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Old machines up and running

Vintage engines, antique motor mowers and historic aircraft will be brought to life next weekend in an interactive experience for the Karaka Museum.

The Karaka Historical Society, along with Vintage Engine Restorers Auckland (VERA), will host the Karaka Vintage Day on March 28 to showcase the machinery used to shape New Zealand during the past century.

Money raised from the event will be donated to the Karaka Museum's building fund to help house the artefacts previously on display at the Karaka War Memorial Hall.

As well as engines and equipment, historical buffs will have the opportunity to view classic cars, military vehicles and even a vintage Tiger Moth aeroplane flyover at the biennial event.

Masport will also be represented with an impressive array of machinery, from milking machines to lawnmowers, manufactured by the company over the

past 100 years.

The spokesman for the Karaka Historical Society, Rob Higham, says the Vintage Day event, which started in 2000, attracts a large number of people from around the country.

"We try and ensure there is something for the whole family. The vintage displays are a real drawcard along with the parade of vehicles, machinery and tractors. Children can enjoy horse and wagon rides while their parents can spend time perusing the vendor stalls for books, jewellery, clothes, art and collectibles," he says.

Mr Higham says the new Karaka Museum is being constructed to display much of the vintage memorabilia, as its former home at the Karaka War Memorial Hall was too small to display the large collection.

The Karaka Vintage Day will be Sunday, March 28 at the corner of Linwood and Blackbridge roads, Karaka. Gates open at 9.30am.