

# Kaesler Clover Thresher

## TECHNICAL HISTORY

There is no known documented technical history of this machine.

## WORKING HISTORY

The Kaesler Clover thresher was made in Hahndorf, in the Adelaide Hills, east of Adelaide, South Australia. The company making this machine was still in business in premises in the main street of Hahndorf up to July 006, although it ceased production of engines many years ago.

Machines and engines made by this company are important to the preservation of the industrial history of the Adelaide Hills, and their preservation is a high priority of The Adelaide Hills Motor Restorers Club.

The growing of clover seed was a significant industry in the Mt Barker area in the early 1900's. Several threshers still remain in the area although the clover industry no longer exists. The Kaesler thresher was usually painted red after its manufacture, however this machine has never been painted. The only paint on the timber is where details of patents have been stencilled. Local legend says that the original purchaser ordered it unpainted to save money – but who really knows?

The patent application refers to the introduction of a drum to the thresher that removed stones from the feed material, distinguishing this machine from other locally made clover threshers. While patent application was commenced, and a number given by the Patents office, it is understood that the process was not completed.

Mr J.L.Neagle of Woodside purchased this Thresher sometime between 1926 and 1935. Dating is based on the time elapsed between patent application details stencilled on the machine, dating from 1926, and a receipt we hold for its sale to Mr H.B.Kramm on 17 October 1935. It was subsequently purchased by AHMRC at the Kramm family clearing sale on 30 April 1993. The Kramm property was on Echunga Rd. Hahndorf.

Minor restoration work has been done to the machine to replace rotten timber and belts. Bearings have been freed up and the thresher now makes an imposing exhibit at **Power of the Past**, the Club's annual event held at Mt Barker SA on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend each March.

The Club's Kaesler "Reliance" is seen driving the Thresher in the photograph below.

