



# Dingley Village Men's Shed Inc.

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## DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Do you believe that the Covid epidemic is over? Or do you feel that it is just under control? Whatever your answer it is up to you alone to react as you feel best. But don't hide under the "cone of silence" and just say it no longer affects me because the daily Victorian stats are still reporting over a thousand new infections and the death rate continues. Overseas countries are suffering big time and it is still out of control, now even our own Northern Territory is coming under attack, and just this week we have the potential of yet another variant, Omicron that has been found in Africa. This Covid epidemic is far from over. So please keep safe and if in doubt get tested as soon as possible, we don't want DVMS to become a super spreader.

### What's coming up

Isn't this great to be able to use this heading once again.....it's been so long since we last had anything planned for a future date and that we can work toward it.

Firstly the business side of the shed is underway with activities back in action and our Friday gathering is building up once again. Once we get back to having lunch as an option we will know that all is well with the planet.

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### NOTICE IS GIVEN

that the Dingley Village Men's Shed Inc. **Annual General Meeting for 2021** will be held on **Friday December 17th 2021 at 11:15am at the Amenities Shed**. (Delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions)

Proxy and Nomination forms for committee are attached to this email and are also available from the secretary at the Amenities shed. All nominations must be in the hands of the secretary by **COB December 14th 2021**

Remember all nominations must be seconded by a financial member of the shed otherwise they are invalid.

Maintaining an active committee is very important to making a shed like ours operate effectively and correctly.

We appeal to members to volunteer for a committee position, our shed is too important to just leave to the same few people each time, or let it slide away due to a lack of volunteers prepared to put some time into the organisation. Please give consideration to this important role of management of our men's shed.

**DINGLEY VILLAGE MEN'S SHED INC.**

**AMENITIES SHED**

**470 LOWER DANDENONG BRAESIDE**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER AT 11:15AM**

### AGENDA

AGM open

1. Welcome by President

2. Apologies

3. Receipt of any proxies

4. Introduction and explanation of Report issued to members

5. To confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since then.

6. President's Report

7. Treasurer's report


8. Any other business received
9. Committee is dissolved
10. Returning Officer calls new Committee
11. New Committee resumes management of the club business

AGM close

(Note: Only the business of the AGM can be discussed at this meeting, any financial member wishing to raise a matter must put that matter in writing and forward to the Secretary no less than 7 days before the meeting, i.e., by December 10th 2021) - **Only financial members can vote at an AGM**

A BBQ lunch will follow the AGM at 12 noon.

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CHRISTMAS BREAK UP.</u></b></p> <p>After a committee discussion, it was agreed that our best option for this Covid19 governed year was to have our break up with partners on  <b><u>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.</u></b></p> <p>It will be held in Braeside Park taking the form of a BBQ at lunch time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Member to supply their own food &amp; drink</u></b></p>
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## **'On ya bike'**

**Hi everyone, it's on again !** The Annual Christmas bike ride, lunch and cycling awards so break out the Santa suit, some bike decorations and your Christmas cheer.

**When** : Wednesday December 15 **Where** : lunch Cessna Express Cafe Bike ride : departs DVMS 930am

**Cost** : \$25 for lunch & a drink. Same deal - pre order & pre pay for your choice of

\* Parmigiana, \* burger \* calamari \* flathead tails Includes chips, salad and a choice of Beer, wine or soft drink

To book for this prestigious event please bring me along \$25 cash to any of the shed rides before 8/12/21 & let me know your meal choice.

Apologies, there are a few new faces riding with the group for who I don't have an email addresses. If anyone can please help me out or pass the message on I would be most great full.

Best wishes & see you at the shed,

Peter Tosh.

## What's been happening

### More Than Just A Shed

On Friday November 12<sup>th</sup> the Dingley Village Men's Shed (DVMS) officially opened their new shed. This now makes a complex - which was just two derelict sheds - into two large workshops and an extended amenities shed.



### So what happens at a Men's Shed?

Well, the members mostly retired, come from all walks of life with a wide variety of interests. The traditional concept of woodwork and or metalwork being the only areas of activity has been consigned to the bin. Now, it is possible to pursue those interests but also others that may never have been part of a vocation. Often a long held desire to learn a new skill or develop a hobby can be achieved that was never able to be realised, until now.

At the opening dignitaries from ParksVic, Local and State Government, Sponsors and of course our very own Dingley Village Neighborhood Centre were present to acknowledge not only the new shed but also the achievements members have made over the past few years.



