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## JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER



That's it..... **2020 has officially gone**, caput, expelled, snuffed out, dead and buried, put to rest, hopefully never to rise again.

So let's get 2021 off to a great start and roll up to the shed on **Friday 8th January** and start off with the winning raffle ticket mixed in with some good old fellowship with your mates. Get all those old jokes and stories out again as most of them will have been forgotten by now.

### What's been happening

**O**ur Christmas break up with partners was not the usual feast of previous years at the Keysborough golf club, but a BBQ at the park was still enjoyed by those in attendance. A raffle and some burnt chops.... what else do you need to celebrate the end of an unforgettable year. Imported prawns were noticeable by their absence and decorations were left until another time.



Thanks to David Ellis for these photos





Then we had the Friday shed break up which gave the ideal opportunity to get rid of the left over sausages from the last Bunnings BBQ day. At the line up for the lunch, we failed the "social distancing rules" but made up for it at the dining tables.



## End of the Line

Way back in early 2019 Des Lucas, Head Ranger at Braeside, Karkarook and several other of ParksVic's parks offered us the opportunity of repainting the white lines and other markings on the black bitumen surfaces around the ten parking areas that make up the northern end of Braeside Park. He would supply the materials and we would supply the voluntary labor.

A trusty band of 15 or so DVMS members indicated their interest in the project so planning began. Despite the best efforts of several members who modified paint rollers, brushes, brooms, line marking string lines and the purchase of some equipment etc our attempts were less than successful.

Des had been asked if he could source a line marking machine which would not only make the finished job more accurate but save time, effort and cost. Unfortunately a machine was not readily available. Then the winter weather set in causing months of delay and before we could get going again COVID-19 intervened resulting in further delays.

Still without the machine, we had been doing a lot of preparatory work with flexible stencils that we could use for the zebra speed hump lines, directional arrows etc. however without the line marking machine the project came to a standstill.

Fast forward to circa April 2020 and a breath of fresh air entered the scene in the form of Ranger Kelly Virgona. Once she understood the issue and agreed that the line work was a priority she sourced (borrowed) a machine from a park she had previously worked at and reinvigorated the project.

By now the existing lines were almost invisible and the work became critical for public safety, if nothing else.

With the help of some non DVMS volunteers Kelly was able to complete a lot of what needed to be done. Timing became a real issue when it was realised that there was still much to do but the time available before the machine had to be returned was fast running out.

DVMS to the rescue!!

During a “Walk on the Wild Side” with Des I casually asked how the line marking project was going. Immediately Des said “We need one volunteer on each of three separate days next week to assist Kelly and the job would be complete.”

I volunteered to do the Monday and following Wednesday whilst DVMS member Mike McKeon volunteered to do the Tuesday. Kelly also arranged for DVMS member extraordinaire Rob O’Brien to make the necessary stencils that would finish the job.

So, away we went lickety-split. Kelly showed me how to use the machine whilst she cleared the debris from the lines to be repainted, Mike and Kelly did all the parking areas in Karkarook Park on the Tuesday. On Wednesday Kelly and I finished the line work and applied the “No Parking”, “Trailer Only” and “Bus Only” stencils which Rob had made to their respective parking areas to complete the project. We then returned the machine and trailer to Westerfolds Park in Templestowe.

Although it turned out to be a bit of a rush at the end we were all very pleased the project had been finished whilst Kelly, Des and ParksVic were most appreciative of our invaluable assistance.

A great way to end a difficult year and a wonderful TEAM effort. Thanks to all concerned. And a special thank you to Robert O’Brien for producing the lettering stencils.



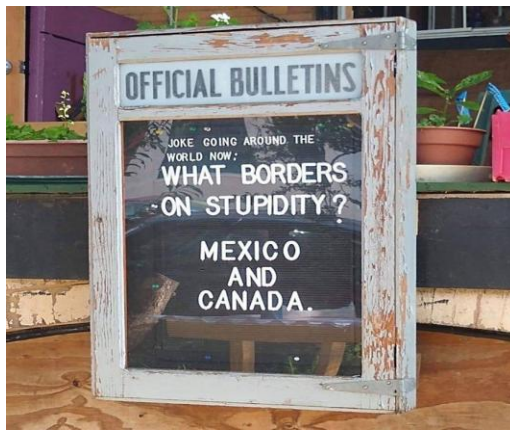
Parking at the shed has changed as a result of increased attendance at Braeside Park.

DVMS parking is only to be in Rosella Car Park No 9, follow the road around & come into Rosella Car Park drive across towards the shed.

The bollard in Cypress Drive at the entry point to the visitors centre in to be kept **permanently closed**, hence the need to drive right around & come in through Rosella CarPark.

**Stop press**:::: Due to the latest Covid outbreak, nude bathing at the Mentone beech will no longer be allowed.





Arguing with a Trump-Supporter is like playing chess with a pigeon... No matter how good you are the bird shits on the board and struts around like it won anyway.

