

The Oily Rag

Newsletter of Manilla Vintage Machinery Group Inc

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FUNNY BONE

Time to continue some Irish humour.....

- **D & C** – Where Washington is
- **Dilate** – To live longer
- **Enema** – Not a friend
- **Genital** – Not Jewish
- **Gout** – Short for ‘go out’
- **Hangnail** – Coat hook - (this stumped me – it’s the small piece of skin/nail next to fingernail/toenail)
- **Impotent** – Distinguished, well known
- **Labour pain** - Getting hurt at work
- **Medical staff** – A doctor’s cane.

CRANKY HANDLE RALLY FOR August 2026

Hunter Valley Vintage Farm Machinery Club Inc, which usually holds its annual rally in August, this year changed it to May to avoid clashing with the NHMA National Rally in Queensland. That wasn’t entirely successful as the weather was bad and most of the event got rained out. Next year the rally will revert back to August 15 and 16 at Maitland’s Garnham Grounds. Media Officer Scott Brooks would like all those interested to place the new dates on their calendar.

FROM THE MEETINGS



SEPTEMBER

One minute's silence was observed in memory of the late Ted Taylor of Taygar Timbers in Manilla. Ted was a very supportive sponsor of MVMG for many years.

Following a quote from Action Badges regarding metal and woven badges for next year, it was decided that further discussion was needed regarding the design.

The meeting approved donations to Westpac Helicopter, Manilla Pre-School and Nev's Santa Run.

After some discussion, the Grey Fergie, which will celebrate its 80th birthday next year, was chosen as the feature machine for the Group's 2026 Rally.



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Richard Betts touched on the closure of the TOMM magazine, though editor Leanne Burbridge is now establishing her own magazine, the Historic & Vintage Machinery Australasia (H&VMA). It will take around 12 months to set up and require 5000 subs to produce two editions a year.

South Australian John Victor has been publishing his Oily Rag for many years. It's subscription is \$65 annually and published bi-monthly. A quality magazine.

Norm Gardner spoke about a new committee meeting being formed by TRC. Not a lot known regarding that as yet. Norm also mentioned changes to the fencing and walkway surrounding the viaduct which will result in the loss of two metres from the compounds at the rally.

*****FORGIVE YOUR ENEMY – BUT
REMEMBER THE BUGGER'S NAME*****

*****ALCOHOL DOESN'T SOLVE ANY
PROBLEMS, BUT THEN AGAIN, NEITHER
DOES MILK*****

(Courtesy the legendary John Wayne)

Golden Fleece
24" X 12"
22 Gauge



OCTOBER:

Further discussion was held regarding the new Historic & Vintage Machinery Australia (H&VMA) magazine being published. NHMA will be sponsoring and supporting its initial development and publication. In its early stage, up to six electronic editions in PDF format will be free to NHMA clubs, their members and interested parties. Though when the magazine operates independently, subs and fees can be handled directly with the editor. The magazine will only work with contributions from NHMA members submitting stories on restoration projects, local history, unusual items, or even articles for the editor. Paid advertising will be by negotiation with the publisher, details to be provided on request. Contact is editor.nhma@gmail.com.

President Tim advised that presentation of the Group's donation to Westpac Helicopter is tentatively November 15.

Tim also gave a short report on the Gunnedah two-day, 76km Tractor Trek. He said there were lots of interesting places to see along the way. Lunch was enjoyed at Mullaley Hotel.