The DVMS complex is one of several Men's Sheds in the local area all catering for men who have retired but who are at a bit of a loose end. With over 170 members the DVMS is the largest in the area and attracts members from nearby suburbs as well as Dingley Village.

Apart from the obvious interest for men it is often the case that new members are motivated to join by their friends, wives, partners, families who recognise that remaining active both in body and mind is a very important part of maturing gracefully. Studies relating to Men's Health, especially as we mature, have noticed that the Men's Shed Movement



throughout our country makes a positive contribution to happiness and longevity ie. quality of life. Many members just enjoy the contact and fellowship which is a focal part of a like minded group environment.

So the benefits can be many and long lasting not just for the individual but also for their nearest and dearest, their friends and associates and their community at large.

Located in the beautiful Braeside Park, itself a 295 hectare (730 acre) area of parks, natural bush, wetlands and more encourages the members of DVMS to assist and support ParksVic. By working together in maintaining and improving facilities a tangible benefit is enjoyed by the circa 400,000 members of the public who frequent Braeside Park each year.

Proving to be a win-win for the individual and the community alike such an initiative is making a valuable contribution to all. This was the basis of the recognition outlining and gratefully acknowledging the many achievements of the DVMS by those attending the official opening. Clearly this is 'More Than Just A Shed'.

For more information go to [dvms.org.au](http://dvms.org.au) or [secretary@dvms.org.au](mailto:secretary@dvms.org.au)

Text by Geoff Hergt pictures by David Ellis both members of the DVMS

## Remembrance Day 11-11-2021



As COVID still had us all in lockdown, only a small contingent of people were available to mark respect at the Marcus Road memorial.

John Bach & Geoff Hergt placed a wreath on our behalf.

### The 1930-46 ials (generation)

Yes we were privileged and I hope you all think about this because we are nearly all gone now

**Special Group / Born Between 1930 - 1946. Today, they range in ages from 75 to 91**

#### **Interesting Facts**

You are the smallest group of children, born since the early 1900s.

You are the last generation, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war which rattled the structure of our daily lives for years.

You are the last to remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to stoves.

You saved tin foil and poured fat into tin cans and turned it in.

You saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available.

You can remember milk being delivered to your house early in the morning and placed in the "milk box" on the porch.

You are the last to see the gold stars in the front windows of grieving neighbors whose sons died in the War.

You saw the 'boys' home from the war, build their little houses.

You are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead, you imagined what you heard on the radio.

With no TV until the 50's, you spent your childhood "playing outside".

There was no little league. There was no city playground for kids.

The lack of television in your early years meant, that you had little real understanding of what the world was like.

On Saturday afternoons, the movies gave you newsreels sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons.

Telephones were one to a house, often shared (party lines) and hung on the wall in the kitchen (no cares about privacy).

Computers were called calculators; they were hand cranked.  
 Typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage and changing the ribbon.  
 'INTERNET' and 'GOOGLE' were words that did not exist.  
 Newspapers and magazines were written for adults and the news was broadcast on your radio in the evening.  
 As you grew up, the country was exploding with growth.  
 The Government gave returning Veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow. Loans fanned a housing boom. Pent up demand coupled with new installment payment plans opened many factories for work.  
 New highways would bring jobs and mobility.  
 The Veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics.  
 The radio network expanded from 3 stations to thousands.  
 Your parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war, and they threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined.  
 You weren't neglected, but you weren't today's all-consuming family focus. They were glad you played by yourselves until the street lights came on. They were busy discovering the post war world.  
 You entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where you were welcomed, enjoyed yourselves and felt secure in your future though depression poverty was deeply remembered.  
 Polio was still acrippler.  
 You came of age in the 50s and 60s. You are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our homeland. The second world war was over and Korea, the Cold War, terrorism, global warming, and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with unease.  
 Only your generation can remember both a time of great war, and a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty. You grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better...  
 You are "The Last Ones." More than 99% of you are either retired or deceased, and you feel privileged to have "lived in the best of times!"

That's for sure!

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**Ron Prestt**  
Member 69

Many of you will know my brother Ron, and would be aware that his daughter Andrea, son-in-law David and grandson Aaron, have lived in Florida USA for many years. I regret to have to inform you that David, who has been battling cancer for more than 5 years, lost that fight in the early hours of this morning - Monday November 22nd, Melbourne time.  
 Ron together with his wife Frances have asked me to convey this sad news to you all, and to thank you for the many words of moral support they have received in recent months.  
 Thank you all.  
 Kind Regards,  
 John Prestt

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**FOR SALE**

**Technics sx-KN5000 electric key board**

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## What's new in the workshop

As you know the shed is open again under Covid restrictions & as such Robert O'Brien & his A Team are in operation again.

