



**Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners Club
(ACMOC) – Chapter 19
Committee Meeting
Date: 6th August 2026
Location: William Adams**

Attendees: G.Slocombe M.Hutchings
N.Clydsdale* R.Bassett-Smith
B.Cornfoot* J.Loaring
S.Jackel B.Jackel

Copies:

**virtual attendance*

Guests: Marie

Apologies: R.Keir L.Rees
D.Robins P.Hughes
R.Fern

Quorum: Yes
(½ committee + 1)

Item	Notes	Voting	Action
	Meeting commenced at 5.35 pm. M.Hutchings opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.		
1	Present/Apologies The secretary called for apologies which were noted.		

2	Correspondence in - 3/8 NHMA insurance invoice - Correspondence out - 2/8 NHMA Insurance renewal member forms - 4/8 remittance of NHMA insurance payment <i>Motion: That correspondence in/out as detailed is accepted as true and accurate.</i>	Moved: GS Seconded: MH Motion passed unopposed	
3	Confirmation of minutes from the previous meeting. The secretary called on members present to review the minutes of the previous committee meeting dated 9th July 2026 which have been available on the Chapter website and a copy was available at the meeting. <i>Motion: That the minutes of the previous annual general meeting have been read and are true and accurate.</i>	Moved: BC Seconded JL Motion passed unopposed	
4	Business arising from the previous minutes - Ruwalt D7 R.Bassett-Smith indicated he would seek to arrange a face-to-face meeting with defence team to discuss what options exist. - Chapter asset storage, location & solutions No update. - AGM proposed for Thursday 3rd September 2026 M.Hutchings asked if anyone had any ideas for a guest speaker, noting the importance of this as a draw card for previous AGM. Several dealer representatives were considered, understanding neither Dale or Adam Elphinstone would be available. B.Cornfoot to approach Terry O'Hare creator of the Waltzing Matilda jet truck. The committee indicated there would be two inductees for the honour board this year.		R.Bassett-Smith to reach out again to defence media

4 cont	Positions that are required to step down but can renominate will be; Glen - Secretary/Treasurer Leigh Steve Ben Rob Fern Neil Daryl As well we also expect nominations from Stuart Macdonald and Richard Keir for committee positions. - Constitution changes Given the difficulty to attract 75% of the membership vote and logistics to prepare prior to the AGM, the issue of changes to update the constitution were deferred to the agenda on the newly elected committee.		
5	Succession planning for Secretary & Treasurer roles - Office bearing roles G.Slocombe advised that he had spoken to Stuart Macdonald and he has agreed to attend committee meetings virtually as a Tassie representative. M.Hutchings advised that he had spoken to Bruce Colyer and he has agreed to accept some of the responsibilities of the communications role. G.Slocombe advised we need to consider how we were going to manage correspondence now using on the one acmoc19@gmail.com email address across multiple persons and multiple tasks. Furthermore, while currently the Chapter benefits from the secretary using his William Adams issued laptop and associated IT support, we would need to look at purchasing a stand-alone laptop potentially for the Chapter. This would come with associated ongoing recurring costs for software and support as well as offboard data storage and back up. It was considered prudent to approach an IT company that can offer the sale, set up and support of laptop and IT services cost effectively on an ongoing basis.		M.Hutchings and B.Jackel to approach IT providers and provide quotes for consideration.
6	Presidents Report No report.		

Finance report

The treasurer (GS) presented the finance report as of 2nd August 2026.

