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NEXT MEETING – Sunday, 18th January, 2026

Guest Speakers Monica and Lyn from Palmdale Group

General Meeting Held 16th November 2025

Guest Speaker for November: Mannering Park Men's Shed

Bruce and Mick (Joan's brother).

Members: Attended 53 including 4 New Members.

Apologies as per book

Raffle Winners

1st prize \$50.00 Lorraine Holmes

2nd prize \$30.00 Carol Wilkinson

3rd prize \$20.00 Chris Sherwood

Winners of \$10.00 Gift Cards supplied by **The Doylo**

John Smythe and Marilyn Delaney

Birthdays for December



Shoobert Bev	2-Dec	Rogers Rod	2-Dec
Brill Helen	9-Dec	Baker Steve	9-Dec
McConville Diana	14-Dec	Thomas Rhod	12-Dec
Wilcox Gaianne	20-Dec	Ryan Ross	19-Dec
Smyth Helen	31-Dec	Leotta Andy	19-Dec
Heal Vivien	31-Dec	Dawson Ron	27-Dec
		Howard Allan	31-Dec

Club Shirts

It is so great to see so many members in their club shirts.

If you require a club shirt, please see Bev Insull

Doylo Club Meetings

Just a reminder

The Doylo Club policy is for no outside food or drinks to be brought onto the premises.

We thank all members for respecting this request.

Also from next month the **Vouchers** donated by the Doylo will **expire 60 days** after issue instead of expiring before the next meeting.

Welcome to our New Members



Val and Roy Frances are Central Coast residents and were staying at Berry showground with us. They enjoyed our warm friendship and decided to join.

Jenny and John Matts camped with us at Broke in April and have decided to join.

10 year Membership Congratulations

Amelia and Will Cox





TLC CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE DOYLO 2025

Don't forget

There will be a Secret Santa with separate gifts for Male and Female,
value up to \$20 if you would like to participate.

100 Club

Those who would like to be part of the "100 Club" can purchase their chance /chances at the Christmas Lunch. Cost \$5.00.

The prize is a caravan service provided by All About Caravan Repairs.



Guest Speaker



Bruce from Mannering Park Men's Shed gave an outline of the history and work of the men's shed organisation. He suggested all caravanners should belong to their local men's shed as when we are travelling it's a great way to meet like-minded people in the towns we visit. It can also be helpful if we are in need of any repairs to our vans along the way. There is more than likely a carpenter, a welder, an electrician or other tradie who will be happy to lend a hand or a tool. They provide a large network of skills that we can tap into in any town.

He proudly told us that Mannering Park had the best group in NSW, possibly in Australia. Belonging to men's shed gives friendship to men after their retirement when they often miss the company of their male colleagues.

There's no end to the advice they can offer sharing their medical knowledge and experiences and solving the problems of the world.

President Joan thanked the men for attending and distributed an information magazine.

Report on the Melbourne Cup Berry Rally November 2025

What a fantastic week we've had in Berry!

1. The Trip – exactly three hours from Tuggerah to Berry approximately 230 kms. After Tuggerah there were no more traffic lights. We personally think the North Connex tunnel is worth every cent to avoid the 19 sets of traffic lights on Pennant Hills Rd. A relaxing drive mostly two lanes all the way.
2. The Venue – Berry showground. Leonie negotiated a good price for us. The sites were grassy and lots of shady trees. The amenities were adequate and clean. Although a big thank you to our committee who had to clean the camp kitchen before it was ready for use. We were walking distance to the quaint township of Berry which had lots of boutique shopping, coffee shops, two bakeries and an excellent IGA supermarket.

3. The Township – a gorgeous, historic village of well-kept houses and gardens. The beautiful, purple jacarandas were blooming and the parks were well maintained. Lots of historic buildings to admire.



4. The Activities – the committee planned a busy week of activities. We had our usual morning teas and happy hours as well as welcome nibbles, hamburger night, games afternoons and the fun run of the Ian Insull cup. An outing to the Treat Factory for freshly made scones with homemade jam & cream together with tea & coffee was well attended and many “sweet” purchases were made from the most amazing chocolate shop with more variety than I have ever seen.



5. The Main Event – Melbourne Cup lunch. This was a highlight of the week! Leonie had made contact with a local group of ladies who had organised a month of “Pink up Berry” charity events supporting the McGrath Foundation. The Melbourne Cup lunch held at the Berry Bowling Club was their climax and they were very grateful for our support. Everyone spruced up in pink outfits





and off we went. We had a delicious two course lunch with a glass of champagne served so efficiently to the 250 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed sitting back relaxing instead of doing all the work. They held raffles, silent auctions and lucky sweeps so there was plenty to keep us entertained. The fashions of the field were fun to watch.



