

The Oily Rag

Newsletter of Manilla Vintage Machinery Group Inc

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FUNNY BONE

Making fun of someone you don't really like is childish. Be an adult and hit them with your car.

FROM THE MEETINGS:



SEPTEMBER

- No further information was forthcoming from Jonathon Wallace regarding the speakers for the 2027 June Rally.
- Cindy Sutherland reported that she had spoken to Westpac Helicopter. Permission has been granted to visit the site in October where a total of 10 people can attend. The date decided upon was 24th at 10am, this date is to be confirmed.
- Donations to various groups was discussed and the Group agreed to send the following: \$2000 to Westpac Helicopter, \$1000 to Manilla Pre-School and \$500 to Neville Grant's Santa Run.
- Suggestion of an engine for the 2027 mugs was discussed – food for thought for the October meeting. And further to next year's rally, the Group considered purchasing new safety vests. These vests will be printed with 'Manilla Vintage Machinery' with each marshal's position on the back.
- Rally Safety Equipment – Moved and passed that 10 new fire extinguishers be purchased, upgrade or replacement of first aid kits, and obtaining a trolley to transport these items at the rally.
- The Soccer Club is considering manning the canteen at next year's rally.
- Group's Christmas Party has been booked for Saturday, December 12 from 6.30pm at Manilla Bowling Club.
- Agreed to purchase paper and ink for use of the CWA printer. Denyce and Bette to follow up buying two office chairs for the caravan office.
- Richard Betts gave a run-down of upcoming rallies members may like to attend.



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- Correspondence – various emails regarding payment of memberships, attendance at rallies, NHMA, and Sydney Antique machinery Group.
- A lengthy discussion followed the email from Sydney Antique Machinery Club which outlined proposed rule changes for vintage tractors. The changes related to registration and the use of tractors on certain roads. This email was distributed to all members with email addresses. Tony McClelland explained that the proposals could affect rallies, particularly tractor treks. Suggested conditions included fitting of flashing lights, carrying warning triangles and travelling only on roads with a speed limit of 70kph or less. A meeting of Transport for NSW will be held on October 19, and the SAMC has asked all clubs to submit letters addressing the proposals so they can be collated and presented at the meeting. Four members from various historical clubs are part of the discussion group. Our meeting voted that letters be sent to Transport for NSW via SAMC, TRC mayor Russell Webb, and local members Kevin Anderson and Barnaby Joyce.
- Richard Betts noted that the group's website hadn't been updated with recent photos or information. Secretary Bette advised the meeting that content and photos should be sent to either herself or the publicity officer, as the group cannot update the website without receiving this material.
- Further to discussions from September meeting, members were asked for suggestions on what brand of motor they wanted printed on the 2027 mugs. This has been left over for another month with the suggestions of McDonald, Perkins, Ronaldson Tippet for members to decide upon.
- Richard Betts also spoke on a Barrel Roll he recently saw, and suggested it could be another attraction at the Group's 2027 rally.
- Norm Gardiner informed the meeting that the sheds located in the showground complex had been broken into again. It appeared that nothing had been taken but the locks need repair or replacing.
- Richard Betts advised of the various events coming up in 2027, these included the Guyra Lamb & Potato Festival, Walcha Rally and Drover's Campfire at Boggabri .



- **Cox Mowmobile first model, hand control, complete and good order \$350.**
- **Cox Mowmobile foot control model, complete and good order \$350.**
- **Deckson Ride-On Mower 28" cut, rear engine, cone drive, complete and good order \$350.**
- **Mobilco Supercut 42" cut, self-drive, walk behind mower, complete and good condition \$350.**
- **Farmer's Boy Rotary Hoe \$150.**
- **Cash and pick up only. Richard Betts (Tamworth), Phone 6766 4254 after 7pm.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

OCTOBER:

17 & 18 – Urana Vintage Machinery Rally & Truck Show at Urana Sportsground.

17 & 18 – Vintage Farm Machinery, Truck & Car Show Moruya Showground.

24 & 25 - Hamilton Pastoral Museum October Rally.

NOVEMBER:

8 – Gulgong Swap Meet/Market Day at the showground. All bits, car parts to bric-a-brac, bike/tractor/truck show. Gates open 8.30am,

2027

JANUARY

13 to 24 – Guyra Lamb & Potato Festival at Rotary Park.

FEBRUARY

20 to 22 – Walcha Antique Machinery & Truck Show at the showground.

APRIL

23 to 25 – Drover's Campfire at Boggabri.





Ninety-nine per cent of people would have enjoyed the music of self-made artist Dolly Parton who sadly passed away on August 26, aged 80. It was lovely to see so many beautiful comments posted on a lady who's done it all herself. But I particularly liked one of her quips: **“Don’t get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life”**. Vale Dolly.

My annoying little nephew keeps bragging about how he sleeps in a race car bed. Well, the joke's on him – I sleep in a real car.



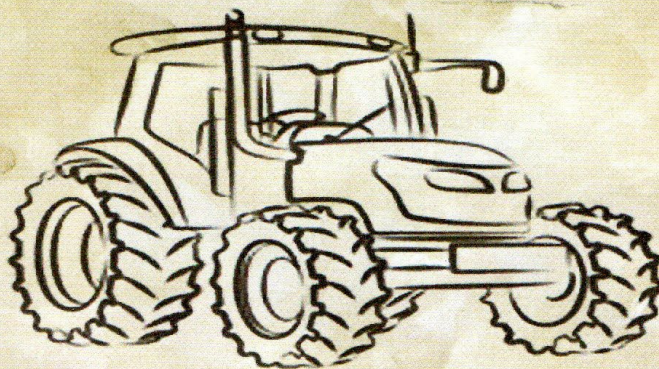
ON THE SOCIAL SCENE.....

A handful of Manilla Vintage Machinery Group faces were spotted getting into the swing of things at Manilla Services Club recently. Casting nerves aside, secretary Bette Langton, yours truly here, and Rebecca Beattie (as a sheep) took to the stage to entertain the gathering of CWA ladies attending the Namoi CWA Group's Internation/Cultural Day. Tapping away to the rhythm in the audience was Barb Swain while Margaret Hurle wore the cap of adjudicator for the day. Bette grabbed the Best Poem for Over 80s trophy.



**MANILLA VINTAGE MACHINERY GROUP
INC**

CHRISTMAS PARTY



SATURDAY, DECEMBER, 12

MANILLA BOWLING CLUB.....7PM START

RED AND GREEN THEME

(Prize for best dressed)

\$35 per head

Numbers attending to Bette on 0428 658132

I haven't received any phone calls/emails regarding who's going where, and doing what. Please share your outings with our readers. If you would like anything put onto our website, please call me on 0428 668854 or email information/photo to vinniegreg@hotmail.com. Or send it to Bette – you'd all have her contact and email. If we don't know about it, we can't let others know. Our website is a bit outdated, I know, so fresh material would no doubt be welcomed by many members and readers.

Incorrectly is the only word that, when spelled correctly, is still spelled incorrectly.

Secretary Bette reminds everyone that memberships are due to be paid. If not paid before December 31, “you will not receive editions of the Oily Rag newsletter”.

NEXT MEETINGS: November 3 (Melbourne Cup Day!!) and December 1 from 7.30pm at the Masonic Hall.

Vinnie Todd (Publicity)