



DINGLEY VILLAGE MEN'S SHED NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2014

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

December 13th - Saturday, Bunnings Community Day - more info on page 2.

Monday December 22 - is the last activity day at the sheds before Christmas with a lunch provided for all

Friday, January 2, 2015 - the Shed's will re-open for business

Wednesday, February 11th
AGM of members at the Shed at 6pm.

Thursday, December 11, 2014
A visit to the Australian Synchrotron
At 800 Blackburn Rd Clayton.
See details on page 8

October 17 to 20 - 2015
Australian Men's Shed Association
6th National Conference
in Newcastle.

We had several new members sign up in November so please introduce yourself to them and make them feel very welcome.

HAVE WE LOST YOU?

Please keep your email address and telephone contact details up to date.
Check the photo board and report any errors so they can be corrected.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Your annual membership fee of \$25 will be due on 1st of January, 2015 and payment must be received no later than the end of February.

Members can pay their membership by direct deposit to:

Bendigo Bank

BSB 633000 Account # 147806988

Account name: Dingley Village Men's Shed

Reference: please use first and surname.

Official Opening of our Shed

This is to be held early next year and the actual date will be decided at the next meeting.

Parks Victoria have indicated they would like to be involved in the opening and may have some funds available.

Our Bird Traps are generating a lot of community interest.

Equipment:

The car hoist has become a priority, with requests from several members.

Some from Editor Mike:

Please send submissions in Microsoft WORD with NO fancy layout or formatting, just plain simple [boring] text so I can easily 'knock it about' to fit in MS Publisher.

Send photos in JPEG format and less than 1Mb in size - more like 100Kb or so.



Vaughan Gibson has volunteered to manage use of the Hoist.

Discussion took place about process for purchase of major equipment with the following criteria agreed upon:

Safety equipment:

We must meet Australian Standards requirement Of all major equipment purchases.

What is the probable use?

How many members will utilize the equipment?

Car Hoist:

So far approx 8 members have indicated they will use the hoist, and one member has volunteered to donate funds towards it. The Hoist can also be used by other activity groups and non-automotive projects.

Previous quotes range between \$2,500 to \$3,000. It was agreed to purchase the Hoist and we will put in a Veterans Grant application.

Annual General Meeting of members:

Wednesday, February the 11th, 2015 - 6 pm at the Shed.

All positions on the committee are open and any nominations are to be submitted to Graham Kilby ASAP.

Do your bit and help to make 2015 another successful & interesting year.

LET'S HAVE SO MANY NOMINATIONS THAT WE NEED TO HOLD AN ELECTION.

NEWS FROM OTHER SHEDS:

Let us all know if you have made a visit to another shed be it local, country or interstate. Make sure you steal some good ideas from them and invite them to drop in and visit DVMS and please write a report for the Newsletter.

NOT SO SICK LIST:

Frank Smith - great to see Frank back at the shed, looking as good as new!

Bill King - Bill is back to the sheds, still not 100% but he is well on the mend.

[Bill is back to his old self as when I attended last Friday he wanted to know where I'd been and gave me a job to get on with!! **Ed**]

Martin Hollaardt - is enjoying a new car purchase and getting back on his bike.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE:

I have included some humour found on the Web in this issue on page 9.

NEW ACTIVITIES:

The Art Painting group is meeting on Monday arvos - contact Ken Brown for details.

Let Graham Kilby know if you would like to learn more skills and what your areas of interest are.

BUNNING'S COMMUNITY DAY:

I am re-running this article as we have not had any feed-back as yet. **Ed**

We have received the following email from the Company:



Bunnings are hosting another fun event this year for the Community and I would love for you to be involved!!

The details for the event are:

Saturday 13th of December - 10am till 2pm

Theme: "Christmas Carnovale"

This event will be widely supported by our Marketing Department and will be advertised on Radio, newspaper and of course our usual channels of in-store flyer, mail outs etc.

*We will also have a celebrity here for the duration of the event... although I have not confirmed who at this stage!! [Any volunteers? **Ed**.]*

I am really looking for fun and engaging activities from groups that would like to be involved in the day. I am happy to provide anything that you might need to run the events to minimise the cost to you... I addition I would like to recognise each group with a \$100 gift voucher for their time and to say thanks for your participation.

The activity you run does not need to be fancy. I am happy for you to showcase an activity that your group does regularly and you can use this as an opportunity to advertise your group and perhaps recruit new members!!

If you are involved in a sporting, dancing, acting or any kind of entertainment group then I would love you to provide some entertainment on the day. We can certainly discuss in further detail individually what you would like to provide for the event. My whole role with Bunnings depends heavily on Community involvement and greatly appreciate any support that you are able to provide on the day to help me to make it a great success and a totally FREE Family event for the local Community!!!

I look forward to your reply.

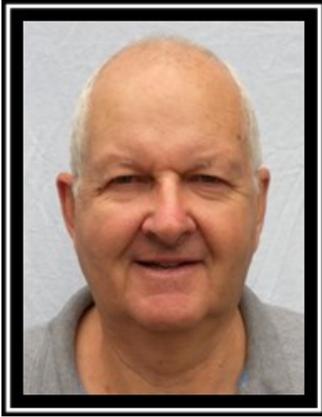
Kind Regards,

Catriona Noble, Activities Organiser.