Below is Robert's latest report on what they have been up to since the Covid restriction were eased.



### Tuesday 9th November 2021

Today we started cleaning and tidying up the workshop. The thicknesser, the Jet bench saw and the Sawstop tables were cleaned and lubricated ready for further use now that the shed is open.

The loose timber was stored back into the racks and a lot of rubbish was removed to the rubbish bins.

### Thursday 11th November 2021

We continued tidying up and cleaning the floors and removing the rubbish to the skip.

### **JOBS TO BE COMPLETED**

Brace up the walls of the second Bird Hide.

Install two picnic tables in Gumtree area.

Install two park bench seats.

**Don't forget Robert is always looking for assistance, you don't have to be an expert. Robert is eager to show you where you can assist him.**

### **THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS**

**IT IS OBVIOUS THAT IN THE WORKSHOP THAT OH&S IS NOT BEING OBSERVED IN THE SHED. THINK BEFORE YOU ACT AND USE SAFETY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING THE USE OF THE DUST EXTRACTOR WHEN USING MACHINES OR SANDING.**

**IF YOU ARE USING ANY EQUIPMENT OR WORKING IN THE SHED **"CLEAN UP"** AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED USING THAT MACHINE OR THAT AREA.**

A thank you note was received from Elaine Peterson:-

Elaine Peterson & family would like to  
thank the members of Dingley Mens Shed  
for their kind phone calls & cards. Your sincere  
messages were of great comfort.  
Snowy was a man with a big heart. It had to  
be to hold all the ones he loved, and all those  
who loved him.



Hi shedders,

As an update may I extend my thanks to all those who donated to my ride  
against Kids cancer Great Cycle Challenge. My ride raised \$1,287.00 and the  
group that I rode with ( 9 of us ) did 8,411km and raised about \$7,917.00.  
Nationally the 12,000 riders raised over \$6.5 million, a great result to fund the  
fight against kids cancer.🙏

Thanks again **Roger Doherty**

## Who's on the sick list?

Gerard Maron and Gerard Pelicier are still in need of our best wishes as they individually fight their medical problems  
and we all wish them well and look forward to an update as they progress.

Merv McConchie has at last been able to return home and we look forward to being able to catch up with him when it is  
appropriate.

## **FUND RAISING DOESN'T GET ANY EASIER THAN THIS**

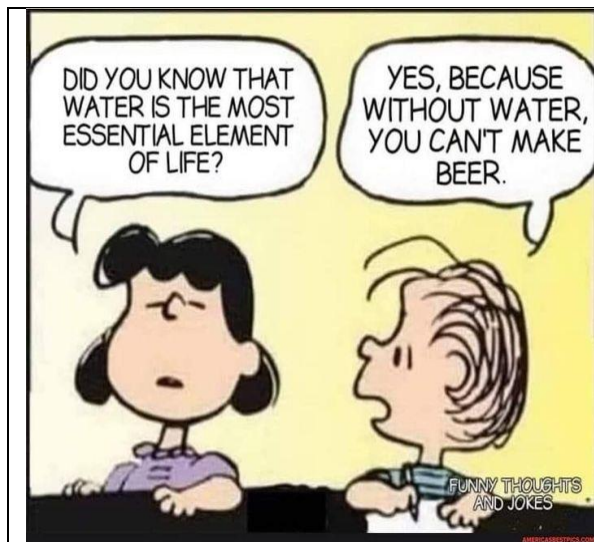
We have been approached by Lexington Gardens Retirement Village, Westall Road, Westall about them giving  
DVMS a \$500.00 gift card donation.

To earn the donation we have to get 15 people to attend an inspection for their retirement village.  
We have had these before it takes about 2 hours & you get a cuppa & sandwiches following it.  
Please give is serious consideration as it an easy way for us to raise \$500.00.  
Email me a reply, please, and a date can be arranged.

