

The Oily Rag

Newsletter of the Central Coast Machinery Club Inc.
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 Vol XV1, No V1, 24th JUNE, 2026, GENERAL MEETING.



#Monthly meetings are held in the club's shed in the north end of the Gosford Showground Car Park, (enter in Glennie Street West), on the 4th Wednesday of the month starting at 7:30pm.

#The Club has in the shed, an informal get together and a working bee, (with a hot and cold \$6.00 lunch), every Wednesday starting at around 9:00am. All are welcome. Good food for lunch !!

Below is the ELECTED COMMITTEE for the CCMC FOR THE YEAR JULY 2025 TO JUNE 2026.

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MINUTES OF THE 24th JUNE, 2026, THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COAST MACHINERY CLUB INC.

Held in the Club Shed on Wednesday 24th JUNE, 2026.

Meeting opened at 7:33pm with welcome by President Jim Pellow.

Members present: 25 members and 1 younger member.

Visitors: None this evening.

Apologies - Brian Hopkins, Peter Hancock, Bill Marks, Brian Walker, Jim Duncan, Kevin Bohringer,, Alan Patterson, John Job, Don Anderson, Des McKenzie, Robert Holland, Barry Knudson, Dave McPhan, Bill Douglas.

New Members - Allan Garritson, Howard Chandler, John Butcher.

Moved – Neil Shorrock

Seconded – Ralph Tyson- Davies

BUSINESS ARISING from previous meetings – Mentioned in Reports and General Business.

CORRESPONDENCE IN – None.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT – None

SECRETARY'S REPORT - The new CCMC webpage has been ordered by our Secretary from Domain 70 at Point Clare and is expected to be on line by end of next week.

Work on the Ruston Hornsby engine is progressing steadily with the new sleeve ready and the block and other parts at the grit blasters.

The Secretary asked for members who intend to display machines at the Cranky Handle Rally (Aug 15/16) and the Claredon Classic (Sep 19/20), to advise him, or for trucks at Claredon, advise Dallas.

Moved – Nick Schuler

Seconded - Dallas Fabian

TREASURER'S REPORT – JUNE, 2026.

The details and viewing of the financial records of the club are available to any financial member by contacting the treasurer, as club financial details are not published in the Oily Rag.

The treasurer was unexpectedly unable to attend and the June report was not presented as usual.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2026/2027 IS DUE, PLEASE PAY at JUNE MEETING

A Membership Application/ Renewal Form needs to be obtained from the Treasurer, Bill Douglas, or the Vice Secretary, Richard Faviell, filled in CAREFULLY so details can be read, and handed back with the chosen membership fees which are for 2026/2027.

Full Membership –

With NHMA Insurance – Oily Rag via email - \$50.00

With NHMA Insurance – Oily Rag via post - \$60.00

Younger members with NHMA Insurance – Oily Rag via post - \$XX.XX?, via email - \$XX.XX?.

If you wish to participate in Club activities or enter rally compounds you must have a current NHMA Insurance Card.

Associate Membership –

With NHMA Number – Oily Rag by email or post - \$45.00

If you pay by EFT, (details on form), you MUST include your name on the transaction and then see the Treasurer, Bill Douglas, for your receipt. Cash payments may be handed to Bill Douglas at **July** meeting on the 4th Wednesday evening or to Richard Faviell any Wednesday morning or evening at the shed. A receipt will be issued at the time, **CORRECT MONEY** would be greatly appreciated. Younger members are now welcomed to the Club at 10 years old. Membership rate to be X? lower but covering insurance. Young members must be supervised by older member when in compound.

Fees may be paid via Direct Debit to Central Coast Machinery Club Inc. **BSB 032 523, Account No 305475.** Please include your name on the transaction.

WARNING : If you are not financial, your “heritage vehicle” is NOT registered or insured.

HATS AND BADGES –

Bill Douglas has for sale club logoed peaked hats, and broad brimmed hats, both green, \$10.00.

Winter jackets \$60.50, and all sized shirts \$50.00, both to be chosen and bought from Scarlet Printing at Pacific Highway and Teralba Street, Lisarow, (UBD 68C12, south of the Tall Timbers Hotel) who then keep the item for embroidering the club badge, (at club cost). The item then has to be picked up. See Bill first to check prices and details, note the shop closes at 4.00pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS, and matters arising from previous meetings –

Club members displayed machinery in a compound at the Westies Harvest (one day) Festival at Central Mangrove which was well attended with more than 200 people than last year attending. The Festival was a great success for the Fire Brigade who were donated the proceeds. The weather was good and a campfire with music was held on the Saturday night.

VALE - DAVE SMITH

The President previously advised the members that former member Dave Smith had recently passed away in Coffs Harbour Hospital from extensive complications following a heart operation. Dave, a professional builder, will also be remembered as an avid collector of all manner of machinery, a most generous person, with his legacy to the club being his extensive work constructing the club amenities building inside our shed. Dave had recently moved from Sydney to Coffs Harbour with his son to start a different phase of his life, still being a collector, but sadly this has been cut short. **Rest in Peace Dave.**

The Secretary had previously detailed a quotation for a new website from a local firm, Domain 70, at Point Clare. The website is expected to be on line by the end of next week.

