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MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Seasons

In Australia, the seasons are defined by grouping the calendar months in the following way:

- Spring - the three transition months September, October and November.
- Summer - the three hottest months December, January and February.
- Autumn - the transition months March, April and May.
- Winter - the three coldest months June, July and August.

These definitions reflect the lag in heating and cooling as the sun appears to move southward and northward across the equator. They are also useful for compiling and presenting climate-based statistics on time scales such as months and seasons.

Well that might be the official definition but Mother Nature can't read and we certainly have had a strange summer this year - so what will Autumn bring?

What's been happening

Well at last we have been able to conduct our **AGM** and what a thrill packed event it was. The attendance by members really tested our Covid social distancing rules and it was very crowded field of runners at the nomination station with as you guessed it, the same contenders as previous years. But wait, what's this, we have a new face on the committee. So your home work for this week fellow members is to find out who is the new boy?????. Part two of your home work is to place a bet on who will be the new president and will we have a vice president?????

Watch this space for the answers in next month's edition. (*If you can't wait until then, make sure you attend the shed on Friday*).



John Bach



Paul Brennan



Ken Brown



Jack De Zoete



David Ellis



Geoff Hergt



Derek Johnson



Denis McKeegan



Norm Nicol



John Prestt



Michael Stevens

(*It's about time the camera group took over the club photo board - we really do need some decent photos*).

Just to reiterate the words spoken at the AGM, we do give a very heartfelt thank you to all members of the committee for dedicating so much time and effort into making the DVMS the great shed that it is. And to the two retiring members, Graeme Chalmers and Bruce Simons, thank you also for all of the work that you have also contributed.

'On ya bike'



Continuing on the theme of bicycles through the ages, this 1913 photo shows a fully equipped fire fighting machine. As a backup, if the water supply was nonexistent the poor old fire fighter would have probably built up enough puff to blow out the fire. What price do you think a collector would pay for this today?

'Let's look back'



February 2015 official opening of the shed. We have a video presentation of the day together with a collection of photos showing the condition of the sheds when we first took them over.

THEN



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What's new in the workshop

A-TEAM REPORT 7

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS THAT THEY ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG ON TUESDAYS & THURSDAY MORNINGS, CHOOSE A JOB THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO ARE CAPABLE OFF OR BE INVOLVED AND JOIN IN.

Come along you might find out that you enjoy yourself with your mates.

I would like to thank all those members that have put in a very special effort while I have been away in the last few weeks. You have done an excellent job and it is very pleasing to see so much progress.

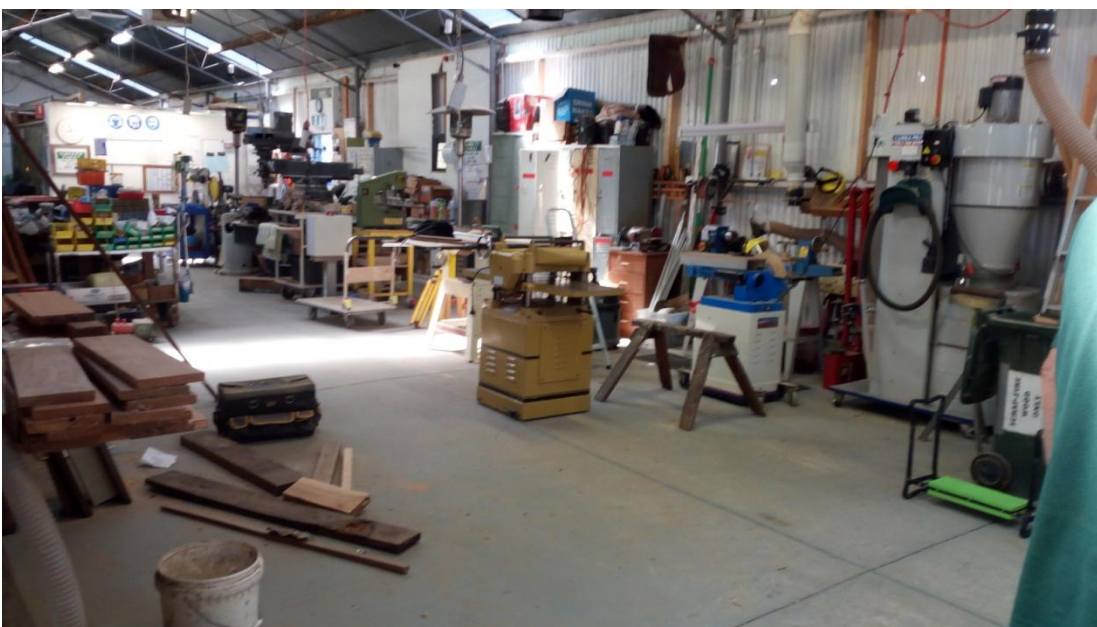
THURSDAY 4th February 2021

The benches were moved into the new extension and the workshop.