6. Free days – On the days we had free there was plenty to do in the area. Saturday someone (who will remain nameless) suggested a



drive to Huskisson for fish and chips in the park by the ocean 40 kms away. Eleven cars headed off but as we approached Huskisson the traffic slowed, there was no parking and the streets were gridlocked. It was the annual running



marathon with reportedly 5,000 in attendance. Some returned to camp, some got lost and six cars accidentally found their way to St George's Basin where a local man directed them to a delightful café right on the water where we all enjoyed a variety of lunches, some even having fish and chips! What was tense for a while turned out to be a very happy afternoon. Phew! Other excursions went to the Buddhist Nan Tien temple near Wollongong, Kangaroo Valley, Fitzroy Falls, Shoalhaven Heads, Culburra beach and Nowra.



CONCLUSION – please can we go to Berry again? There was so much to do in the area, we hardly scratched the surface. Congratulations to our great committee. This rally was so well organised. Everyone appeared relaxed and happy. Our visitors at various times enjoyed our company and who knows, we might have some new members.

Chris & John Knight

The Insull Cup

This is a very important event in honour of one of our past members who made the horses. The auctioneer was the distinguished birthday boy Allan who did an amazing job keeping everything flowing smoothly and some of the stable hands under control who were using some interesting techniques to get the buyers in.

Insull Cup auction winners

1. Will - Chewing Gum
2. Sandra - Kick-a-tin-along
3. Janis - Hoof Hearted
4. Lidia - Wheel - a- Barra - Back
5. Wes - Missing the Start
6. Des - Stick a hoof out



The Cup was an exciting affair with lots of jostling at the start, whips were drawn as they came into the straight with the long odds slow starter Kick- A- Tin - Along ridden by Sandra bolted in to the finish to great applause.

1st Sandra



2nd Will

3rd Wes

Many of the minor races saw many out classed in 3 of the races by jockey Leonie.

Many laughs and shenanigans but all of us had a great time.



20th Anniversary

Plans for the 20th Anniversary celebration are underway. The venue will be the Royal Hotel in Wyong. A two course meal and a celebration cake for dessert.

The date is to be confirmed but sometime in June next year.

Camps you might enjoy:

Robertson Bowling Club NSW



There is a great free camp just behind the Main Street in Robertson NSW in the carpark next to the bowling club and it is in close proximity to the hotel as well. The food at the club is excellent. There are no public toilets but some are available only 300m away next to reserve. It is an easy walk to the shops, 20 minutes from Moss Vale and another 15 to Bowral. It is a terrific stop for anyone visiting the Southern Highlands with a visit to the Famous Robertson pie shop a must before travelling down Macquarie Pass to the coast .



Jill and Pam

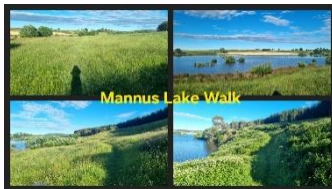
Warri Rest Area NSW



Warri rest area camping ground is a free camp just outside Braidwood on the Shoalhaven River. There is a great sandy area that would be ideal for a swim if it was warmer. There are clean toilets and ample bins. There are some people that look like they have been here a long time so obviously the 72hr camping limited is not policed but they seem to keep to themselves and there is plenty of room. Even though close to the road there was little noise after 10pm. We left a lock on tow ball as a deterrent while we visited the small town of Braidwood and explored the area. (There is a dump point here if you need it as none at the camp area.)



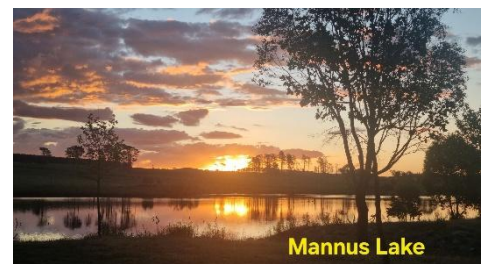
Mannus Lake Camping NSW



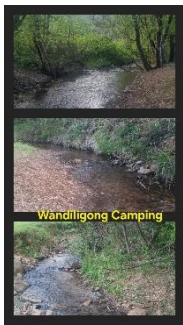
This camp is near the town of Tumbarumba and although the road in is dirt it is an easy drive in.

Mannus Lake a magnificent spot. It is a free camp on the edge of the lake. The wind was blowing a gale when we arrived so we set up

away from the water which meant no awning out. We used the car for protection but were lucky enough to have the wind die down and we could enjoy this beautiful area. The toilets are immaculate, great of fishing, there are walking tracks, drive tracks and the small town of Tumbarumba, Rosewood near the Pioneer Women's Hut a great tourist attraction. The sunsets across the water brought a pure serenity to the end of the day.



