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Ray Hastings -

This is the floral arrangement that the DVMS sent to the family of our good friend and fellow shed member.

Thank you Ray for everything you did for our shed and especially for your friendship.

Vale Ray Hastings

I first met Ray when Vaughan brought him down, in the very early days as we went about clearing the old sheds.

A very quiet man Ray slowly acclimatised to our group, often lending a hand when he could. He had a real affection for a cuppa so he soon took up the role of looking after our much loved morning tea. As you all know that has grown into a mainstay of our Shed agenda.

He always went about things in a measured manner. Those who began to understand Ray soon realised that while he may have been quiet, he was nobody's fool. He was a man of action and few words but those words that he used were worth listening to.

He soon showed us his skills as a carpenter. He was a brilliant carpenter, as many will attest. Those little huts of the shed that he created are like little works of art. I have one and I treasure it. When I look at it now I can not only fondly remember the Shed but more particularly Ray and all that is good about our Shed and its members.

Our Shed was meant for everyone and Ray was great proof of how important it is to reduce isolation and feel connected. If you came to know Ray you would appreciate how much his time there was so important to him.

That kindly compact smile was there when Ray first joined us but it grew bigger as time went by.

Ray made a difference in his life and the Shed made a difference in his. That's a good outcome.

Warren Duncan

Kingston Cluster meeting - held 7/10/20 on ZOOM

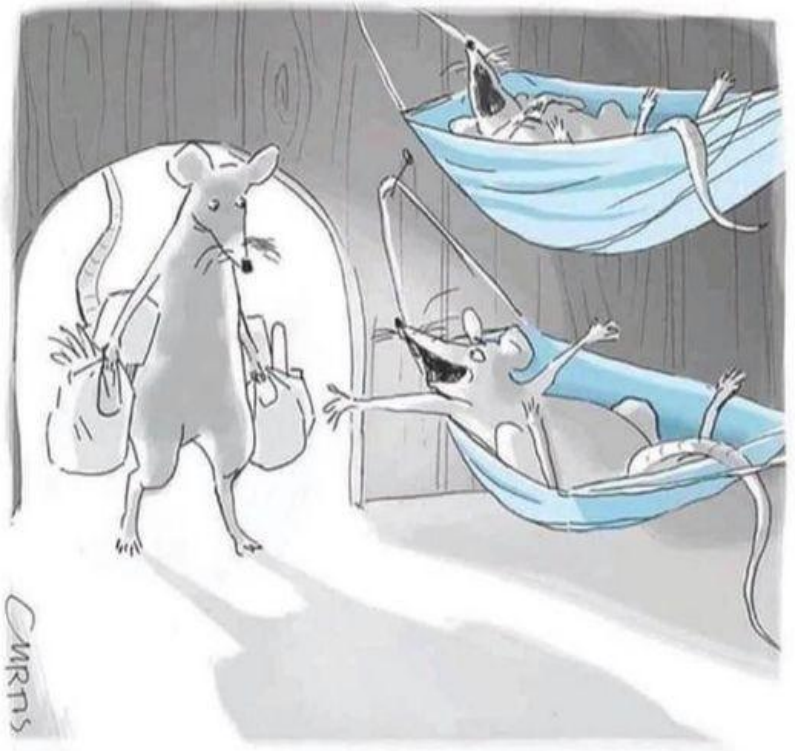
All five clubs were represented and we all have the same problem - COVID has closed all sheds and nothing much is happening. One common theme is the introduction of ZOOM meetings. Several sheds are like ours and make good use of this new technology to maintain contact with members within their various groups of the shed. This is an area that we can expand upon and have several scheduled "meetings" throughout the week, evening groups are also a possibility. Morning tea can still be a group activity and could include a guest speaker, trivia quiz, group discussions and possibly many other ideas give it some thought. A weekly raffle might be a challenge but anything is possible and a user protocol would be important so as not to let the conversations get out of control - we wouldn't want to replicate the Trump / Biden shouting match.

Chelsea shed are still hoping for a new venue and Bentmoor are in the process of moving into a new facility in Glen Eira.



"We're looking for someone who can do the work of six men".

"That's a shame, I was looking for a full-time job".



"FREE HAMMOCKS, all over town. It's like a miracle!"

