

The Tucker Truck came on Tuesdays

The timber industry at Erica, its sawmills,
tramways and people

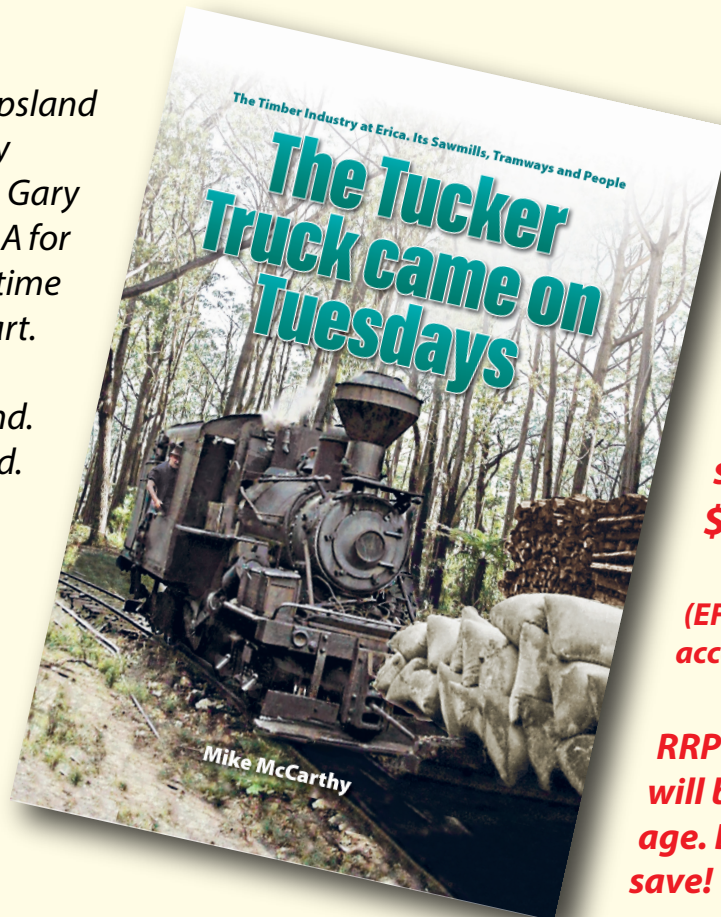
Book Launch hosted by the Erica & District Historical Society

2.30 pm, Saturday 10 October 2026

Erica Memorial Hall, 14 School Road, Erica.

The latest book by Gippsland author, Mike McCarthy will be launched by Gary Blackwood, former MLA for Narracan and long time timber industry stalwart.

All welcome to attend. Afternoon tea provided.



Book will be on sale at the launch at the special price of \$66.

(EFTPOS and cash sales accommodated)

RRP post the launch will be \$82 plus postage. Buy at launch and save!

Hard cover, 336 pages on art paper, A4 size, 65 maps and diagrams, 383 photographs, bibliography, references and index. Published by the Light Railway Research Society of Australia

When the Moe – Walhalla narrow-gauge railway was opened in 1910 it provided an outlet for a vast quantity of timber in the rugged mountain ranges surrounding the Thomson and Tyers River valleys. Much of this timber was the magnificent Eucalyptus regnans (Mountain Ash).

This book describes the vast network of tramways which fed the Walhalla railway at O'Shea and Bennett Siding, Knotts Siding, Erica, Collins Siding, Moondarra, and Gould. Also described are the timber mills and the isolated settlements that surrounded them.

The text covers all aspects of the history – political, economic, technical, and social. It is based on over 60 years of research, including interviews, historical documents and maps, and extensive ground research

The book includes superb coloured maps and diagrams, and detailed histories of the steam and internal-combustion locomotives that were used on the tramways. It is illustrated by a generous collection of historic photographs.

RSVP if you can to ericaanddistricthistorical@gmail.com or 0418 106 660 to aid catering and seating, otherwise, just come!