Wandiligong Camping Vic



Wandiligong which is just outside Bright Vic. Here we decided to stay outside of Bright as it was the cheapest powered site, we could find at \$45 pn.

There were no low cost or showground in the area. This a large open area surrounded by a lovely creek, fire pits, laundry, clean toilets and lovely care takers. Unfortunately, there is minimal internet service as the campground is nestled in between two mountains. This camp area is close enough to explore Mt Buffalo with all its beauty.

Don McKenzie Reserve Lurg Vic



This is a large open area in a very country setting about 15min from Benalla Vic. This is a lovely donation camp \$10 pn around the old Lurg school house. There is no dump point but there is a small camp kitchen, flushing toilets and hot showers. Great facilities for a very low cost with the wet area of Winton near by and shopping and sites in the town of Benalla.

Newstead Racecourse and Reserve Vic.



This is another low cost camp at \$10pn. There are firepits, hot showers, toilets, dump point, potable water and undercover BBQ's. It is a large open flat area with lots of space for many vans. There are the towns of Maldon and Castlemaine and if there on the right day you should do the steam train. It is amazing. Some great history around this area and spectacular lookout not far away.



Green Hill Lake Reserve Vic



Is just outside Ararat. This has toilets hot showers for \$2, fire pits and occupies a huge open area right on the lake and is \$5 donation a night. Thow a line in if you are a fisherman or go for long walks around the lake. The town of Ararat has some great attractions and next time we will ensure we can do all of them. Did really love the J Ward tour. There is so much history.

Gaianne and Jimmy



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		<i>Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners TRIP SHEETS 2025</i>		
DATES	DESTINATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	CONTACT	PARK
14th December	<i>Christmas lunch at the Doylo</i>	Brennan S, Brill C/H, Collins M/L, Cooper D/Kinnell V, Cornwell J, Crimmins R/M, Curtis D/M, Davidson P, Delaney M/N, Holmes L, Howard A/B, Insull B, Jeffs K/S, Jenkins N/L, Kane C, Kirk W/B, Knight J/C, Lee-Sing W/S, Maranik A/D, Marsland P/E, Merrett J/ Wright P, Newall G/M, Palmer I/ Evernden F, Ranse C, Rogers R/R, Rohwer P/P, Ryan R/J, Schultz A/B, Sherwood R/C, Strachan N/K, Treacy J/ Wenning R, Wells J/J 57 people	CLUB ORGANISED	Doyalson RSL (Doylo) arrive noon for 12.30pm lunch
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5 – 15 Feb 2026	Lakeside Forster	Barnes D, Brennan S, Cornwell J, Delaney N/M, Eadie H/M, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser T/A, Holmes L, Insull B, Kane P/C, Kirk W/B, Lee-Sing W/S, Lindsay A/F, Marsland P/E, Matts J/J, McConville B/D, Newall G/M, Rogers R/R, Ryan R/J, Schultz A/B, Sherwood R/C, Strachan N/K 22	Coral & Peter Kane	Lakeside Forster Big 4 02 6555 5511
3-10 Mar 2026	<i>Bonny Hills Ingenia</i>	Barnes D, Brennan S, Baird C/Bickley C, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Lee-Sing W/S, Kirk W/B, Insull B, Matts J/J, Merrett J/ Wright P, Moore/Dick T/M, Newall G/M, Ranse C, Shoobert B, Smyth J/H, Treacy/Wenning J/R, 17	CLUB ORGANISED	<i>Bonny Hills Ingenia</i> 02 6585 5655 <i>TLC Booking No. 74115</i>

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23 Mar – 5 Apr 2026	Hartwood Festival	Newall J/M, Rogers R/R, Ryan R/J, Sherwood R/C 4		Book online Hartwood Festival 2026 0456 780 824 Em: info@hartwoodfestival.com.au
28th Apr – 5th May 2026	Harrington Big 4	Barnes D, Insull B, Latham B/D, Matts J/J, Moore T/ Dick M, Strachan N/K, Treacy J / Wenning R 7	Janis Treacy 0411 288 815	Harrington Big 4 Colonial Holiday Park 1800 931 822
<i>July week including 25th July</i>	<i>Xmas in July</i>		CLUB ORGANISED	
Last week Sept to Mid October	Proposed Darling River Run	Baird C/ Bickley C, Barnes D, Collins M/L, Cornwell J, Davidson P, Dick M/ Moore T, Lee-Sing W/S, Merrett J/Wright P, Ranse C, Wilcox G/Richardson/J 17	Diane Barnes 0427 032 918	Walgett to Wentworth Approx. 14 days