Kind Regards,

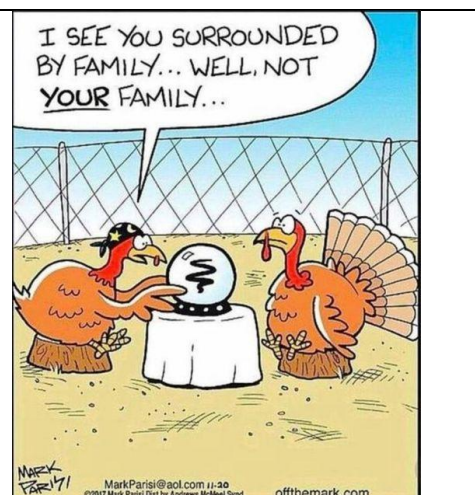
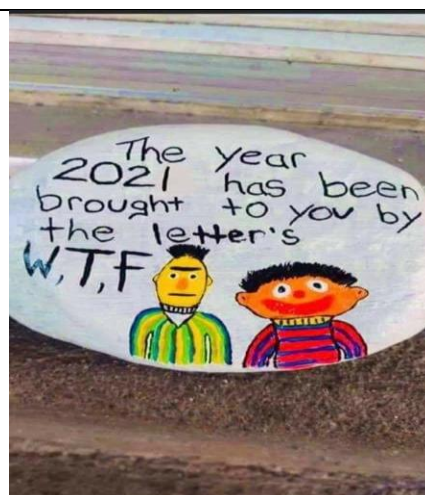
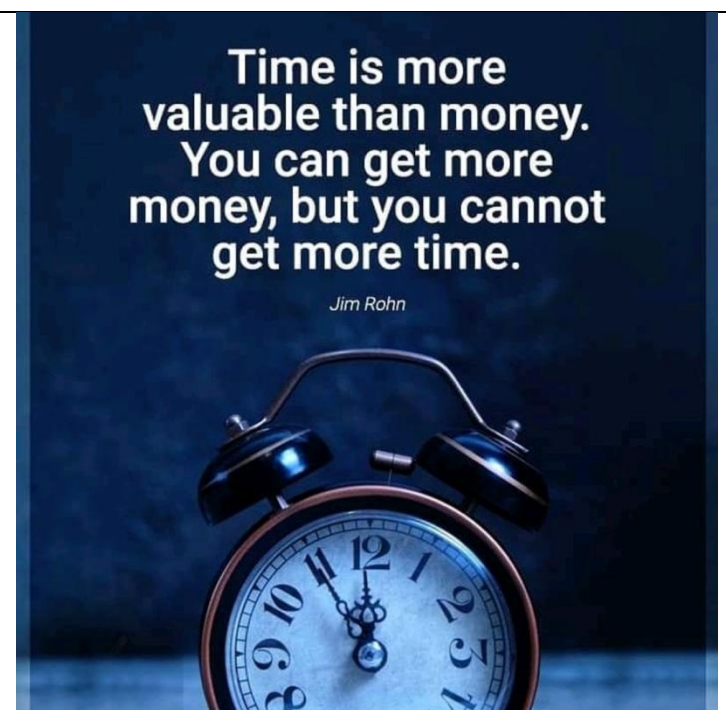
**Paul Brennan**  
Secretary,





## Birthday wishes to:

Member #	First Name	Last Name	Day
88	John	Bach	2
91	Derek	Johnson	4
263	Greg	Dack	5
89	Brian	Delaney	9
167	Gerard	Marion	9
298	Clinton	Canterford	10
158	John	Walters	12
98	Nick	Oklobdzija	13
267	Geoff	Lawson	14
286	John	Bailey	17
220	Ian	Jacobsen	19
33	John	Spragg	24
270	Jamea (Jim)	Mitchell	24
290	Mervyn	Head	26
34	Gary	Bolton	27





## **Subject: Tools**

### **TOOLS EXPLAINED**

**DRILL PRESS** : A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

**WIRE WHEEL** : Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh\*t'

**DROP SAW** : A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**PLIERS** : Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

**BELT SANDER** : An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

**HACKSAW** : One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**WISE-GRIPS** : Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**OXYACETYLENE TORCH** : Used almost entirely for lighting on fire various flammable objects in your shop. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race..

**TABLE SAW** : A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK** : Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

**BAND SAW** : A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST** : A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER** : Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER** : A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**PRY BAR** : A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

**HOSE CUTTER** : A tool used to make hoses too short.

**HAMMER** : Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

**UTILITY KNIFE** : Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

**ADJUSTABLE WRENCH**: aka "Another hammer", aka "the Swedish Nut Lathe", aka "Crescent Wrench". Commonly used as a one size fits all wrench, usually results in rounding off nut heads before the use of pliers. Will randomly adjust size between bolts, resulting in busted buckles, curse words, and multiple threats to any inanimate objects within the immediate vicinity.

**Son of a bitch TOOL** : Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Son of a b\*tch' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

Thanks to John Stewart for setting this issue right, I am sure that we have all experienced some of these but would not care to admit to it..

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May I wish all the DVMS members and their families, a very merry Christmas season and create loving memories after what has been a difficult two year period. Thank you for reading & contributing to our newsletter.