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Lake Dragon to stay at home

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NGNUMADJU: The friendly water dragon of Lake Moondarra. - Picture: CHANELLE SZMOLNIK/6040

THIS year's Mount Isa Show will not feature Ngunmadju of Lake Moondarra as he remains in hibernation.

Known as the friendly dragon of the lake, as the story goes, Ngunmadju turned 30 last year and was able to feature at last year's Show.

This year, Ngunmadju will remain on site at the Mount Isa Restored Car Club premises to celebrate this year's Mount Isa Show.

Mount Isa Show Society treasurer Dianne Smith said while it would be wonderful to feature the friendly water dragon of Lake Moondarra each year, he was growing old and had become too fragile to transport each year.

"We have to apply for permit to transport the fragile dragon," Mrs Smith said.

"Des Moore, one of the founding members of the Mount Isa Restored Car Club, created the huge replica of Ngunmadju, and we are hoping to bring it back into the city and feature it in the parade again in the coming years ahead."