Some electrical power points were installed on the central wall for machinery etc.



Room to move around the workshop without tripping over everything.



Behind the shed has been tidied and is looking neat at last. The timbers on the table are ready for the boxing of the community garden rainwater tanks.



The spoon drain across the front of the extension has been installed and will be completed on Tuesday 9th February.



JOBS OUTSTANDING TO BE COMPLETED.

Install the workshop rear door slide flashing.

Finish off the walkway in Bay 2.

Fill the spoon drain in the walkways with concrete.

Install the Bonaire evaporative cooler.

Finish painting the clearway areas around the doorway, electrical switchboard and fire extinguishers.

Paint the front top section of the workshop shed.



The Monday art group are really coming along well - new models are attending each week so join in and see what painting skills you have.

Recycled from the March 2016 newsletter.



Hay, how about contributing an article for the next newsletter. A photo, written article, good idea that works for you, tell us about your latest holiday, something you've made, give us some new ideas for activities even a good yarn. Here's another attempt to get you contributing - it's called :-

"What's in my backyard?"



What's in my backyard?

Why would you ever want to put birds in a cage when a bird feeder loaded with a portion of a \$5 bag of seed will provide you with loads of entertainment.

I now have two butcher birds that allow me to hand feed them and in the afternoon the parrots arrive, push out the doves and give you a display of what a "pecking order" is really about. You should see what happens when the magpie arrives.



PLEASE SHUT THE GATE

Q. How hard is it to open the gate and then shut it after you have driven in?

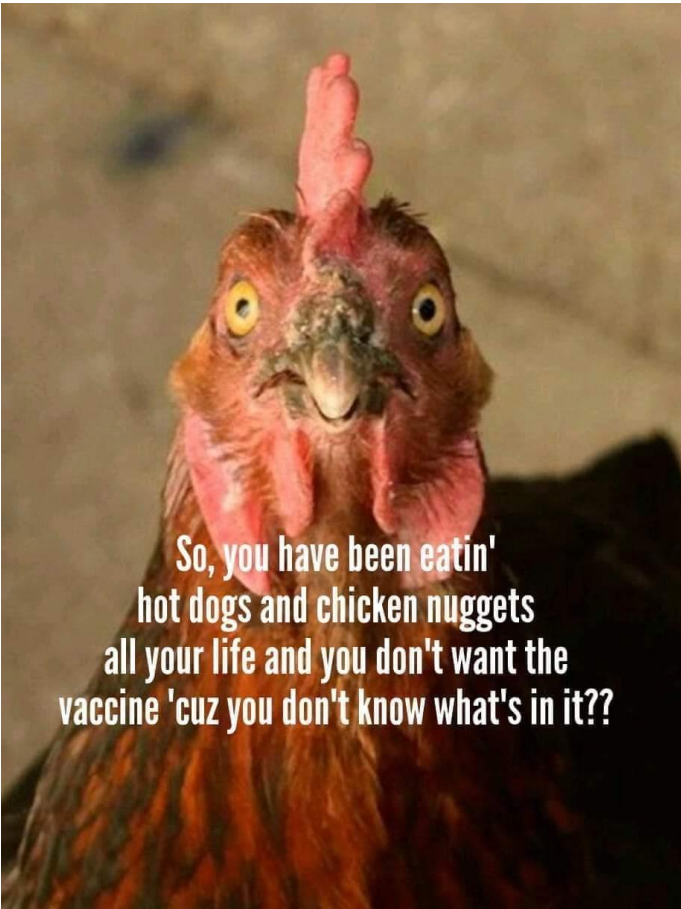
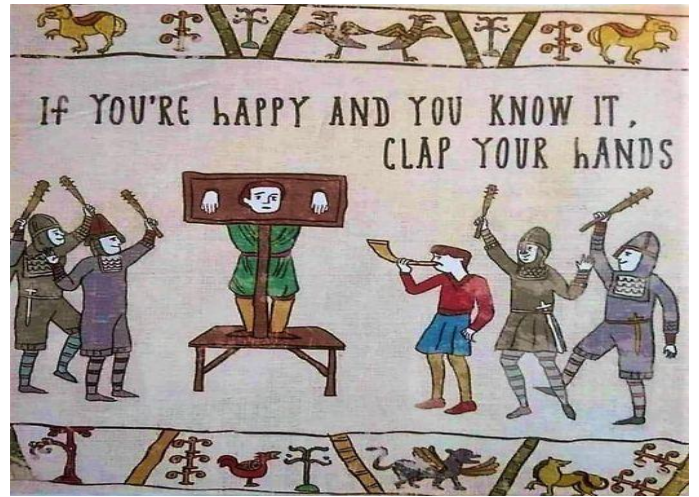
A. Well it seems that it must be hard because many members are constantly leaving the bollard post out.