Funds in cheque account	\$ 35,351.24
Funds in cash account	\$ 33,947.10
Funds in PayPal account	\$ 9,149.23
Cash float	<u>\$ 165.00</u>
Total unrestricted cash	\$ 78,612.57

Inventory merchandise	\$ 26,428.34
Inventory replica	\$ 5,650.85
Inventory used parts	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>
Total inventory	\$ 38,079.19

Total cash & assets	\$ 116,691.76
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Plus debtors

Merchandise	\$ 191.30
Replica Parts	\$ 4,260.00
Banking yet to clear	\$ 00.00
NHMA insurance (9 x unpaid)	<u>\$ 198.00</u>
Total debtors	\$ 4,649.30

Total cash & assets	\$121,341.06
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Less liabilities

Memberships	\$ 195.00
Other Chapter fees	\$ 00.00
Short term loan	\$ 5,000.00
NHMA Insurance	\$ 704.00
Replica parts	\$ 00.00
ACMOC (50% profit split on models)	\$ 2,577.50
Creditor invoices	<u>\$ 1,605.57</u>

Total liabilities	\$ 10,082.07
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Net financial position	\$111,258.99
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Moved: GS
Seconded: MH
**Motion passed
unopposed**

Motion: That the finance report represents a true and accurate account of the Chapters financial position as at 2nd August 2026.

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.

8	Membership report G.Slocombe advised that there are currently 183 financial members. An increase of 1 since last meeting. - 63 members will be due to renew over the next quarter. - There are still 3 members that were due to renew at the previous quarter which remain outstanding and are now considered overdue. The names being Robert Bartlett of Narbethong, Vic Greg Hunt of Mundalla, SA Roger Mibus of Portland, Vic - We have no new members 145 or 80% of financial members are on direct autorenewal payment now.		
9	Merchandise - Online Auction to be set up in time to be advertised in next magazine.		Secretary to set up online auction with it being advertised in the magazine
10	Replica Parts S.Jackel is still working through suppliers that can machine replacement water pump shafts and has expanded the number of models this can be offered for. Kev Pauli is arranging for 10 more rain traps to be made. Ongoing 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. S.Jackel is looking to make some electric starter motor conversion kits. Ongoing		S.Jackel to follow up. D.Robins to secure donation of equipment & tooling.

11	Used Parts Tilly remaining used parts we had offers on; - R4 radiator of \$500 - D4400 radiator of \$300 - Radiator nose guard \$50 - Grader trans \$100 - No.10 radiator \$300 - No.11 grader – offered pending - D6 dozer – offer pending Marty Turpin and Mike Meyer have done an amazing job packing up the loose parts, removing valuable components and preparing the balance to be sold for scrap. Images of progress were shared at the meeting. The committee extends their appreciation for the efforts of these members. - S.Jackel is considering offering a cylinder head ‘changeover’ service, offering heads he has reconditioned himself for sale, in return for cores which can then be reworked. Starting with D7 3T. This would be a great service to members, and the Chapter would be happy to promote this service once he is in a position to offer it.		M.Hutchings to coordinate collection, and or scrapping of the parts at Lilydale.
	Chapter tractor projects DW21 - D337 engine reassembly continues and the head is nearly ready to go back on, once Richard is available. Mark to contact Ray about a spare liner. Donated 3306 engine for Ch65 is at Gearon’s yard. Phil to provide an image please for the asset register. Next couple of weeks Phil hopes to reconfigure it and test run. Old engine collected from Headhunters and is also at Gearon’s. Phil to provide an image please for the asset register.		R.Keir to continue to work with Jackel’s on reassembly the engine. Mark to speak to E.Bedwell about reaching out to Ray Phil to advise when he has run engine and it is ready to go to Tassie. Phil to provide images for asset register.

