

HIGHLANDS STEAM & VINTAGE FAIR

Newsletter September 2011

Newsflash – World Records will fall!

Hello heritage enthusiasts!

Welcome to the September newsletter.

Oberon in winter is a charming village and has so much to offer. Wake up on a bracing crystal clear morning and embark on mushroom gathering, enjoy the spectacular setting of Jenolan Caves, tour the pristine countryside and drop in to a quaint café or pub for afternoon tea in one of the circle of villages.

By evening be lured into the warmth of a country pub or a local bed and breakfast establishment, settle into a snug in front of a warm roaring fire, savour a home cooked meal and enjoy the peace of the country.

In Oberon we say the lifestyle is Simply Spectacular and you really will live the Simple Pleasures!

And so a warm spring welcome to our September newsletter.

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Latest News

Some of our exciting plans are now becoming clear.

Traditionally the Highlands Steam and Vintage Fair is a feast of activities and 2012 is no exception.

For starters there is the tractor trek, a historic first for world famous Jenolan Caves linking up with the classic vehicle run for lunch and caves tours. To add to what will be an excellent event, an additional attraction of breaking or making some world records with:

- The most number of tractors in a cave
- The most number of Fergies in cave

So get your tractor out and participate in what will be a fantastic event for tractor enthusiasts.

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

How about our Saturday Dinner Dance themed for 2012 in the 1950's where anything is possible. Could it be that Buddy Holly finally



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meets Elvis Presley in Oberon? Come along and find out!

Saturday morning will see a Grand Rally in Main Street that can only be described as huge. Be part of it!

Forests NSW Heritage Timber Display promises many new active displays.

How about music from “dawn to dusk” at the Rally Ground with buskers and regional entertainers?

Visit the Trade Site and Farmers & Crafts precinct – it’s growing all the time.

Or simply soak up the atmosphere, talk with other enthusiasts about your favourite machine and chat to locals.

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



Tractor Trek

So you thought our inaugural 2011 tractor trek was great!

Our tractor co-ordinators have completed a survey of the 2012 tractor trek route, look out for something extraordinary on Friday 10th February.

The trek will take in open roads, forestry trails and the highlight will be a visit to Jenolan Caves. In all, 70km of beautiful vistas, forests and the astonishing setting of the world renowned Jenolan Caves awaits the intrepid trekker.

Explore a cave and have lunch at historic Caves House before the return trek. Booking will be essential for entrants in this event to ensure no one is disappointed.

Never before have a large number of tractors descended on Jenolan Caves. Be a part of history and the world record attempt for the number of tractors in a cave and another record for the famous Ferguson tractors with as many as we can muster into a cave!

Start preparing your machine now as it needs to be in perfect condition. Remember, long ascents and descents will be a feature of this trek; the day will be long and will test the skills of every tractor and driver.



Steam was once again the feature for 2011 and David Toyne's Buffalo Pitts engine starred. Photo Rash Bamola.

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Classic Vehicle Run

When was the last time you visited Jenolan Caves?

One of our major sponsors for 2012, Jenolan Caves, is the destination for the classic vehicle run 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 at a modest cost.

Start planning this fantastic adventure now! Make sure your vehicle is roadworthy for this one.

Full details will be available soon.



Our tractor display for 2011 was amazing! Photo Rash Bamola.

Dinner/Dance

Get ready to rock!

The 1950's comes to town!

Ah... the era of Buddy Holly and the Crickets, Bill Haley and the Comets, Connie Francis, Johnny O'Keefe and the Deltones, winklepickers, stove pipe pants and full skirts with layers of

petticoats; juke boxes, diners, shakes and burgers – all the marks of a misspent youth. Our youth!

Live it again in Oberon at the dinner/dance on Saturday night 11th February. We plan a great buffet meal, music and prizes for the best '50's outfits and a memorable night of Rock'N'Roll. Entry forms will be available soon.



Henri Hendiksen's Buick visited the 2011 Fair. Photo Rash Bamola.

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Group

OTHR is very much a part of the Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair for 2012.

Both OTHR and the Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair groups have a close working relationship that will lead to more spectacular experiences in future.

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.



Accommodation

Planning to come to Oberon as a club weekend away or as an individual? There are accommodation packages suitable for every need, but you need to be quick.

Motel rooms are already in short supply for that weekend so don't delay.

Don't forget the many B & Bs in and around the district. Some are able to accommodate larger groups.

Take Budden's Bed & Breakfast for example. Tony and Deirdre are offering a special weekend package at their establishment in Rockley, one of Oberon's circle of villages. Details are available on the accommodation page of the Fair's website and Budden's is well worth considering.

Plan for the weather

We advise a little caution when planning for our unique weather.

February is delightfully warm with cool crisp evenings. Being a true alpine climate it can change without warning, so be prepared. Pack sunscreen for the day and a coat for the evening.

A very useful item is an umbrella – just in case!

Don't forget to bring your club marquee for shelter.

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.

Tell your friends

Don't keep the 2012 Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair to yourself.

Share this newsletter with your friends and fellow club members.

Encourage them to make the pilgrimage to Oberon for an event that shouldn't be missed.

The Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair is open to anyone with a passion for heritage. Heritage items or collections are always welcome.

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Get Acquainted

Discover all sorts of interesting stuff about the Fair or even Oberon itself; have a look at our website regularly. It is always up to date and often has advance news on happenings in the Central Tablelands.

Website: www.highlandssteam.org.au

Don't forget to view the 2011 Fair short film on our website.

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The Australia Fair Grand Concert Organ

The Happiest Music on Earth will be at the 2012 Fair



Playing at "Floriade" the National Garden Show in the Commonwealth Gardens ACT

"Australia Fair" is a Belgium built travelling Concert Organ. It was built in the workshops of Verbeeck's Organ Works (Est 1884) in Antwerp and is the only travelling Concert Organ in Australia. It has entertained extensively at all levels from local functions to "Yarralumla" – the residence of the Governor General of Australia.



Garden Party at "Yarralumla" – the residence of the Governor General of Australia