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MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER



We Did Not Forget

Geoff Hergt

ANZAC Day 2022 at 5.45am the Dawn Service here in Dingley Village saw a crowd numbering in the hundreds. This was the first service in the past two years which was able to be conducted without any COVID restrictions.

The usual 11am service, which includes children from all the local schools, had been cancelled due to school holidays. This, in part, may have explained the significant numbers attending this year as there were many youngsters participating.

Whilst the day was forecast to be 21 degrees, warm and sunny with no rain everyone was rugged up to ward off the chilly night air. Thankfully it was a still morning with no cold wind. As the sun slowly rose over the gathering the change from darkness to daylight made this moving occasion all the more poignant.

The program was moving but the real highlight was the address given by a local student who spoke about the life of a young First World War soldier. He thankfully survived the ordeal, returned home to live a fulfilling life as a husband, father and grandfather. What made this address so special were the parallels drawn between the soldiers' life then and our own today.

In many ways we too face adversity although nothing like what our young soldier faced. We have recently confronted, a worldwide pandemic, military invasions, local issues to name a few. But the attributes of tenacity coupled with the courage to hold our ground and to press on toward our ultimate goal are just as true today as they were over 100 years ago.

Our shed layed a wreath at the cenotaph, as did many other local organisations, which brought to a fitting close a moment in our lives providing an opportunity to reflect as we paid our respects to those to whom we owe so much.

Lest We Forget



What's been happening

Clayton Goes to Bayswater



Sometimes it doesn't matter how much planning you put into an event something always seems to upset your best work. On Wednesday April 6th last our inveterate organiser of events Bob Wood had planned and collected funds from eager attendees for our visit to the Ambulance Museum in Bayswater.



Robert (Bob) Wood
Member 231

Not only did he (Bob Wood) test positive for COVID and have to isolate in the days leading up to the event - for a while there it looked like he might not be able to participate. But on the day no less than 24 members, partners and friends arrived at the appointed address in good time only to find that there had been a mix up and the volunteers at the Ambulance Museum were not there. The place was all locked up. Hurried phone calls established that they had got the date wrong and could not get there to show us around. All this despite a confirmation call from Bob two days previous.

So much for Plan A, not to be out done our resourceful organiser directed the now slightly disallusioned group to Plan B. Soon after leaving the locked up museum we arrived in force ready to take on the Bayswater Hotel where Bob had arranged for us to have lunch. Problem was it was only 10.30am - a bit early for lunch!!

We were assured that at 11.30am their dining room would open and lunch would be available.

During the chat in the remaining hour it was discovered that on this very day it was Bill King's 85th birthday. Doreen had driven them over for the museum visit but was now looking for a stiff coffee to calm the situation.



Several coffees later we were ushered into the dining room and seated in a group. Being the first in the area and having waited for what seemed like a lifetime we received prompt and friendly service and a very enjoyable meal. Then to top it all off our event organiser arranged for a very attractive cup cake resplendent with ONE lit candle and we all proceeded to sing "Happy Birthday" to Bill.

By this time the dining room had filled almost to capacity and our celebrations were enjoyed by all.

The staff indicated that the crowd was bigger than usual for a Wednesday lunchtime so we concluded that they had got wind of Bill's birthday and came to wish him well.

So, the visit you have when you're not having a visit, ie a Clayton's visit, turned out to be a lot of fun even if we still haven't had a look through the museum. Thanks for all your hard work Bob we appreciate it.

Article by Geoff Hergt / photos by Nick Oklobzija

I'm very proud of my ability to multitask - I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time.

What's new in the workshop

A - Team - March & April activity report.

REPORT #28

Tuesday 1st March 2022

Electrical wiring in the boat was completed and the system tested for operation.

The display in the second cabinet was removed and further sanding continued with several coats of stain applied.

Thursday 3rd March 2022

Continued repair of the second display window with dowels fitted in the joints and some biscuits slotted in each corner.

The door and jam on the Chlorine shed was repaired and rehung securing the building once again. One more door to repair in the Park Compound.



Friday 4th March 2022

The display had a final coat of stain ready to assemble and complete next week.

We visited Karkarook Park today and decided on the location for the Community Library of which will be installed next week.

