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NEXT MEETING  Saturday, 29th at Gary Blyth’s place, Plant Hill Rd Reid River.

Merry Christmas

Club’s Christmas Breakup
Left, Ron Ostrenski (sponsor, Budget Colour Copies), Merve Carey, Desley and Ian Matthews, Glen Harris, Tony Binder, Tony’s Dog Thunder getting in on the act, Keith Hendrick, Ian Williams and Neil James (Sponsor, Jesse’s Paints).
Hi all, we have crammed quite a lot into the last month, with the Home Hill Harvest Festival on Saturday the 8th, then next day the BMP held a display at Brandon. Last Saturday we held our Christmas break up party leaving the last meeting for the year at Gary and Nicky’s place on Saturday 29/11/14.

Once again Home Hill put on a good show, it’s a credit to the community. Unfortunately I left my camera at the hotel so I don’t have any photo’s of the event.

We set up at the same place as last year, but it’s a bit crowded in behind the new store. A string of festoon lights made it a lot better though.

On Sunday BMP put on a show at Brandon in a celebration for Tony Little’s Steam Traction Engine as it had turned 100 years old. It spent the day taking passengers around in a trailer.

Along with the BMP, we had several members displaying with them in a pleasant spot under the mango trees. Tony and I stayed overnight and were there fairly early but Russell and Ian Williams came down from Townsville and set up behind the fence. Merve and Allen Murray came for a look later on. Mackay member Mitchell Tippet did a good job working the Black Smith shop.

Last Saturday we had our Christmas break up at Vicky and Tony’s place and everybody had a great time with plenty of good food and music.

Tony has his workshop set up well with great range of machinery. There wouldn’t be much that he couldn’t attempt.

I prefer having the break up at some one’s place as you can move around talking to people and is no where as noisy as dining out.

To get to Gary Blyth’s place for the last meeting you travel out about 2k past the service station at Calcium. Turn left in to Plant Hill road which is just over the top of the hill from the servo.

The road is sealed but has a few dips in it and when you pass a rural fire station you know you are on track.

Gary’s place is the last place on the right around 500 meters before the road ends with a gate.

We were going to be there early so that we could determine what needs to be done to repair the Case tractor, have our last meeting around 3pm then wrap it up with a sausage sizzle. BYO drinks and chairs.

This is the last newsletter for the year so I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you next year Keith.
Tony’s latest project, overhauling a One Armed Bandit. Merve looks on with a hand full of coins, waiting to try his luck.

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
Above. Tony Little driving past on his immaculate 100 year old Steam Traction Engine.

1914 Fowler Traction Engine. 7NHP. 8” bore. 12”stroke

Left. Tony showing us how to use my pedal operated Lathe.