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So here we are again - locked down #5 but look on the bright side, no visitors, no petrol expenses, stay in bed of a morning until late, the list of good things just goes on and on. And a good laugh is always close at hand.....

What part of **stay at home** did you not understand?



What if... and hear me out... we moved the Montague Street bridge to the border?? It is Melbourne's greatest weapon against removalists.



What's been happening



Minutes from the last ParksVic / DVMS meeting held 15/7/21

Ambulance Access:

Des Lucas (Parks Ranger) has received a proposal for Dr. Jack (DVMS) as to a revised entrance & exit for ambulances to our shed. Des will come back to us soon; he just needs to clarify a couple of points. Discussion was held about the inability of ambulances to follow the Braeside Park number making system. It was agreed this problem needs to be rectified not only for shed members but for all park visitors.

"24 hours in a day and 24 beers in a case. Coincidence? I think not!"



The call of the open road and camping trips. Australians in every state are on the move. Can you imagine what this VW would look like as a B-Double.

What's new in the workshop

*After being asked so many times what are we doing and what are they for, I thought to write a brief article on Bee Hotels to explain to everyone what it all about. I hope this helps and is of interest to members. Best regards, **Robert O'Brien**.*

BEE HOTELS

Recently we were requested by Natalie Mikecz of Western Landcare to manufacture and supply 46 Bee Hotels for the Chandler Park Primary School.

The A-Team set to work and we managed to obtain some free old hardwood fencing for the structure, some branches from the park, which was cut up to length and drilled and some scraps of timber from the shed that was also cut up and drilled to suit. We were very fortunate in obtaining some Bamboo from Sure Gro in Woodruff Drive, Braeside and when they heard what we were using it for, they also donated it free of charge.

During the time of manufacturing these hotels, I have been asked what are making and what are they for.

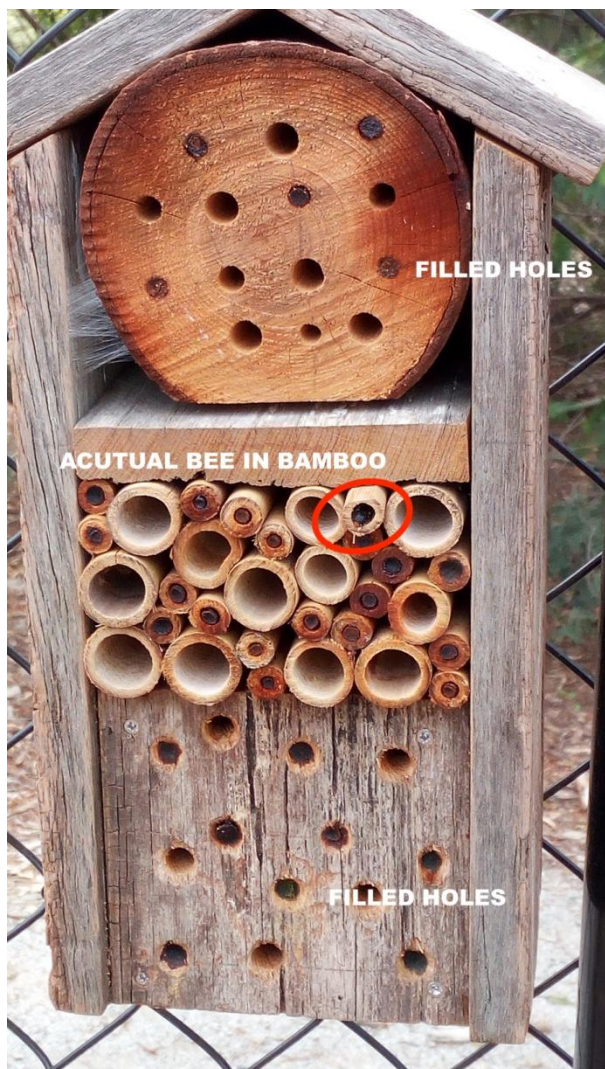


THE COMPLETED HIVES



ONE COMPLETED SAMPLE.

