

Transport icon finds home at local Heritage Centre museum

WITH one of the most recognisable names in local transport history, a restored truck, originally owned by CJ Dean, Adelong, has found a home at the Australian Road Transport Heritage Centre (ARTHC) museum in Gundagai.

A common sight travelling up and down the Hume Highway, the company had 40 trucks in its fleet when it sold to Finemores 25 years ago. Delivered last week, the fully restored Kenworth truck is the latest in the growing number of exhibits at the truck museum which is situated in Jack Moses Street.

ARTHC committee member Ian (Harry) Turner, who drove for Dean's for 30-odd years, said the museum is very happy to have the truck among its exhibits.

"And we wish to thank all who worked for years to complete the restoration," Harry said.

The ARTHC is a dedicated committee of truck enthusiasts who continue to fundraise to build a permanent museum.\

Their June long weekend dinner and Sylvia's Gap road run is just one event the committee holds annually to boost its coffers.

Always well-attended by those with a link to transport history, around 100 cars and 70-odd trucks travel the Sylvia's Gap run in the convoy each year.

Participants literally take a trip down memory lane as they make their way through the notorious Sylvia's Gap Road which is especially opened for the event thanks to the local landholders.

This year, the event will be held on June 8 (reunion dinner) and 9 (Sylvia's Gap run).

The truck museum is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 3pm, and continues to attract a steady stream of visitors from across the state and beyond.

C.J. DEAN TRANSPORT DIVISION ADELONG KENWORTH (Header Photo)

Ian (Harry) Turner, who drove CJ Dean trucks for decades, with the restored Kenworth rig which is the Australian Road Transport Heritage Centre's newest exhibit.

