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A special welcome to our two new committee members:



Stephen (Steve) Hudson
Member 296



Kevin Clark
Member 323

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What's been happening



And Now for a Word from our Sponsor..... by Geoff Hergt

For months now our members have been expressing their concern about the pot holes in Cypress Drive leading up from the bitumen road, circumnavigating the Federation and Telford parks, to our shed complex in Braeside Park. This is also an issue for those volunteers attending the Migrant Garden complex near to our sheds as well as public wishing to attend the Visitors Centre and other parks in that locale.

On Friday Nov 18th Adrian Howard, the recently appointed Head Ranger at Braeside and Karkarook Parks, visited our weekly shed meeting to advise and update members on the situation.

With a full house of our members Adrian was very informative, candid and helpful in his advice about the works which are shortly to commence.

The current situation is as follows :-

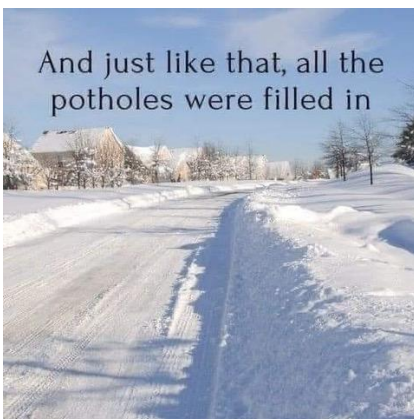
- a) Cypress Drive between the bitumen road at the northern end of Braeside Park and our shed has been temporarily closed pending road works.
- b) Commencement of road works is dependent upon the availability of the appropriate machinery and the weather.
- c) It is intended to rip up the existing road, resurface and compound it so that although it will still be a compacted dirt road the pot hole and drainage situation will be much improved. Consideration toward making it a bitumen road will be discussed however the cost may be an issue.
- d) It is hoped that the work will be commenced asap and completed before the crowds arrive over the coming holiday season.

Adrian then took questions from the floor of which there were many. Having spent at least half an hour with us Adrian left to commence his usual duties.

We are grateful to have the opportunity to hear “straight from the horse's mouth” what is intended, about to occur and the future of matters within the park which affect our shed members, other voluntary users and the public.

Access to Rosella car park is from the bitumen road at the northern end of Braeside park, which runs parallel to Lower Dandenong Road, via the gate located there.

This gate is usually locked so it is imperative that any member entering or exiting Cypress Drive via that gate ensure that the gate is closed once they have completed their movement in or out.



This gate need not be locked except if you are the LAST person in or out. If a fellow shed member is following you, ensure that whilst you open the gate they close it after themselves. No different to lifting the bollard in or out as we used to do except that closing a swinging gate is much easier.

The idea is to prevent the public from entering that part of the park and not know where to go afterwards. This has already happened hence the closing of the gate being critical.

A Team Report

Monday 17th October 2022

With so many complaints that the Cypress Drive Bollard was too heavy so we started to manufacture one that is considerably lighter.

Tuesday 18th October 2022

Painted the bollard.

Started manufacture of a caster board to mount the larger vacuum cleaner to be able to move this about in the shed.

Repaired the blind on the south side of the shed. The holding brackets were bent and these were replaced and the blind was raised and re-adjusted to operate correctly.



Thursday 20th October 2022

Another coat of paint on the bollard and fixed on the "NO ENTRY" signs and reflector tape.

The four rubbish bins were taken to the skip by Vaughn & John.

Four stiffening brackets was made to fit the lifesavers reels support, with bolt holes drilled and bolts fitted.

(Photos of the bollard will be included soon but it may still be a while until we have access to Cypress Drive.)

Friday 28th October 2022

Measured the drum and made a sample hub to fit drum.

Monday 31st October 2022

The stiffening brackets had to be countersunk deeper and re-fitted to the reel supports.

The drum hubs were cut out and fitted to the pipe drum and a couple of extra screws fitted. The drive plate was cut out and fitted to the drum ends.



28th November 2022

The new rubber extrusions were fitted and joined onto the reels. We then welded the drive plate to the shaft and fitted all drum items to the reel and installed into its location. Then secured the bearing bracket with new pop rivets. The reel guides stops had to be relocated and adjusted.