The DVM\$ Photography Group Under Lockdown

The Photography Group started using Zoom for its meetings during the first wave lockdown. We were early adopters and used the free version which only gave us 40 minutes before the system dumped us. We had a routine to quickly start a new meeting when the current one stopped sometimes twice a meeting. Nevertheless, it was quite a relief when the Shed bought the Pro version which gives us unlimited time and access to on-line resources.

Our meetings have become more structured than when we first started months ago. At the start of the meetings we usually share our screens to look at photos we may have taken during the week, but we can also look at and talk about anything of interest. It does not have to be a photographic topic. As a substitute for visiting local photographic exhibitions during the lockdown, we have been looking at the work of famous photographers on the internet to understand the way they go about their photography. Hopefully, the work of some of these photographers will influence our photography.

There is an abundant amount of technical information on the internet. Some of it is more useful than others. We will be looking at more of the best ones in the future. In our Group, there is a wide range of experience. Some have quite elaborate equipment; others use more simple gear. Most of us use our phones for photography as well, so that the technical articles must be for everyone in the Group.

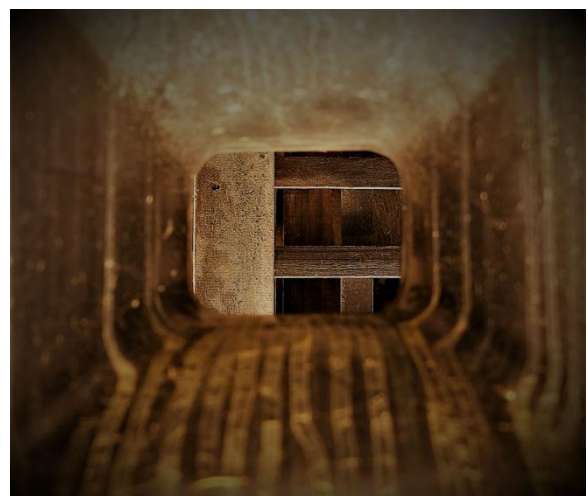
Lockdown has been difficult for photography these last few months. At first, I thought that we could photographically document Dingley and our own lives during this period, but this has proved to be more difficult than I thought. We all want to get out and photograph widely. However, Waterways, Braeside Park and our backyards have proven to be good locations for images. Nick Oklobdzija and Tony Ford have great pictures of birdlife at Waterways. Tony and Rob Van Der Linde have captured some most impressive nature images from their gardens. I have been photographing food of all things and some of the stormy skies we have had.

David Ellis

Our political leaders have been throwing huge numbers at us over the last few months and the money tree must be enormous as the seemingly endless ripe fruit is just dropping everywhere. I don't know about you but very, very, big numbers that won't even fit on my calculator can be very confusing. Thousands, even millions are comprehensible but after that, well they are just numbers.

The following description might clarify that for you.

589,706,152,036,480
Trillions Billions Millions Thousands Hundreds



John Prestt has been busy with his new camera. Abstract imagery is a new venture for him.



Ancient tree at Braeside Park - Jack.



Dragon fly - Tony.



Pana Cotta with Berries - David



Insect on flower - Tony



Swan family - Nick



UV protection - Nick



Nature observed - Rob



Evening storm cloud - David

So what have you been doing?



Just thought I would show off what we have been doing in ISO, our new vegetable gardens. We didn't realise we had bought a purple cauliflower. It's our own miniature market garden. Regards, Ken Brown.





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Friday morning ZOOM meeting

It was a successful get together for our first general Zoom meeting on Friday October 23rd with a total of 19 members tuning in to the gathering. It was a shame that we couldn't have a raffle or get together for a morning tea but still it was great to enable as many as possible to catch up with each other.

I will organize this regular Friday meeting starting at 10.00 a.m. and send the meeting details and link to Paul Brennan who will then forward it to all members.

I have included a screen shot below of today's meeting.

Regards

Den



DAY LIGHT SAVING STARTED A FEW WEEKS AGO. I PUT MY CLOCK FORWARD FOUR MONTHS AND I'M STILL WAITING TO SEE THE RESULT.

Brothers in Arms

A recent email sent to members of a number of Victorian Men's Sheds from our brothers at the Langwarrin Men's Shed invited us to attend three sessions they were hosting on Zoom - all for FREE.

