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The shed will be open on January 6th

What's been happening

What a fabulous Christmas social function we were treat to on Saturday 10th December. Through the effort of Robert & Dawn van der Linde, Kevin Clark, Jack DeZoete and Robert Bleazby together with some helping hands on the night, we enjoyed cold meats, salad and dessert plus lots of trimmings, mixed together with some good social banter amongst members and partners. It was just like being on a cruise ship only without the Covid.



The basic principle of "Keep it simple" proved that this might well be the pattern for future years.

Thank you to all of the members that supported this fantastic night of social interaction.





Dawn van der Linde puts the finishing touches onto the table decorations which just topped off the decor of the shed facility.



BUNNINGS NIGHT MARKET



'On ya bike'

Another very successful year of bike riding and a thank you to Peter Tosh for providing this summary of the years achievements.

Twenty three members of the Cycling Group gathered mid December for the celebratory end of year Bike Group lunch at Cessna Express Café.

The occasion included the presentation of our Annual Cycling Group awards. This year is now the fourth time that these awards have been presented.

During 2022, 30 members participated in many of the 84 mid week rides that were held. The group clocked up a cumulative distance of a whopping 19,409km for the year!

Our mid week rides averaged 25km with the longest being 35km and the shortest just 12km. We estimate the group spent around \$8000 over the year on coffees and cakes in the local café network.

Trophies were presented to those who exceeded individual distances of 1000km for the year.



John Bach 1753km, Vaughan Gibson 1456km, Neil Gorham 1353km, Kel Burgess 1192km, Graeme Chalmers 1093km .

This is the second year in a row that John Bach has taken out the longest distance award. A great effort.

The VM Gibson Cyclist of the Year Award for 2022 was awarded to Bill Goldsmith. Bill covered a 432km distance for the year and has been cycling with the group now for just under 10 years. Congratulations and well done Bill.

Cycling is about fitness, fun, a good chat, laughter and a great coffee.

Interested ? You can join the group on either a Tuesday or Wednesday Morning. We leave the Shed at 930am returning by noon or alternatively talk to one of our bike group leaders if you would like to know more.

Congratulations to all. Have a safe and Merry Christmas with plenty of pedal power into the new year.



A Long Way on a Push Bike

by Geoff Hergt

Each calendar year a group of DVMS (Dingley Village Men's Shed) members set out to ride their push bikes and enjoy each other's company.

This is a weekly occurrence on a Wednesday although some ride on other days of the week as well. Whilst there is a great deal of banter included the serious side is the underlying competition to see who can ride the farthest in that calendar year. The record is around 1,700 k's.

Now, we should realise that these guys are aged from 65 to 87 years of age so to ride a push bike ANY distance is a feat in its self. But these are no ordinary novelists. Some have been riding for years whereas others have only recently taken up the challenge. The draw is to get out in the fresh air, get some exercise, have some fun and maintain a level of fitness they might not otherwise achieve.

As kids they might have chided each other about their prowess of speed and distance so it comes as a bit of a surprise that these "mature" guys still have that competitive spirit - if somewhat dampened over time.

The award for the Most Consistent rider this year went to Bill Goldsmith who at 82 years of age was recognised as being one of only two original group members who began 9 years ago, Vaughan Gibson being the other.

So there is truth in the old adage that "There is still life in the old dog yet!!"

DVMS Back with A Vengeance

by Geoff Hergt

Having heard the discriminating response from the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre (DVNC) regarding our Farmer's Market effort in November, we were keen to set the record straight.

At 7am on Saturday December 17th our shedders numbered six (6), two more than the required four (4), completing the set up process by soon after 8am. This included the placement of 12 signs along streets around the market area. The signs directed shoppers to the Marcus Road venue where circa twenty plus stallholders displayed their wares.



Although several tasks required of us and completed on this occasion had not been assigned to us before all were in place well before the market opened to the public.