29th November 2022

Machined new shaft spacers and drilled lubrication holes in the bearing housings. We had to make a new drive pin for the handle and assembled the complete unit.

We then coiled the rope onto the drum reel and spliced the rope to the life belt.



The only parts for completion is a Brake and cap nut which are to be supplied.



Don't be afraid of being different, be afraid of being the same as everyone else.

if at first you don't Succeed.... skydiving isn't for You.

Someone said "30 years ago", and my mind went "Ah yes! The 1970's", but they meant 1992, and now I need to lie down.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Ali Street from City of Kingston Council

Unfortunately, we are losing Ali Street from City of Kingston Council our Heads of Sheds convener . She has been of great assistance to DVMS & our link with Kingston Council for many years.

Her email is as follows:

Hi there to all of the Dingley Village Men's Shedder.

It is with a little sadness that I email you to let you know that after 12 years at Kingston, I have resigned from my position to take up a new role in another municipality.

I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed working with you all, and how grateful I am to have been given the opportunity to learn from you, your members and your Committees over the years. Thank you for your work, your generosity and for your humour – always appreciated.

My last day at Kingston will be Friday 2nd Dec. Between now and this date I will be finalising what I can, and handing over projects and programs to a colleague in our Inclusive Communities Team until my role has been advertised and filled, most likely in the new year. I will send an email with direct contact details once my backfill has been appointed.

Again – it has been a real pleasure and thanks for your support. While in my new job I will be keeping a keen eye on all the news from the Sheds, especially yours, and hope to cross paths again at some point.

Keep well and regards,

Ali Street

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The committee and members all wish Ali the very best for the future and express our appreciation for the assistance and guidance she has offered us over a vast number of years.

CUP DAY ROUND UP

Cup Day '22 at DVMS - Fellas, Fillies and Fabulous Fun

You just had to be there!!!

Start time 11.00am, arrangements BYOE (Bring Your Own Everything)

Venue : DVMS Amenities Shed, Braeside Park

Crowd : Partners invited, circa 60 in attendance

Weather : This is Melbourne - could be anything - and it was ie. everything!?!?!

The happy punters arrived circa 11.00 am and by lunchtime the party was in full swing. Our usual Head Steward Graham Kilby had taken a well earned rest in hossa so the Sweeps were run by two very dodgy but well meaning members who revelled in the complexity of the event, managing to confuse all, but sorted it out in time for the final results.

What was the all important sweep question? “Last past the post”.

In the “Race That Stops a Nation” this horse took some time to be nominated but eventually the stewards announced all place getters and distribution of prizes were made. The day was drawing to a close.

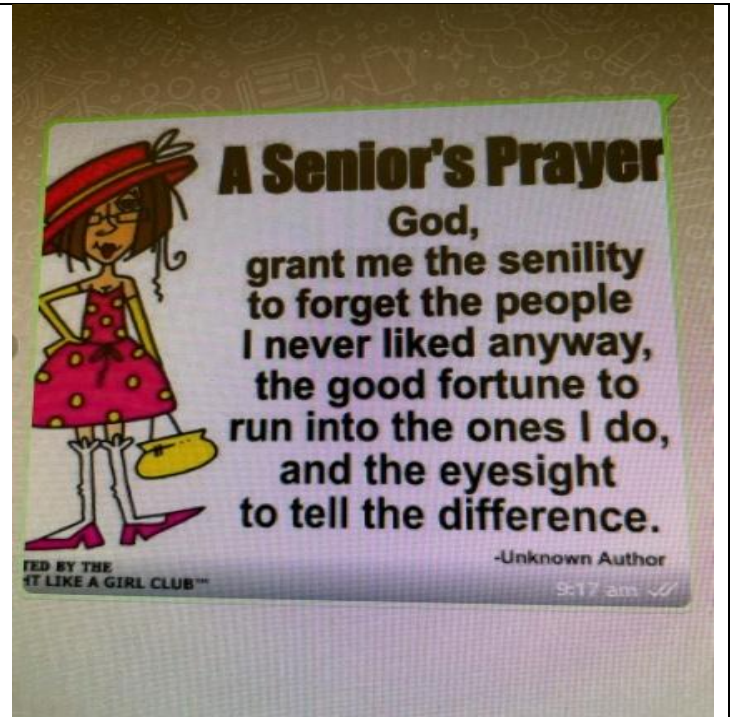
The games that had been prepared to occur indoors, due to the changeable weather, were postponed to a date to be fixed. Perhaps, I should have said ‘nominated’ because where horse racing is

concerned no mention of ‘fixing’ is appropriate.