Well, the first question we found ourselves asking was "What is Zoom?" closely followed by "Why would I want to know about Zoom anyway?"

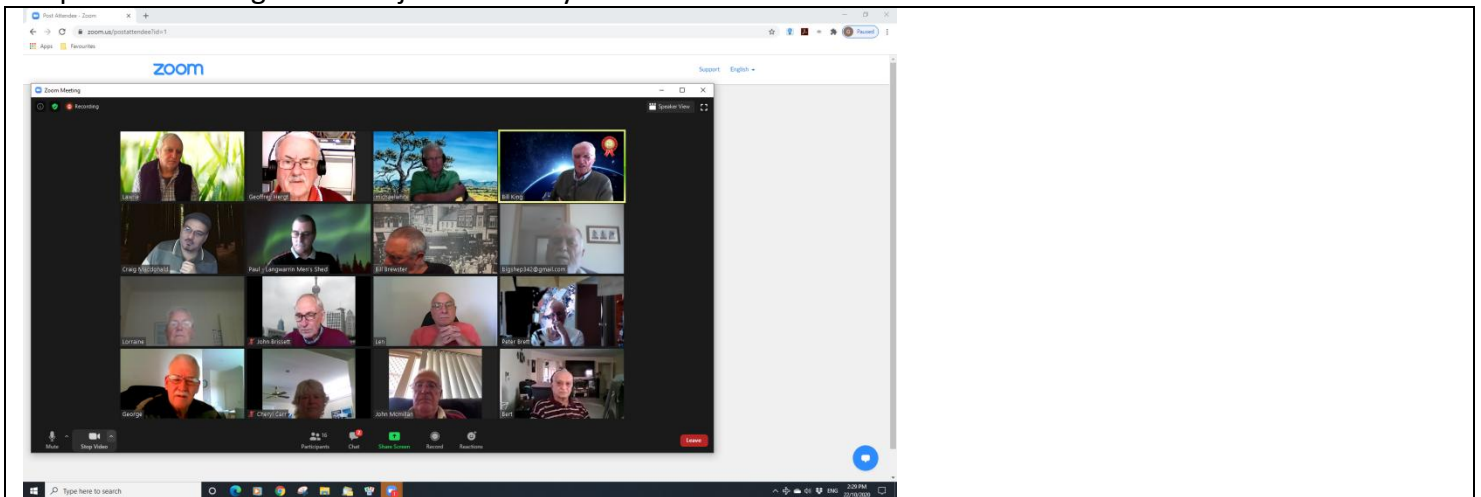
Bill King and I attended these three sessions, see pic, and found that the 15 or so who attended could learn a lot and it was terrific to understand, in a simple and well paced way, what this new technology was all about. It turned out to be very helpful and a lot of fun.

When you think about computer matters, unless you are a bit of an expert, you are filled with fear of what you might find.

As it turned out these guys at Langwarrin, who are all about our age, know and are very keen to share their knowledge about the things we fear most ie. computer systems and the like.

Our club has recently embarked on our first Zoom meeting as an all encompassing attempt to enable members to reconnect with each other as a group, especially whilst we are in lockdown and cannot meet face to face, just like we used to do on a Friday morning. Other special interest groups within our shed have been using Zoom as a meeting platform for some time.

So, Zoom is probably the best known but by no means the only way of both seeing, hearing and communicating in real time with folk you might not see all that often. We haven't met on a Friday morning for months so Zoom is a way to reconnect with each other safely, easily and from the comfort of your own home. All you need is a computer, access to the internet (if you have email then you have access to the internet) and you are away. If you have any doubts ask Bill, myself, Denis McK or your children or grandchildren. You will be surprised and delighted with just how easy and how much fun it is.



Thanks to Geoff Hergt for this article.

Birthday wishes to:

Member #	First Name	Last Name	Day
281	John	Adams	4
17	Eddie	Oak	5
149	Brian	Stooke	6
302	Brian	Dishington	6
95	Albert	King	9
236	Terry	Wells	9
60	Robert	Van Der Linde	14
229	Alan	Everitt	15
234	Kamal	Ghattas	17
49	Stephen	Knott	18
174	Neil	Robinson	18
110	Bill	Steward	27
280	Simon	Forsyth	29

Congratulations Ed on becoming our latest OBE



Welfare report from King Billy

Peter Morrison

Members, of DVMS have been informed about your hip replacement and that your blood iron is not up to scratch. We know all will be right very soon, and are confident you will be up and at it soon. Keep safe, we are thinking of you.

