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NEXT MEETING Sunday, June 25th at the Train Park

Mareeba Field Day
From left. Tony Binder, Shane (Jacko) O’Carroll, Merve Carey, Garry Blyth, Nikki Blyth and squirming in mums arms is Annie Blyth on her second visit to the Mareeba Field days.
Hi all, its that time of the year again, membership renewal is upon us again. The fees are still the same as last year and we need to get the money by the end of June so that we can pay NHMA. Once again you have several methods of payment with the Bank transfer becoming popular. Make sure that you put your name on the transfer. We have quite a few displays in front of us with All British Day this Sunday. Thanks to Ian Matthews we have a few words on a Dalby show and Jacko has an article on the Mareeba Field Day.

Keith.

Garry tucks in to a 1kg steak at Mareeba. I haven't seen a slab of meat that big since I worked in a meat works. You wouldn't want to be lost in the bush with him. I think Nikki could save on the grocery bill if she included Combantrin in the order.
Hello all
What a terrific rally. From the moment you arrive until the moment you leave, your made very welcome by the Pioneer Park people.
The rally itself was a very low keyed sort of rally where everyone went about their business with no problems what so ever. Low keyed definitely did not mean low quality. The variety and level of exhibits was mind boggling.
I have not seen such a varied lot of tractors ever I don't think. They came in all shapes and sizes. Engines were numbered well over a hundred I'd say. They ranged in size from Villiers Mk10 to enormous. I didn't actually count the engines but there were a heap of them, again, in all shapes and sizes. The theme of Southern Cross was well supported.

Of special mention was the number of younger exhibitors. I was impressed by the manner in which they prepared and exhibited their engines.
There was so much to see at the museum. It is a credit to those people responsible for it. There wasn't just a few bits of machinery and a bit of this and a bit of that. It has everything. The way it has all been laid out is amazing. Your gradually drawn from one type of exhibit to another.
A special thanks to the ladies in the craft/gift shop. The pickles are terrific. I ended up even putting some on my bacon and eggs for breakfast.
The weather was perfect. No need for a jumper at all. The weather was more like a beautiful spring day then a couple of days before the beginning of winter. A bit more wind on the Saturday to blow some engine smoke away would have been good, but we simply cannot have everything.

Cheers Scott

This Rally was held at the Pioneer Village Dalby.

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Ian Rusty Engines had a ball I think.
Vintage trucks made a good showing of things and a few cars and bicycles topped things off.

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   By Jacko

The 2017 Mareeba Field Days was held over three days. 24th, 25th and 26th of May. Representing the NQMP was Tony Binder, Gary Blyth. Merv Carey, Toni, Vicky, Maria and I arrived the day before the opening and set up our displays. The Tractor Pull Area was setup parallel to the Exhibiter Access Road and then the BMPS and NQMP sites respectively. Merv, Gary, Nicky and Annie arrived on the opening day. The community interest over the three days could not have been better, with a constant stream of people viewing our displays and generously donating towards our Club House Project. Most of the engines displayed by both the NQMP and BMPS appeared to suffer from altitude sickness and gave their owners grief during the three days. It was just a matter of saying to someone "Gee, your engines are running good" and then their engines would miss, cough and then stop. I managed to get a crowd of about fifteen people to watch me turn my Farm Pumper over and over and then over some more before retreating to the safety of our tent pretending to be having a cold drink.

Cheers Shane.

Our youngest member, Annie Blyth. Annie was only a couple of months old when she first visited the 2015 Mareeba Field Day. Annie is with out a doubt the most well behaved baby I have come across, a credit to Nikki and Gary.