



**Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners Club
(ACMOC) – Chapter 19
General Meeting
Date: 2nd May 2026
Location: Lake Goldsmith shed**

Attendees:	G.Slocombe R.Bassett-Smith N.Clydsdale W.Mirtschin C.Walker R.Keir P.Mekis M.Turpin K.Butler P.Bradley B.Colyer P.Slocombe	M.Hutchings D.Robins P.Hughes B.Jackel S.Jackel D.Marshall E.Bedwell E.Thiele Mrs M.Thiele R.Burns R.Baker C.Warrick	Copies:
-------------------	---	---	----------------

Guests: Mrs B.Mekis A.Bryan

Apologies:	B.Cornfoot J.Loaring L.Hunter	L.Rees R.Fern H.Hillerman
-------------------	-------------------------------------	---------------------------------

Quorum: Yes
(½ committee + 1)

Item	Notes	Voting	Action
	Meeting commenced at 5.00 pm. M.Hutchings opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.		
1	Present/Apologies The secretary called for apologies which were noted.		

<p>2</p>	<p>Correspondence in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 17/2 NHMA AGM documents received - 24/3 NHMA advice on 2026-27 insurance renewal process <p>Correspondence out</p> <p><i>Motion: That correspondence in/out as detailed is accepted as true and accurate.</i></p>	<p>Moved: GS Seconded: KB Motion passed unopposed</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Confirmation of minutes from the previous meeting.</p> <p>The secretary called on members present to review the minutes of the previous committee meeting dated 12th February 2026 which have been available on the Chapter website and a copy was available at the meeting.</p> <p><i>Motion: That the minutes of the previous annual general meeting have been read and are true and accurate.</i></p> <p>G.Slocombe reminded members present that minutes are posted on the www.acmoc.org website go to Chapter 19 page.</p>	<p>Moved: MH Seconded RBS Motion passed unopposed</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Business arising from the previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asset Registry (GS) <p>The committee recognises the importance of this, especially as there are Chapter assets now spread across multiple member sites. Format was agreed and report available in hardcopy at the meeting to be inspected. Thanks to Rob Fern for providing format suggestion and getting this started.</p> <p>M.Hutchings suggested we look at a tag to attach to each asset to formally identify it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ruwalt D7 <p>Previous attempts to contact Defence about making this unique asset available for display in the centenary year were unsuccessful, but the committee felt this tractor and its story is of significance. Neil was too put Rob Bassett-Smith in touch with Defence media and continue to pursue this. Bruce reminded members there is background and history on this tractor on the Chapter Facebook page.</p>		<p>Committee to agree on identification method to be applied to assets.</p> <p>N.Clydsdale to work with R.Basseett-Smith to reach out again to defence media.</p>

- Succession planning for Secretary & Treasurer roles

M.Hutchings reminded members that Glen is stepping down from Secretary & Treasurer roles at the AGM this year. He is looking to separate the roles and for multiple people to step up to take on parts of the roles and responsibilities he has been doing. He has a roadmap he is working on to share with members shortly, and it looking to have something in place before the 2026 AGM.

G.Slocombe talked about the opportunity to move the books and financial records that currently sit in spreadsheets he maintains which is time consuming into commercial accounting/business software and or exploit the capabilities of the inventory management in Square software we already have.

M.Hutchings advised that the LGSPA books are maintained by a paid bookkeeper and this may be a pathway we need to consider.

M.Hutchings to finalise a roadmap for presentation to the committee.

Members that are willing to take on any aspect of these roles to approach Mark or Glen.

5 Presidents Report

M.Hutchings gave a verbal report.

It's really great to see a good turnout, we've got a great crew in the Club, we always have had a great crew but it's getting bigger and bigger. Obviously we are going to go through the financials shortly which really speak for themselves coming off last year was terrific with the 100-year Cat events which we have spoken about before, all the shows we went to and supported each other. We've really grown, certainly Chapter 19 is well recognised now, people know who we are and find us a friendly bunch and from a President point of view I can't ask any more than that from our members, I think we are doing a terrific job, obviously hats off to Glen (Glen interjected with statement about it being a team effort) it really is a team effort, when you see Bernie and Susanna up there selling stuff, along with others, down the shed people are always welcomed, tractors are being started and making dust. As a Club we are a very inviting environment which is all you can really ask for. From a community Club aspect I think we are doing a really good job, and we are sticking together and supporting each other and I hope we see this continue.

6 Finance report

The treasurer (GS) presented the finance report as of 25th April 2026.

