

Bush beauty boasts history

By Kyra Gillespie

Friends of Kurth Kiln's 2018 Heritage Festival returned again this year to celebrate the natural beauty of the Australian bush and rich local history on Sunday 8 April.

The day was officially opened by Cr Brett Owen at the picturesque Kurth Kiln site.

There was much to do and see, including a vintage car display, a blacksmith demonstration, historic and heritage machinery displays, craft stalls, sheep shearing and more.

Local band, The Willie Wagtails, provided the entertainment on the day.

Food and drinks were kindly catered for by the Hoddles Creek Red Cross Group.

"The Kurth Kiln Heritage Festival is an annual event for us since 2002, helping to promote the social significance of local history and the benefits of volunteering," event organiser Alfred Klink said.

"There were many displays and groups showing off their traditional activities. Historic machinery and vehicles are always a big part of the event.

"We estimate we had about 300 people there over the day, and everyone we spoke to seemed to enjoy the friendly atmosphere. And of course the weather played its part."



Around 300 people attended on the day. 179514



Barry Thomas and his International Petrol Engine from 1930s. It has 1.5 Horse Power. 179514



Gembrook Craft Group members Maria (Spinning) and Barbara (Felting) to make hats. 1.79514



Historic stationary engines and farm vehicles on display. 1.79514



Steven (front) and Rohan from Siberian Huskies demonstrate Husky drawn bikes. 1.79514



Fritz Rappold from Warburton showed his Blacksmith talents. 1.79514



Fritz Rappold continues the Blacksmith tradition. 1.79514



Historic buildings reflect the rich local history. 1.79514