150hp.