



# Dingley Village Men's Shed Inc.

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## MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

### Better late than never:

Just testing you all to see if you missed not getting the newsletter at the exact start of the month, although technically, February being a short month it could be considered as still being on time.

My excuse ... A one week holiday at the Mulgrave Hospital (previously known as Death Valley) was too good to resist plus they were able to effectively drain off the fluid from my lung. This stay over did however give me the chance to research two hospital activities that completely mystify patients. **1/** Why do the nursing staff need to start recording your blood pressure at 5am each morning and always ask "did you sleep well?" and **2/** what are you meant to do with a piece of rubberised, stone cold toast that would be more suitable as a road base or used as a roofing shingle. I don't have an answer for these unknowns but your contribution would be appreciated.

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**Question?** Were you surprised to read in the February issue of the Dingley Dossier that **Pam Gates** has retired from the position of Centre Manager of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre? I certainly was, as were many other original members of the Men's Shed.

Well Pam, you cannot put all that work into helping in the creation of our Men's Shed and expect to just sneak away into retirement and miss out on receiving acknowledgement and praise from us for all of the work you put into our formation.



Pam was invaluable in the establishment of The Shed. Prior to the formation of the first committee, Pam was instrumental in helping a fledgling group made up of Roger Doherty, Bill Malcolm, David Madill & Warren Duncan by using the DVNC premises, at no charge, for weekly meetings as we progressed the negotiations with Parks Vic and the other administrative challenges. These early gatherings were run with a weekly "Show & Tell" session for all the guys who were interested in joining the "Shed" and waiting for when it finally got up and going.

Pam brought vast experience of organisation and how to go about submitting applications for funding. Early on The Shed ran as a DVNC activity, under Pam's guidance. She was also a great encouragement before and after the initial

Committee was formed. She effectively chaired the early meetings. She was instrumental in running the community expression of interest event, attracting some 30 people, which encouraged the group to proceed with more meetings and finally establishing the first official committee.

Pam was elected as Secretary on the first committee and was instrumental in finalizing the lease of the land & sheds at Braeside Park from Parks Vic. This took quite a while, but was expedited by Pam's experience in these contractual matters. Pam also covered the DVMS for indemnity insurance under the DVNC policy. This was later taken over by the Shed when fully operational. She also took the minutes and sent out the meeting agendas.

Pam is a no-nonsense, practical, Intelligent woman, who is not interested in grandstanding, she gets on with what needs to be done, a very appropriate skill in dealing with a men's shed. She considers the establishment of "The Shed" as one of her most satisfying achievements during her time at DVNC which commenced in 1997 with a six month contract to develop an education course, which then advanced to being the Program Coordinator and then Centre Manager.

Pam has invested a great deal of her time in helping us get going & we all owe her our sincere thanks & best wishes for a very well deserved retirement.

This article was collated with input from Roger Doherty & David Madill

## What's new in the workshop



A bit of TLC and this park bench is looking as good as new again.

Note the shed "how to do it" policy at work once again .... one doing the job, one watching and one telling how it should be done.

Well done to the guys once again for all the effort put into the park.

## January 2022: A-TEAM REPORT

### **Tuesday 11th January 2022**

Once again we started a new project for 2022 with the manufacture of three picnic tables for the Keysborough Golf Club. With all the materials purchased and delivered we started to cut up the timber to size. The thicknesser had the cutters rotated to a new sharp face and was prepared for the finishing the timber to size.

### **Thursday 12th January 2022**

We continued cutting and planing the timber to size, engraved the Golf Club name in the table top and finally routing the bull nose edge on all the corners.

### **Friday 13th January 2022**

The timber components had all the fastener holes drilled, counterbored and preliminary stained.

### **Monday 17th January 2022**

Finished drilling all the holes and started assembling the table. Second table timber cut to length and was machined to size.

The first table top was assembled and another coat of stain was applied to parts.

### **Tuesday 18th January 2022**

Drilled and counterbored the seat supports and assembled the seats and legs onto the table top. The first table completed ready for the last coat of stain.

The second table components were machined to size and all edges routed.



### **Thursday 20th January 2022**

First table completed and the second coat of stain applied.

The second table was assembled ready for the seats.

### **Friday 21st January 2022**

Seat components finished machining and stained.

### **Monday 24th January 2022**

The first table was picked up by Darren and his team from the Golf Club.

The seats were fitted to the second table and was finally stained underneath ready to remove from the bench and turnover.

The third table components were cut to length and stained. The table board was engraved.

### **Tuesday 25th January 2022**

Continued machining and drilling the third table components and stained the top of the second table.

