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All Things Come to Those Who Wait

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How often have we heard that old saying, usually from those more mature than us!!

Well, just this month we were on the receiving end of a long awaited good news story from the AOMC (Association of Motoring Clubs).

Not only did we receive a contribution to our coffers of \$700 but we also received coverage in their July Newsletter. So something that began as a kite flying exercise turned out to

be a real winner for us and our shed.

The National Motoring Heritage Day (NMHD) is conducted each year by the AOMC in three different locations throughout Victoria on the same day. Our shed (for the first time) was offered the opportunity to conduct the only metropolitan venue the others being in Trentham and Maffra. Are you amongst those DVMS members immortalised in this picture?

We were so very lucky with the weather, it was after all May 15th and the forecast was not appealing however our members turned out in force and the cars kept on coming. By day's end we reckon circa 80 - 100 cars had visited Rosella Car Park with our members not only running the day but supplying a sausage sizzle as well,

Despite the hurried arrangements and unknown result DVMS member Rob Van Der Linde did a sterling job managing our involvement from ordering supplies to arranging cooking facilities and manpower to make it all happen.

A great effort by everyone concerned and a real win for our shed. Well Done and Thank You to all.

Ken Brown is organising a Chess Group for members.

He has a chess board but needs a set of chess pieces.

Please contact Ken on 0438-547-905 if you able to assist him.



Success has a thousand parents, failure is an orphan.

What's been happening

Lots More in Lismore

You may remember that back in March "Raffle Ron" suggested we all wear crazy hats (see pic

below) to our next meeting and donate \$10 each to assist the Lismore Men's Shed which had been devastated by the recent floods.

Well, what do you know - the picture taken from their website shows their old shed and the other one shows their new shed.

Now, it would be a stretch to suggest that our \$700 donation from our crazy hat 'bit of fun' bought them a new shed. But a recent conversation with President Don Abrahams indicated that we were the first to respond to their predicament and once other sheds in NSW heard about what we did they

collectively provided much needed tools and equipment. It was local and state authorities who

provided the new shed.





LISMORE MEN & COMMUNITY SHED

This has meant that the Lismore Men's Shed is now able to not only assist folk in Lismore who too were flooded out of house and home but also other Men's Sheds in their area who are keen to

restock and revitalise their flood ruined workshops.

A time honored adage states that "A small pebble dropped into a pond sends ripples far and wide" It would seem that our small pebble has resulted in a great deal of assistance to our very needy fellow shedders.

Thanks to Ron for his timely suggestion and our members who rallied to support friends we did not even know we had.

What's new in the workshop

Have you been going into the work shed and paid attention to what has been going on in the far corner - yes it does look like a recycling plant because that's exactly what it is. Two of our "inventive" members - Kevin Strahan and David Taylor. have fully constructed a plastic recycling process that now turns used milk bottles and other associated plastic waste into useable and very durable plastic profiles. So far a rectangle shape that is being used to make seats and now as shown in the following series of photos, a square profile that is used as a garden stake. The possibilities are endless.



Finely ground milk bottles are dried to remove any water.



Colour is added using ground bottle caps.



The ground bottles are placed in a hopper and melted.



The molten plastic is forced by a worm gear into the garden stake mould. Resistance is applied by a rod and counterweights.



The rod is measured to determine the length of the stake as it emerges from the mould.



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The mould at this stage is very hot. The safety guard is removed and the mould and the plastic inside is removed for cooling.





The end of the mould is removed.



The still-warm stake is extracted.

There is no cooling trough currently and one is improvised.

(Not very scientific but sometimes the simplest method does the job just fine.)





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The cold stake is proudly displayed by Kevin Strahan and David Taylor. Well done to both of you what can we expect next?

Have you considered a printing press? May I suggest you start with \$50 notes.... they will be less conspicuous.

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As the new stake is flexible at this stage it is clamped to a section of steel angle until cold.

Thanks to David Ellis for putting this article together.

A Team - Report 33

Thursday 2nd June 2022

Today we removed the dust extractor fan to inspect it for dust accumulation. This was clean as well as the cyclone. We then removed the air filter cartridge and gave it a thorough blow out with air several times. We then checked the air flow rate from the intake ports without the filter installed and after filter installation we checked the flow rate again to find that we only had approximately half the flow. The indicates that the filter now requires replacing. Another 10 bauble units was cut out and sanded.

Tuesday 7th June 2022

With the Baubles finished for Dandenong Primary Kindergarten we continued to work on the Xmas baubles for Kingswood Primary.

