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DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

A while ago I didn't think summer was ever going to arrive but it certainly has. Now to get over the Christmas and new year celebrations. Can you believe that it is twenty years since all the debacle of the Y2K was upon us.

What's been happening

November 11th is always a very important day of remembrance, not just because Ned Kelly was hung or that Gough Whitlam was kicked out, but to remember all of the lives lost during various wars.



On Remembrance Day (formally Armistice Day) 2019 a commemoration was held at the Dingley Cenotaph in Marcus Road where a respectable crowd gathered in warm sunshine and a light breeze to honour our fallen from all past conflicts.

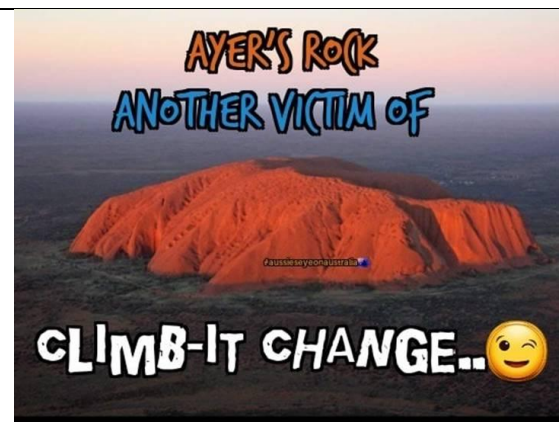
A solemn occasion saw attendees of all ages gather to pay their respects to those who gave their lives so that we might live in a free democracy. Although a wide variety of organisations were present it was generally agreed that our Dingley Village Men's Shed was amongst the most numerous.

Not only did one of our number, Kevin Thomas, deliver the Remembrance Day Address but our President John Bach and Past President Ken Brown laid a wreath on our behalf.

It was a brief but moving ceremony as befits the never forgotten legacy we owe to those brave men and women who paid the ultimate price for us in the service of their country.

All who attended were grateful for the opportunity to show their respect and will do it all again at the same time next year. So, if remembering is an issue put the date in your diary now.

Thanks to Geoff Hergt for this article & photos.



STORY OF MY LIFE -

"I KNEW BETTER BUT DID IT ANYWAY."



What do you know about the war memorial that takes pride of place outside the Dingley Village Centre and what is the reason for the longer spear?

The following details were provided by the sculptor, **Ben Fasham** who lives in Dingley and whose family aluminium fabrication business is located in Westall Rd.

"I have qualifications in carpentry, building and construction. I am an experienced sculpture fabricator and have been involved in the construction and installation of many of Victoria's prominent and well-known large outdoor sculptures. I have collaborated with many of Australia's finest and most respected sculptors in developing sculpture concepts and spend a lot of time in developing solutions relating to the removal and renovation of historical sculpture. I have recently begun to explore my own sculpture practice and my work has been selected for major exhibitions .

I propose to fabricate a sculpture from stainless steel and may also include Bronze. The sculptural elements will reflect the symbolism of the ANZAC spirit. Our soldiers fought under the symbol of the rising sun in the eternal hope that Australia would remain a free country where their families could live in peace. This will be reflected in my artwork by the spear pointing forward for the eternal hope, the half circle being symbolic of the rising sun.

I am excited by your concept of installing a symbolic piece of art as a focal point for the local ANZAC Commemoration Service. I applaud the concept of uniting the school children and citizens of Dingley Village to honour the sacrifice of our ex service men and women and to perpetuate the memory of their sacrifice. Following my expression of interest I was shortlisted as one of two. This required me to fabricate a marquette and attend an interview with my idea in March 2011. I was shortly notified afterward as being successful and then the process started. I have a website www.benfasham.com, on which you will find my resume and other information."

'Cup Day BBQ'

Another great social event held at the shed with the added attraction of some sporting events to bring the day together as these photos show.



Taking on the club champion.



Knocking over big blocks of wood with little blocks of wood - it has a name??



Reliving old abilities on the pool table



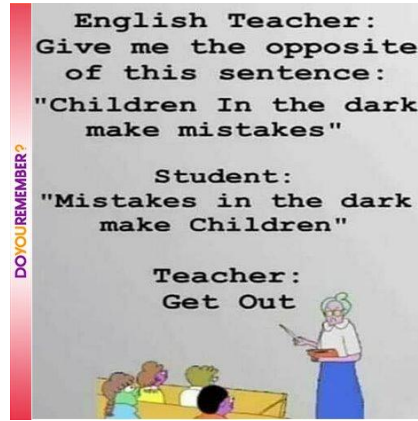
High finance at the sweep desk.

Leslie and Graeme Chalmers once again proved that the more tickets you buy in the sweep, the more winners you get - well done and congratulations to the winners of the six sweeps and to the winners of the various games events.

Thanks to Geoff Hergt for these photos.

Church Notice

It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that he will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, & talk to him. If you would like to see him, send him a text while driving.



QUESTION:

What is one of the quietest activities in the shed, was one of the very first groups formed well prior to our Braeside Park establishment and the activity that returns a constant feed of revenue to the shed and brings enjoyment to everyone that participates.

ANSWER:

The Wednesday bike group.
 Lets express a note of appreciation to Vaughan and all the bike team for the great work and output that they achieve in repairing and restoring the many bikes that they encounter.

What's new to play with?



Thanks to Geoff Calquhoun for this article.