Ponderosa sign engraved and cut to size.

### **Thursday 27th January 2022**

Assembled the third picnic table and stained a second coat underneath.

### **Monday 31st January 2022**

The third table was completely stained and ready for pickup on Thursday 3 February.

Started to cut out the plywood for the two Community Libraries for Braeside and Karkorook Parks.

## OUTSTANDING PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED

THREE PICNIC TABLES TO BE MANUFACTURED FOR THE KEYSBOROUGH GOLF CLUB.

BIRD HIDE TO BE INSTALLED ON SITE.

Once the concrete base at Site 7 has been completed we can assemble the hide in the location.

INSTALL TWO SEATS AROUND THE WETLANDS NEAR THE BIRD HIDES.

Waiting for finally location to be determined.

PLAYGROUND POLE CAPS.

Manufacture and install pole caps for playground. Waiting on Parks to determine their requirement.

PLAYGROUND FENCE.

Stain the repaired fence again.

TEN STEEL FRAMED TABLES TO BE REPAIRED.

Machine table top and seats or replace timbers.

IN AUTUMN CLEAN AND RE-STAIN THE TREE CARVINGS

This time we will have to extensively wash each carving, make some repairs before a couple of coats of the wood stain.

COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

Two community library housing to be made and installed in the play grounds at Braeside and Karkarook Park.



## February 2022: A-TEAM REPORT

### **Tuesday 1st February 2022**

We had the first of the steel framed tables delivered to the shed for refurbishment today and we started to strip the timber off and machine them to restore to weathered surfaces.



### **Thursday 3rd February 2022**

Continued the first steel table repair by planing and routing the edges. We drilled out the holes and fitted the timbers back on the frames with new bolts. As the timber tops were distorted we added a couple of braces to each end of the table and secured them into position. Timber is now ready for staining once the timber has dried out from the recent rains.

We started dismantling the second table and machining the timbers.

### **Friday 4th February 2022**

The first and second table had their first coat of wood stain.

### **Monday 7th February 2022**

The first table had a second coat of wood stain and is completed. Inspected the Chlorine shed door for repair requirements.

### **Tuesday 8th February 2022**

The cutting out of plywood for the Community Library continued today.

### **Thursday 10th February 2022**

Continued with the third table machining and staining the timbers and a final stain for the second table which is now complete.

Digger brought to the shed a viewing panel of which they would like cleaned up and stained or painted. There will be another panel supplied when we finish this first unit.

He also delivered a Parks boat of which they would like us to fit out for them as many of our members have much boating experience.

We also managed to get to the Park entrance to measure and mark bollards that will have to be removed or relocated as well as the location for the lockable bollards for the Emergency Ambulance Access.



### **Friday 11th February 2022**

Steel table renovations continued. Cutout most of the panels for the two Community Libraries and started to assemble them.



### **Monday 14th February 2022**

Continued steel frame table renovation with final stain applied to the third table and fourth table dismantled. The Community Library had the roofs cutout, installed and the housings sanded ready for painting.

### **Tuesday 15th February 2022**

Continued with tables four and five today replacing the top completely on table five. These are now ready for a couple of coats of stain.



### **Thursday 17th February 2022**

Dismantled the last table 6 and machined the surface of the timbers.

### **Monday 21st February 2022**

Fitted the timbers back onto the steel frame with new bolts and stained the timbers to protect it. This is the last table to be renovated for the Park.



### **Tuesday 22nd February 2022**

The first display cabinet was dismantled and cleaned ready for sanding the weathered timber. The display picture was removed.

We started the fit out of the boat with the layout of the Water Snake electric motor, battery and battery box, fire extinguishers and accessories.

### **Wednesday 23rd February 2022**

Continued work on the Community Libraries.

### **Thursday 24th February 2022**

The first display board was completely stripped of parts, cleaned and sanded all faces. A coat of stain was applied and the glass sliding strips were fitted.

The boat work continued with the motor being installed on the bow, the battery and case was installed on brackets we made and fastened in place. The fire extinguishers were secured in place.

Completed the Community Libraries and are now ready for installation in the Parks.



### Friday 25th February 2022

Wired the boat from the battery to the motor with an extension lead and Anderson clip. Clipped a bracket onto the hull to store the two paddles. Installed the bilge pump ready for the electrical wiring and the discharge fitting to the transom ready for connection with the drain hose.

The second display panel was started with one side window removed and the display removed.

### 26th & 27th February 2022

Started building a controller for the Bilge Pump for Manual and Automatic control.