The Club now has a “WhatsApp” as our member Jack Cavanagh is the “App Manager”. This App provides at NO COST an instantaneous message and/or photo’s on every CCMC members mobile phone (those who decide to join), sent by any “App” member who needs to pass information to others or individuals. **NOTE:** EVERYONE on the App receives EVERY message sent by a member. The “App” is up and running with a small number of members enlisted and if other members wish to join this “CCMC App” on their phone, (as the “App Manager” is away), **SMS** his/her name and mobile phone number to John Cavanagh on **0490 075 177**. **Do NOT phone or voicemail !!** This is totally voluntary and members names will be added or deleted by the “App Manager”, if requested by the member, all at no cost. **EXAMPLE –** If the swap meet had been cancelled at the last minute the Secretary would only have to send one message on the app to everyone on the app, not contact each person. Or to contact a few members to meet at a location at a large rally one message could be sent rather than phoning each person individually.

A large new sewer line has started being laid from the north-east corner of the showground carpark. Large equipment is parked around the carpark, the centre of which is taped off. Care when parking.

The large Ruston Hornsby, Type 3, Class M, engine very kindly donated to the club by the late Howard Pryor has been dismantled by Tony Bennet, then finding a new cast iron cylinder sleeve, (7”bore x 24”long) and cast iron piston rings are required for proper long term restoration. The correct specialised materials for the sleeve have been purchased from “Mellings” of Ballarat. who state they have materials for restoration work of this type. As the piston is in good reusable condition, the cylinder sleeve and other parts will be machined, (a big job), by Tony Bennet and dry ice will be ordered to fit the sleeve when the block which is now being grit blasted, is ready. Discussion previously occurred as to whether the engine (and others) when running should be painted, (restored), or run as is, (preserved), in it’s “working clothes”. Restoration was decided. **A** offer of a steel channel was made to be used if necessary for construction of a transporter. **Adrian Tanner** and **Ian Bartholomew** drove a F250 to Melbourne to buy Ford spare parts and while there drove around the city to pick up an 800 kg pallet of four cast iron wheels with fixed and turning axles that had been bought from a Melbourne machinery club to construct the transporter for the Ruston engine. Many thanks to them for a big effort and their help with this project.

The large Lister engine that was on loan to the club has been run at rallies and tuned and tidied up by club members. It has been offered for sale to the club by the owner as his interest has moved to steam engines. It was then recalled that a former member, Roy Wright, who passed away in 2019, had left a sum of money to the club that was sent to us by his daughter's in June 2022. At that time a small Buzacott engine was bought, repaired, painted and nominated as "Roy's engine". To use the remainder of the gift, Richard Faviell was asked to make a near offer to purchase the engine. Richard made a very successful offer and the large Lister now belongs to the CCMC. Information plates will be engraved and fixed to "Roy's" engines and "Howards" Ruston Hornsby.

The Club Vice Secretary, Richard Faviell, has bought a black and white photocopier for the club.

A Massey- Ferguson three furrow disk plough has been donated to the Club by Dick Thompson. It was decided to display it outside against the north side of the shed near the chaff-cutter, grister and mine trolley. Greatly appreciated, and many thanks to Dick Thompson. Wednesday members began preparing paving but Neil Shorrocks and the others found the ground was too uneven to be paved. A visit to the concrete plant opposite by Des McKenzie, (who had previously worked there) resulted in a donation of a tonne of gravel for filling. Great work everyone!

Those wishing to receive the new "Historic & Vintage Machinery Australia" machinery magazine publication will need to arrange directly with the publisher to pay the charge. Contact Magazine NHMA Liaison – Allan Wheaton, 0408 899 775, or "editor.nhma@gmail.com" **The** fourth issue of six has now been advertised at \$15.00 a copy. Copies of issue 1, 2, 3 and 4 may still be available.

NOTE - A future subscription of \$110.00 per annum is available **NOW** and will provide two full colour collectable volumes of articles each year, as well as an emailed downloadable mini magazine every two months. **To subscribe** use link "<https://hvma.com.au/subscribe.html>"

The closure of Timbertown at Wauchope. Machinery not taken by owners was auctioned off on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of May. Some items were in good condition and fetched high prices, (train 300k, carriages 25k), although machinery items that had been outside displays were in poor condition. The sawmill was still intact, perhaps to be auctioned when the remaining buildings not previously sold or given to museums, go for auction – see Facebook for details. One member bought a tractor.

Our longtime member, Peter Hancock, has just taken residence in Room 24 of Reynolds Court Nursing Home at Bateau Bay, (near the bowling club). He would enjoy having club members visit.

A BIG THANK YOU to Atlantic Oil and Don Anderson for their greatly appreciated donation of \$250.

INTERESTING MACHINERY INFORMATION –

A trial section inviting anyone to email the Newsletter Editor with any article that may be of interest.

