



# from the FOOTPLATE

## **WHAT A DAY!!!!**

### Interview with the President:

It is with great pride that I start this report.

To say that the weekend of the 5th August was a resounding success is an understatement to say the least! As any past President knows, the behind the scenes organising goes on quietly but intensely for a birthday run but because of the main reason for holding this years birthday run was changed somewhat, the organising of the event was more than intense it was very hectic but enjoyable as well. Because all those people who were involved had the one goal in mind and that was to raise money for the Gillams and the sawmill(which we all know are one and the same). After numerous meetings with council both in Ipswich and Rosewood, we thought we had it down pat. Except no one could have foreseen the magnitude of the crowd that turned up on the day. One family even used the day for a birthday party of 30 people! I would like to say the usual thank you's to those hard working club members on the day but it does not seem to be enough to just say thank you alone, as those who did come and work had their butts workd off and some did not even get a bite to eat until after the end of the day.

It can be said that we must have the best canteen crew out of any club in the district and what those ladies did on the day was an amazing feat. To cater for the crowd of that magnitude was an amazing achievement. We are very proud of all you ladies. But I must say a special thank you to our Canteen Convener Bronwyn Wilson. She had worked up until 11.00 p.m. the night before bringing all the stock into the canteen and for weeks before hand planning and gathering the stock for the day. She along with her side kick, Cath Gillam, and their crew of hard working ladies had the canteen running smoothly all day ( although I believe Bronwyn had one dummy spit but I think under the circumstances that can be allowed.)

### The size of the crowd??

Well at 11-30a.m. there were 800 cars, so there would have to be over 1.000 people.. which was about the limit to what we could handle. Although some poor placement of a couple of food stalls caused a bit of congestion. Unfortunately no matter how much we suggested otherwise, the planners insisted that that was where they were to be placed.

### The profits from the day?

From all reports, the day raised approx.\$3,000 after expenses, which is a very good effort, for a little club like ours.



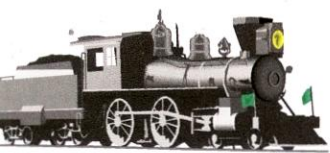
But what ever the figure it just goes to show what a little club like Grandchester can do if they put their mind to it.

### Other items to report on

We have had another builder come and inspect the canteen for the extension and he is in the thro's of making up a quote for us.I will give a report on this at the next meeting. Also we have had an offer from a friend of George's to kick start the work on the bridge again.

Now that the Birthday run is out of the way, the other projects that have been put on the back burner for a while can be started again. Unfortunately with the limited amount of members that we have to do jobs about the place, we can only do one thing at a time. Thanks to you all once again.

**Roy Ckark (President)**



## ***Reports...photographs..editorial***



*One of the council meetings in Rosewood.*



*Mayor Paul Pisasale making the official opening.*



*Roy receiving the certificate from councillor Heather Morrow on behalf of the club.*



*Warren Starr and friend with his street pipe organ.*



*Kevin Dieperink's vintage engine display.*



*Just a small portion of the crowd. No wide angle lens unfortunately.*

*Another lovely cake organised by Jan.*

## EDITORIAL

I have had to go to another page this time as this is a pretty important issue.

I must apologise for the lack of different photos of what was at the club on the day. I was running around like the proverbial blue-tail fly and was lucky to get even these. I can not add any more to what has already been said in Roys report and I guess by now all the media have had their items published and viewed by all. ( We shall have to start a scrap book eh!)

But suffice to say, "Boy what a day" Hope that you all enjoyed it.

Sorry about the trophy mix up. But too few people to do too many jobs and I knew nothing about the trophy procedures but Roy got it all sorted in the end and everyone seemed happy about the results.

### ON ANOTHER TOPIC

At the last meeting, it was said that we cannot stop an AALS member from coming to our club. According to Hugh Elsol, who we let on to our club grounds is entirely up to us and has nothing to do with AALS and if there is a member of our club who is behaving in a manner not deemed appropriate by the committee then that member can be asked to leave the club. In a nut shell AALS is only our insurer, club matters are club matters and are to be dealt with at club level.

Lets hope that this is explanation enough and is the end of the matter.

### SECRETARIES REPORT

g'day Judy,

I would like to thank all who helped with the huge day on Sunday, I think we went beyond our capacity but it all held together rather well, with a little help from our friends. There are a few of us who are not sorry to be over it and have it over.

If we are going to do that again I feel that we need to be able to use the other side of the gully to hold that many people.

So socks up, head down, shoulder to the wheel, nose to the grindstone (don't know how one is supposed to work in that position !) and lets get over that blasted gully.

*Cheers,  
Dudley*

## PANNELLS PONDERINGS

*I started out with nothing and I still have most of it !.....*

### "A BIG THANK YOU"

from JAKE, CATH & ROLLEY  
*"Jake and I were both overwhelmed and humbled by the response on Sunday. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the club and each and every member for their efforts on our behalf. We would also like to express our appreciation to yourself (editor) and Roy, Dudley and Bronwyn for working tirelessly for weeks leading up to the event to make it a success. Thanks must also go to all the other volunteers for working so hard".*

*Thank you! Thank you ! Thank You !*



All the councillors taking a ride on Bill Bagleys train were the Mayor Paul Pisasale, Victor Attwood, Paul Tully, David Phalke, Heather Morrow, Sheila Ireland and ministers Wayne Wendt and Cameron Thompson. Cannot tell if they were all on the train but they were all there on the day.

### TROPHY WINNERS :

*Steve Wilson : Peoples' Choice  
M.Ellis: Best Q.L.D. Loco and  
Furthest travelled. (he came from Gladstone)*

*Best overall:*

*The Caledonian*

*Councillors Choice: Bill Bagley.*

One popular prize went to Dave Muscat for the worst dressed driver which he accepted in good humour. Also Warren Starr and Dave were presented with a special thank you trophy for all the work that they, as non-club members, put into our club.

QUOTES by CLIVE . . . .

*Support bacteria. They are the only culture some people have !.*

*Middle age is when your narrow waist and broad mind swap places ! !*

*Suburbia is where developers bulldoze trees, then name the streets after them....*



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY . . . . .**

*Light travels faster than sound . . . .*

*Thats' why some people "Look" clever until you hear them ! ! ! !*