

Memorable truck events

In a tribute to three of the region's most prominent family-owned road transport companies, over 500 people attended a dinner in Lakes Entrance on Saturday evening.

Hancock's, of Lakes Entrance, Eden and Bairnsdale; McMullen's, of Orbost; and Jarvis's, of Bairnsdale, were all honoured at the dinner with many past staff members travelling hundreds of kilometres to attend.

Son of Hancock Transport patriarch, Brian Hancock said the dinner went very well.

"We had people attend from every state in Australia," Mr Hancock said.

"It is certainly the biggest ever reunion to be held in Lakes Entrance."

Mr Hancock said when it was mentioned that a reunion could be held the interest snowballed.

"The three companies represented probably cover the greatest phase in the Gippsland road transport history. They operated over such a long period of time," he said.

Also at the reunion dinner were a few items of Hancock's memorabilia, which will be on display at the Lakes Entrance library until Friday.

Three editions of the American Truck History Society's magazine *The Gearchange* were published outlining the history of each company.

"The books were a resounding success. Sales went beyond expectations," Mr Hancock said.

The East Gippsland Convoy for Kids was held on Saturday with convoys coming from Morwell and Orbost to converge on the greater Lakes Airfield.

Close to 300 trucks participated and about \$50,000 was raised for Camp Quality and Angel Flight.



Calista Murphy, 9, Mekayla, 5, and Justin Curtis, of Bairnsdale, headed along to the Greater Lakes Airfield on Saturday in support of the Convoy for Kids. K356-27