Briefly, everyone has heard that our bee population is diminishing and we immediately think that it is the European honeybee that is effected, however although the honey bee has been decimated with the recent fires it is the actual native bees that has been most effected with fires and spraying of chemicals in our gardens that is causing the most problem.



There is approximately 1600+ species of native bee in Australia and they vary in size, which are usually smaller than the honeybee. Most of these species are solitary bee, which don't live in hives or make honey as we know.

The native female bee will mate with a drone and lay her eggs in hardwood holes, pithy stems such as Bamboo, reeds or bore into mud or clay and sand. Once the female has laid her eggs she will fill with a food supply (usually pollen) and then seal the entrance with a wax and then leaves the hive. The eggs will go through their natural growth process and when mature will force out the wax seal and fly off.

Because these native bees are smaller than the honeybee they are ideal pollinator's, as they can get deeper into the flower to insure good pollination occurs.

Landcare are visiting different primary schools and are encouraging students to build these hotels and place them in their gardens.

The hive structure is mostly empty and the pupils have to fill them with branches, blocks and bamboo sticks which are supplied. We also manufactured six timber mallets for the pupils to hammer the last few bamboo sticks into position.

This photo is of one hotel we made for the Hive Community Garden, which was quickly taken up by the local native bee. The native bee, which was noticed in the hotel, was identified as the Megachile Leafcutter bee.

A TEAM - REPORT 23

Monday 28 June 2021

Started assembling the Bird Hide on Site 4 and managed to get all walls up levelled and bolted tp the concrete base. We then stretched a sunshade screen across the top of the frame to stop bird and insects from nesting in the rafters. We then managed to get the roof fames bolted into position.

The sliding windows were fitted.

Derek & John Stewart have been making an external cupboard under the verandah for the Photography group to store their equipment. The outside cladding has been ordered and should be completed next week.

Tuesday 29 June 2021

The colour bond roof was installed with all flashings and a timber strip was fitted across the centre roof frame to secure the shade cloth further. The perimeter of the hide was filled with soil and the weatherboard cover plates was fitted to each corner.

Only the seating and the shelf to install now at another later date.



Some of the garden tools were moved to the BBQ store ready to help tidy up the corner in the workshop near the car hoist.

Thursday 1 July 2021

Today we glued some timbers together to make the shelves in the Bird Hides.

Simple frames were cut and assembled to concrete some drain points in the swale drain on the North side of the workshop. These drains were overflowing due to blockage in the rainwater tank strainer inlet and was washing away the walls of the swale drain. To overcome this problem should it happen again in the future, we are concreting some bluestone rocks into the wall of the swale drain to overcome the erosion problem.

Friday 2 July 2021

Finished the shelves ready to be installed in the hides.

Jobs for Next Week

Install seats and shelves into the hides and lacquer the timbers.

Remove the garden tool panels and install in the BBQ store.

Inspect garden tools and dispose of those tools that are no longer required or are beyond safe use.

Eating in the 50s

1. Pasta was not eaten
2. Curry was a surname.
3. A takeaway was a mathematical problem.
4. A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.
5. Crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not.
6. Rice was only eaten as a milk pudding.
7. A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
8. Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
9. Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
10. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
11. Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
12. Fish didn't have fingers.
13. Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.
14. None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.
15. Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
16. People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.
17. Indian restaurants were only found in India.
18. Cooking outside was called camping.
19. Seaweed was not a recognised food.
20. "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.
21. Prunes were medicinal.
22. Surprisingly, muesli was readily available, it was called cattle feed.
23. Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock!
24. And the things that we never ever had on our table in the 50s and 60s: elbows or phones!

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MY TAX RETURN

I'm devastated. Section 8b of this year's taxation claim form states to list any dependants over 18 years of age so I filled in the details for my Podiatrist, Urologist, Oncologist, Physiotherapist, Ophthalmologist and GP only to have it all knocked back. Judging by the fees they charge, they certainly are dependent upon me for their future.

