

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: AGM 29TH MAY 2016:

Our Financial Year began in 2015 with some financial concerns. Specifically in regard to dramatically rising costs at Keating Park. These were mainly brought about by increased electrical power consumption. This brought about as a result of proportional increased use of all facilities, i.e. workshop and clubrooms etc. Although many theories were aired, objective investigation spelled out exact reason why. A "seasonal" increase in workshop activity plus several new machines, lights etc. All Electric powered! Caused this increase. A series of check meters were installed. These untimely showing exactly where power costs were coming from. Since then we have systematically trimmed/improved power usage. Some circumstances altered by themselves, plus others to increase their "contribution" to the power account. Along with some changes to types of lighting all these things have shown a dramatic decrease in power consumption. However we must still continue to watch this usage.

As always our incomes from scrap, potatoes/pumpkin sales and other miscellaneous surplus machinery were always gratefully received. Club sales, a continuing chore were enthusiastically pursued. Like several other officers jobs at this AGM. Club Sales, convenors jobs will be vacant. Our club as a whole sincerely thanks all person's contributing to these financially important activities. Please ensure they continue by offering your help for the next year.

Some of the Years Happenings: - An I.H. B47 Baler was nearing completion as a club project. Also early consideration to (then) coming Major Auction, (although Last Auction was cancelled, This Year's Auction is On.), and early notification of importance of club Work Safety Program Mooted. The "Bomb Squad" visited our Park. This due to discovery of unknown type of gas bottle in scrap heap. Although maybe a notable first for any NZ Vintage Club, this incident had a harmless ending fortunately. Mcvicar Timber donated an Old "Dispatch Foundry Timber Hauling Winch". At the time it really looked a basket case, and very nearly ended in scrap heap. But Because we are made of the stuff we are made of, it was thankfully saved. It is pleasing to note, that progress has been made to build up side valve fordson tractor engine. Also good start to repair/reinstall winching gear.

Throughout the year both our main workshop and our, now quite well equipped woodwork shop have continued to churn out various items required for use. A good example – Re doing seating for Show Shuttle Trailers. A Marque Tent was acquired for A+P Show. This requiring new main poles – the Woodwork shop/personal to the job again. Rabbit Problems continued, as Rabbits do. The Club's Leyland Forklift Tractor creating engine problems that proved a marathon to fix! Our club was pleased to receive a rally visit from the Veteran Car Club. This proved a pleasant and indeed intriguing day for everyone. A Fergusson 35 Tractor was donated by the Late Gary Frazer began an overhaul process. (This being completed about the same time as Leyland forklift tractor in May 16). Thanks to those involved in its rebuilding. Looking at it recently it would be nice to finish off by painting.

An interesting and well attended ploughing match at Leeston once again reminded us of popularity of these events. Our "gate guardian" Tar Pot having some permanent/changeable signage fitted. This stands out well when driving past.

About September it was reluctantly decided that our "Museum Heritage Centre" building unfortunately despite some finances, was not affordable. A steady stream of containers and caravans continuing to arrive and their income is invaluable. Once more a keen few members supported our neighbouring group "Arion Park" on their annual "Rally" day. Thanks to you guys for this. Improvements to Swap Meet pathway made. As in the past, Swap Meet income is vital to our finances.

Considerable time was spent by committee and officers on a complaints procedure. I am pleased to say Action on this was carried out per our club constitution. It became obvious as this unfolded that negative begets negative, Just as positive begets Positive. A result of this did show us that some things, in particular grounds Custodians position needed further defining. In the end a new contract formalized for the Custodians duties. I am pleased to Report that our custodian has always been forthright and very helpful, from my perspective. It was also obvious, that many people have differing opinions on his exact role. I would ask these people to continue on a positive note. Although largely unnoticed the security of having a "live in" Custodian is largely not valued. There have been a couple of minor but very disruptive incidents of late. I would ask that any caustic or otherwise comments might be directed to the Committee or President in the future. Should this not happen, they will be disregarded.

Also, importance of proper forming of Keating Park Committee brought to notice. This year, as per our Constitution a Keating Park Committee MUST be formed. It is vital that a Convenor be elected. Our Constitution does however allow for other club members to be co-opted by various committees, if this is required/agreed. An effective Convenor or front person is essential to tie all our energies and activities together.

Spring Shows were well attended but some fickle Weather also attended. Our neighbours built an excellent emergency exit at the rear boundary. It has been a point of concern for some time that we have needed this exit. Thank you to Fulton Hogan Quarries. A Large Rally to celebrate our 20 year anniversary mooted. This continuing to gather momentum. I am pleased to advise that a very suitable, Central Canty' site has been secured. Think of "100 year Tractor" Rally. This required 30 plus people to operate. Annual Becca Carter/City Council, heritage was not as well supported as last year. Probably due to clashing with the Leeston Show. Our usual calendar producers once again, put together an interest/informative monthly story. This knitting in well with monthly magazine articles. In November I received surprise resignation of Secretary and Keating Park Convenor. I was saddened to receive these. I would like to thank both these persons for their enthusiastic and professional way they carried out our clubs business. Also I hope that no single negative event caused this.

The Christchurch Show went ahead as, once again our Major Club event. Thanks to all concerned. To plan transport and erect all gear, then sit on for a week is no small task! Well Done. As a result of no Keating Park Convenor, and other factors, Keating Park Committee was disbanded, until reformation at this AGM. I must stress that the Running and steering of this group, with coming events has never been more important. Thank you to those who have stepped into these positions to date.

We all had January off official duties! The New Year 2016 came with much ado and consideration over a relocatable building that is available. Some serious leg work resulted in the unanimous decision to proceed with this project. The Special Meeting" immediately following AGM will include Major information and decision making for this.

At present our club is in a very sound financial position, this largely due to major incomes from our members Container storage and caravans. Although we have had several effective but smaller fundraising activities last year. Our club has had no major fundraisers for some time.

From my personal side I will not be standing again for President this coming term. I still seem to be working as many hours as before plus other work away.

In closing I would like to thank the present secretary and Treasurer for their efficient efforts to keep our club moving forward. And particularly our committee for their personal support throughout the year.

I wish the club the best for the New Year and look forward to our exciting new building project.

Wayne Dyer

President