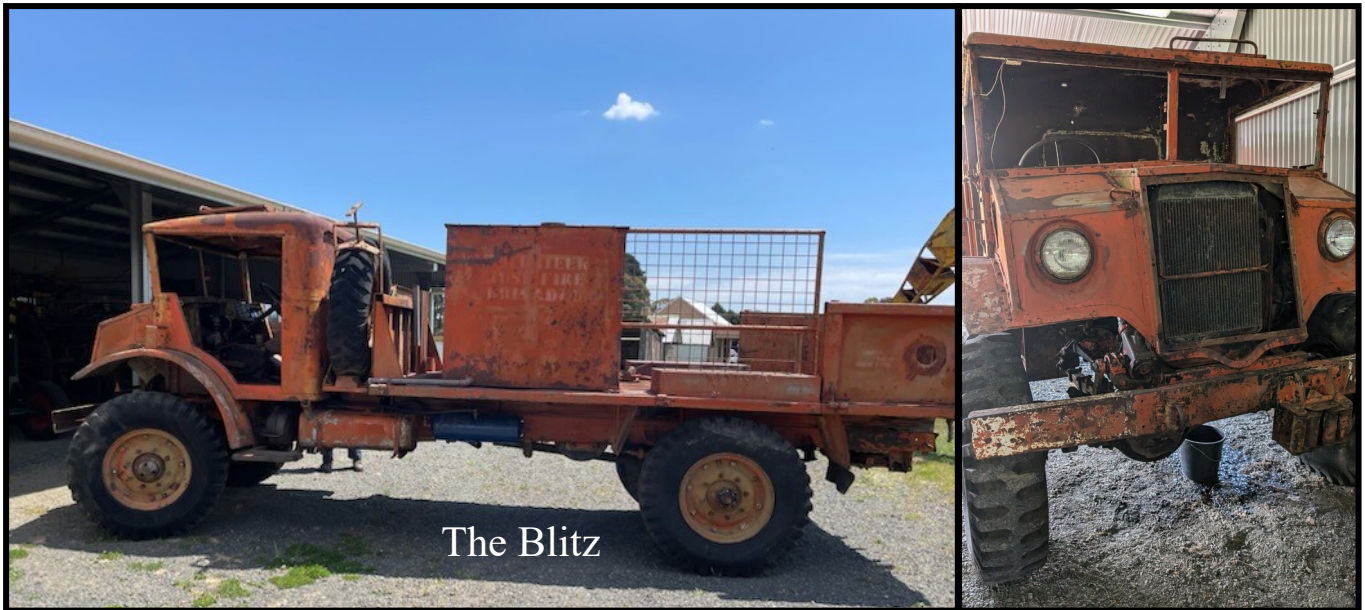


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The Blitz

From the President

With Christmas nearly upon us already the Museum committee is preparing for a break. We have had good visitation this spring with three busloads of visitors and two car clubs coming to the museum. A special visit was made by a Japanese forestry delegation who had found it difficult to get the inside story on our softwood industry. So they came to the Oberon Museum and I was able to give them at least a forester's perspective on the local softwood industry, and let them see the Borg Panels, and Mangan Harvesting video. Our Forest and Timber facility at the museum is unique in NSW, as no other facility like this exists.

Perhaps the best bit of news for members is the return of the museum's Blitz Fire Fighter which was removed from the museum many years ago apparently for security reasons. It was good to see it back at the museum and a quick assessment convinced us this was going to be a good restoration project. Peter Back has had the blitz for 2-3 weeks and has given it a reasonably clean bill of health and returned it in operating condition.

The Rusty Restorers are fully engaged at the moment, but the Blitz will stand in line for a makeover as funds permit.

A while ago Oberon Rotary approached the museum to see if it could provide a home for its

cabinet of Rotary memorabilia. The cabinet has now arrived at the museum and the display will be added to the museum's collection, hopefully with Rotary interpretation.

The Museum's new Showfront cabinets are now installed and have given some of the museum's special exhibits a more professional and secure display.

I would like to tell all our members that like other organisations these days we are struggling to get all the museums opening hours supervised by volunteers. If you have 2 1/2 hours to spare we would love you to help us keep the museum open. We need help on Saturday and Sunday mornings for as little as one day a month. Please contact Pam Dellow on 0418 671 754.

The museum will close over Christmas (from 20th December) and open on the weekend beginning on the 11th January 2025. Have a good Christmas every one.

Col Roberts

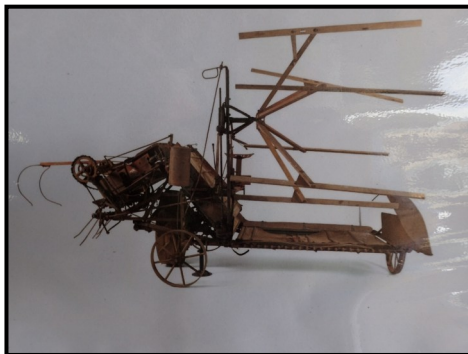
Current Rusty Restorer Projects

The Rusties have several projects "on the go". The Taylor and Sons Jumbo Crane has had a steam clean and is now in the process of being painted - a standout yellow which will really freshen it up and make it even more visible from Lowes Mount Road!

This crane was used to load mining timber onto the train at Oberon station as well as having many other uses at Timber Industries.



Another project is the renovation of a Reaper Binder machine - a big job! Below is a photo of what it should look like, as well as photos of the restoration in progress.



Meanwhile, the Blitz is “waiting in the wings” - the Museum volunteers and Rusty Restorers have enough to keep them busy for a long while yet!



Reminder: The Museum will close on Friday December 20 and re-open on Saturday January 11.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and a great New Year!