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Rangers at the Ready

At our Friday morning meeting Oct 21st last Ranger Janelle introduced to DVMS Shedders the new Head Ranger who replaces Des Lucas. Adrian has a background of over 30 years with the Melbourne Zoo and Melbourne Water so he is well equipped to work with us in Braeside and Karkarook Parks. We bid Adrian a warm welcome and look forward to working with him and his staff in the future. We hope that Cypress Drive is his first job to be attended to.



Our men' shed was in need of a low-profile storage cabinet for the Amenities Shed, so our head of carpentry and cabinetry, **Norm Nicol** went in search.

That search eventually led Norm to Kitchen World, a family owned and operated business in Dandenong where he met with Design Consultant Mr. David Wainwright.

When Norm explained to David about our men's shed, the community work that we undertake and that we were in need of a particular size and type of storage cabinet, David generously offered to freely supply all the necessary cabinetry items, plan drawing and associated hardware to enable a purpose-built unit to be installed on location.



David Wainwright and Norm Nicol at the rear of Kitchen World. The cabinet components are loaded on the shed trailer ready for transport back to our shed.

Once the cabinet was ready for collection Norm, together with John Bach and John Prestt took the shed trailer on a Saturday morning trip to collect the cabinet items from David at Kitchen World. David was so accommodating that he even lent us some padded coverings to protect the cabinet during transport, we returned the coverings later that day. We expressed our deep appreciation of David's generosity and then headed back to our shed where the cabinet was to be stored in the workshop until it was assembled and then installed.

Now, when you realize what a terrible time it has been for small business over the last couple of years to the point where many have had to close, and then to think our shed is the lucky recipient of such generosity, you then have to admit that there are still a lot of good people in the world. David Wainwright of Kitchen World is just that sort of person, most definitely. A letter of thanks has been sent to David.



Back to the Future with the DVMS

by Geoff Hergt

After a break of more than a year and under new management the Dingley Village Farmer's Market was back with the assistance of us - the DVMS.

Our job was to set up the support required both by the stallholders and public alike before it all began and then to put everything away again - just as if nothing had ever happened.

The weather was fine, the stalls varied and numerous, the crowd building with mums, dads, children and dogs (on leashes) all made for a great day.

New manager Liz Thomas, although nervous about her first attempt at a local market in Dingley Village, was delighted with the outcome and looking forward to the November event on the third (3rd) Saturday each month.

We had two shifts of volunteers from 7am to 2pm with time enough to chat and relax during the day as the crowds built up.

Member volunteers involved were : Geoff Hergt, Paul Brennan, David Ellis, Ian Jacobsen, John Bailey, John Prestt and Ray Harvison.

What was very encouraging was that we saw and spoke to many DVMS members who came along to shop aided in almost every case by their partners.

It really was a pleasing experience made more so by the skill of a local Spanish Classical guitarist whom you had to hear and see to fully appreciate this fine talent.



What's been happening

A Team Report

Tuesday 13th September 2022

We managed to get the excess concrete broken up and placed into two piles that the Park rangers will remove. Three holes were drilled in the top front wall to relieve the air pressure that can build up inside the hut when the wind is in the wrong direction. The windows were cleaned and the surrounding over grown grass was cut down to help the landscaping and to look a bit tidier. Looking good.

We now only have to continue the cutting of the grass, laying down some road base on the back of the hut to remove any trip hazard and make it easier for wheel chair access.



We also have some modifications to do on the first hide as soon as it is dry enough to get access around the road. We may install another seat outside the hut located under the tree.

Thursday 15th September 2022

Another miserable day however we managed to empty the trailer of donated timber and tidy up some racking to store the timber.

Monday 19th September 2022

Continued clearing out the rack, moving spare carpet tiles to the mezzanine roof above the toilet in the Amenities shed and stacking the timber in the top shelf.

We also measured up the extension of the dust extractor ducting to continue into the workshop extension and the to connect to the safety saw etc.

Working in the Park is ceased until the ground dries out sufficiently.

Tuesday 20th September 2022

No power onto the shed today so we did some garden cleanup outside the shed, filled in the holes in the swale drain, re-directed the spoon drain into the swale drain, in the carpark.

Thursday 22nd September 2022

We had the park trailer delivered to the Bird hide site with two wheel barrows to spread some road base at the rear of the hide to level up the ground to the hide base. The broken concrete was placed in front of the sunken tree to make easy access to the tree. Some more grass was cut down around the front and rear of the hide for a cleaner access.



Monday 26th September 2022

We started hanging the additional dust extractor duct to the Safety saw.

Tuesday 27th September 2022

Today we installed an old seat we had at the shed down in front of the Bird Hide under a tree. We then continued to install the dust extractor duct.

Thursday 29th September 2022

Started installing the dust extraction ducting on the Safety saw.

Monday 3rd October 2022

Continued the dust ducting and connected it to the existing dust extractor.

