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Truckies have a great heart and dedicate the convoy to a young child in loving memory.



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FOR KIDS GOULBURN 2015

The Convoy for Kids Goulburn began back in 1999 where it was established with a heartfelt desire and a diesel fused dedication to help one particular sick child and has been running ever since.

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We all met up at the Gateway Service Station in Goulburn, before being conveyed and directed out to Goulburn Showgrounds, escorted V.I.P. style by police escort the big rigs rumbled down the local streets past the historical and heritage buildings of Goulburn and then into Goulburn Showgrounds for a carnival day of fun.

It's pretty hard to imagine over 120 plus trucks on individual display at one showground in a regional city in the Southern Tablelands of N.S.W. on such a fine day but literally every single model listed on the truck market was there. The regal Kenworth, mighty Mack and wicked Western Star all glittered in the limelight of onlooker attention, as did the Swedish Volvo, Aussie International and fabulous Ford.

It didn't take long for us to spot the hot to trot 1974 Mack R Model owned

by Bob Miller, which is powered by a Mack 320hp 6 cylinder Coolpower turbocharged diesel engine. The big dog engine is collared with a 10 speed Mack gearbox and rides on Mack Camelback Rear Suspension. It is fitted with a Mack CH Series sleeper. Bob purchased the truck through a private sale in Horsham, Victoria. Bob was an apple that didn't fall far from the tree having been in the truck industry for

Police escort the Kenworth K200 lead truck into the main streets of Goulburn.



Some of the Convoy for Kids Goulburn Show committee members Neville, Bob, Annette and Bryan.



Ben Hutchinson

An extremely sporty 2008 Model Kenworth K108 King Cab Cabover of Ben Hutchinson from Bargo, N.S.W caught us by the collars as we tried to walk past. It was impossible not to notice the Caterpillar ACERT C15 twin turbocharged diesel engine rated at 625hp. Ben's fine machine is stirred by an Eaton 18 speed gearbox and a 90 tonne GCM rating. Ben and his K108 cart general freight for his transport business Bluedog Haulage. Ben Hutchinson along with his family where chuffed to show off the fancy in cabin accessories which included luxury gadgets that the K108 has to offer. Ben is an owner driver and tackles on any job that comes along his way at anytime and any place and Ben can't really go wrong as his mighty blue K108 has travelled over 1.5 million kilometres. Ben won best Caterpillar powered Kenworth for the last four years at this convoy.



Ben Hutchinson with the Best Caterpillar Kenworth trophy that he scored on the day.

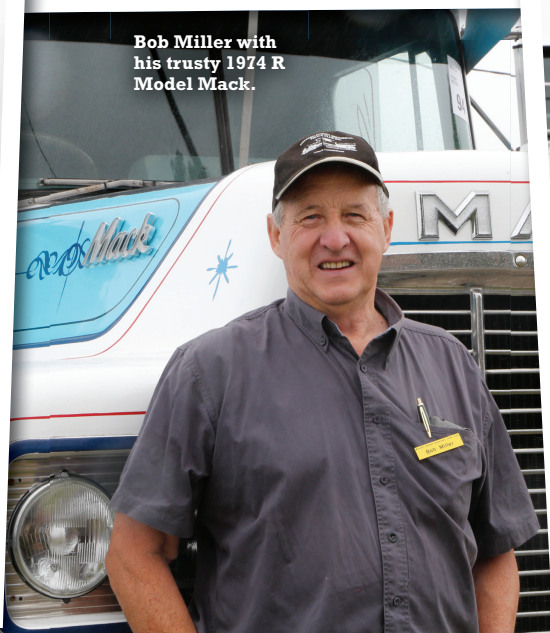


Darryl Wright

Darryl Wright of Wright Haulage is a local owner operator from Goulburn who showcased a whistle blowing 2003 Freightliner Century Class CST120 Series powered by a 12.7 litre Detroit Diesel Series 60 engine. The fuel efficient 500hp Series 60 is fitted with an Eaton 18 speed gearbox and AirLiner Rear Suspension. Over the past couple of years Darryl has been driving this mighty beast mainly in the Newcastle and Canberra area carting scrap metal and concrete beams for Onesteel. Darryl has some keen

knowledge of the trucking industry as he has been driving trucks for 30 plus years. Darryl loves his Detroit Diesel engines especially the Series 60 engine, as he still currently owns and runs a Series 60 powered FLC since the late 90's. He enjoys driving trucks as you are in peace he tells us. He likes to be part of Convoy For Kids Goulburn because he says it's a good cause and it also emphasises a great family atmosphere and you can enjoy a great day out with your family.