The system stinks.

A TEAM - REPORT 24

Monday 5 July 2021

Installed a shelf in the number 2 hide.

Ray has made a shelf for the smaller sliding clamps making it easier and neater for storage.

Bill Stewart has sanded the new Engineering bench top and given it a coat of varnish.

Derek and John Stewart continue manufacture of the photographic cupboard ready for cladding tomorrow.



Tuesday 6 July 2021

Fitted the roof structure to the second hide. Drilled the seat frames ready to install. Colour bond roof sections was drilled ready to install.

Thursday 8 July 2021

Fitted two seats with the stands ready for a coat of lacquer.

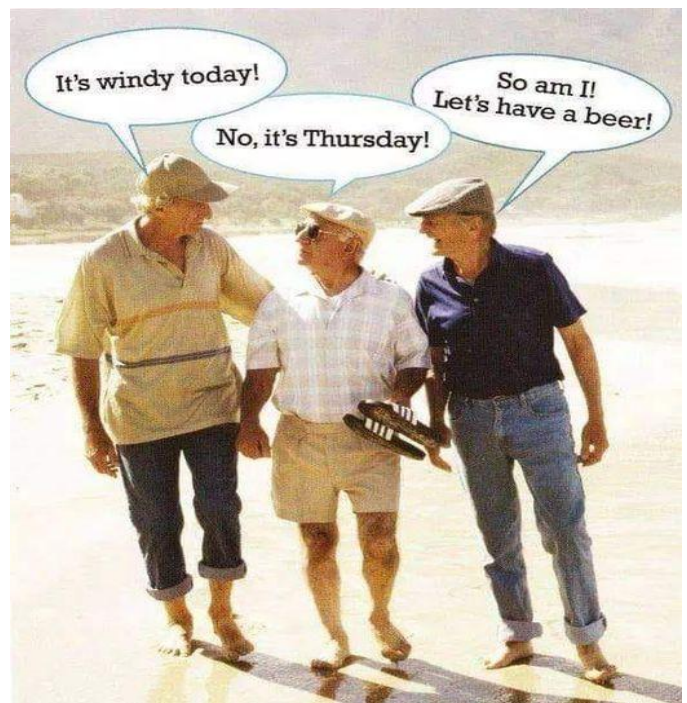
Derek & John fitted the sheet metal to the photography cupboard, padlocks installed and almost finished.



Friday 8 July 2021

Derek & John finished cladding the cupboard and it is looking pretty good. Well done boys!

my weekend away was amazing guys, pictures don't do it justice.



A TEAM - REPORT 25

Monday 12 July 2021



The Bee Hive plywood was sanded ready to machine to length and start manufacture of the hives.



The Bird hide seats and shelves were given a coat of lacquer.

Tuesday 13 July 2021

Moved the book case out of the disability toilet and placed on the wall down in the rear corner of the shed. Machine the bee hive plywood to the size of the sides.

Thursday 15 July 2021

The now called the “BUS STOP” Bird Hide down at site 4 had the shelf installed and the measurements taken to install the seats sometime in the near future.



The garden tool panels were removed and fitted into the BBQ store. Now with the corner of the shed cleared please don't put anything including rubbish in this area until we have completed the work in this area.



The second Hide that was erected in the workshop was dismantled and placed into storage ready for when the concrete pad is completed.

JOBS TO BE DONE WHEN THE LOCKDOWN IS OVER.

Install the seats into the Bus Stop Bird hide at Site 4.

Cut the Bee Hive Nuc's side plates to size and start assembling.

Cleanup the area near the centre walkway and move the Mill/Drill to its final resting place.

Dismantle the truck engine lifter and mount parts on the front wall of the workshop where the garden tools were previously located.

