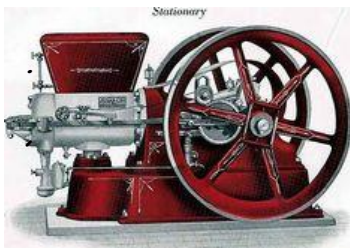


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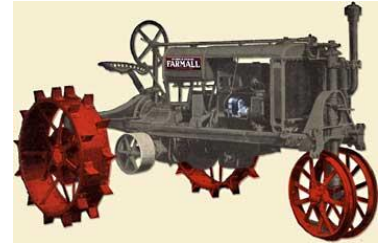
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PREFACE.

It is not generally recognized, that the wealth of Australia's moveable cultural and technological heritage is held in store by amateur organisations, such as local Historical Society's, Vintage Machinery Club's, Local Council's, Collector organisation's and many more community based organisations. These collections have, been gathered together over many years, by interested members of the community, no for personal gain, but with a deep seated desire to have these objects preserved.

Although these collections are still collecting and preserving items of historical and technological value, there also many items that are not as fortunate and disappear.

Many of these collections have been funded by individuals within these organisations, with little or no knowledge of funding sources that may be available. There is also a train of thought to do the best you can without the assistance of a Government type body. This path is followed so as to keep control of the collection theme, and have some uninterested unconcerned public servant make misguided direction decisions.

SUBMISSION.

It has been expressed in more eloquent phrase than is enclosed in this submission, especially so in the submission put forward by Engineers Australia, Sydney Division, with which the Shoalhaven Vintage Machinery Club Inc agrees whole heartedly.

What we would like to emphasize is the passion that is within all members of any organization that has as its theme preservation of Australian history and culture. It may be hard to imagine, let alone realize the depth of this passion. I had the occasion to witness firsthand this depth at a recent clearing sale/auction in rural NSW. As it so happened I was standing alongside a fellow, when bidding on a 1907 portable steam engine began. This fellow, as I was, aware of foreign interest and bidding on this machine. The bids from overseas kept coming, but my neighbor kept pace and when the overseas bids ceased, my friend kept on bidding for a couple more rounds to put the case beyond question. Bystanders were amazed and bewildered, I knew what he had done, he had stopped the machine from leaving the country, and I was so happy to tell people of this. Later on I had the privilege of meeting this humble Australian, now he is a great friend.

Yes we at the SVMC sincerely believe in the preservation of our heritage and would like to see this as a partnership with the NSW Government.

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