Monday 7th March 2022

Prepared the post and attached it to the Community Library for Karkarook ready for installation.

The second display cabinet was completed and stained once again with the acrylic windows being cleaned and restored to good condition.

Tuesday 8th March 2022

Removed the Compound shed door to the Men's shed for repair. Rehung the door to the shed in the Compound. The second display cabinet was picked up ready for installation. The Karkarook post had the foot installed and had another coat of paint applied. All the rubbish was removed to the skip at last.



Thursday 10th March 2022

Fitted an isolation switch to the battery box in the boat. Fitted a cleat to the bow of the boat for an anchor rope or mooring point. We secured the doors further in the store in the compound and tidied up the damaged timber. The steel bracket is to be bent and refitted to the door to secure a lock.

Monday 14th March 2022

Steel bracket for the shed lock was bent correctly.

Tuesday 15th March 2022

The steel bracket was fitted to the door and the Compound shed door repairs are now complete. The boat isolation switch was fitted to the battery and is working correctly. The rope loops were spliced and was added to the sides of the boat through the eye bolts fasteners. The Community Library was installed under the Braeside Park playground. The Park boat was now completed picked up by Parks on Wednesday 16th March.



Thursday 17th March

The Karkarook Community Library was fixed to its pole ready for installation next week.

We visited the site of the Bird Hide with a concreter to get a quote on repairing the concrete pad. As we had the concreter we laid out the dimensions of the pad at the back of the shed and a proposal for the emergency escape ramp on the door of the extension. Peter is working in cleaning up the fastener store. We had Ainslee Smyth deliver some children blocks from the Dandenong Primary Kindergarten for us to repair and lacquer if we can.

Monday 21st March 2022

Had a look at the Kindergarten blocks and mad a list of all components and started estimating the cleanup times. Inspected the Sparrow shelter table to estimate the drilling holes for the table.

Tuesday 22nd March 2022

Emptied the rubbish down to the Park skip and the waste metal was removed by Digger. Installed the Community Library at Karkarook Park and within three minutes had two mothers and children browsing through the books and giving us the thumbs up as a good idea. Well done Des Lucas for thinking of this idea in the Park. Let's hope it is a big success and it sure is looking promising at the present time. The boys started cleaning up the Kindergarten blocks today and are probably half way through sanding them ready for lacquer.



Thursday 24th March 2022

The emergency door in the extension was sticking due to the expansion and contraction of the building so we started to stretch the architrave in the centre.

Monday 28th March 2022

The emergency exit door was sticking on the bottom section of the architrave so we released the screws holding it in position moved the bottom out and re-drilled the screws back into the bracket. We also fitted the door lock blocking plate to minimise opening the door with a credit card. A few members continued sanding down the kindergarten blocks. The proposed concrete slab at the rear door of the workshop was pegged out ready to level the site.

Tuesday 29th March 2022

The kindergarten block sanding continued as well as routing the edges on the blocks. The grass was cut around the shed and the rear of the workshop. The old box and was dismantled and all the rubbish was disposed of down to the skip. The proposed concrete slab area was checked for levels.

Thursday 31st March 2022

The First Aid sign was replaced to its correct location above the first Aid cabinet. A DVMS nameplate was installed on the Community Library at the Braeside Playground. A new disc was fitted to the Carbatec sander. Planer blades were removed for sharpening and the Thicknesser was dismantled for cleaning, repair and adjustment. The Kindergarten blocks are now finished sanding and ready for staining.

Manipulate was installed on most light fittings, and electrical switches in the workshop.

And so ends another months work from the A-Team. It has been a very productive month and much was accomplished.

APRIL PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED

Cleanup the grass and weeds along the Disability car parking.

Stain the Kindergarten blocks with Timber Oil.

The picnic table in the Sparrow Shelter to be removed and relocated and another two tables installed in the shelter.

Two park bench seats to be installed in the wet lands.

The Birdhide to be installed in the Park.

Braeside Playground A secondary rafter to be installed under the playground floor and also replace a rotten timber on the fence.

The Workshop Extension Emergency exit door ramp to be prepared for concreting. After the ramp is completed a safety rail is to be manufactured and installed.

The rear door of the workshop area to be prepared for concrete pad to be laid.

