On Sunday 26th August, the Inter Club Rally was held at our club house. Between the visitors and our own members, there was a good show of exhibits and it turned into a very pleasant day.

Jacko demonstrated his cooking skill and produced some spectacular sausages from the BBQ. Some inspiration from the CWA cookbook perhaps?

Once the clubhouse is complete, we look forward to planning the next Inter Club Rally with an increase in visitors and exhibits.

What is this used for?
A testing question.
Answer Page 4
The lead–acid battery was invented in 1859 by French physicist Gaston Plante and is the oldest type of rechargeable battery. Despite having a very low energy-to-weight ratio and a low energy-to-volume ratio, its ability to supply high surge currents means that the cells have a relatively large power-to-weight ratio. These features, along with their low cost, make them attractive for use in motor vehicles to provide the high current required by automobile starter motors.

As they are inexpensive compared to newer technologies, lead–acid batteries are widely used even when surge current is not important and other designs could provide higher energy densities. Large-format lead–acid designs are widely used for storage in backup power supplies in cell phone towers, high-availability settings like hospitals, and stand-alone power systems. For these roles, modified versions of the standard cell may be used to improve storage times and reduce maintenance requirements. Gel-cells and absorbed glass-mat batteries are common in these roles, collectively known as VRLA (valve-regulated lead-acid) batteries.

In 1999 lead–acid battery sales accounted for 40–45% of the value from batteries sold worldwide excluding China and Russia, and a manufacturing market value of about $15 billion. - Wikipedia

**NEXT MONTH ......**

**PHOTOS FROM Biloela**
Vale Ian Stewart

It is with great sadness that a great mate is farewelled. Ian started his working life as a general store owner in Ardmona near Shepparton. Later he trained at Bendigo Teachers College where he met his future wife, Kate. Together they had two children, Scott and Cindy. After moving to Townsville, they taught the hearing impaired at Vincent State School until they took up mainstream teaching at West End State School.

Ian was interested in model making and enrolled in a TAFE course, where he met Pat O’Brien and Pat Flecker. In his mind was the idea of a machinery restoration club and, after calling a meeting at the West End State School staff room, NQMP was born with a membership of about 30. Ian became the first President and the Secretary’s position was taken up by Pat O’Brien.

The first National Rally at Lake Goldsmith, Victoria, was attended by Ian Gow and myself and, at that time, there was only the “Stationary Engine” magazine from England available in Australia. Ian got ideas from the Rally and then decided to start the first Australian magazine to fill the void and that’s how TOMM came into being. He created it on his computer with my help with pictorial illustrations. The magazine was first printed by Strange Printers. By the time of the 2nd National Rally at Cararah, an introductory issue of TOMM was ready to be handed out and so it became part of Australian history.

Finally, Ian and Kate moved to Caboolture and due to illness, the TOMM magazine was sold. Ian will be remembered for his contribution to both NQMP and also TOMM. He was a great mate and he will be sadly missed.

Brian Pump

---------- News from the AGM

Tony Binder remains the President. Vice President - Kerry Gaven. Secretary/Treasurer - Keith Hendrick. Rally Officers- S O’Carroll and J McTernan. Safety Officers- R Blain, M Carey, I Williams and lan Matthews. Northern Representative - R Blain. Custodian Club Equipment - M Carey. A new position of Web Site and Email - Glen Harris. Newsletter - Dorothy Reeves (Congratulations to past and new office bearers for undertaking their tasks with competence. Also, don’t forget to send in your stories and pictures to make the Newsletter interesting. Ed)

Brainteaser - Answer next month

On each row place two letters that can be attached to the end of the word to the left to give a longer word. When completed the six added letters reading downwards will make a word associated with tennis. What is the word? Answer next month.

BRA _ _ DO _ _ ALL _ _
ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE

PRUNING TRIANGLES

Answer to “What is this used for?”
You’d be right in saying it’s a battery tester

28,800 times - how often we blink every day

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