

## SALE VINTAGE TRACTOR CLUB RALLY - LONGFORD VICTORIA

March 4th & 5th 2017 saw yet again another great vintage tractor rally weekend at Longford - home of Sale Vintage Tractor Club. The weather started a little cool and showery, but any rain settled the track dust and did not interfere with Sunday's activities.

The Club's dinner on Saturday night was well attended by many guests and club members; a fun night was had by all, with plenty of 'in-house' raffle winners and most certainly 52 very 'satisfied' stomachs! Once again the catering was attended to by a local group whose funds benefited by their fantastic efforts.

On Sunday, 71 Tractors hooked up, 2 Crawlers, and a few Steamers. The day's tractor pull was again run safely and efficiently with two sleds operating; never a dull moment as the smaller tractors operated from one end, and the big boys coming from the other, pulling alternately.

A Grand Parade was held early Sunday afternoon, about midway through the day's events. In honour of two club members who have passed away in recent times, their respective trucks led the parade - Ken's 'Speed Reo with a little Allis on the back', and Neil's 'legendary 950 KW No. 49' (1949 being the year Neil was born). An enthusiastic crowd of spectators showed their appreciation of this 'Grand Parade' with much applause.

SVTC Secretary and long-time club member Alan (Bulldog) Bailey, who has played a major part in the organising and successful outcome of many Longford Tractor Pull weekends, has his vision/aim for 2018 - 'Let's make the first weekend in March 2018 at Longford a century year - let's see 100 tractors hook up!'

Well Al, as tractor drivers and enthusiasts alike, let's support that aim to become reality. Count me in on the Nuffield!

Chris Richardson (Longford Lassie)

### **A few shots of the action:**





Looks like a great weekend - if you're interested, contact the Sale Vintage Tractor Club!!!!