Bunnings Keysborough.

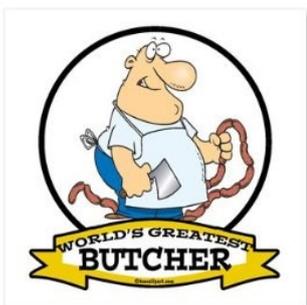
CONTACT Graham about this event please.

THREE MINUTES OF FAME



Ron Wood

Ron was born in 1943 in Bentleigh at a very young age and immediately formed a strong bond with his mother. He has two younger brothers and they were all raised in McKinnon. He attended Gardenvale State School and then went on to Brighton Tech. Ron left school at 15 and became an apprentice butcher to his uncle as butchering was a family trade on his mother's side. Ron bought his first shop in McKinnon before he turned twenty. He married Beverlie in 1965 and moved into a brand new home in Cheltenham where he still resides today - his next door neighbour in the late 60's was a teenaged Graham Kilby and his parents! His marriage to Beverlie ended in 1985 and he became a single dad to two teenage children, Trevor and Jennifer. He sold his butcher shop and went on his first cruise where he met Lyn (must have been the Love Boat? **GK**) and they were married 12 months later. Having sold the shop he then took on truck-driving delivering paper for his brother's wholesale paper business. He had to give up work about eight years ago due to a back injury. Ron's interests are his garden, his car (that gets washed nearly every time it is used), grandparent duties to their two grandchildren and Freemasonry. And the Men's Shed now fills in time nicely while he and Lyn plan their next holiday cruise.



LIST OF INSTRUCTORS

Wood Working Machines and equipment

Ray Hastings
Graham Kilby
Norm Nicol
Keith McAsey-Taggart
Kevin O'Reilly
Graeme Chalmers

Metal Working - All Machines and equipment

Bruce Simons
Martin Hollaardt
John Legge
Robert O'Brien
Bill King
Manny Francis
Bob Prestt
Ron Prestt

Bicycle Safety and operations & All Automotive operations

Vaughan Gibson

All OHS

Robert Van Der Linde
Keith McAsey-Taggart

Log Splitter

Bruce Simons



A restored and French polished rocking chair and stool.

Remembrance Day



A dozen or so members attended the Remembrance Day service at Marcus Rd and our club laid a wreath.



BOOK REVIEW

AA BOOK of the CAR -- I have long been looking for a book explaining what makes a car tick for a grand-son and I found this book at Ian and Judy Barton's barn on our visit in October. After tracking it down on the web I bought two copies, one for myself and one for the lad. Both books are in as-new condition even having un-damaged dust-covers and I paid \$13 & \$14 inc postage from the UK! They were printed in 1985 but other than computer control of most things in a car these days the book's content is still valid.

ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS.

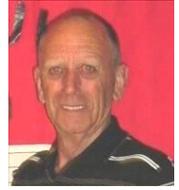
PENNINSULA JAZZ CLUB

Contact Ken Brown.

Great Jazz music at the Patterson Lakes Community Centre, Thompson Road, Melways Ref 97 H6.

Opposite the shopping centre.

NYE December 31 "The Moonie Valley Hot Six"
7:30pm to 12:30am.



SWING DANCE - Contact Mike McKeon.
Swing Dance at the Mentone RSL on the first Sunday of each month --

Band: "LET'S DANCE Big Band"

with Vocalists Anna Struth and Daniel Hedger.

Date: December 7, 2014

Function: Swing Dance

Time: Band plays from 1:00 to 4pm.

Venue: MENTONE RSL.

Address: 9 Palermo St, Mentone.

Melways: 69 - C 12.

Music only Admission: \$15 or \$12 for Mentone RSL members.

Meals from \$15 are available from 12 to 2pm and must be pre-booked on 9583 2841.

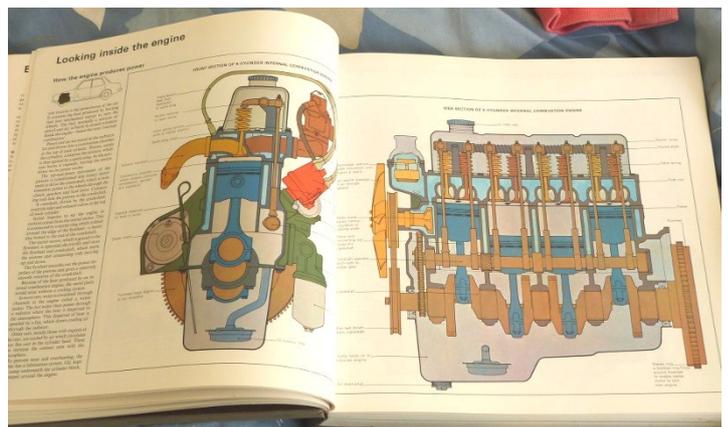
Inquiries: Club Tel No: 9583 2841 or Mike at 9551 7363.



