DATE CLAIMERS

10 November 2018     Home Hill Harvest Festival
Time: Parade starts at 5pm, with Street Party to immediately follow
Venue: Home Hill, Main Street
The Grand Parade will feature an array of floats and performers. After watching the procession
down the main street of Home Hill, head over to Watson’s Green and enjoy live music from
Luke Geiger Live, food stalls, rides and good old fashioned fun.

11 November 2018     BMP Open Day

15 December 2018     Christmas Breakup at Tony Binder’s place. Bring a
plate
has been busy tripping around to different events recently. He went to Biloela, the Giru Show and the Babinda Harvest Festival. For the Biloela State Vintage Machinery Display he took two engines (and all his gear) stopping at Rockhampton on the way. He said food and entertainment were great. There was a large number of vintage engines on display including tractors and it was pretty cold. It was a long drive, but worth the effort. At the Giru Show, he said the NQMP display was very good. There were plenty of lookers and lots of running engines. Likewise, at the Babinda Harvest Festival, which was a little wet under foot. He was impressed with the tractor pull and display by the Army. At all these trips, Merv noted that club members helped load and unload engines and they were great opportunities to meet old and make new friends and swap information.

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Graham Gow has supplied the photo at left being a recent donation. The donated engine was the prototype No. 1 in running order, with a prop on it for effect.

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For the past year, I have been working on my Sundial/Billabong Piston Pump project which has now had its maiden run. The Billabong required a new part to be manufactured, new piston cups and it has been repainted. The Sundial is connected via a pulley belt my wife sewed together using seatbelt webbing. The only tweaking needed was to the belt tracking between the two machines. Belt grip was sprayed on the pulleys which helped. I found a pulley calculator on the internet to calculate the size of the pulleys to run the pump at the correct speed (three known values need to be inserted to calculate this and the link is: https://www.blocklayer.com/pulley-belteng.aspx). The water is recycled from a tank reservoir. The first time it was run, it all worked smoothly and was a delight to watch.

A video showing the pump running has been published on Vimeo and can be seen at the following link:

https://vimeo.com/298330279

Just shows what can be done by a preservationist. In this case, Michael Valinotti from Ingham has taken the pump as pictured left and now presents it in running order pumping water. The pump had been lying unused for many years before being given to Michael to restore.
Rotary Far NQ Field Days are being held at Mareeba Rodeo Grounds, Queensland. May 29, 30 and 31st 2019
The multi award-winning field days is the largest field days in Northern Australia - and it’s all for charity!
Open times are Wednesday 9am to 5pm, Thursday 9am to 6pm & Friday 9am to 4pm. Entry $5.00 for adults each day, children under 17 years are free. There is no discounted entry fee.
The 17th NHMA National Rally 2019 is being held at Murray Bridge, South Australia. March 22 - 24th 2019

This Cobb & Co coach was made by me a few years back from New Guinea Rosewood. The idea came from a book I purchased from the Cobb & Co Museum in Toowoomba and as I have always had a fascination with the Cobb & Co story in Australia, it gave me great satisfaction to complete the project. The five horses were carved with an electric die grinder using a line drawing off the internet and scaling it to size to match the coach.

Steve Reeves

From the Editor ……
As this will be the last Newsletter for 2018, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed with pictures and stories. A special thanks to Keith who has always been there to assist. Although Steve and I haven’t been able to get to many club meets this year due to varying circumstances, we’re hoping in 2019 to rectify that. For now, we wish everyone a Christmas season filled with joy.

Dorothy