Bob Miller with his trusty 1974 R Model Mack.



most of his life, so the industry was woven into his tapestry from a really early age. Bob has owned two trucks a Mack CH and a Sterling LT9500 Series during his trucking career sub contracting for Heggies Bulkhaul from 1988 to when it folded and later taken over by Bulktrans. These days Bob drives buses for CDC Buslines and he said "I attended the show to support a worthy cause and have a fun filled day out with some of the Western Sydney Historical Truck Club Inc. members.

Truckies and their families gather for the charity auction.



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Around 20 trucks from the Western Sydney Historical Truck Club Inc. enjoyed the fun drive in the convoy through the Goulburn city centre.

Tony Allam

The Kenworths were on like Donkey Kong with Tony Allam of Towrang, near Goulburn who drove a Kenworth K200 Cabover King Cab. This spectacular piece of machinery is powered by a Cummins ISX at 550hp and is coupled to an Eaton 18 speed Roadranger gearbox. The Cabover King Cab rides on Kenworth's own rear Airslide 460 Series. Tony has been behind the wheel of the K200 for around 8 months now. His previous truck was a Freightliner Argosy. Tony steers the big K200 all around Australia carting pipes and general freight for Geoff Sommerville (Nansor Pty. Ltd). Tony enjoys working for Geoff Sommerville as he has travelled all over of our great country and on average drives around 4 000 to 6 000kms a week. The truck has now approximately 489 000 kms on the clock and is great on fuel with plenty of grunt and power. Tony told us he has been coming to this convoy for around 5 years or so now.



Locally based Tony Allam and his Cummins ISX 550hp Kenworth K200 King Cab.

Immaculately restored Leyland single drive prime mover fitted with an externally mounted fuel gauge on the fuel tank.



OVER 120 PLUS TRUCKS TOOK PART IN THE CONVOY



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Trucks lined up in the showground for the public to see and enjoy.

Freightliner Century Class and Argosy on show at the showground.



Goulburn based Forest Lodge made an appearance in a Mercedes Benz 2244 and Actros 2660.



A huge warm thank you as always needs to be for the ongoing support from the numerous supporters, and everyone who contributed to the convoy and all the organising committee.

President Bryan Webb said "There are many people on our committee now who all contribute and organise various elements of our big day. I'm so pleased to have such a willing and capable support crew, and it gives me great pleasure when everything goes to plan so well." There are about 20 volunteers who help put the day together. The amount the lead truck auction raised to lead the convoy was \$6 200 by Neil Madden which was matched by Andy Divall, making \$12 400 raised before we started counting anything and before the truckies turned the ignition key to start their engines. What a start to get those engines revving!!

Who needs horsepower when you can have human power pull a truck!



Even the young kids joined in on the action of the truck pull.



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Some of the great trucks that took part in the convoy to raise money for charity.

Wybrow Haulage pride and joy fleet of Mack SuperLiner trucks.

No matter the truck make, the Goulburn convoy sure did not disappoint.



Michelle Caldwell

Car carrying business has never been more fun for Michelle Caldwell, from SMB Car Transport in Seven Hills, N.S.W. who joined the convoy for a perfect day out in her fabulous Kenworth T900. Her big rig was a scoop purchase from ACE Express Car Carriers from South Australia some 10 years ago now and low and behold it still retains the original paintwork.

Michelle really enjoyed the atmosphere and said that she enjoyed the festivities. This piece of motorised car carrying bling is fitted with a Cummins N14 Celect Plus at a whopping 525hp and is fitted with a 36 inch sleeper. Michelle is a local to this convoy and loves the fact that truckies always help out for a worthy cause. Helping those who need it most.

Not stopping there the grand total of \$38 000 was raised from the days activities. These proceeds will be distributed to help local families of kids with cancer and other severe disabilities with their associated expenses said Bryan.

It's due to people like you that help contribute to the ongoing success of such a worthwhile endeavour that literally saves hundreds possibly thousands of little lives, which helps make this world we live in a much better place. To top it off it's one of the greatest days out a family could ask for good, affordable, family focussed fun and that's what we delivered said Bryan so we really hope to see you there for the next convoy in Goulburn the town famous for the Big Merino. ■



Ex. ACE Express Kenworth T900 now in the hands of Michelle Caldwell who drives for SMB Transport.



Here comes the big jiggers cruising into the showground.

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Western Sydney Historical Truck Club Inc. displayed around 20 trucks on the day.