Manager Liz Thomas was delighted. The weather was fine and warm if a little breezy.

Whilst the whole market featured a Christmas theme mums, dads, children and four legged friends attended suitably attired making for a festive atmosphere.

Our close down crew arrived on time and completed that task again in quick measure.

Given that this was the third, of a trial three, markets to assess its future viability it will be interesting to see what the DVNC consider the coming months to hold.

Reputation restored - Watch This Space!!

What's new in the workshop

A Team woodworking skills put to Christmas cheer.

Robert & the A Team wanted to spread some Christmas cheer & decided to see if Kingswood Primary School, Dingley Village would like some wooded Christmas tree decorations for the DVNC Christmas tree that they have decorated over the late few years. As you would expect Janet an Art teacher at the school jumped at the idea, so Robert & his merry men went to work. Unfortunately, the DVNC Christmas tree wasn't used this year. Janet decided that the great joy the children got from doing the painting would not go to waste & disappointed, the children are taking their decorations home to hang on their Christmas tree at home.

Janet (Art teacher) has forwarded these pictures to show your friends at the Shed, The Year 2s have really enjoyed decorating them and will love handing them on their trees tonight.



Another display of how DVMS working quietly away in the community.

What's for lunch?

by Geoff Hergt



It was a fine sunny day at the shed on Friday December 23rd and the crowd was building - not much new there.

At 10am we started our half hour meeting with some reminders, update on a revamped Cypress Drive, and reports on golf putting winners (a three way tie) and a "Job Well Done" from David Ellis who managed our Farmer's Market participation on Saturday December 17th. Thanks David and all concerned.

An award was presented to Bill Goldsmith for being the Most Consistent member of the now nine year old push bike group. He and Vaughan Gibson are the only originals still riding each week.

Ken Brown stood in for Raffle Ron, who was away on yet another cruise, and did a fine job ensuring all prizes were claimed.

Head Ranger Adrian Howard and Ranger Janelle popped in to wish us a Merry Christmas indicating that they were very keen to work collaboratively with us in 2023. Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 18th.

But, the highlight of the day was the LUNCH.

Our catering staff of Jacque De Zoete and Rob Van Der Linde excelled themselves by presenting members with a FREE fillet steak sandwich with coleslaw. It went down a treat!!

Our shed had enjoyed a great year with fun, achievement and lots of things to look forward to in the coming year. So the committee decided to put on a "lunch for the boys" and they loved it. Thanks Jac, Rob and helpers.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes to all for the festive season and beyond.

We are off now until Friday January 6th when we will do it all again - Fancy Free in '23!!



Dingley Village Men's Shed Renewal

DVMS Membership Renewal for 2023 is due on 1st January 2023.

Through the careful financial management of the committee, we have been able to maintain our annual subscription at the 2022 amount of **\$60.00**.

- There are 2 payment methods, the preferred method :

Direct to our bank.

Banking Details:

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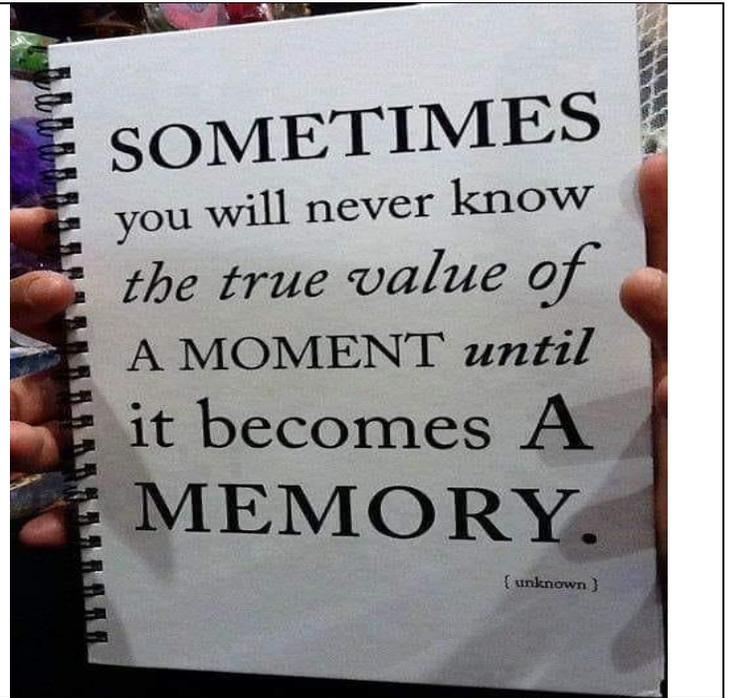
- The other method is to pay in cash to our treasurer Mike Stevens at the shed.