11 cont	Bruce Colyer advised that he was aware of a complete Challenger tractor that had arrived at Rural Wrecking Co, in Inverall, NSW, that would be a great source of components. Doug Hagen, has since been in contact with the wreckers, and they have agreed not to dismantle this tractor until the Chapter comes up with a list of components they need, and they will be work with us favourably on a package for the required parts. Ex:Cooks D2 3J7913 is now at Lake Goldsmith. Tracks (and possibly steering clutches) seized. Mark will poor some diesel on the links next time he is there, and we need to do some work to free these up. J.Loaring he had received a donation of another 3306 DI to the Chapter from MT Mechanical of Kilsyth. It is out of a 140G grader.		Doug Hagen and Mark Wiggins to prepare a list of required parts, confirm common with the chassis be wrecked and to seek a price for the required parts to present to the committee. Mark to diesel up the D2 tracks. Jamie to arrange details and advise so secretary can write a thank you letter.
11	Shed & Facilities Mezzanine door, and roller door track and flashing need repairs. Wall images from the Cat training centre have been donated and Mark has collected them.		Mark to advise if he wants a working bee to get this done.
12	Technical Library Digital backup status of Club technical library S.Jackel advised progress had been made to move the existing Chapter library to a separate insulated foam/aluminium panel portable building on his property. New shelving is currently being fabricated, and he has committed to cataloguing into a spreadsheet all the Chapter manuals.		D.Robins to confirm ACMOC backup status. S.Jackel to rehouse library and arrange for cataloguing of manuals.

13	Lake Goldsmith Rally 31 Oct- 1 Nov 2026 Kerosene powered will be next theme. Tractor pull may also be run again. G.Slocombe raised concerns about lack of cellular coverage at our shed and the impact it has on being able to run the store, noting it is not worth operating the store without the ability to take credit card payments electronically. Previously, we had borrowed Tim Clingans Starlink antenna and used his data account, and while this is still a good option, consideration needs to be given to the permanent solution. As the previously installed 3G booster is no longer of any use, Glen indicated his parents had a Telstra approved 5G booster at their property and it worked very well with no ongoing subscription costs. Neil raised concern this is only any good IF the booster can reach a 5G tower. Mark agreed to speak to local Telstra agency and determine if they could confirm, or test if this would be a solution. G.Slocombe noted that previously the LGSPA agreed in principle to add another Starlink aerial closer to our shed, such that we can connect to the service during events. Concern being would it be effective from inside the shed, as issues were experienced inside the Founders shed at the last rally, requiring volunteers to walk outside each time to process a payment. Discussion was had about purchasing our own Starlink aerial and subscription, but Glen was not keen on locking the Chapter into a monthly data subscription when we are really only using it onsite twice a year. Rob Bassett-Smith believes there is Starlink data plan that you can subscribe to month by month, design for travellers – he will investigate this option and advise. M.Hutchings advised the LGSPA committee were working on a project to improve the hardstand pads for the working shovels.		Mark to discuss 5G access and booster with local Telstra Rob BS to get details on Starlink subscription options that allow for single month option that we can turn on and off as needed.
14	Rally & event reports and updates . <u>COMPLETED RALLY REPORTS</u> No report		

15	William Adams 100 years as a Cat dealer celebrations Retiree/former staff event – confirmed Friday 30th October, midday/afternoon session capped at 200 persons to be held at Clayton. TBC tractor display required. Customer event (Vic) for to be held at The Glasshouse – 4th December looking to have ACMOC provide tractors TBC. 100 limited edition Twenty-Five models will be available for pre-order soon.		
16	General business - Frank Scott in SA has offered his Cat pressing and pulling gear set to the Chapter for \$10,000, images pending. In considering this offer, concerns were raised by several committee members, around the storage, control of use, safety of use, ensuring used correctly and managing any damage that occurs. The issue of liability of the Chapter given the potential for personal injury was also raised. While access to the specialised tooling is seen as a great member service, the above concerns and exposure to the Chapter were considered to outweigh the benefits. B.Cornfoot offered to purchase the set privately if this was acceptable to Frank and then make the tooling available to members on a controlled and restricted basis, with several members having the necessary experience to assist any other member that had a need to use the tooling.		Glen to contact Frank about whether this would be an acceptable way for the Chapter to purchase the tooling.
17	Next meeting:. AGM 3RD Sep, next committee mtg TBC		
	Meeting closed at 6.39 pm Mark thanked everyone for attending		