



UPPER YARRA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
CRANK UP REPORT 2023

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was a success

# The 2023 Crank-Up Report

Summary by Ross

Organising this year's event started about 6 months ago with the emphasis on contacting regular exhibitors and searching for new ones, obtaining sponsorship, and donations, to help fund the cost of the weekend's activities.

A big thank you goes out to

## Lee Pannett

who spent many of his own hours chasing up whatever it took to get the event happening.

Kate, Frank, Aven and Ross put in many hours chasing up people, money and advertising. New banners and signs were made, advertising leaflets made and printed, Internet publicity on webpage and facebook. A special thanks to Leila for her help at this point.

Raffle prizes were obtained as was prize money for the wood chop. The car show was accommodated way down the back, and the donkey rides and jumping castle were at the museum expense.

A working bee was held the Saturday before the event to clean and tidy up the grounds and exhibits. The weeds were sprayed, and whipper snipped where required. Kate painted the last of the main building at the back.

David, Barry B, Barry T, Phil, Julian, Bob and Judy, Kate, Frank, Aven, Ross, Lee, and others all helped in their own way to make the place presentable.

During the week, the setting up of fences with extra areas this year, and signage worked out well.

Kate and Frank obviously enjoyed the rubbish bin run and the toilet cleaning so much last year that they volunteered again this year. They did however call on Lee to "fish out" a guests mobile phone!

Saturday morning as the exhibitors were setting up the remainder of the signage and traffic control was set up, and worked well.

Saturday night tea was well attended. A big thanks to Lee, Bob and Judy and Bernadette for a job well done preparing the food.

# WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS





Saturday's attendance met our expectations (around the 1000 mark, give or take a few dozen kids), and kept everybody busy. The car show created a bit more interest for the day and the free donkey rides and jumping castle gave the kids some entertainment. The wood choppers added a short junior woodchop with several events.

The gate ticket booth was run by Keith, Bob, Kate, Frank, and possibly others. An upgraded ticket system was organised this year and worked efficiently and gave us attendance numbers straight away. Eftpos was used for the first time and made a big difference to the gate takings. Many people still expected to pay cash.

A new attraction this year was Aven and the gemstones sluice. A totally unexpected result was that it was too popular and Aven ran out of rocks. Cara and Clair assisted and had fun at the same time.

Dawn (with a regular caffeine fix) was happy in the bookshop all day and sold many books. The tramway books were the most popular.

Russell was happy with the gemstones because it kept the kids out of the way while he talked gold mining with the adults.

I got my Rail Tractor 'fix'. The rail tractor co-operated most of the time, so I was happy.

Lee was never in one spot long enough to know what he was doing.

Judy and Bob did a fantastic job with the raffle tickets,

Sunday was busier again bringing our attendance to around 2400 people.

The woodchop was well attended and the donkey rides and jumping castle proved very popular. The draught horses always attract their own attention.

A big thanks again this year to Kate for doing the financial side of the Crank Up and having a result on the day.

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# MEMBERS AT WORK



After the event the owner of Mountain Tucker Food Van was once again so impressed with the turnout he made a donation to the museum and booked a spot for next year.

Packing up was easy enough and by 6 o'clock it was all done.

With the few changes this year the event went smoothly enough and was a very successful weekend.

Well done to all who participated.

Next year cannot come soon enough.

**The committee would like to thank the following sponsors:**

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