Thursday 9th June 2022

Continued making the Baubles for Kingswood. The green trailer tail gate was being repaired from the corrosion. New sections welded in place. Picture framing continued.

Tuesday 14th June 2022

Tidied up the rack, removed the drawers for another project and stored the picnic table jigs on the top shelf or the rack.

Tested the velocity of the dust extractor at each port and picked up the filter cartridge to change over the old filter.

Thursday 16th June 2022

Continued cutting the last number of Baubles for Kingswood Primary school. Rendered assistance to the Park ranger to try and remove a broken key from the lock down at the Friends of the Park building.

Big gap with the A-team not being able to continue any work in the park and outside the shed.

Monday 11th July 2022

The small trailer had a fresh coat of paint and is now a dark grey in colour. We continued cutting out more baubles for the local schools and kindergartens.

Tuesday 12th July 2022

Manufactured and installed two brackets to store the ladders and steps neatly in a single location.



PLEASE KEEP AND STORE THESE LADDERS AND STEPS NEATLY AND WHEN YOU USE THEM, RETURN THEM TO THIS LOCATION.



What's happening in the library?

Geoff Palfreman - the "keeper of the books" does a fantastic job of cataloguing our vast library of general interest reading items. The following is another update of books that you might enjoy.



Artists impression of the planned library extension for the book corner of the shed. There may be a slight problem with the height requirement but lifting the roof should solve that - watch out for future updates.

AVIATION BOOKS IN THE DVMS LIBRARY

Military Helicopters Modern Fighters NATO Fighters Modern Naval Aviation Modern Soviet Air Force Modern Airborne Missiles Modern Jetliners Advanced Jetliners Airliners of the 1930s Piston Airliners Since 1940 Turboprop Airliners Private-Owner Aircraft

Military AircraftGordInternational AirportCautThe Aircraft BookLightHelicoptersLightAircraft - An Illustrated HistoryMorAustralian AviatorsCarrBombersLakeFamous Fighter Planes of WWIIThe World's Military AircraftComplete Illustrated Encyclopedia of the World's AircraftMorSpitfireSweFocke-Wulf FW190Grin

Gunston, Bill Gunston, Bill Gunston, Bill Gunston, Bill Gunston, Bill Gunston, Bill Chant, Chris Cooksley, Peter G Stroud, John Baldry, Dennis Chant, Chris Jerram, Michael F Green, William & Swanborough, Gordon Cauter, Gaynor

Lightbody, Andy & Poyer, Joe Mondey, David Carroll, Brian Lake, John

Gunston, Bill Mondey, David Sweetman, Bill Grinsell, Robert

NEW BIOGRAHICAL ACQUISITIONS IN DVMS LIBRARY

Biographies are shelved in alphabetical order of the subject person.

TITLE	AUTHOR	<u>SUBJECT</u>
Killing Time	Barnes, Jimmy	Jimmy Barnes
Looking for Trouble	Billiere, Sir Peter de la	Sir Peter de la Billiere
My Early Life	Churchill, Winston S	Winston Churchill 1874-1904

Never Give In	Churchill, Winston S	Winston Churchill. Best speeches.
The Churchill Factor	Johnson, Boris	Winston Churchill
Favor the Bold	Kinsley, D.A.	Custer the Indian Fighter
A Simpler Time	Fitzsimons, Peter	Peter Fitzsimons
Ned Kelly	Fitzsimons, Peter	Guess who
Charles Kingsford Smith	Fitzsimons, Peter	Charles Kingsford Smith
Winged Escort	Reeman, Douglas	CDR Graham Martineau VC. Fleet Air Arm
Mawson and the Ice Heroes	Fitzsimons, Peter	Mawson, Scott, et al
Master & Commander	O'Brian, Patrick	Patrick O'Brian - Seafarer
Spitfire Pilot	Spence, John CH	WgCdr Lou Spence
Master & Commander	O'Brian, Patrick	Patrick O'Brian - Seafarer
Spitfire Pilot	Spence, John CH	WgCdr Lou Spence
Bra Boy	Vaculik, Richie	Richie Vaculik - Surfer, Fighter, Larrikin
The Incredible Life of Hubert Wilkins	Fitzsimons Peter	Hubert Wilkins - Australia's greatest explorer

Q. If you were to spell out

have to go until you would

find the letter 'A'?

A. One Thousand

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numbers, how far would you

Here are a few conversation starters for you to store away:



On a standard six sided dice, the total of opposing faces equals 7.