Funds in cheque account	\$ 24,374.63
Funds in cash account	\$ 33,915.45
Funds in PayPal account	\$ 7,153.18
Cash float	<u>\$ 165.00</u>
Total unrestricted cash	\$ 65,608.26
Inventory merchandise	\$ 23,312.90
Inventory replica/used parts	<u>\$ 6,836.08</u>
Total inventory	\$ 30,148.98
Total cash & assets	\$ 95,757.24
Plus debtors	
Merchandise	\$ 1,730.00
Replica Parts	\$ 4,260.00
Postage (Ch2 models)	\$ 310.00
Banking yet to clear	\$ 21,851.90
NHMA insurance (unpaid)	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
Total debtors	\$ 28,151.90
Total cash & assets	\$123,909.14
Less liabilities	
Memberships	\$ 00.00
Other Chapter fees	\$ 00.00
Short term loan	\$ 5,000.00
NHMA Insurance (pre-paid)	\$ 00.00
Replica parts	\$ 4,332.45
ACMOC (50% profit split on models)	\$ 2,382.50
Grey shirt pre-payments	\$ 935.00
Creditor invoices	<u>\$ 1,605.57</u>
Total liabilities	\$ 14,255.52
Net financial position	\$109,653.62

Moved: GS
Seconded: DR
**Motion passed
unopposed**

Motion: That the finance report represents a true and accurate account of the Chapters financial position as at 25th April 2026.

	<p>Glen confirmed the ACMOC liability refers to 50% profit split of special models we shipped over from the Club in USA. Creditor invoice is for 2024 calendars invoice not received.</p>		
<p>7</p>	<p>Membership report</p> <p>G.Slocombe advised that there are currently 181 financial members. A decrease of 3 since last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 39 members will be due to renew over the next quarter. - There are still 8 members that were due to renew at the previous quarter which remain outstanding and are now considered overdue. The names being <p>Robert Bartlett of Narbethong, Vic Tony Carmelito of Ingham, QLD Cameron Goldsmith of Dumbulk North, Vic Ben Judd of Ripplebrook, Vic Shane Stefani of Woodend, Vic Dave Tilyard of Brighton, Tas Justin Torma of Mirboo North, Vic Billy Tribuzi of Darnum, Vic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We also have 2 new members <p>Rene Bekkers of Lysterfield, Vic James Glover of Rowville, Vic</p>		
<p>8</p>	<p>Merchandise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - G.Slocombe advised that after very successful events last year, the merchandise stock has been replenished to position the Chapter to continue to generate revenue from merchandise sales. New scale model lines were added, as well as the purchase of a kids toy promotional display and discounted bulk order were made after visiting the supplier at the Toy Fair in Melbourne. <p>Additional new magazine binders have now been printed locally replicating original artwork, and the new 2026 grey shirts were also added.</p> <p>Wm. Adams merch has also been added for the 2026 year. Staff issued Wm. Adams apparel will not official be sold but if you are interested Mark or Glen can add you to a staff order, please contact them direct to find out more.</p> <p>The overall inventory is now in a healthy position, as rally attendance and events normalise after 2 very busy years.</p>		<p>If you are interested in Wm. Adams 100- year apparel talk to Glen or Mark.</p>

<p>8 cont.</p>	<p>Need to decide how we want to offer up the remaining Club models for sale, to be fair and equitability for all members globally. There are several good quality models remaining, the suggestion is that that we use an online auction open to members only, similar to how the Club in the US disposed of manuals and books.</p> <p><i>Motion: That the committee use an online auction process open to all members globally to bid on the remaining ACMOC models.</i></p>	<p>Moved: GS Secoded: DR Motion passed unopposed</p>	<p>Committee to organise online auction of models.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Replica Parts</p> <p>D.Robins to see if the fuel glass bowls could be reproduced, in the interim he has supplied machined brass versions same as what Cat provided before being discontinued.</p> <p>S.Jackel to get some more water pump shafts made.</p> <p>New pressed name plates have arrived in stock.</p> <p>The 3 different Sylphon gauge repair kit options are now in stock.</p> <p>Kev Pauli is arranging for 10 more rain traps to be made.</p> <p>D.Robins is still in contact with Ralf that has offered us some of his fuel injection tooling and equipment as he winds up his business.</p> <p>M.Hutchings reflected on the fact that he feels that the replica parts program is a great space for us to be in, and its one of the things personally that the Club does that is a value add as a collector, and he would like to see this grow and develop, and expressed his appreciation to Mike Meyer and Daryl Robins for their work, and that of others to make this what it is.</p> <p>G.Slocombe advise the Club has asked us to promote replica parts through the magazine.</p>		<p>D.Robins to follow up.</p> <p>S.Jackel to follow up.</p> <p>D.Robins to secure donation of equipment & tooling.</p>

