

## Truck and tractor show pulls huge crowd.

Weekend entertainment in Gundagai following on from the annual Show saw the Australian Road Transport Heritage Centre's (ARTHC) tractor pull and swap meet draw an impressive crowd back to the showground on Saturday.

Amid picture perfect weather, over 1000 people wandered through the gates, with the event also offering a truck show and shine, market stalls and all the fun and excitement of lawn mower racing.

The ARTHC committee is thrilled with how the day unfolded and are now busy planning for their popular Sylvia's Gap run over the long weekend in June.

"We're very happy, it was a big crowd and we thank the community for their support of the event" ARTHC treasure Jim Morton said.

"We had trucks come from all over as well as 47 tractors, and a lot of those people have told me that it's the best event they've been to"

While the committee is still tallying up the takings from Saturday's event, all money raised from the day will go towards the establishment of a truck museum to be nestled next to the Hume Highway at South Gundagai.

Meanwhile the temporary museum in Jack Moses Street continues to draw visitors.

"It's going pretty well, some days are better than others," Jim said

"Some days we might only get one or two visitors through and then at other times it's flat out. We had a big day there on Sunday"

Ray Mackay for the Australian Ride on Lawn Mower Racing Association (AROLMRA) said the team enjoyed racing for spectators in Gundagai on Saturday and would definitely come back again.

"The crowd was fantastic." he said

"During every block of races, people just flocked to the fences to watch, so I think everyone enjoyed it"

AROLMRA is the biggest lawn mower racing club in Australia and has 40 racing lawn mowers in total, with 10 being brought to town for Saturday's event.

"Lawn mower racing is not large in Australia but it's certainly around and growing" Ray said

"We have pockets throughout Queensland and New South Wales, and we try and promote it and get clubs going."

"We're hosting the all Australian event in June and mowers are coming from all over the country for that."

While Saturday's event in Gundagai was mainly for demonstration purposes, the association is non-profit and normally donates money raised from events to charities such as the Royal Children's Hospital.

"If Gundagai wanted us back, we'd be happy to come again, and maybe look at making it a part of our annual racing calendar" Ray said