So, there it was Cup Day'22 with Fellas, Fillies and Fabulous Fun - you just had to be there.

Birthday wishes to:

First Name	Last Name	Day
John	Bach	2
Derek	Johnson	4
Greg	Dack	5
Brian	Delaney	9
Gerard	Marion	9
Clinton	Canterford	10
Paul	Heald	11
John	Walters	12
Nick	Oklobdzija	13
Geoff	Lawson	14
John	Bailey	17
Ian	Jacobsen	19
John	Spragg	24
Jamea (Jim)	Mitchell	24
Mervyn	Head	26
Gary	Bolton	27



The day was perfect but the cancellations from the members was too excessive and therefore the last competition day of golf has needed to be postponed. Thanks to Derek for all of the effort that goes into making these golf days happen.

Please give him your full support for the new year - the prizes are really worth winning.



Remembering For All Ages

At the Dingley cenotaph in Marcus Road this Nov 11th ceremony was clearly for all ages.

There were children from at least three different Dingley local schools each of which provided the opportunity for two students to participate in the ceremony.

Although those children were way too young to fully understand the depth of feeling observed it was wonderful to see the many children from each school participating. The message being that any form of war is negative with few if any winners - no matter the outcome.

In total over a 100 students and adults were in attendance including several local dignitaries.

Immediate Past Mayor of Kingston Council, Steve Staikos, made a point of coming over to have a chat expressing his desire to visit our shed in the near future.

John Bach and I laid a wreath as did many others on behalf of their organisations, schools etc. DVMS member Tim Parkin was also amongst the wreath layers.

So, Remembrance Day each year is not just for those directly involved but an important opportunity for us all to recognise the thousands of Australians for the service they have given to us and our country.

Geoff Hergt
President

The following is a re-issue of an article emailed to members by Secretary Paul in mid November - if you did not get to open the attachments, I recommend that you do, it is very moving.

IL SILENZIO ...Beautiful and Haunting.

About six miles from Maastricht, in the Netherlands, lie buried 8,301 American soldiers who died in "Operation Market Garden" in the battles to liberate Holland in the fall/winter of 1944. Every one of the men buried in the cemetery, as well as those in the Canadian and British military cemeteries, has been adopted by a Dutch family who mind the grave, decorate it, and keep alive the memory of the soldier they have adopted. It is even the custom to keep a portrait of "their" soldier in a place of honour in their home.

Annually, on "Liberation Day," memorial services are held for "the men who died to liberate Holland." The day concludes with a concert. The final piece is always "Il Silenzio," a memorial piece commissioned by the Dutch and first played in 1965 on the 20th anniversary of Holland's liberation. It has been the concluding piece of the memorial concert ever since.

This year, the soloist was a 13-year-old Dutch girl, Melissa Venema, backed by André Rieu and his orchestra (the Royal Orchestra of the Netherlands). This beautiful concert piece is based upon the original version of taps and was composed by Italian composer, Nino Rossi.

<https://youtu.be/DRrTujHaHis>

Very moving.

HTTPS://www.youtube.com/embed/Wq0X0bwMprQ?feature=player_embedded

The following attachment details how the use of stained glass windows have been used in remembrance. Secretary Paul can send you an original copy if you require further assistance.

https://issuu.com/shrineofremembrance/docs/sor_magazine_3_nov22_1_/s/17204988



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO YOU ALL
AND A VERY
HAPPY NEW
YEAR**



Thank you to all of the members that have contributed to the content of our newsletter throughout the year, please keep doing so for next year. Remember that our newsletter has the intention of keeping the members of DVMS informed about what is happening and it also serves as a record of activities for the future.

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