PARAPROSDOKIANS are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected. Winston Churchill loved them. Some examples:

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
 2. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
 3. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
 4. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
 - 5 Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
 6. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
 7. To steal ideas from someone is plagiarism. To steal from many is called research.
 8. In filling in an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency - notify': I put 'DOCTOR.'
 9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
 10. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they look sexy.
 11. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
 12. A clear conscience is the sign of a bad memory.
 13. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
 14. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be. Nor is there any future in it.
 15. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
 16. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.
 17. Finally: I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.
- And my personal favourite:
18. I am not arguing with you, I am explaining why you are wrong.

But did you know?

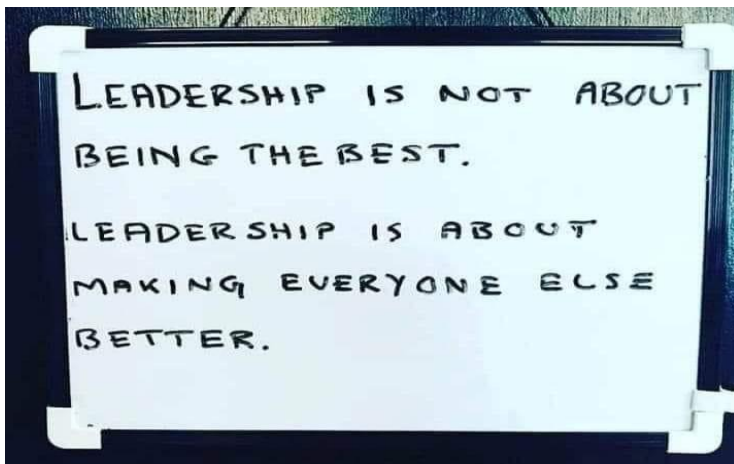


Karl Marx, Born in Trier, Kingdom of Prussia May 05, 1818, Died March 14, 1883. Ph.D. (University of Jena, 1841) was a social scientist who was a key contributor to the development of Communist theory.

But did you know that his wife, Onya Marx together with their children Getset and Go were responsible for the invention of the starting pistol.

The Olympic games would be lost without this discovery.

“The oppressed are allowed once every few years to decide which particular representatives of the oppressing class are to represent and repress them.”
– Karl Marx



Even though the shed has been closed, we have still been able to be socially connected on a Friday with the zoom meetings that Den McKeegan has arranged. So make a point of joining in, it's a good way of stopping others talking about you in your absence. Tell us what you have been doing.

The entry pass code has been emailed to you - it's that simple. It's free and you never know maybe you will win the raffle.

I finally remember what Zoom meetings remind me of.



Birthday wishes to:

Member #	First Name	Last Name	Day
288	Les	Hayes	1
309	Bruce	Gardner	6
197	Colin	Block	14
186	Tim	Palmer	15
74	John	Legge	18
148	Peter	Morrison	18
168	David	Asprey	19
262	Zack	Street	20
296	Stephen (Steve)	Hudson	21
15	Gary	Harriden	22
230	Denis	McKeegan	22
48	Graeme	Smith	23
188	Cham	Au	23
219	David	Taylor	23
32	Frank	Russo	24
147	Warren	Denmead	25
151	Geoff	Hergt	29



The biggest difference between money and time:
 You always know how much **money you have,**
 but you never know how much **time you have.**



"I told him as an expert in the field I strongly recommend wearing it, but he just kept bringing up his 'rights'."

It's all in the weather by Warren Duncan

Klass always watched ABC News, it had the best report of the day's share market. Another day of records, he smiled to himself and sought a celebratory cup of English Breakfast and perhaps even a Tim Tam, given the status of his rising stocks. No Milk Arrowroot today! His slow saunter to the kitchen was the same as ever, even when the room had been complete with his wife and son.

He reached for his favourite white and blue speckled cup and saucer, after all, mugs were for mugs. Again, he smiled to himself. That was just one expression of the many that he had learned since enjoying the start of his new life in Melbourne after the war. 'Fifty years on the chain gang' his Vic Rail mates called it when they celebrated his retirement.

On that very day twenty years ago, Klass decided that he needed a new interest, one that would engage him, as much as restoring rail tracks in country Victoria had. His best mate Bluey suggested that he investigate the share market.

