



Dingley Village Men's Shed

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JUNE NEWSLETTER

What a great month we have had at the shed. Visit to Point Cook, steam traction day, park activities, new members and best of all a great donation from our most gracious supporter - Bendigo Bank.
Please enjoy reading and recapping on what has been happening at our shed.

Visit to the R.A.A.F Museum, Point Cook



Thanks to
Geoff for this
article &
photos

Thursday, 7th June 2016 saw around fifty "Shedders" climb aboard the bus for the journey to Point Cook. The day was dark and gloomy and did not look good for our visit. The route was a little unusual and we lost count of the number of roundabouts, but our driver obviously had a few trade tricks up his sleeve as we negotiate the peak hour traffic and arrived ahead of schedule.

On arriving at the museum we were greeted, in the entrance foyer, by our guides and after a brief introduction we were split into smaller groups before moving out into the display areas. The Museum is located in a number of aircraft hangers on the RAAF Base. Point Cook, which is part of the active military base RAAF Williams, (comprised of Laverton and Point Cook air bases). Point Cook is considered to be the birth place of the Australian Flying Corp and the Royal Australian Air Force and is the second oldest military airfield in the world. This makes it the perfect location for the RAAF Museum.



Our tour was confined to the three main hangers which are open the public. The other hangers contain administration, workshops, restoration areas, paint shops etc., The first two hangers visited contained a selection of aircraft ranging from the wire and rag days through to the supersonic Mirage III. All the aircraft have been loving restored by the team of enthusiastic volunteers. The upper level of these hangers displayed memorabilia from the major areas of conflict in which the RAAF have been involved. Our guides were a wealth of information and were able to answer all our questions. The third hanger displayed a range of aircraft from the years of Australian military aviation and included the Government Aircraft Factories Pika and Jindivik and a Commonwealth Aircraft Factory Boomerang. At the conclusion of the tour a small group gathered for a photograph in front of the recently installed Supermarine Spitfire which is mounted on a pedestal at the entrance of the complex.

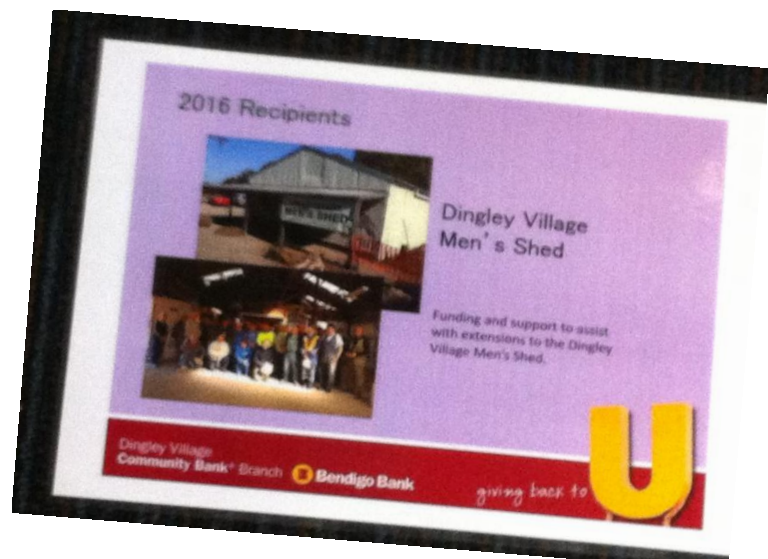


From Point Cook the bus wound its way through the back streets, and after many more roundabouts, finally arrived in Altona at the Hobson's Bay Men's Shed for our lunch stop. The building is very impressive and was originally occupied by the EPA. However, it had been unoccupied for a number of years when the Men's Shed approached the council and, after a considerable negotiation period, was granted use of the building. A number of other Men's Sheds in the area were amalgamated to form the Hobson's Bay Men's Shed, which now has a membership of around 250 members. After signing in we were treated to an excellent BBQ lunch, by the members, followed by a tour of the facilities covering the administration area, kitchen, main workshop, computer room and garage. All in all a great set up, with some ideas that we can incorporate at our shed. After a group photograph, in front of the bus, and with weather threatening to spoil our day we bid our farewells to our hosts and headed for Dingley. The weather holding off until we were on the road.