Birthday wishes to:

Member **First Name** Last Name Day # 288 Les Hayes 1 309 Bruce Gardner 6 327 Tom Murray 9 319 Nil Korm 11 197 Colin Block 14 186 Tim Palmer 15 74 John Legge 18 148 Peter Morrison 18 296 Stephen (Steve) Hudson 21 Harriden 15 Gary 22 230 Denis McKeegan 22 48 Graeme Smith 23 188 Cham Au 23 219 David Taylor 23 Frank 32 Russo 24

147 Warren Denmead Geoff 151 Hergt Congratulations Graeme on your OBE



Multiply 111,111,111 x By 111,111,111 = And you get 12,345,678,987, 654,321 (that's if your calculator has a *large enough screen.*)



Nice birthday cake Ken, probably wasn't enough left over to share at the shed for morning tea the next Friday.



The next DVMS Golf Day is scheduled for September 1st. All members interested in playing should refer to the notice board.

Get Well soon:



Our best wishes go out to Jim Gentle as he has been trying out hospital rations over the past few weeks.

As an extra bonus just as he was about to be discharged, he contracted Covid $\,$ - that's another good reason for not going into hospital.

We hope you recover soon and get back to the shed.

Great to see you're back:



<--Bruce Simons was back to his old self when he returned to the shed this month. That walking stick looks just the part but you'll need a safe place to mount it on your bike.



<--Vaughan Gibson is just about ready to get back on the bike - medical science has a pill for just about everything.



The problem with the world is that the intelligent people are full of doubts while the stupid people are full of confidence

The **Dingley Village Men's Shed** wish to express our gratitude to all of our wonderful sponsors for their continued support. This month we highlight **Jetmaster** and **Buxton Real Estate**.

Ken Brown does a fantastic job of keeping in contact with all of our sponsors and is always on the lookout for more.

Jetmaster-Heat & Glo Fireplaces located in Swan Street Richmond, is a company that you may or may not be familiar with. Why should this matter I hear you ask? Well to put it quite simply, as a member of the Dingley Village Men's Shed you have benefited either directly or indirectly from the fantastic generosity of this family-owned business.



How so? Well, since 2015 Jetmaster have been

regularly donating funds to our men's shed. In 2015, a donation of \$5,000 was gratefully received by DVMS from the company's managing director Mr Roy Solomon. The funds were promptly used to buy our top line **MIG Welder** which is located of course in the welding area of the workshop. Since that first donation, Jetmaster donations have been received annually and have been used to purchase: A **Cold Cutting Saw**, a high quality **Thicknesser/Planer**, our **Office Laser Printer**, a top line **Safety Table Saw**, and funds to support the **fit out of the recent workshop extension** plus other smaller purchases for the Dingley Village Men's Shed.

The latest donation received is \$3,000, which will provide the opportunity to purchase a **Drum Sander** for the woodwork area. When you look at what we, the DVMS have been able to collectively purchase as a result of the availability of the Jetmaster donations over the years, it is somewhat obvious that we have been very fortunate to have Jetmaster in our corner. And to illustrate this fact, the DVMS have received from Jetmaster to date **\$32,500** in total donations, making the company clearly our number one donor! Exceeded only by the Victorian State Government's 'Strengthening Men's Sheds Program' grant funding. To show our appreciation to Roy in some small way, in 2017 he was invited to a special morning tea held in his honour where he was presented with a DVMS Honorary Member's certificate.

Now no doubt you could be thinking, why would a company located in Richmond be so

interested in supporting a men's shed located in Braeside Park? Well, the answer lies with a much-valued former employee of Jetmaster, non-other than Bob Prestt. Bob, a DVMS member since 2014, was a well-respected team member and group leader in the company business of gas and wood fireplace production. In 2015, after Roy had learnt that Bob had joined our men's shed, he wanted to get involved and promptly donated that first contribution to the DVMS.



That well earned respect for Bob's role with the Jetmaster company is still evident today, hence the on-going generosity of the Jetmaster donations.

Bob does not attend the shed these days as much as he used to do due to his devoted home care for his wife Judy who is suffering from Alzheimer's. But if you should see Bob when he is at the shed, take a moment to have a chat to him, and acknowledge the great support that, through Bob's association, Roy Solomon and the Jetmaster organisation have provided to our men's shed.

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I will make a \$250 donation to the Men's Shed for any property referred to me and then listed for sale with Buxton.





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