'What am I to know about the share market, Bluey.'

'Supply and demand, mate. That's all it is, except you need a good nose for value, and know when to fold 'em.' Bluey loved to use lyrics from songs to explain his opinions. Kenny Rogers' *The Gambler*, came to mind very well that time. Klass thought that as he had an appreciably large nose, he was half way to the additional income that would be need to supplement the retirement savings that he and Heidi had garnered over fifty years of toil and challenge.

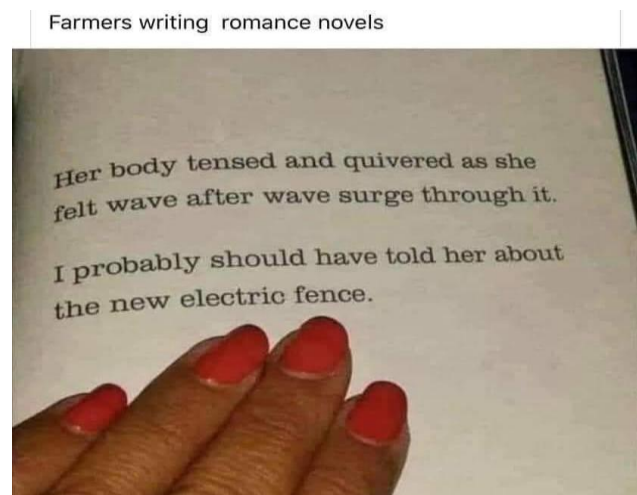
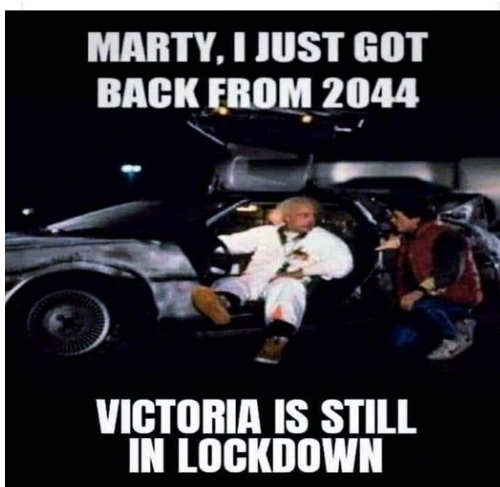
They had planned to take a trip back to Germany, to be their first since escaping the grip of the Nazis in 1944. The death of Heidi to cancer and the passing of Kurt altered his mental complexion. Long hours with the gang in all conditions and the loss of his loved ones would now need to be replaced by hours studying news from the bourses, *The Age* and after a time, share tips from his very own trader. He had to fill time now and shares could be the answer.

At first, Klass pattered around making small investments, mostly to little positive effect. A small loss here and there, punctuated by a win or two. He needed a different approach. So in a moment of inspiration he invented his own, one that only you the reader, and I, will ever know about.

You see Klass had another interest. The weather. He had insights into Melbourne's weather that few could match, even the Bureau itself. No one could understand how he could do this, and he kept it a secret. Until now. Here's the thing. Klass decided to use his knowledge of 'things meteorological' as the basis for predicting the peaks and troughs of the share market and the predicated future value of stocks.

Klass first told me about this and his ten million dollar retirement fund one evening in our Aged Care in Balwyn. I had the room next door to him and each night we would speak about our lives over a glass of schnapps before lights out. One night he told me the whole story.

Warren Duncan, 2021





"I can't go out because of the virus" sounds weak, whiny and boring.

Try this instead:

"I've sworn an oath of solitude until the pestilence is purged from the lands."

That sounds more principled, valiant and heroic - and people might even think you are carrying a sword.

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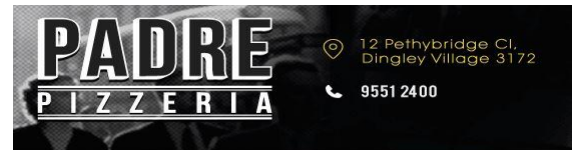
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