

HIGHLANDS STEAM & VINTAGE FAIR

Newsletter April 2010

Newsflash - Fair dates set for 11th, 12th & 13th February 2011.

G'day Enthusiasts!

Welcome once again to Oberon and the first newsletter leading up to the 2011 Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair.

A warm welcome to our regulars readers and welcome to those who are receiving the newsletter for the first time.

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A Review

The 2010 Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair was presented in February last and if you didn't attend, oh boy, you really missed a great event!

The weekend of February 19-21 showed the rest of NSW that Oberon really knows how to throw a festival.

The Fair went off in spectacular fashion with everyone becoming involved in the festivities and firmly cementing heritage values as a way of life.

Kicking off on Friday with the arrival of entrants and a road run, the Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair soon had the village transformed back to the middle of the 20th century with heritage machinery and vintage vehicles everywhere.

Oberon Museum, Oberon RSL Sub Branch Museum and Oberon-Tarana Heritage Railway (OTHR) chimed in with special displays depicting Oberon's social and historical roots for locals and visitors alike.

Interest in the Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair grew on Saturday with the Grand Rally in the main street further highlighting the heritage nature of the weekend.



The Knox pull a tar pot with their David Brown.

The Summer Festival bus travelled the length and breadth of the village and for the price of an entry to the Fair, visitors were able to travel free to and from the various activities and displays around Oberon.

Highland Steam and Vintage Fair

Sunday had more excitement and interest with activities and displays continuing until early afternoon.

The Fair was a hit from the start with visitors and entrants. A total of 255 entrants attended during the three days.

Oberon can truly claim its place as the centre for heritage in the Central Tablelands and Central West.

Let's see what some of the entrants and visitors had to say:

"A credit to all concerned. Congratulations to the committee" The Rows, Greystanes, NSW.

"A good weekend had by all, thank you" The Youngs, Greystanes NSW

"I think it was great. Thankyou for a great event" Stewart Gunn, Lowther, NSW

"In all a very good rally and well worth attending next year" Russell Bright HVVFMFC.

"Congratulations on a great event, we visited the rally grounds twice and the street parade and really enjoyed ourselves looking at the machinery and talking with people" Gavin & Kim Rae, Bayview NSW

"Overall very good and congratulations to all" Ian Wilkinson, President Lithgow Vintage Motor Club.

"A big THANKYOU to the people of Oberon in making this event such a winner, from the crane operator to the ticket collectors; all the volunteers went out of their way to help" Bob McNeill Orange, NSW

"A good show all round. Well done" Tony Thackray, Oberon NSW

"The Highlands Steam & Vintage fair was a success. We thank the organisers for the effort" Henri Hendrickson Wallerawang, NSW.

"Oberon was a great rally and members should keep it in mind for next year" Barbara Preston and Val McKenzie, Wellington, NSW

"Our weekend away in Oberon for the Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair was very enjoyable and the weather was most comfortable"

Jim Watts, Goulburn NSW, President, 48 & FJ Holden Owners Club of NSW.

Latest News

The dates for 2011 have been set at 11th 12th 13th February. The Oberon-Tarana Heritage Railway, Oberon Museum, Oberon RSL Sub Branch Museum and Oberon Leagues, Sport and Recreation Club, home of the famous Oberon Tigers, will join us again.

Because of the very favourable reports received on the rally grounds, we are also pleased to announce that we will be back at Lowes Mount Road in 2011.



Peter Burgess' Alfa Romeo.

The Highlands Steam and Vintage Fair will again feature a Trade Sector and a Farmers & Crafts Markets Sector in 2011.

The team at Heritage Central is currently working on a big new attraction for the 2011 Fair and you'll hear more about that in subsequent newsletters. Rest assured if you were planning on coming back to Oberon in 2011 you would see new and fresh displays as well as your favourites.

If you are planning to come for the first time in 2011, you certainly won't be disappointed!

Club event directors should be giving consideration to making the 2011 Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair a club run. Planning for weekends away takes time and effort and we are confident that your members will enjoy themselves. Consider participating in as many activities as possible as they add to the fun. So many entrants have said they wished they had participated in the road run or attended the Welcome Dinner.

You are welcome to contact the Rally Organiser at any time with any questions that might arise.

Remember, when forward planning, that Friday 11th February is a workday, so be sure to request a day's leave from your employer as appropriate. Friday is road run day and should not be missed.

The 2011 Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair is the key event in the Oberon & Villages Summer Festival and the team at Heritage Central is very pleased to be working with the festival organisers again this year.

As with the rest of New South Wales, autumn has descended on Oberon. One of the simple pleasures that befall the Heritage Central team is gazing at the wonderful colours now spreading across the countryside and the autumn leaves drifting by the office window. Oberon, simply spectacular!



Steve Deacon's Buffalo Pitts traction engine gives Michael deBomford's Fowler roller a tow.

A new feature

In keeping with our aim of introducing new and exciting features, the management team is pleased to confirm the first new event planned for the 2011 Fair.

Oberon's own Wood Guy, John Smillie, will be presenting a history of Oberon's timber industry. This exciting idea will be a very active display featuring log-cutting and woodcarving plus a few surprises.

We will tell you more about this spectacular event in coming issues.

Don't forget.....

When planning to come to Oberon in 2011, don't forget the vagaries of the weather.

Your plans should include packing sun protection and summer gear for daytime and warmer clothing for the crisp nights usually encountered at this time of year.

Kick up your heels!

Kick up your heels; you are allowed to have fun on the weekend 11th 12th 13th February 2011!

The activities of the Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair are intended to be part of an overall heritage and country theme demonstrating the simple pleasures and country charm of Oberon and its circle of villages.

You are encouraged to be a part of as many activities as possible. Why not take part in the Friday road run; enjoy touring and country hospitality at its best; then attend the community barbeque, have a hearty meal and chat to a local. Be part of the Grand Rally, a never to be forgotten tour of Oberon's main street in a parade full of surprises and participate in the Welcome Dinner and Awards Night where you will once again enjoy a fabulous country buffet and have fun with our entertainers.

Maybe you just might take home one of the great show'n'shine awards presented during the evening.

Or simply kick back, relax and soak up the atmosphere and chat with other enthusiasts about

your favourite machine or just shop in the farmers and craft market sector.

Above all it's fun, fun, fun.

Here are some words you may not have heard for a while: enjoy, relax, have fun.

Have a great time in a village renowned for its friendliness.

Be a part of the experience that is the 2011 Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair.



The Sinclair Family and their Fowler traction engine.

Get Acquainted.

Browse our website for all sorts of useful information about the Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair.

You'll be intrigued by all the stuff you'll find on our site.

Website www.HighlandsSteam.org.au

Tell your friends.

Tell your friends, fellow club members and all enthusiasts alike that the Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair is the one event on the calendar not to be missed.

In fact mark the dates in your diary right now!

The event is open to anyone who has an interest in heritage or has something they would like to display.

If your friends would like to receive a personal copy of this newsletter regularly, ask them to contact us and we will be pleased to add them to our mailing list.

Contact.

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