You may have noticed that we now have an aircraft simulator setup in the Computer Area, on the portable TV stand. Our thanks to one of our newer members, Les Hayes, who has kindly donated his copies of the Microsoft FSX Software with the associated hardware comprising Saitek Control Wheel, Throttle Pedestal, Trim Wheel, Rudder Pedals and Switch Panel. The attach picture has Les checking out our set up. Thanks also, to Geoff Colquhoun, David Smith and Norm Nicol who helped modify the portable TV assembly to accommodate all this new equipment. This stand can now be used as a Portable TV, Aircraft Simulator or a Radio Control Model Simulator. If you would like to try your hand at the controls of an aircraft or flying a radio control model, see one of the guys in the computer area."



Day At The Museum

Golf report

Golf Day results from our final golf day of 2019

Pairs Winners – Derek Johnson & John Bailey - \$20.00

Bunnings Voucher each

NTP Winner - Jack DeZoete 3 Golf Balls

Least putts - David Hobby 3 Golf Balls

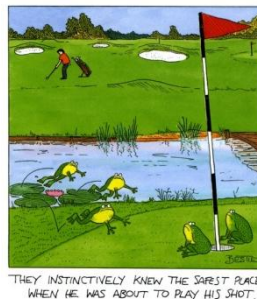
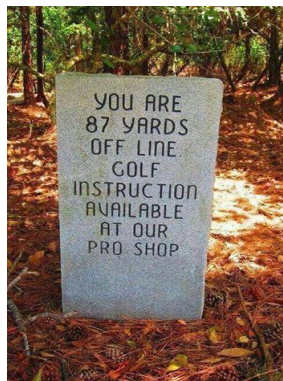
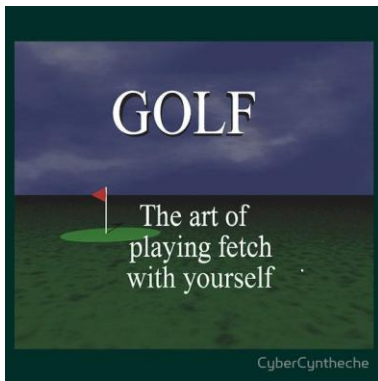
Narga Winner - Vaughn Gibson 3 Golf Balls

Spring Park Voucher winners – Daryl Sullivan & John Newman

DVMS GOLFER OF THE YEAR & TROPHY WINNER FOR the 2019 comp - JOHN HALLAM



Thanks to Steve Hudson for these photos.



Continuing with the theme of the Tuesday camera group this month's feature groups are the bike repairers and the metal workers. See David Ellis if you want your own copy of these photos.



Birthday wishes to:

Member #	First Name	Last Name	Day
88	John	Bach	2
91	Derek	Johnson	4
263	Greg	Dack	5
72	Ern	Hutchings	6
89	Brian	Delaney	9
167	Gerard	Marion	9
273	Kevin	Walsh	10
158	John	Walters	12
98	Nick	Oklobdzija	13
82	Noel	Jarrett	17
286	John	Bailey	17
220	Ian	Jacobsen	19
270	Jim	Mitchell	23
33	John	Spragg	24
290	Mervyn	Head	26
34	Gary	Bolton	27



Who's on the sick list?

	<p style="text-align: right;">Noel Jarrett Member 82</p> <p>We regret to inform all shed members of the death of Noel. He was visiting friends and family in Dublin, Ireland and had been in hospital for some time. Our condolences are extended to his family.</p>
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Snow is still in hospital at Frankston and has been in isolation, we wish him well. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery are also extended to Ken Brown.

Best wishes are also sent to Ted Jenkins who is having a knee replacement.

Going, going, gone.

Have you noticed that the excess quantity of DVMS chairs no longer take the prominent position of being stored at our front entry. They have been donated to the Uniting Church Mission Liaison Group in Chapel Rd Keysborough. They are constantly sending containers full of household items to places like Tonga, Samoa, Papua New Guinea and other islands.

Hot off the press from the Secretary's office

Letter received 14/11/2019 from the Hon Luke Donnellan MP.

APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION - MEN'S SHED FUNDING 2019-20

" I am delighted to advise that your application for men's shed funding has been approved Funding of \$50,000 will be provided to Dingley Village Men's Shed Inc. for the proposed men's shed extension project"

Congratulations to all involved in getting a satisfactory result in this grant application... Job well done.



BUNNINGS 23/11/2019 - Was this a beauty contest or just a clever piece of Men's Shed marketing. And the winner is?

Shed extension gets underway.



Thanks to all the members that helped with the trench digging that was required to get pipes and electrical cables to the new depth required so as to enable the site to be fully prepared and levelled. As soon as funds are received into our account from the Government and the permits issued, we can confirm an order to the contractor to build and erect the shed.

\$\$\$ Membership fee \$\$\$

Our **\$60** membership fees are due as of January 1st and must **be paid by the end of the month**. Cash payment to the Treasurer or by direct debit to DVMS, **BSB # 633-000 Account # 162963193**, use your membership number or name as a reference.



Meet our new neighbors

The Hive

Grow well . Eat Well . Be Well brings together the sharing of different cultures through growing fresh produce using raised garden beds. DVMS members are putting together the timber garden beds. They are located just beside our shed.... *just follow the rabbits for directions.*



Well that's it for the year. Our last shed day for 2019 will be **FRIDAY, December 20th** and we will be having a BBQ lunch with BYO drinks, hats, Santa suit and any other fun items you can think of to make a great day.



And we will be back in action on **Friday January 3rd 2020** with no signs of a New Year's Eve hangover and ready for another fun filled year of Men's Shed.

We hope Santa brings a new joke book to Warren.



**Wishing
you all a
very merry
Christmas
followed
by a safe
and happy
new year**



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