If you are lucky enough to find it open when you come through, make sure that **YOU** close it. If someone else follows you in, stop and make sure that they close it.

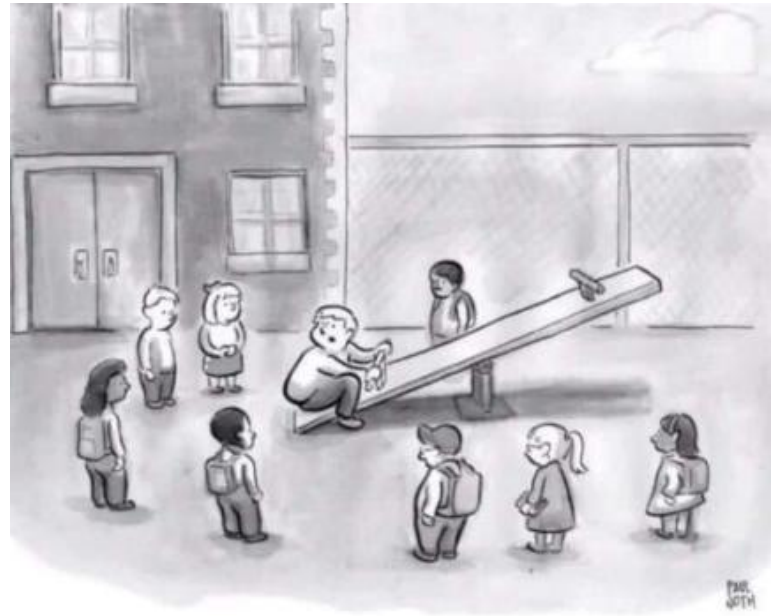
It's that simple.

KEEP THE BOLLARD IN PLACE AT ALL TIMES.

Meet the current Victorian hotel quarantine team 😄



So, you have been eatin' hot dogs and chicken nuggets all your life and you don't want the vaccine 'cuz you don't know what's in it??"



"O.K., now, when a teacher comes out, everybody look straight up."

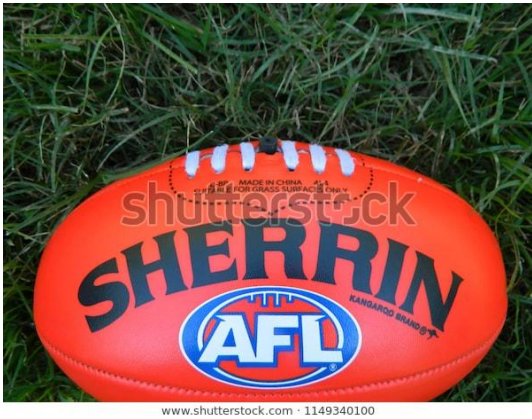


Our member Gus MacFarlane has been collecting stamps for many years & he is wanting to downsize his collection.

His contact details are :

Phone: 9584-1318 or email: eamc59@optusnet.com.au

So if you are interested please have a chat with him.



It is 111 days since the Tigers made a mess of the Cats in the 2020 Grand Final in Brisbane .
 Now is the time to get organised to support your team in the 2021 DVMS Footy Tipping Competition.

Denis McKeegan is once again organising the competition .
 He has put a registration form on the noticeboard in the shed, but as things stand now it may be better to register by email .
 Denis's email address: den.mck@bigpond.com
 Cost has stayed the same as 2020, **\$25.00** , Den will advise you when he needs payment.

AFL Footy Tipping 2021

The 2021 DVMS AFL Footy Tipping has been created.

The cost is \$25.00 for the home and away season, rounds 1 to 23 only. Finals are not included.

Prize money will be determined when the number of members is known.

Please add your details to the information sheet on the notice board and if you need any help setting up your profile or logging into the Footy Tips web site, please see Denis McKeegan at the shed any Friday or email info@dvms.org.au

Birthday wishes to:

Member #	First Name	Last Name	Day
16	Bruce	Simons	1
237	John	Pearce	1
269	Daryl	Sullivan	1
295	John (Jack)	Sunter	1
44	Graeme	Chalmers	2
12	Jim	Gentle	5
85	Charles	Spiteri	7
261	Kevan	Thomas	8
8	Vaughan	Gibson	11
161	Brian	Esmonde	14
107	Ken	Nicholson	16
278	Josef	Vogl	18
106	Snow	Peterson	23
214	Bill	David	23
57	Paul	Weatherall	24
67	Eddy	Shillong	25
152	Tony	Brown	31
202	Graham	Walker	31

Congatulations to Jim & Graham on achieving your OBE.



Next month's feature article.

Learning a little of local history. (Waiting for some photos to complete this article.)

Recently some stone artefacts were collected during a controlled subsurface salvage operation at the Mordialloc Freeway site.....(to be continued)

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