**'On ya bike'**



Here are some pictures from the Bike Group's final ride for the year with lunch at Cessna Café. Remember back in January we cancelled the ride due to bushfire smoke! Little did we know then what lay ahead, what was to follow redefined history. The year however hasn't been a total write off. Thanks to Roger (our resident statistician) our records for the 2020 year will show:- 21 formal rides, 1 cancelled due to smoke, 28 cancelled due to Covid, and on top of that we had the challenge of numerous road and rail roadwork's. Of the 21 rides completed, Des McKay 19, Geoff Worthington 18, John Legge 16 with 32 cyclists listed on the books.



Cyclist of the year award being presented to John Bach.

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Great idea until you need to move it





## **A message from the treasury** - better known as the Grim Reaper.

That time has come again to renew your membership of Dingley Village Men's Shed.

You will be very pleased to see that the committee has been able to keep our fees at the 2020 amount. Which has been a very conscientious effort by the committee all things considered with Covid19 impacting our ability to be able to fund raise yet we have been able to proceed with our much needed extension to the workshop.

The fee is \$60.00 for you to remain a financial member, your fees are due and payable by **1<sup>st</sup> January 2021**.

Fees can be paid by direct deposit with Bendigo Bank, the DVMS account:

**BSB: 633-000 Account #162963193 Account Name: Dingley Village Men's Shed Inc.**

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Alternatively, you can pay by cash at the shed to Michael Stevens or Brian Stooke.

## **A Walk on the Wild Side**

Our Secretary Paul sent out an email invitation for our members to join Head Ranger Des Lucas (he was on his own so I guess that made him "The Lone Ranger" boom - boom) on a Significant Tree walk through Braeside Park.

Now Des has been with Parks Vic for circa 24 years mostly at Braeside Park so he knows a thing or two about trees in the park.

There must have been at least nine of us in the 'eager to learn' group including some little tackers and their mum.

Des went at a cracking pace and spoke eloquently about the various tree species. It seemed he had a story about almost every tree.

We finished up at the children's play equipment just near to the Visitor's Centre - our starting point.

As we made our way up the obstacle course leading to the top of the playground Des lent on a sturdy post which is part of the main posts that hold the structure up and pointed out that the post was in fact hollow. He went on to say that various native birds actually nest deep in this and similar posts.



Just then as if by magic, a native lorikeet struggled up to the open top of the post and flew away. It all happened so quickly we were a bit stunned but the experience will be long remembered by the little tackers who thought it was all part of the walk. I bet they can't wait to tell their friends and come to that area of the park again.  
Geoff Hergt



## Who's on the sick list?



**Peter Morrison**  
Member 148

I spoke with Peter Morrison tonight (23rd Dec), he came home last Friday. He had spent a few days with his daughter after leaving hospital.

The doctor was happy with the operation & said that it will be at least 6 weeks before Peter can drive.

He is on a walking frame at the moment, he then progresses to crutches. All the time keeping up his rehabilitation. He asked that I give everyone his best wishes for Christmas & New Year.

Kind Regards,  
**Paul Brennan**  
Secretary,

## Birthday wishes to:

What a time of the year to have a birthday. Just after Christmas and new year's so no one wants to know about it.

Member #	First Name	Last Name	Day
25	Graham	Kilby	2
133	Roger	Bideleux	3
264	Gary	Bynion	5
289	Tom	Mikulic	5
233	Bob	Bruderlin	8
71	Michael	McKeon	14
38	Tony	Coyle	15
207	Norman	Green	15
120	Alan	Marshall	17
181	Jack	DeZoete	23
195	Randall	Hicks	23
96	Edward	Jenkins	25
216	Peter	Collins	28
104	Michael	Stevens	29
150	Neil	Gorham	29
258	Miguel	Belmar	31

Congratulations Peter on becoming our first OBE for this year but Ted has another decade on top of you.  
Well done Ted, it's time to really let your hair down.

Better Days  
are coming



**WHEN YOU BUY FROM A SMALL BUSINESS YOU'RE NOT HELPING A CEO BUY A THIRD HOLIDAY HOME, YOU'RE HELPING LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS GET DANCE LESSONS OR FOOTY JUMPERS, AND A FAMILY PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE.**



A bonus page, just to use up some of the collection of thought provoking comments from last year.

I still can't believe people's survival instincts told them to grab toilet paper.

**I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the New Year in, but to make sure this one leaves.**

If I had only known in March it would be my last time in a restaurant, I would have ordered dessert.

At the store there was a Big X by the register for me to stand on... I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that one.

Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

**Until further notice, the days of the week are now called, thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today & nextday.**

**THEY SAID A MASK AND GLOVES WERE ENOUGH TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE**

**THEY LIED, EVERYBODY ELSE HAD CLOTHES ON**

The dumbest thing I've ever purchased was a 2020 planner.

When Does Season TWO of 2020 Start? I Do Not Like Season ONE.

Keep in mind, even during a pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.

The buttons on my jeans have started social distancing from each other.

**I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are**

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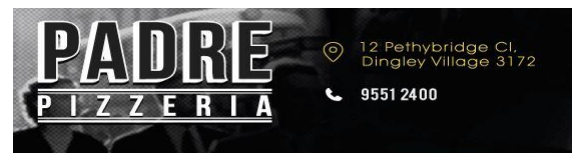
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