REPORT #29

Monday 4th April 2022

Replaced the disc and belt on the Ryobi linisher and adjusted the table. This is once again operational.

Assembled the thicknesser, rotated the cutting chips, adjusted the chip guard, cleaned and lubricated all parts. This should be completed on Tuesday.

Tuesday 5th April 2022

Completed the thicknesser cleaned the drive roller, replaced all covers and tested the machine.

Trimmed all the excess weed growth around the parking logs and disable car park. All nice and neat thanks to Eddie.

Started staining all the kindergarten blocks with the first coat of timber stain.



Thursday 7th April 2022

Staining continued on the kindergarten blocks and about 50% more will have to have a second coat.

No it's not a Russian cosmonaut, it's only Nikoiai sorting out a swarm of Bee's in the Park fire hydrant. This was very difficult place to evict them out off and they were quiet angry when the hydrant was turned over.

You cans see that the honey comb had spread below the bottom of the hydrant and was completely full of comb with very little honey in it at all. Because the bee's were so embedded in the hydrant Nik couldn't separate the comb to find the Queen and save the hive. The swarm have moved on to a new location and for the next few days will be returning to the site to recover any honey they had and transfer it to the new hive site.

Interesting fact is the Bee's will remember the site and could come back in the future if the site is not sealed off and the hive odour is not washed out with petrol or diesel.

Lucky we didn't have a fire or the Firemen would have had a double trouble trying to get to the hydrant.



Monday 11th April 2022

Re-fitted the toilet door at the Men's toilet in Karkarook and fitted the DVMS label to the Community library in the playground.

Tuesday 12th 2022

Continued staining the kindergarten blocks.

Replaced the fence top support. Only need the beam to be stained to complete the job.

A set of book shelves was modified and prepared to be painted.

Thursday 14th April 2022

Book shelves was painted.

A top architrave was made for the Red Gum male toilet and installed on site.



Well it's time to vote again but just remember it doesn't matter who you vote for, you still get a Politician.

Oh and while on the subject - how can you tell when a Politian is lying? Their lips move.

Golf comp - late entry from last month's newsletter



***** Refer to the notice board for details of the next round. *****

Birthday wishes to:

Member #	First Name	Last Name	Day
2	Warren	Duncan	30
26	Frank	Smith	17
66	Kevin	O'Reilly	5
97	Julius	Edmundson	1
131	Ian	Kerr	31
193	Ronald	Tanner	31
231	Robert (Bob)	Wood	12
266	Gavin	Jones	21
287	Derek	Starkiss	1
314	John	Skinner	15
318	Gary	Mumro	10

Congratulations to Frank & Ian on receiving your OBE



Without freedom of speech we would not know who the idiots are.

So the legal system does work after all -

This letter and cheque were received by DVMS under the Magistrates' Court Diversion Plan. It is presume that funds received may have been due to the apprehension and subsequent conviction of the offenders responsible for the graffiti attack on our shed back in June 2020. As a result of the conviction, the DVMS has been nominated as a beneficiary of funds from the fines collected by the court. A pleasant surprise to find in our sheds mailbox.

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Dingley Village Mens Shed
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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: DONATION

Please find enclosed a bank cheque in the total sum of \$200.00

The donation formed part of an offender's Magistrates' Court Diversion Plan and was complied with on this day. Accordingly, I forward it to you.

No return receipt is required.

The Criminal Justice Diversion Program deals with first-time low-level offenders and aims to assist local community projects and charities through donations such as this.

If you have any queries, please contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely,



Rachel Baird
Diversion Co-Ordinator
Dandenong Magistrates Court

Proposal for renaming the Dingley Village Library

Have you ever wondered the reason for the naming of Marcus Road in Dingley Village? It was named after one of the most celebrated authors and writers in late 19th Century Victoria, **Marcus Clarke**.

Marcus Clarke spent time in Dingley on the property of his cousin (Sir Andrew Clarke) in the 1870s while he wrote his most famous novel "For the Term of His Natural Life". He was also famous as a journalist and writer while working for the Argus by representing the reality of how the poor lived in the slums of Melbourne at that time.

Clarke's contribution to Australian literature has been recognized with a number of place names. A main street in Canberra City bears his name. Marcus Road and Clarke Road commemorate his time in Dingley Village.