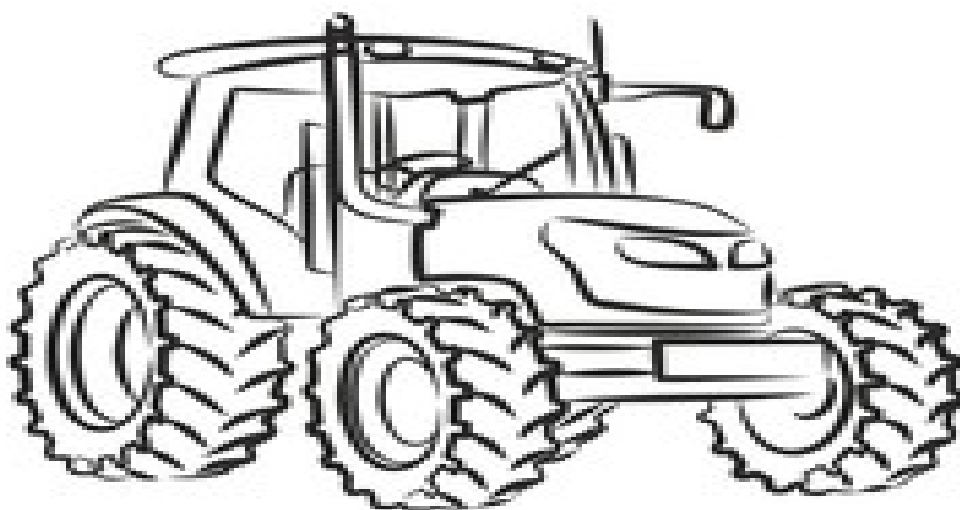
Richard Betts advised the meeting that the 2028 Bendemeer Fergie Muster would be the last for the Doaks. They would like to see it remain in Bendemeer and are willing to help wherever necessary. At present, Moonbi Club is interested in running the 2031 event.

Hats off to member Tim Freemantle for his efforts in raising money towards the children's ward at Tamworth Hospital. Tim took it upon himself to set up a fundraising stand of pre-loved items at our annual rally back in June, and from the sale of the second-hand goods which he'd received from members of the public, Tim raised \$1050, which he'd earmarked for the children's ward. The group added a further \$500 – the total of \$1550 being presented to the hospital by Tim last month. Tim used to be in Lions, where he was involved in donating needy items to the children's ward, so felt the urge do something for them again. He said that the public was great with donations – especially fellow members giving quality items. "I feel they did as much as I did – good people, good club". And with the success of that one, Tim is already planning next year's stall. Children's Ward Nurse Unit Manager Jess Boon and Clinical Support Officer Terri Heywood were very thankful for Tim's generosity, and between them, decided that the money would "probably" go towards helping to purchase more birthday gifts for the teenaged group of patients, plus a new pram and highchair.



**MANILLA VINTAGE MACHINERY GROUP
INC**

CHRISTMAS PARTY



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

MANILLA BOWLING CLUB.....7PM START

RED AND GREEN THEME

(Prize for best dressed)

Numbers attending to Bette on 0428 658132

\$30 per head

****LIFE IS A WHOLE LOT SIMPLER WHEN YOU
PLOUGH AROUND THE STUMP****

****MONEY CAN'T BUY HAPPINESS, BUT IT'S
MORE COMFORTABLE TO CRY IN A
MERCEDES THAN ON A BIKE****

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

OCTOBER

18 & 19 – Vintage Machinery Rally at Woodford (Q)

18 & 19 - Urana Vintage Machinery Rally & Truck Show

18 & 19 – Yass Antique Farm Machinery Club Tractor Pull & Display

18 – Hamilton (V) Pastoral Museum Rally

25 & 26 – Mount Alexander Engine Club Vintage Tractor Pull

NOVEMBER

14 to 16 – Taralga Tractor Trek & Rally at Taralga Showground

**15 & 16 – New England Antique Machinery Club Rally at Armidale
Showground.**



Barb Swain has been at it again – this time in the recent Gunnedah Full Throttle Fest weekend. Barb contested the Roll Racing event and finished third in her Commodore Bash Car. Plucked from the local newspaper report, Roll Racing involves a 40kmh start line speed and two vehicles side by side over 250m. Winner was Canberra's Paul Pratt in his V10 Audi. The report also said that due to its popularity, plans could be to hold the event as part of next year's Gunnedah Week Of Speed.

NEXT MEETINGS – Tuesday, November 4 (and then December 2) from 7.30pm at Masonic Hall. New and current members all welcome.

Anyone wishing to buy, sell or contribute to the newsletter, please contact me on **0428 668854** or via **vinniegreg@hotmail.com**.

Vinnie Todd (publicity).

*****“I woke up from a deep sleep in a panic thinking I was late for work. Thankfully I was at work”*****