<p>10</p>	<p>Chapter tractor projects</p> <p>DW21 - D337 engine reassembly is now underway, being led by Richard Keir. There are some bits we are going to need to source, for example we have all the piston rings but are short 2 expander springs for the oil rings and we are missing most of the buttons for the rockers. So maybe we can ask the masses before we spend the money. A new bench and clean area has been set up at Steve's shed to help get this completed. There may also be a donor engine identified that can assist with remaining parts required.</p> <p>Donated 3306 engine for Ch65 is at Gearon's yard, Phil has not had a chance to run it up yet since swapping components over, but it cranks over fine.</p> <p>Old engine collected from Headhunters and is also at Gearon's.</p> <p>M.Hutchings is aware of Rural Wrecking Co, in Inverall, NSW, there is a good source of used parts If we need them. We just need a list of what's required.</p>		<p>R.Keir to continue to work with Jackel's on reassembly the engine.</p> <p>Phil to advise when he has run engine and it is ready to go to Tassie.</p> <p>Need to discuss with Doug Hagen as to next steps.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Shed & Facilities</p> <p>Mezzanine door, and roller door track and flashing need repairs.</p>		<p>Mark to advise if he wants a working bee to get this done.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Technical Library</p> <p>Digital backup status – No update</p> <p>D.Robins suggested that we procure an ACMOC stamp that can go into the inside front cover of Chapter owned books, like a library book.</p> <p>G.Slocombe expressed that he would like to discuss this further, not sure if he wants original books marked this way.</p>		<p>D.Robins to confirm ACMOC backup status.</p> <p>Discuss at the next committee meeting.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Lake Goldsmith Rally 31 Oct- 1 Nov 2026</p> <p>Kerosene powered will be next theme.</p>		

<p>14</p>	<p>Rally & event reports and updates</p> <p>.</p> <p><u>COMPLETED RALLY REPORTS</u></p> <p>MSTEC 7-9 March 2026 S.Jackel advised it was successful, with ACMOC having a position in central arena and highly visible. M.Turpin indicated they appreciated ACMOC attending and continued to align with their major fundraising weekend.</p> <p>KWTHR 21-22 March 2026 D.Robins commented that diesel prices did reduce display machines attending, but he believes they had record gate attendance across the 2 days.</p> <p>Warracknabeal 4-5 April 2026 C.Warrick advised rally went pretty well, weather was good, gate was good but there were definitely less tractors due to price of diesel, and they cancelled the tractor pull for this reason. Next rally theme will be “odd bods” – those brands where is not enough to host a dedicated show. Overall, they were happy with the event.</p>		
<p>15</p>	<p>William Adams 100 years as a Cat dealer celebrations Glen provided and update on staff events planned for between now and November 2026, customer events November 2026 and a retiree/former employee function for later in the year.</p> <p>There will be requirement for machines and tractor displays as some of these events but not confirmed at this time.</p> <p>Retiree/former staff event – probably late October, Friday midday/afternoon session capped at 200 persons to be held at Clayton. TBC tractor display required.</p> <p>Staff event will be held at Crown Palladium Nov 21, no opportunity for tractor display.</p> <p>Customer events (Vic & Tas) for late November TBC – looking to have ACMOC provide tractors TBC.</p> <p>A standard PLUS magazine will be out shortly, and a limited-edition special hardcopy PLUS magazine in November.</p> <p>DB Elphinstone biography now published, but not in book stores. Because this covers the William Adams acquisition and background, no other 100-year book will be published.</p>		

<p>15 cont.</p>	<p>A limited 100 unit serialised Twenty-Five scale model with special Wm. Adams 100-years as your Cat dealer packaging will be released. If you are interested, please let Glen known. Potentially taking pre-orders.</p>		
<p>16</p>	<p>General business - Storage of increasing Chapter assets</p> <p>M.Hutchings spoke to growing list of assets (owned and loaned) the Chapter is gathering, and we need to consider how/where it is stored as currently across multiple members premises, and we need to start to think about how to better control this now and into the future. Please think about options you think may work for the Club.</p> <p>- 2026 AGM</p> <p>If anyone has ideas for the AGM please let the committee know.</p>		
<p>17</p>	<p>Next meeting:. TBC</p>		
	<p>Meeting closed at 6.11 pm Mark thanked everyone for attending and Bruce and Peter for cooking the BBQ.</p>		