We request that your renewal is paid by 31st. January 2023.

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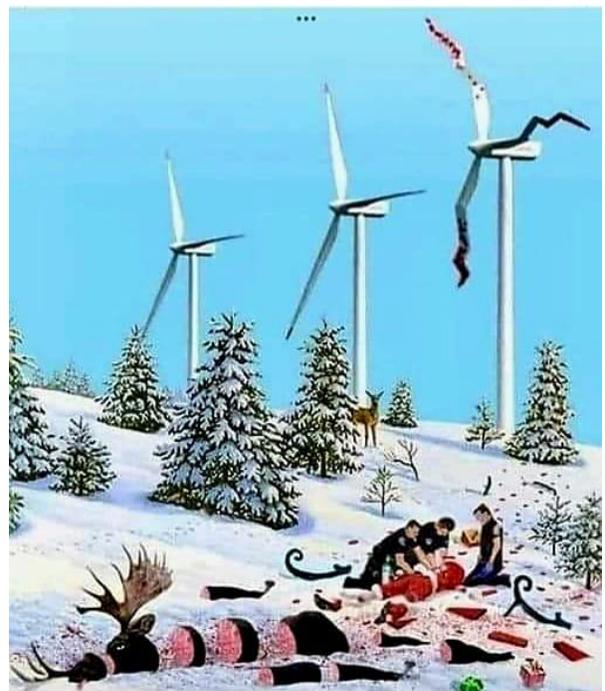
Birthday wishes to:

Member #	First Name	Last Name	Day
25	Graham	Kilby	2
133	Roger	Bideleux	3
325	Michael	Kalik	3
264	Gary	Bynion	5
71	Michael	McKeon	14
38	Tony	Coyle	15
207	Norman	Green	15
330	Bruce	Watts	15
120	Alan	Marshall	17
322	Malcolm	Irwin	18
181	Jack	DeZoete	23
96	Edward (Ted)	Jenkins	25
104	Michael	Stevens	29
150	Neil	Gorham	29
258	Miguel	Belmar	31



Lots of things at the shed are in limited supply and one that always causes a problem is parking, especially during the wet months that we have endured. Our allocation of Disabled Parking Spaces certainly fits this category so ask yourself a simple question, "Am I really so disabled that I cannot walk from the allocated parking area in the Rosella car park like everyone else does, or can I continue to get away with pretending that the permit I have, that is actually for the passenger I transport, can also apply to me?" Oh and while you are being honest with yourself, explain why you are entitled to park right at the front door of the shed which has always been a no parking area.

We have three undisputed members that need to have unobstructed access to the front door and those members that are abusing the true definition of disabled parking place an additional barrier to their mobility that should not be tolerated anymore.





Looking back: 2015



Group photo from the opening of shed Feb 2015.



Congratulations Robert O'Brien on being our first Life Member

A good laugh from Dec 2014

A true story from the pages of the Manchester Evening Times

Last Wednesday a passenger in a taxi heading for Salford station leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window.

For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then, the shaking driver said "are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the daylight out of me."

The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said, "I didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle someone so badly."

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

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