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Coming Events

Ravenswood BBQ
Service engines on
Sun 10th May 2015.

TCC Heritage Day at
Westend Park on
Sun 17th May 2015.

FNQ Field Day at
Mareeba on
Wed 27th-Thur 28th May

All British Day at
Catherdral School on
Sun 14th Jun 2015.

Dam Fine Rally at
Ross River Dam on
Sat 4th Jul 2015.

Giru Show at
Giru on
Sat 12th Sep 2015.

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Wanted Your stories

Hi, all we have another article from Graham Gow on his President tractor. Next month I have a short article from Alan Murray.

Last Sunday Ian Williams and I went to a final meeting at Brandon for the wrapping up of the QHR. Money that was left over from the rally was divided up among the three clubs by the amount of involvement. Our share was 30% thanks to the generosity of the BMP. This was a good out come as I feel the BMP involvement was greater than 55% and the Mackay share was 15%.

I would like place a photo on the front page for any member completing a project. This month Tony Binder sent his latest project a 1954 Lister CS. Try to send good quality photos.

We have a bit on in May, we have been asked to service the engines again at Ravenswood on the 10th of May and they will provide a BBQ afterwards. A week later it is Heritage day at West end Park and then the big one the FNQ field day at Mareeba. Has every one booked their accommodation we are using the Mareeba Lodge.

Glen has been contact with some one in USA regarding a second hand crankshaft for our Case tractor. We have to make sure it is the right one.

Keith.

Above. A President Tractor simular to Graham Gow’s
Front cover. A well restored 1954 Lister CS 5.1 6hp. Just completed by Tony Binder.
How I met the President
By Graham Gow.

It was after cyclone Winifred had trashed the Innisfail district in 1986, quite a number of buildings and sheds were left partly destroyed. I spotted the president in the ruins of a farm implement shed at Mundoo. If it hadn’t been for Winifred I would have been unaware of its existence.

On inquiring I found that a local man had also seen it and it was soon to be collected by him. These light farm tractors are very rare nowadays and are worth the trouble to do up. Disappointed I promptly forgot about it but a year later noticed the tractor on the forecourt of the Golden Fleece service station in Edith St. Innisfail. Thankfully, by then it had been repainted and got running. The tyres were still in good condition. Overall not in bad order for the then, 30 year old. It stayed parked at the Servo for some time but later disappeared when the business changed hands. A chance meeting in 1992 with the tractor owner led me to a property at Garradunga where the president had indeed fallen on hard times. Located in a wood pile minus the engine. A very sorry sight. However this was to my advantage as the owner decided to give it to me.

I duly recovered the tractor back to Townsville in 1993 and later took it on to Caboolture on my tilt tray in 1995. The President was finally restored in 1996 a Morris side valve motor was sourced locally. The correct paint colour of red with green wheel rims was applied and decals affixed.

The tractor was placed on show in the tractor shed at the Caboolture Historical Village.

So the story has a happy ending, despite a climatic start.

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