Our thanks to the RAAF Museum Staff, the Hobson's Bay Members, our driver and especially Kel Burgess for organising another great day.

THANK YOU BENDIGO BANK



President Ken Brown receiving a cheque.

Our shed extension fund raising was given a great kick start with this very generous donation from Dingley Bendigo Bank. When we started planning for the shed, Bendigo Bank were one of the first to step forward and help with our funding. Little did we know then that in just a few short years the success of this Men's Shed would cause a problem and put a need to expand our club meeting room facility. Thank you Bendigo Bank for continuing your fantastic community support to us and the many other local recipients.

Metalworking Group DVMS

This group comprises of Boilermakers, Toolmakers, a Plummer, an Electrician, and an Engineer. They have the skills to teach and help members in their projects.

Here are just a few items that these groups have made in our shed.



The two David's have made out of items found in the shed, a can crusher. As members drink from cans we can now crush them and sell to fund our shed. Please bring your cans and crush.

Another item on loan to our shed is a sheet metal hand operated wheel that will cut up to 1.6 sheet steel, in shapes or straight. Here is Bill showing John how to use it for cutting straight.



Another item made by our members is a small metal bender. This will bend up to 1.6 steel x 400 wide or can fold box shape. Here is one of the members, John a retired banker now a metal worker trained by our shed. If you would like to learn these skills, place your name on the notice board, metal working and your interest to learn.



For members who have trade training in using metal equipment and wish to be authorized to use this equipment in our shed. Please put your name on the notice board requesting equipment for authorizing and with a small test so we are all singing from the same sheet, this can be arranged.

Our shed has most members now authorized to use our machinery, and is one of the best-organized sheds for training members.

In the next few months there will be opportunities for members to be trained in uses of drill presses, hand drills, bench and hand grinders, welding equipment, and how to sharpen drill bits. Each subject will be four hours at a time to suite you. Please place you name and subject on the notice board.

Thanks to Bill King for this article



Thursday 9th June 2016

(note date change)

MORNINGTON PENINSULA BREWERY & BARN TOUR.

*Meet at Dingley Village Community Centre at 12.30pm.

Travel to Bittern, to visit Ian Barton's barn, (we have been here before, some new stuff to see), maybe coffee and cake, then on to "Mornington Peninsula Brewery" for tour, tastings, afterwards a pot and wood-fired pizza.

*Brewery opens at 3.00pm, arrive approx. 3.30pm, home approx. 6.00pm

*Cost total \$ 30.00 per person.

We need to travel in our own cars, so we will "buddy up" on cars, on the day, costs TBD.

*This info will be on the DVMS notice board at the shed from Monday.

*Please place your name on DVMS notice board list, to enable no's to be established.

Any further details required, do not hesitate to contact.

A LOVE STORY

For several years, a man was having an affair with an Italian woman.

One night, she confided in him that she was pregnant.

Not wanting to ruin his reputation or his marriage, he said he would pay her a large sum of money if she would go to Italy to secretly have the child. Furthermore, if she stayed in Italy to raise the child, he would also provide child support until the child turned 18.

She agreed, but asked how he would know when the baby was born. To keep it discreet, he told her to simply mail him a postcard, and write "Spaghetti" on the back. He would then arrange for the child support payments to begin.

One day, about 9 months later, he came home to his confused wife.

'Honey, she said, 'you received a very strange post card today.'

'Oh, just give it to me and I'll explain it later,' he said.

The wife obeyed and watched as her husband read the card, turned white, and sat down.

On the card was written:

Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti
Two with meatballs, and one without.
Extra sauce needed.

Thanks to George French for this item

DVMS Visit - Shrine of Remembrance

Thursday, July 7th July 2016



We have arranged a visit to the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance. The plan is to meet at:

The Neighbourhood Centre at 8:45 am,
and from there make our way to the Mordialloc Railway Station for the train journey into the City, then making our way to the Shrine.

Visit the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne's most iconic landmark, where Victorians have been coming since 1934 to honour the service and sacrifice of Australian men and women in war and peacekeeping.