Tuesday 4th October 2022

Fitted the last pipe support bracket to the dust extractor pipe work and tested the unit. This is now working well and we now don't have to drag the extension hose over to the saw to operate it.





We removed the silt trap cover in the putting green and bailed out the water and silt build up in the trap. We then high pressure washed the inlet and outlet pipe line to the silt trap and insured that we had clean and full flowing pipe work.

A lawyer is trying to call his clients. The phone rings and a little boy, in a whisper, says, "Hello"

Lawyer: "Is your mommy there?" Boy: (whispers) "Yes."

Lawyer: "Can I speak to her?" Boy: (whispers) "She's very busy."

Lawyer: "Is your daddy there?" Boy: (whispers) "Yes."

Lawyer: "Can I speak to him?" Boy: (whispers) "No, He's very busy."

Lawyer: "Is there anyone else there?" Boy: (whispers) "Yes, the fire department."

Lawyer: "Can I talk to one of them?" Boy: (whispers) "No, They're busy too."

Lawyer: "Is there anybody ELSE there?" Boy: (whispers) "The police department."

Lawyer: "Well, can I talk to one of them?" Boy: (whispers) "No, They're busy too."

Lawyer: "Let me get this straight, your mother, father, the fire department and the police department are all in your house, and they are all busy. What are they doing?"

Boy: (whispers) "They are all looking for me."

Birthday wishes to:

First Name	Last Name	Day
John	Adams	4
Eddie	Oak	5
Brian	Stooke	6
Brian	Dishington	6
Kevin	Clark	7
Albert	King	9
Robert	Van Der Linde	14
Alan	Everitt	15
Kamal	Ghattas	17
Stephen	Knott	18
Neil	Robinson	18
Bill	Steward	27

Congratulations Kamal on becoming an OBE



What's coming up

Dates for Your Diary over the coming months



Cup Day BBQ
Tuesday 1st
November.
11am
BYO
everything



Christmas Dinner & get together will be Saturday 10th December, at the shed commencing at 4pm. BYO everything.

Shed breakup & lunch: Friday December 23rd - Shed to provide Meat and drinks
Shed closed from Dec 23 to Jan 6th

Both 'Cup Day and our Christmas Dinner & Get Together' are partner inclusive events.
So, Make it a Date to Celebrate!!

Farmers Market dates:-

Saturday 19th November: Dingley Village Farmers Market, 7.30am till 1.30pm.
Saturday 17th December: Dingley Village Farmers Market, 7.30am till 1.30pm.

PLEASE NOTE: We will not be involved in parking.

We are needing to man 2 shifts of 4 men, 7.30 till 10.30 & 10.30 till 1.30 . This is a nice little fund raiser \$200.00 per month & is good social activity.

Please see Geoff Hergt at the shed tomorrow or advise me by return email.



THE SAILORS WHO HAULED THE QUEEN'S GUN CARRIAGE



When you saw the Royal Navy sailors pulling HM's coffin on the gun carriage on Monday, this is why.

Most news reports correctly state that the tradition dates back to Queen Victoria's funeral on 2 February 1901. However, they fail to mention the Great Western Railway's role in supplying the ropes for the sailors to

rig to the gun carriage on the occasion.

On 2 February 1901 the weather was extremely cold and the hawsers for the gun carriage to be used for the procession from Windsor railway station to the Castle had frozen. The horses intended to pull the gun carriage were also affected by the intense cold and had become restive and possibly dangerous during the wait for the delayed funeral train to arrive. It was at this point that the GWR played its essential part in what has become a tradition for subsequent state funerals.

The Duke of Portland, who was Master of the Horse at Queen Victoria's funeral, recalled what happened in a letter published in *The Times* on 28 January 1936 at the time of King George V's funeral: "Owing to the lateness of the train which conveyed Her Majesty's coffin from Paddington to Windsor the horses attached to the gun-carriage had become cold. When the word of command 'Walk ... March' was given, the leaders twice reared up, and then fell back on the other horses, which caused all six to fall down. "My recollection is that Admiral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour was in command of the large Naval Guard of Honour drawn up on the spot. As soon as Sir Michael saw what had occurred, he called out to me in his usual resonant voice, 'All right, my boys will soon straighten out this mess.'

He at once ordered them to go into the station and the station master procured ropes (from the communication cords of carriages). Sir Michael then ordered them to fall in and draw the gun-carriage from the station to the entrance to the Castle grounds at the end of the Long Walk and up the slope. It was a most touching and effective procession and, in my opinion, much more impressive than would have been the official procedure."

Thus, with inspired improvisation and the help of the GWR, began the tradition which the Royal Navy has claimed ever since of hauling the coffin at funerals of the monarch.

The ropes on the carriages were the external communication cords to alert the guard in an emergency. Our brake 3rd carriage No 416, built in 1891, still carries this system, so remember to take a look at it next time you visit Didcot Railway Centre."

(ref: The Naval Review)

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