

## DAWMAC HISTORY



The story of the Australian built 1966 AT4 329 Dodge tow truck, fitted with 225ci slant 6 petrol engine and 4 speed gearbox. Our father – Malcolm John Lane, known as Mac from an early age. Roger, Mac's younger brother of 6 years, was unable to pronounce Malcolm and Mac is what came out, this nickname stuck with him until his parting from this world 3 ½ years ago. Mac purchased the vehicle as a single cab truck and chassis, he had some body builders add the extra cabin – which only has one door (left hand side entry). Mac then added an additional fuel tank, the 50 CWT winch (approx. 2500kg lifting capacity) and running gear. Mac built the tower, work bench that originally had a toolbox the same size which laid on top of the bench when the truck was moving and was hinged to lift up. Two extra batteries were fitted between the chassis, plus an Austin A4 petrol engine in the centre of the tower. This provided fast charging and welding capacity. Mac was never shy and the truck had many lights wired up that he fitted himself - the tow truck was like a Christmas tree coming down the road! It's a fair chance that back in 1967 this was the flashiest, if not the brightest, tow truck in Melbourne. In 1967 Mac and Dawn along with their two young boys moved from Melbourne to Berrigan. The truck did 95% of the moving, allowing not just household effects but hobby items and accumulated work tools and goods. He built a very large single axle trailer for the moving task which we used for many years at the Berrigan Show to display Dawmac products. The overhead arm I believe was added when he arrived in Berrigan. The addition of the 24v electric winch along with the overhead arm made it possible to completely lift a vehicle from an accident scene and transport to the repair shop. The arm was also used to lift pumps in and out, once he even repossessed a diesel engine from a customer who had gone into bankruptcy by lifting it over the fence! His TRB (Transport regulation board) License number TT-2536 states that the licensed driver (Mac) MJ Lane.

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Hi to everyone,

Officially spring commences on 1<sup>st</sup> September each year, this year spring started in early August. There is a lot of promise for another great winter harvest and a bumper summer cropping opportunity. Water – this year there is plenty of the stuff – what a huge turn around to 3 years ago! Everyone is receiving more than their fair share of H2O. The river health must have improved, the environment should have recovered, I notice the indigenous trees have twice the foliage on them compared to two years ago. The river systems are just below the point of flooding with Dartmouth at 98% capacity and Hume at 96% capacity and the forecast for an above average rainfall for spring! All we need is a decent rain event over the Southern Riverina to again make us wet – 25mm or so in one 24 hour period.

Hoping people enjoy the story about Mac's tow truck. People ask how Trent is travelling with his cancer treatment – we thank everyone for their good wishes and kind thoughts. Trent received a good report roughly around 6 weeks ago, at the end of his first 3 months treatment. A PET scan showed the cancer activity had been nullified. Trent is now having chemo treatment this week, number 5 of 6 (again 3 months of treatment), they will again assess his position 2 weeks after treatment number 6, a total of 12 treatments. Fingers crossed he will again receive a positive report. We hope to see him and his lovely wife Aleks here in Berrigan sometime in November 2022.

Remember Finley Show and Father's Day coming up on the first Sunday in September, the 4<sup>th</sup>. Berrigan Show and Deniliquin Ute Muster on the October long weekend and the Berrigan Gold Cup on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

*Cheers and Good Health—John P Lane (Managing Director)*

## COMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

SUN 4TH	FATHER'S DAY
SUN 4TH	FINLEY SHOW
SUN 25TH	FINLEY SHOW 'N SHINE

### OCTOBER

FRI 30 SEPT — SAT 1ST OCT	DENI UTE MUSTER
SUN 2ND	BERRIGAN SHOW
MON 3RD	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY—DAWMAC CLOSED
FRI 14TH	OAKLANDS HARVEST SUNSET BALL
SAT 15TH	SAVERNAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL REUNION FAREWELL 10AM—3PM
SAT 29TH	BERRIGAN GOLD CUP

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS COMMENCES ON SUNDAY 2ND

OCTOBER 2022

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## DAWMAC HISTORY—continued

Mac left Dawmac & Berrigan in 1982, leaving the truck behind. Paul and I used the truck 2 or 3 times a year for accidents before selling the vehicle to Fred Smith in around 1990. Gordon Yelland came across the old tow truck while cleaning up on Glenn Martin's property and we thank him for returning it to its former home.

For many years this tow truck was used as our main vehicle - there are many stories we can relate, we travelled everywhere in the tow truck.

Many older customers would remember in the early years of Dawmac, Mac driving this tow truck to work each day, parking it out the back in the elements using the trucks vice and work bench as his main workstation. The Dodge serviced Mac very faithfully and returned his investment and belief in the vehicle's profitability. The truck is a legacy to a man that had a vision and the ability to achieve his imagination through his skills.



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