

# The Oily Rag

Newsletter of Manilla Vintage Machinery Group Inc

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## DECEMBER, 2025 NEWSLETTER

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## FUNNY BONE

Time to continue some Irish humour.....

- **Morbid** – A higher offer
- **Morphine** – Slow working dope
- **Nitrate** – Cheaper than day rate
- **Node** – Quite well aware of
- **Outpatient** – Person who has fainted
- **Pap Smear** – Fatherhood test
- **Pelvis** – Cousin of Elvis
- **Post Operative** – Letter carrier
- **Prostate** – Flat on your back
- **Recovery Room** – Place to do upholstery

## 2025 Christmas Party Roundup

*President Tim was literally “blown away” by the attendance at the recent Christmas Party held at Manilla Bowlo.*

*Unreal was the word he used – “There’d be twice as many attend as we’ve had in previous years - even more than we get at our rally weekend dinner in June. It’s great to see so many people supporting us – not only the adults, but the younger ones coming through as well,” Tim said.*

*Over 60 members and friends, most of whom stepped up and donned a bit of green and red for Christmas cheer, enjoyed the Chinese meal, which was made even more appetizing with secretary Bette Langton’s daughters Angelique and Nicole serving up desserts fit for royalty.*

*Dozens of lucky door prizes were handed out – enough for everyone in attendance. And receiving a bottle of bubbly for making the Best Effort To Dress Up were locals David and Fiona Longmire, who also took the crown last year.*



## FROM THE MEETINGS:



## NOVEMBER

- A brief report was made regarding the recent **Regional Australia Bank Community Partnership Program breakfast held at the Bowling Club** where some \$70,000 was handed out to various clubs in Manilla.
- Further information regarding our visit to the Westpac Helicopter – a list of names and driver's licence number is required to be sent prior to the visit. Members wishing to attend were asked to give these details to secretary Bette. A date has yet to be set for this, perhaps early in the New Year.
- A request was made for a clear photo of a Fergie tractor, which will celebrate its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and was chosen as our feature machine for the group's 2026 rally.
- An ongoing discussion was had regarding the repairs etc being carried out on the viaduct and the gully that was to have had pipes installed some years ago. Further discussion to be had on those later.
- Garnet Wood on 0409 458474 has a 1948 Super 8 International tractor for sale.
- Les Mauger (0427 437034) is looking for a Knotter for his International B47 baler as the pin is broken.





## DECEMBER

- **President Tim opened the meeting by telling those who couldn't make it to the Group's recent Christmas Party that they'd missed a very good night. Les Maugher thanks secretary Bette and her daughters Angelique and Nicole for the impressive sweet they served up to party goers on the night.**
- Correspondence received included email from NHMA regarding hard copies of the new magazine, and a flyer/entry form for the National Tractor Trek at Gulgong on September 5 and 6 next year.
- **President Tim has the contact for a man from Orange wanting to sell his Champion Chamberlain tractor plus a caravan job lot.**
- And Tony Hayne has photos and a contact for a Moree lady wishing to sell several items, including a 587 Header and a Ford Super Dexter.

- **MANY PEOPLE ARE ALIVE ONLY BECAUSE IT'S ILLEGAL TO SHOOT THEM.**
- **HELP SOMEONE WHEN THEY'RE IN TROUBLE, AND THEY WILL REMEMBER YOU WHEN THEY'RE IN TROUBLE AGAIN.**

**(Courtesy John Wayne)**

**With the decision to feature the popular Grey Fergie (which will turn 80) at next year's Group Rally, I thought I'd share a couple of interesting little snippets about it.**

**The Little Fergie, originally known as the TE-20, is widely regarded as being the one that changed agriculture around the world, forever.**

**The brainchild of a Harry Ferguson, the Fergie with its revolutionary three-point linkage, and a system of dedicated implements and support networks that he'd mastered around it, probably did more for farmers across the globe than any other tractor. It was produced between 1946 and 1956 with more than 500,000 built, mainly at the Ferguson Factory in England.**

**A highlight of December's meeting was the presentation of a cheque for \$1500 to guest speaker Daniel Gillette, who gave a very informative talk on the Westpac Helicopter history and the services it provides in our area. He touched on the number of flights it makes annually, the make of the helicopter and what it requires in maintenance to stay in the air.**

**Daniel was flooded with questions from members – even during supper after the meeting.**

**He also thanked the Group for its generosity and informed members that the MVMG has donated a total of \$10,000 to date.**





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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Well it's that time of the year again – Christmas. A time to spend with family, take the time to remember what Christmas is really about, partake of far too much food which will take three days to get over, and, of course, tell the kids (or more likely grandkids in most of our cases) that Santa will reward them for being good.

But sometimes it could be hard to get that message across, when many of the little ones are read bedtime stories like Cinderella (who stayed out until midnight), Pinocchio (who does nothing but lie), Aladdin (who is the Prince of Thieves), Batman (who drives at 320kph), Sleeping Beauty (who is lazy and does nothing but sleep), and Snow White (who is shackled-up with seven men). I rest my case.

## NEXT MEETINGS:

Tuesday, January 6 (then Tuesday February 3) from 7.30pm at Masonic Hall. New and current members always welcomed.

**Anyone wishing to buy, sell or contribute to the newsletter in any way, please contact me on 0428 668854 or via [vinniegreg@hotmail.com](mailto:vinniegreg@hotmail.com).**

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