The historic 8 cylinder Blackstone engine and generator mounted in the south east corner of the club shed originally powered Richmond Air Force base and then the Berkley Vale biodiesel plant where it operated with various experimental fuels. The engine was then donated to the CCMC. At that time the club was constructing the current shed and the floor slab under the engines position was thickened to take the weight of the engine. Building was halted as the engine was so large it had to be lifted into position before the corner of the shed could be completed. Waters Cranes lifted the 15.2 tonne engine into position on Friday, December 14th, 2013, and it is now operational.

WHAT'S ON - # or ## denotes an event suitable for all club members to attend.

Subject to unadvised changes by other organisers, additional events and further information, intending visitors **MUST CHECK** for themselves that information given here is still correct, particularly with the current economic and fuel situations.

2026 – #JUNE 24th, Wednesday, CCMC meeting in the shed at 7:30pm.

2026 - #JULY 22nd, Wednesday, CCMC **Annual General Meeting** in the shed at 7:30pm.

2026 – #AUGUST 1st Sat, 2th Sun, Dubbo Golden Oldies Truck Show, Dubbo Showground, 191 Fitzroy Street, Dubbo.

2026 – ##AUGUST 15th, 16th, Crankey Handle Rally, Garham Grounds, (Steamfest site), Maitland, near Maitland Station. Hosted by The Hunter Valley Vintage Farm Machinery Club who often support the CCMC. A number of members are intending to display machines, trucks and tractors.

2026 - # AUGUST 26th, Wednesday, CCMC meeting in the shed at 7:30pm.

2026 – #SEPTEMBER 4/5/6, NHMA National Tractor Convention, (trek), is confirmed at Gulgong Showground. Entry is required for this event - please see Steve Bromfield.

2026 –# SEPTEMBER Sat 5th, Sun 6th, Rusty Iron Rally, Macksville Showground.

2026 – SEPTEMBER Sat 5th, Sun 6th, Corowa Spring Fun Weekend, Corowa.

2026 - #SEPTEMBER Sat 12th, Sun 13th, Gunnedah Swap Meet and Car Show.

2026 - #SEPTEMBER Sun 13th, Broke Vintage Fair with vintage cars, Mc Namara Park, Broke.

2026 - ##SEPTEMBER Sat 19th, Sun 20th, Claredon Classic at Hawksbury Showground, Racecourse Road, Clarendon. Includes Kenworth Klassic, Lister "D", garden tractors.

2026 - #SEPTEMBER 23rd, Wednesday, CCMC meeting in the shed at 7:30pm.

2026 –# OCTOBER Sat 3rd, Sun 4th, Wauchope Show, Wauchope Showground.

2026 - #OCTOBER Sat 17th, Mangrove Mountain Country Fair, reserve corner Wisemans Ferry Road and Waratah Road. CCMC attended last year and have been invited to return this year.

2026 – #NOVEMBER Fri 20th, Sat 21st, Sun 22nd, – Taralga Tractor and Machinery Show. & Trek.

2027- #APRIL Fri 9th, Sat 10th, Sun 11th, to Sun 18th, NHMA and Steamfest combined.

2027- ##SEPTEMBER or OCTOBER, Saturday, CCMC Plough Day at Anambah House, 200 Anambah Road, Rutherford. Overnight stay or motels available to view Sunday ground rolling.

The meeting closed at 7:55pm and members present had tea, coffee, biscuits, fruit cake and cupcakes with cream on top.

Next meeting - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Wednesday, JULY, 22nd, 7:30pm the shed.

Please bring your Membership Renewal fees to meeting or Wed in the shed if not already paid.

FOR SALE OR WANTED –

There are numerous small hand and electric tools, many fasteners with imperial threads for restoration projects, and other items donated to the club and available for a donation. See Richard Faviell or Brian Hopkins on Wednesday mornings or Richard at the 4th Wednesday evening meeting.

Chad Fanelli on 0428 255 618 or chadfnll@gmail.com needs a Ford 3600 steering box.

For mowers, mower engines and mower parts. Richard Faviell, 0418 445 948.

For a soda blasting firm details, contact Brian Walker on 0409 659 850.

For a grit blasting firm details, contact Jim Pellow on 0413 921 020.

For information on specialised materials and mechanical machining works, contact Steve Bromfield.

For magnetos, parts and advice – the magneto business of the late Brian Gray has been taken over by Martin Bates at Parkes, NSW. He is a mechanic now learning electrical winding and has a **huge** range of magnetos and parts for sale. Contact him on 0481 580 567 or “batesmartin19@gmail.com”.

Two good Ford tractors for sale, 1 x 3000, 1 x 4000 6Y models. Contact Karl Walters, 0415 167 078.

An Allis-Chalmers tractor with a personnel trailer attached. See Steve Bromfield, 0427 454 589.

Contact Richard Faviell, or Denis Green, for inclusions or sales in this segment but please note that as this is a service to assist members and friends, the CCMC can take no responsibility for accuracy of description or condition of items, and no control over the amount of the asking price.

Any donation to the Club of old mementos, machinery, tools, fasteners or saleable scrap metal, from downsizing premises or cleanouts, is greatly appreciated.

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