### 28th February 2022

Engraved the Community Library doors.

Sanded the second display cabinet and window frame. The display then rolled over and the window was removed.

The Bilge pump was installed in the boat with the discharge hose and electrical wiring.

## BUNNINGS BBQ fund raiser



That's funny - they fitted last year.



Try as hard as you like - you won't beat me down on the price.



Cooking the onions has always been my job.



That's it... I've had enough.

Photos by David Ellis



<----- I took this photo last week. It is "Spike" who lives round the park and sometimes seen around Rosella park. He does not have a lot of road sense so maybe we could remind members to keep an eye out for him. And while your eyes are watching, look out for this bloke as well ----->  
Kevin O'Reilly



Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not Happy.

## What's coming up



Denis McKeegan has got our Footy Tipping Competition up & ready for season 2022.

Please see his email below & follow his instructions to become involved.

If you are unsure about how it works speak to Denis on any Friday & he will explain how the competition works.

It's very easy to get involved & it is great fun to be a part of.

I have created the DVMS Footy Tipping 2022 for this season.

Cost is \$25.00 for the season and all the details are on the Footy Tips website.

The comp is open to all members, their family and friends.

Click on this link to join

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If you need any help logging in, please email me [den.mck@bigpond.com](mailto:den.mck@bigpond.com) or call 0413 753 736.

Hopefully we can see some new members join.

Regards

Den

Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador.

"Bugger that" says Mick "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"

## Handy Hint

### Your Phone Camera Is A Magnifying Tool

I was trying to open a combination lock with VERY small numbers, and in low light, this week. It was impossible to see, so I opened my phone camera and zoomed in on the lock mechanism. In about 20 seconds the lock was opened and I was sorted. Use your camera to magnify on small objects, even when you are not taking a photo - no apps to download, just open the camera, focus on the object and zoom in!



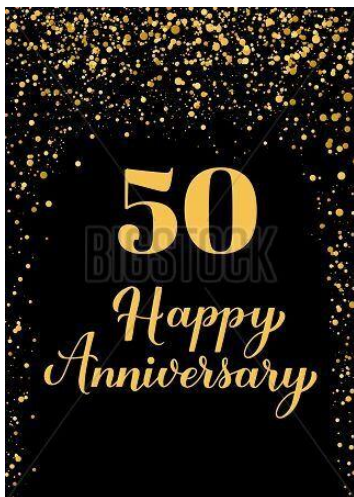
I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin, three hours later and they're still walking about with it. I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!!

## Birthday wishes to:

Member #	First Name	Last Name	Day
16	Bruce	Simons	1
269	Daryl	Sullivan	1
295	John (Jack)	Sunter	1
44	Graeme	Chalmers	2
12	Jim	Gentle	5
313	Kazimerz(Kosha )	Wertiechowski	6
85	Charles	Spiteri	7
261	Kevan	Thomas	8
8	Vaughan	Gibson	11
161	Brian	Esmonde	14
214	Bill	David	23
57	Paul	Weatherall	24
67	Eddy	Shillong	25
<b>152</b>	<b>Tony</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>31</b>
202	Graham	Walker	31

**Congratulations Tony on becoming our latest OBE**

**I've expanded my skills. I can now forget what I'm doing while I'm actually doing it.**



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13 February 2022 Robert and Ann O'Brien Celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Dingley Village Men's Shed Congratulate you both on this milestone of 50 years of marriage.



My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.



Stalemate



## What's new on the book shelf:

Thanks to Geoff Palfreman for keeping us up to date with new items on the book shelf.

TITLE	NOTES	AUTHOR
The Gates of Rome	Emperor Series - Julius Ceasar	Conn Iggulden
The Death of the Kings	Emperor Series - Julius Ceasar	Conn Iggulden
The Field of Swords	Emperor Series - Julius Ceasar	Conn Iggulden
The Gods of War	Emperor Series - Julius Ceasar	Conn Iggulden
The Blood of Gods	Emperor Series - Julius Ceasar	Conn Iggulden
The Blood of Gods #2	Emperor Series - Julius Ceasar	Conn Iggulden
Wolf of the Plains	Conquerer Series - Genghis Kahn	Conn Iggulden
Lords of the Bow	Conquerer Series - Genghis Kahn	Conn Iggulden
Bones of the Hills	Conquerer Series - Genghis Kahn	Conn Iggulden
Empire of Silver	Conquerer Series - Genghis Kahn	Conn Iggulden
Conqueror	Kublai Khan	Conn Iggulden
Stormbird	War of the Roses Series	Conn Iggulden
Trinity	War of the Roses Series	Conn Iggulden
Bloodline	War of the Roses Series	Conn Iggulden
Ravenspur	War of the Roses Series	Conn Iggulden
The Abbot's Tale	Anglo saxon Britain	Conn Iggulden
The Falcon of Sparta		Conn Iggulden
Darian - Empire of Salt		Conn Iggulden
The Gates of Athens		Conn Iggulden
The Great Sieges	34 sieges	Martin Windrow
The Last Lion - Visions of Glory	Winston Churchill	William Winchester
The Last Lion - Alone	Winston Churchill 1932-1940	William Winchester
The Last Lion - Defender if the Realm	Winston Churchill 1940-1965	William Winchester & Paul Reid