At 10:30 am we will participate in a Remembrance Ceremony featuring the Ray of Light re-enactment followed by:

11:am - Shrine of Remembrance Highlights Tour

This tour describes the key internal and external features of the Shrine and the Shrine Reserve including the Crypt and Forecourt, exploring the reasons why, how and for whom the memorial was built. The symbolism of many aspects of the building will be interpreted to reveal an architectural marvel just as relevant today as it was in its inaugural year in 1934. This tour provides a basic orientation in the Galleries of Remembrance in the undercoat of the Shrine for you to view the artefacts on display at your leisure.

At the conclusion of this tour we will break for lunch at one of the local restaurants before returning for the second tour

2:00:pm - Galleries of Remembrance Highlights Tour

With a focus on the historical artefacts and stories told through these objects in the Galleries, you will hear of the experiences of those involved in military conflict and peacekeeping efforts. This includes stories of various individuals who enlisted, the groups that rallied to support the troops or the families who followed their loved one's journeys hoping for the best. You will see rare objects, including the *Devanha* lifeboat, that have come to embody these characters, places and events. This tour provides a basic orientation to the Shrine of Remembrance architectural features for you to view independently.

At the conclusion of this tour we will make our way back to Flinders Station for the return journey to Dingley Village.

We aim to be back at the **Neighbourhood Centre around 17:00**

Notes:

Those wishing to make their own way to the Shrine should be at the Visitors Centre by 10:15 am.

Those travelling by train will need a valid MYKY Card with sufficient credit to cover the cost of the journey.

The Shrine is a not for-profit organisation and a "Gold Coin" donation, for each tour, would be appreciated.

Thanks to Geoff & Kel for this article.

Once upon a time, there were two Chinese people now look how many there are.



METAL WORKS

"We are going to run a welding class for any members who wish to learn the basics of welding."

What an opportunity! This was a chance to learn how to weld from experts.

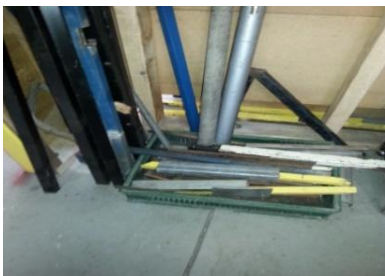
I'd had an arc welder for about 30 years which had seen little use; mainly because my welding skills and knowledge were very minimal.

About the only thing I knew about welding was which lead was positive and which one negative.

However, I very soon learnt my welding was classified somewhere below (well below) cocky s--t.

However, thanks to the mentoring (& perseverance) of Bill King, Ron & Bob Prestt my abilities improved a little and one day Bill said " I've got a job for you"!

And that was to make a trolley for our little mig welder. No further instruction, no plan,.....



The beginning some lengths of square tube A pile of metal bits.



Progress... it actually looks like what it should be !!



The finished article.

I am happy to say my ability is improving all the time thanks to Bill, Ron & Bob and other skilled people with years of experience and a lifetime of knowledge who are willing to assist people like me learn new skills, and to expand one's ability and confidence.

If the opportunity arises grab it with both hands and you might discover the expertise you did not know you possessed.

Thanks to David Smith for this article

Melbourne Steam Traction Engine Club - Scoresby



Robert proudly displays his little Austin car along with many others while Ted takes a well earned rest and a cup of tea.





My doctor says to drink lots when doing sports!

And you must always follow the doctor's advice.

Braeside Park stable project



The Stable building is taking shape, the frame is completed and stained, the roof is also completed. Norm is restoring one of the original feed boxes.



John Bach has completed the short course to be authorized to use and work on the metal working lathe. John has had years experience with these types of machines, and was given verbal questions on safety, use of accessories and then practical use. These he completed to the satisfaction of the shed authorizing officer.



The display panels that illustrate the history of **Karkarook Park** in Moorabbin have been restored by the team of workers from our Men's Shed and what a great job they have done. If you have not yet visited this park, make the effort and take a walk around the lake and the other many features this park has to offer. This display area is quite unique and when fully restored with the new roof cover it will again be an asset to the park.



This is the before photo with some of the panels mounted on the screens, which were damaged and pretty rough.



This photo shows after the screens and rubbish was removed and how it cleared the area up.



The final photo shows the panels cleaned up and mounted on secure posts. The structure is now ready to have the roof removed and a new covering fitted.

Thanks to Robert O'Brien for this article

The members of the Dingley Village Men's Shed again wish to express their appreciation to our wonderful local sponsors and generous donors.

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