John Stewart

DVMS members are informed about your medical tests. We know all will be good, and be seeing you soon.

Bill David

Allan Marshal informed DVMS that you experience great pain. DVMS wish to inform you that you are in our thoughts. Keep safe hope you will get relief from this pain.

HAVE A GOOD DAY

William King

Happy birthday Merv.



URGENT UPDATE ON COVID FOR ALL SHEDS SHEDS ARE TO REMAIN CLOSED

Since the Premier of Victoria's announcement on Sunday 18th Oct. the VMSA has been advised that some Sheds in Victoria have been in contact with the Covid Hotline and received advice that they can open. Following this information, the VMSA sought written clarification from the Dept. of Health and Human Services. The VMSA has this morning received a reply from the Dept. of Health and Human Services that is applicable for ALL SHEDS in Victoria: • Men's Sheds should remain closed across the State. • The VMSA advises that Sheds should heed this advice and remain closed. • The current information can be found at: (<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/community-services-third-step-regional-victoria>) and it states: Under Third Step restrictions, community services and local government facilities in regional Victoria can operate as follows: • Libraries can operate activities in an outdoor area, for up to ten people, plus the person required for conducting the activity. They can provide contactless click and collect and home delivery services to the community. • Toy libraries can operate activities in an outdoor area, for up to ten people, plus the person or people required for conducting the activity. They can also open for contactless click and collect and home delivery services to the community • Community facilities are closed • Community facilities or libraries that provide an essential service such as food banks, services for people experiencing homelessness or support groups can continue to provide those services. Examples of community facilities are: • community centers and halls • public libraries (including toy libraries) • youth centers • Police and Community Youth Clubs (PCYCs) • community clubs • RSL clubs (sporting facilities component) The VMSA understands that Sheddors wish to return to their Shed and the frustration that some Sheddors are experiencing, but Sheddors are in a high-risk health population. The VMSA sincerely thanks Sheddors for their ongoing perseverance and of caring for each other so well during this pandemic. The VMSA is in regular contact with DHHS concerning Sheddors wishing to get back into their Shed as soon as possible. Men's Sheds are considered community facilities under the roadmap to re-opening – and are still restricted under Step 3. Sheds should prepare to have a COVID-Safe Plan in place to enable proper hygiene, sanitation and physical distancing measures to be applied correctly. This is paramount and will allow the safe return to Men's Shed activities when it is time to re-open. Sheds can refer to the VMSA website for any further information and links.

Lindsay Oates. President.

Smile: A Poem by Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile, then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!



Have you been to Braeside Park on a weekend lately? My family took a picnic lunch last Sunday and it was completely full. Every car park was overflowing, Cyprus Drive was lined with cars on both sides, the ring road had cars parked along the sides wherever it was possible and it was freezing cold with showers - not even a pleasant Spring day. Several families were using the DVMS veranda as a sheltered spot for their BBQ.

Great to see Braeside Park being so popular. Such a shame the weeds and thistles have also taken over.



"No one ever made a difference in this world by being the same as everyone else."



What's the time?

Well you might ask, as it's time for you to start thinking about that newsletter article you want to present for the December issue.

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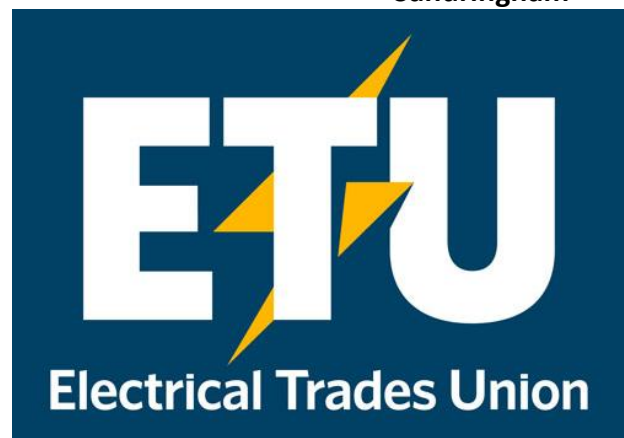
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