

HIGHLANDS STEAM & VINTAGE FAIR

Newsletter January 2012

Hello heritage enthusiasts!

Welcome to the January newsletter.

Oberon is preparing for the 2012 Highlands Steam and Vintage Fair with the local population providing support in so many different ways to ensure we make the 2012 Fair the biggest and most successful Fair yet.

In an effort to reduce administrative work for the Fair organisers we are no longer charging the \$5 exhibitors fees. However, if you want to participate in either the Jenolan Caves road run or the Saturday night dinner, we need your entry form by 3rd February 2012.

So a warm summer welcome to our January newsletter.

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Latest News

New attractions and a greater number of arts and crafts displays will be the highlight of the 2012 Fair.

Unfortunately the Jenolan Caves Tractor Trek had to be cancelled due to safety concerns raised by a number of government authorities. Tractor trekkers are encouraged to partake in a reduced itinerary of local runs around the area. Contact our Tractor Co-ordinators for further details: John Nunan 0439 362787 email john.nunan@bigpond.com or Stewart Gunn 0427 562163

The Friday rally for heritage cars and trucks will remain scheduled to visit Jenolan Caves.

We have also secured a commitment from the "Australia Fair" organ to be in attendance at Jenolan Caves on Friday and the Fair on Saturday. This is a major attraction and will be something to remember.



How about our 1950s Saturday Dinner Dance? Come dressed for the era and prizes will be given for the best dressed. Could it be that Buddy Holly finally meets Elvis Presley in Oberon? Come along and find out!

Highlands Steam and Vintage Fair

Saturday morning at 10am will see a Grand Rally in the main street that can only be described as huge. Be part of it!

Forests NSW will be in attendance again along with the "Woodguys" and friends to provide an excellent display of timber working and use of timber in creative ways.

Soak up the steamy atmosphere from the road steam engines that will again be a major feature of the Fair.

Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair 2012 is the place for fun and enjoyment.

FREE entry for exhibitors

In order to access free entry into the Fair coloured adhesive wrist bands will be issued to exhibitors on arrival. Wrist bands must be worn to enable free entry. Wrist bands will be available at Registration tent. Rally badges for 2012 will be available at the Registration tent at a cost \$5.00 each.

Tractor Trek

As noted in the news item on the front page, we have been obliged to cancel the planned tractor trek to Jenolan Caves. Road safety concerns by several government authorities deemed the planned trek to Jenolan Caves to be a safety risk for road users and the Fair organisers were disappointed but must concede that safety is of the highest priority. A tractor trek will return again in future Fairs, but alas, not for 2012.

Our tractor co-ordinators will provide a route map for trekkers to enjoy the Oberon experience on Friday 10th as an alternative. Contact our Tractor Co-ordinators for further details: John Nunan 0439 362787 email john.nunan@bigpond.com or Stewart Gunn 0427 562163

The Shannons Classic Vehicle Run

Two of our major sponsors for 2012, Shannons Insurance and Jenolan Caves, are sponsoring the

classic car and commercial vehicle run to Jenolan Caves on Friday 10th February. Here's an opportunity to take in breathtaking views at every turn while driving on some of the best touring roads in New South Wales and then spending time at one of the greatest tourism attractions in the world.

To top that experience, Jenolan Caves management are offering a caves tour and lunch at historic Caves House for a modest cost of \$20 per head and is available to purchase at Jenolan Caves on showing your wrist band that will be issued to participants at the Oberon rally ground departure point from 10am.

Wrist bands, route map and rally details will be provided at the Rally Ground on Friday morning. Get your entry form in now, last entry by 3rd Feb!



Dinner/Dance

Get ready to rock and roll!

The 1950's and '60s comes to town!

Music including Buddy Holly and the Crickets, Bill Haley and the Comets, Connie Francis, Johnny O'Keefe and the Deltones will be an essential part of the 2012 dinner and dance at Oberon RSL Club. Book now using the Exhibitors Form available on the website (www.highlandssteam.org.au) to avoid disappointment. Cost is \$35 per head with a limit of 150.

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway

The Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway (OTHR) is an important partner in the Fair, with its participation to date consisting of displays of rail heritage items and rolling stock at the Oberon Station.

Make a point of visiting their display at the historic Oberon railway station during the weekend and witness the progress they are making in getting trains on the track.



Stall Holder & Vendor Enquiries

We have a limited number of spaces available remaining for trade, stall holders and community groups. To book a space contact Kathy Sajowitz on ksajowitz33@gmail.com or 0419 231525.

Accommodation

There is now limited motel accommodation available. Enquiries to the Oberon Visitors Information Centre for assistance in finding accommodation, call 6329 8210.

Take care

The Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair is a very active event.

When driving on the rally ground please keep your speed to a minimum and look out for pedestrians. Likewise, if walking about the exhibits keep a look out for moving vehicles and machinery.

We encourage you to drive the streets of Oberon village but be mindful that all normal road regulations apply.

Get Acquainted

Discover all sorts of interesting stuff about the Fair or even Oberon itself, have a look at our website. Every effort is made to keep the website with our volunteers help.

Website: www.highlandssteam.org.au

Contacts

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