In 1973 he was honoured on a postage stamp bearing his portrait issued by Australia Post and he is one of the writers commemorated with a plaque on the Sydney Writers Walk.

It's time we locals did the same.

He was inducted into The Australian Media Hall of Fame in 2017 with the following tributes:

Clarke - journalist, poet, bon vivant and novelist - was the author of For the Term of his Natural Life, described by his biographer Brian Elliott as the only truly monumental work of literature in the first 100 years of Australian history, and a book that has never been out of print. The novel was inspired by Clarke's reporting on the convict prison system in Tasmania. It was first published as a newspaper series. Clarke also wrote a witty, irreverent column called 'The Peripatetic Philosopher' in The Argus and some of his pieces, particularly two on the Melbourne Cup, remain vivid and readable a century and a half later.

Noted Australian writer, Martin Flanagan, has had this to say of Marcus Clarke.

Marcus Clarke, dead at 35, was a prodigy.

"He is chiefly remembered for his novel, For the Term of His Natural Life, which did roughly for the convict system in the Australian colonies what Uncle Tom's Cabin did for the institution of slavery in the United States – it confronted the middle and upper classes with the gross inhumanity practised by their own societies. For the Term of His Natural Life travelled the world and, in a speech in Melbourne in 1895, 14 years after Clarke's death, Mark Twain declared him a "genius" and said: "I may tell you that we think a deal more of Marcus Clarke in our country than I am sorry to think you do here."

We now have a beautiful new Library, fittingly enough on Marcus Road, and members of the Dingley Village Writers Group consider that it would be highly appropriate if the Library could be named in his honour - to recognise his significant contribution to Australian journalism and literature.

We would appreciate your support - evidence of community support to substantiate our application to Kingston Council that we can have a **Marcus Clarke Memorial Library**. Marcus was a settler in our region, like many other less celebrated but hard-working people, who crafted the fields for vegetables and fruits to feed early Melbourne. Their efforts helped to set the platform for the success that Dingley Village is today.

Petition for Dingley Village Library Name Change to The Marcus Clarke Library

There is a petition available for you to support this initiative at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre for the Dingley Library name to be changed to the Marcus Clarke Memorial Library.

Will you drop by at the Centre and sign the petition. This is not an initiative of the DV Neighbourhood Centre but a group of writers from the Village As with all petitions of this type your details will NOT be shared with anyone aside from Council when we present the signatures to Kingston Council.

More information is available on Wikipedia.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcus_Clarke

Thanks for your support. Dingley Village Writers Group. Contact: wasadunc@bigpond.net.au

ParksVic & DVMS Farewell Des Lucas

by Geoff Hergt

photos by David Ellis

It was a cool and cloudy Wednesday morning when 50 plus Park Rangers along with many other friends from all walks of life arrived at the Braeside Park Visitors Centre. It was here that they would express their gratitude to an icon of Braeside and many other parks around Victoria.

Des Lucas was retiring after 44 years of service with ParksVic, much of which was dedicated to Braeside Park - our home. Leading the ParksVic recognition was Des's boss Darren Mitchell.

Much banter was enjoyed with many attendees taking the opportunity to say Thank You to a leader who in their words "Might be Gone but Never Forgotten".

Des will officially depart in the middle of May after assisting the new rangers who are joining the Braeside Park management team.

Following the experience, albeit a new pleasure of long service leave, Des plans to travel around Australia taking his time to become immersed in new surroundings on a 'Road less Travelled'.

DVMS Joins the well wishers

Our shed and members recognised and showed our appreciation to Des the following day at our Amenities Shed. Some members who had worked for many years with him were unfortunately away however it was fitting that we too should extend our best wishes to a great leader and Head Park Ranger with whom we have worked so successfully for almost 10 years.

With ranger numbers and available money significantly reduced in recent years the importance of the support provided by members of the DVMS to Braeside Park management is crucial. Ours is a unique situation as the only Men's Shed located in a ParksVic park. This provides a wonderful opportunity for a win-win partnership which will ultimately benefit the one million visits by the public to Braeside Park each year.



