

Historical Report February 2018

Before I give you this report I would like to say I hope you all had good Christmas and New Year celebrations and are looking forward the rest of the 2018.

Since my last report things have steadily moved forward with several vehicle being inspected. This came to fruition when an ACDS club member brought to my attention and arranged with fellow club members the inspection of several their vehicles.

Among these vehicles was a 1917 Motor Back Sulky manufactured by Hammond and Moore in West Maitland, a Jig with a 1944-45 state registration plaque and a 1922 Tipping Dray.

The Tipping Dray was used in the construction of the Sandy Hollow to Maryvale railway near Denman NSW in c1937. Research showed one place it was used was in the "Chinaman Tunnel" on the railway where rubble was shoveled into the wagon behind the horse and the horse had a breast plate which was used when pushing the wagon back into the tunnel.



As you can see by the picture it has been kept in original acquired state and during the inspection it was noted that the original colour was light green decorated with a blue fleur-de-lis pattern. The chain harness showed signs of wear over the cause of time especially where the once round hole on the shaft carrier hooks are now oval by twice size. The timber work and tip stops on the dray all showed signs of use but the vehicle is still in working order.



Research is still underway into this and other vehicles as to the location of a photos and documented history which maybe in the possession of the newspapers, societies or state archives.

In closing would like to thank those people who came forward to allow inspections of their vehicles and there are further inspections planned for the future.

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