

LEWIS BUS



The late Reg Lewis and his brother Clarrie are pictured here with their 1932 Leyland Cub KP3 151 omnibus, which operated on the Red Hill-Stewart Terrace run. It is powered by a 4.4 litre, 27 horsepower petrol engine, and was licenced to carry 22 passengers. It was purchased (along with a Bedford bus) in 1932 after Clarrie won the lottery. During the second World War it was run on kerosene, or producer gas from a charcoal burner. The Lewis brothers operated the bus service until 1975.

After this bus retired in the sixties, it served as a mobile office on a pineapple farm near Brisbane and became a weathered shell. In the mid 1970s it was restored by John Hinde, and in 1992 he donated it to the museum . Since then it has had further repairs, and a few years ago it was prepared for a roadworthy certificate and registered. Last year during a rally, it ventured as far south as Cooroy and Pomona .

The bus is on display in the stamper shed, and there are many photos of the Lewis Bros. bus fleet in the house, at the Gold Mining and Historical Museum.