Churchill's First War		Con Coughlin
The Lost Symbol		Dan Brown
River God - Ancient Egypt		Wilbur Smith
Birds of Prey		Wilbur Smith
Assegini		Wilbur Smith
The Tailor of Panama		John le CarrÃ©
Lincoln's Sword	US Civil War	Debra Doyle & James Mcdonald
Legacy of Kings		Eleanor Herman
Valdez Is Coming	Cowboy revenge	Elmore Leonard
The Fatal Shore	Australian history	Robert Hughes
Bomber	WW2	Len Deighton
The Meaning of Everything	Oxford English dictionary	Simon Winchester
The Giant Book of Villians		Esmé Hawes
The Global Age	1950-2017	Ian Kershaw
How the Irish Saved Civilisation		Thomas Cahill
Wind Sand and Stars	Vintage airman	Antoine de Saint Exupery
The Cruel Sea	Young persons edition	Nicholas Monsarrat
Great Sea Stories		Nicholas Monsarrat et al
Adrift - 76 Days Lost at Sea		Steven Callahan
The Road to Ruin	Tony Abbott & Peta Credlin	Niki Sarva
Sharpe's Devil		Bernard Cornwell
Partisans	WW2	Alistair McLean
Empire of the Moghul - Rule of the World	Kublai Kahn?	Alex Rutherford
Kublai Khan	Mongol king	John Man
Before Scotland	History	Alistair Moffat
Ronnie Wood	Rolling Stone	Auto-Biography
The Allepo Codex	Biblical	Matti Friedman
The Arms of Krupp	Arms manufacturing empire	William Manchester
Men at War	War stories	Ed by Ernest Hemingway

## Camera group activities:

These boots were made for working.



Norm Nicol came to me with an idea. He had a pair of boots that he had completely worn out over the last 10 years during Shed activities. He thought that they symbolised the effort our members have put in, creating our Shed from a small group that met in people garages to the multi-activity complex we have now. These boots have seen shed extensions, construction of picnic tables, bird hides, koala boxes and repairs to infrastructure in the Park. They have

assisted the Friends of the Park and the establishment of the Community Garden, plus help for other community groups. Could we photograph them?

I thought it was a terrific Idea for our Group to realise an idea and bring it to life in pictures. I briefed the members on what an illustrative photographer does, and they set to work. The pictures here are team efforts, as they are in a professional photographic studio, with the actual photographer taking credit for the image.

They are a particularly strong set of images and the teams that produced them are justifiably proud of them.

David Ellis



## Be part of the solution - not the problem



### Hi their Men's Sheddors.

The subject of removable bollards has been discussed many times between Park Staff and the Men's Shed Group.

This morning Tuesday 22/2/22 the bollards were left with no covers or bollards in them. (See Photo)

I want to highlight the safety risks that are currently being created by inappropriate action in relation to the removable bollards.

### Just picture this in your mind.

A mother with two small children is walking through the Rosella car park downwards from the gateway towards the site of the two removable bollards. The kids observe 4 birds ahead of them and chase after the birds. One of the kids steps into the hole left by the bollard that has been left out and without a cover and breaks their leg.

Men's Sheddors please understand the risks you are creating by leaving the bollards out with no covers.

Back to the story:

The mother contacts Parks Victoria to seek cover from PV's insurance.

Park Staff will have completed an incident report and will have reported the details about the bollards and the holes in the ground. Parks Victoria would be approaching the Men's Shed to determine insurance cover etc etc.

Do you want that to ever happen?

Please understand that if this type of action continues then Park Staff will work through new procedures.

That could mean no parking around the shed facility at all – parking in Park Car Parks only.

It could also mean no access unless you have a key to a padlock.

Cheers for now.

**Des Lucas** | Parks Victoria

Ranger Team Leader, Sandbelt Parklands

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