In addition to explaining how an engine works there are sections on gear boxes, transmission, electrics, suspension and panel repair. There is an extensive section on fault finding, driving, parking techniques - it is all in this amazing book. It is the best bargain I've ever found!

Highly recommended.

Mike McKeon



Just one of the hundreds of excellent illustrations.

**We had 2 interesting day outings in November.
Here is a collection of photos from the Mornington Railway
and the Antique Motor Cycle visits.
Photos by Geoff Colquhoun and Robert Van Der Linde.**



Another great days outing was had by 14 members with a guided tour over the workshop and rail area topped off with a train ride in first class carriages, to Mornington.





Our host Johnny Gee in the black shirt.



Is Graeme seriously considering swapping his U'bute bicycle for this Velocette?

Thanks to Tony Coyle for the following item:-
Would You Buy a Bamboo Bicycle?

A bamboo bicycle is a bicycle with a frame made out of bamboo. Custom built and manufactured bamboo bikes have become something of a trend, with producers in the United States, Latin America, Asia, Africa and Australia. The benefits of bamboo over steel, aluminium and carbon fibre frames are numerous. Bamboo has amazing vibration dampening for a comfortable ride and a great natural look. It is also stronger than steel and has a significantly lower carbon footprint. You can grow it in your back yard. As a result, bamboo has been made into road bicycles, mountain bikes and racing bicycles. Different methods exist to treat the bamboo poles and make them durable. One company smokes and heat-treats the bamboo. Others use a torch to achieve the same effect. Ovens can also be used. To prevent water-damage the bamboo can be coated with a sealant such as polyurethane. The bamboo poles can be joined in different ways. The earliest models used metal joints which were then tightened around the bamboo.



Another approach is to wrap the joints with resin saturated fibres to make composite lugs around the bamboo frame members. Bamboo bicycles have been around for a long time – the first was showcased in 1894. The first bicycles recorded, known variously as velocipedes, dandy horses, or hobby horses, were constructed from wood, starting in 1817. Officially bamboo is a grass which sometimes can grow more than a foot (0.3 meters) per day. Bamboo is extensively used worldwide with unlimited application. Seeds and young shoots are used for food and the leaves make excellent fodder for livestock. The jointed stems are used in varying sizes for pipes, furniture, household utensils and many other products. Strong species are used for building rafts, bridges, and houses. Bamboo textiles are cloth, yarn, and clothing made out of bamboo fibres. Most of the bamboo used to make bamboo fibre and bamboo clothing is grown in China. Fabric made from bamboo is extraordinarily soft and floaty, and has the ability to absorb sweat, ensuring you feel cool even under extreme circumstances. You can do your part for the environment by wearing bamboo clothing and riding a bamboo bicycle!?



Morning tea in the almost ready small shed.



The Australian Synchrotron.

Is there any interest in visiting this scientific research centre?

David Madhill sent us this info -- The two-hour event will explain in an easy-to-understand presentation how the Synchrotron provides x-ray crystallography techniques for Australian industrial and scientific researchers to help improve all of our lives. It will also offer a viewing of the synchrotron machine and beamlines where the scientists bring the technique to life.

Please put your name down on the sheet in the Shed if interested.

Address: 800 Blackburn Rd [Cnr of Wellington & Blackburn], North Clayton.

Date: December 11, 2014

Times: There are 2 sessions available 10am to 12 and 2 to 4pm.

This is a free event but bookings are essential.

<http://www.synchrotron.org.au/>



Astronaut Ken all kitted up to launch into space.
The good ship 'Cherry Picker'.
Our sheds as seen from outer space.
Some of our cyclists setting off to circumnavigate the Park.



Thanks to John Prestt for the following humour:-

A police officer pulls over a speeding car.

The officer says, "I clocked you at 120 km/h, sir."

The driver says, "Crikey, officer I had it on cruise control at 100, perhaps your radar gun needs recalibrating."

Not looking up from her knitting the driver's wife says: "Now don't be silly dear, you know that this car doesn't have cruise control!"

As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, "Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once?"

The wife smiles demurely and says, "You should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did." As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth, "please woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?"

The officer frowns and says, "And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic \$75 fine."

The driver says, "Yeah, well, you see officer, I had it on, but took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket."

The wife says, "Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving."

And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket the driver turns to his wife and angrily barks, "WHY DON'T YOU SHUT THE HELL UP?"

The officer looks over at the woman and asks, "Does your husband always talk to you this way, Ma'am?" The wife replies, "No officer, only when he's drunk!"

And another one --

A true story from the pages of the Manchester Evening Times --

Last Wednesday a passenger in a taxi heading for Salford Station leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver said "are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylights out of me." The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly."

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years."

And from Graham -- a quote from the Australian Men's Shed Association:

"Men's Sheds are not just fixing furniture and building toys; they are fixing men and building communities".

'Viagra' is now available in tea bags.

It doesn't enhance your sexual performance but it does stop your biscuit going soft.