Send off for Des at the Visitors Centre - Wednesday 27/4/22

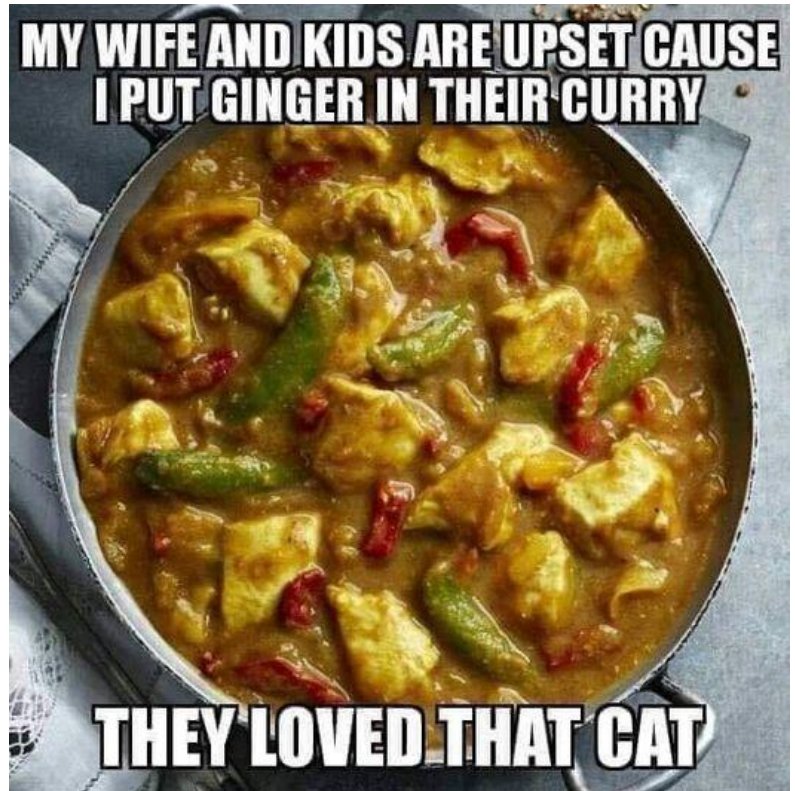
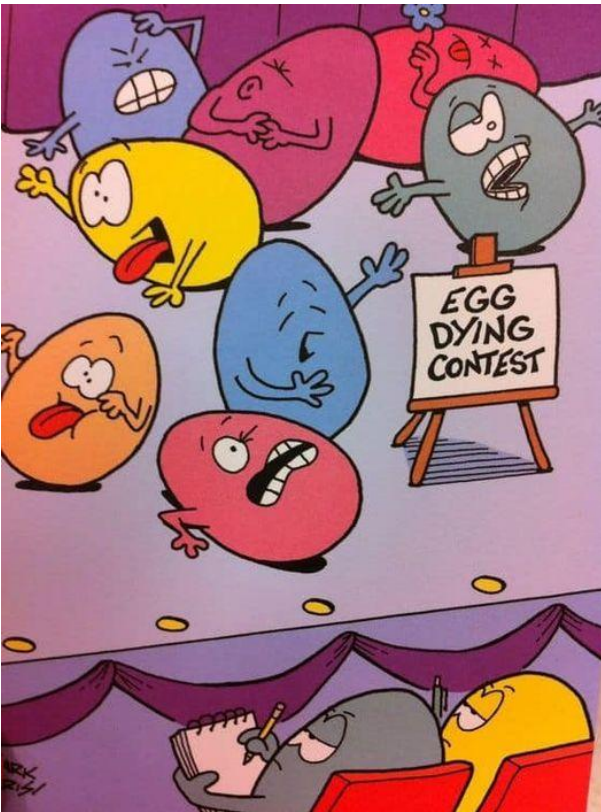


and at our own Amenities Shed the following day.

The speech's were short and to the point but it was good to hear from Des about the "proposed' leadership plans for Braeside Park Ranger Management. Vaughan & John Prestt praised Des for his leadership in the various planning sessions that enabled our sheds to reach the level that is now our DVMS.

Dr Jack summed up the afternoon by expressing the desire we have for a farewell gift for Des and concluded that the bollard in Cyprus Drive would be most fitting.

When we get to farewell Digger sometime in June, Braeside Park will be left with a hole of knowledge so big it will most likely never be filled.



No one has a longer "to-do" list than a toddler at bed time.

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