

DVMS List of Achievements - Oct '21 - October '25



Our local volunteers regularly work together as a group as well as with other organisations to assist our own community

From Oct '21 onwards.....

October '21

1. 'We Are Free' to move around - COVID is declared over for those fully vaccinated
2. Unique visitor causes a stir
3. Secretary Paul Brennan provides a most interesting thumb nail sketch of his life to date

November '21

1. Remembrance Day recognition
2. Notice is given of our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on December 17th delay due to COVID

December '21

1. Local celebs visit our shed to recognise "What Happens at a Men's Shed"
2. Bird Hides come out of hiding in our workshop and are erected in Braeside Park
3. Our first visit to Lexington Gardens nets us a \$500 donation
4. Christmas Party at our Amenities Shed - what a great day!!

January '22

1. One DVMS members reminiscences of berthing an oil tanker at the Tiwi Island port
2. Rob Humphrey's thumb nail sketch - a most interesting tale
3. DVMS "A Team" make picnic tables and seating for Braeside Park
4. Our Bike Group celebrate a year of achievement
5. DVMS members and partners enjoy Australia Day celebrations at our own Amenities Shed

February '22

1. DVMS "A Team" make Picnic tables, Book Libraries & renovate tables/chairs and boat for ParksVic

From Oct '21 onwards.....

February '22 cont'd

2. Our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser was a great success
3. DVMS Special Interest Groups (SIGs) get into 'Full-On' mode as we head into the new year
4. Our Footy Tipping Comp is gets up & running for the '22 Season of Home/Away matches

March '22

1. Our first 'Funny Hat' Day raising funds for the flooded out Lismore Men's Shed
2. DVMS Bike Group play ships on the Brighton foreshore Children's Playground

April '22

1. DVMS participates in the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Marcus Road Cenotaph
2. Our 'A Team' continue excellent work for ParksVic which used to be done by Rangers
3. Ambulance Museum visit becomes Happy 85th Birthday for DVMS member Bill King
4. DVMS Golf Day - yet another way to enjoy the company of friends
5. Bitter/Sweet reminiscing as longtime Head Ranger Braeside Park & DVMS friend Des Lucas retires

May '22

1. DVMS Hosts the Motoring Heritage Day at Braeside Park for the Assoc Of Motoring Clubs (AOMC)
2. Our "A Team" are still hard at it improving both the Braeside/Karkarook Parks & our own sheds

June '22

1. We celebrate Men's Health Week with an address by local Community Engagement Officer
2. DVMS Bike Group covers new territory with new and old faces. Good for the health too.
3. Our "A Team" & members are sad to see "Digger" (Graham Wellbourne) retire from Parks Vic

From Oct '21 to Oct '22

July '22

1. DVMS members Kevin Strahan/David Taylor combine to invent our Plastic Recycling system
2. DVMS member Geoff Palfryman creates a shed library for members to borrow “a good book”
3. It is amazing what our “A Team” under Robert O’Brien has achieved both for us and ParksVic

August '22

1. DVMS “A Team” achieve excellent results improving facilities for ParksVic in Braeside Park
2. As East Malvern Men’s Shed visits us we meet with the Men’s Sheds in the Kingston LGA
3. Scouts trailer renovated by our “A Team”

Sept '22

1. DVMS Golf day, a creation of our Derek Johnson - DJ Golf, was another fun activity for all
2. Cops, volunteering and us, what more could you possibly want?? “Sports 4 All” was the topic
3. We were one of the first to recognise the passing of our Queen - our flag flying at half mast

October '22

1. Guest speakers on ‘Suicide’ - causes and prevention
2. Discoveries made during ‘a walk in the park’ (Braeside) - paintings, murals, animals, birds ect, ect.
3. Visit from Team Sport 4 All complete with Police Escort - very impressive
4. Farmer’s Market
5. AGM
6. Continued development of Derek Johnson’s Golf Putting surface
7. Repairs and maintenance on our shed equipment and fixtures

From Oct '22 onwards.....

November '22

1. Melbourne Cup at our Amenities Shed - a family affair
2. Remembrance day - laid wreath at cenotaph
3. Visit from Adrian Howard - Head Ranger Braeside and Karkarook Parks
4. Farmer's Market
5. Repairs and maintenance on reels for local Life Saving Club

December '22

1. Bunnings Keysborough Sausage Sizzle - Family Christmas Night and for ourselves on the 17th
2. Farmer's Market
3. DVMS Bike Riders Annual Awards
4. Little Black Book of Scams distributed
5. Great member/partner Christmas celebration at our Amenities Shed

January '23

1. DVMS Parking Permits created to enable approved members to park closer than Rosella to our sheds
2. Farmer's Market

February '23

1. "A" Team very active in Braeside Park with long list of completed projects
2. Our 10th Anniversary. DVMS began 17/2/13. Ken Brown gets DVMS Life Membership
3. Farmer's Market
4. New Lanyards sponsored by the Dingley Village Bendigo Community Bank

During calendar year '23

March '23

1. AFL Footy Tipping Comp 2023 announced - Den McKeegan
2. Farmer's Market
3. Round 1 of the DVMS Golf Championship conducted at Spring Park GC Dingley
4. One of our original and very active members Lawrie Carlos passes away

April '23

1. Farmer's Market
2. ANZAC Day at the Dingley cenotaph
3. DVMS Putting Competition announced. Chair cabinet delivered to Dingley Salvos
4. DVMS member Kevin Strahan setup and demonstrates our new knife sharpening tooling

May '23

1. Veggie Patch plant beds and irrigation for Make A Difference (M.A.D)
2. Farmer's Market
3. Delivered new chair storage cabinet to Dingley Salvos
4. Shrine Tour led by our own Shrine Guide Paul Brennan
5. DVMS Golf Putting Comp completed with four finalists. Geoff Hergt was the eventual winner

During calendar year '23

June '23

1. Farmer's Market
2. NBN finally on it's way

July '23

1. Speaker from the Stroke Foundation gave us an excellent Do's and Don't's of recognising and dealing with Stroke.
2. Farmer's Market
3. Constructing and locating garden beds in the back yard of Make A Difference in Marcus Road
4. Turana restoration project takes shape
5. DVMS Golf Competition at Spring Park is a fun day for all

August '23

1. Robert Humphreys (DVMS and Austin 7 CC mbr) spoke about the Austin 7 Car Club
2. DVMS visits the Austin 7 Clubrooms in Cheltenham
3. DVMS Photographic Group on a field trip to the Museum of Australian Photography - Wheelers Hill
4. Farmer's Market
5. DVMS visit to Safety Beach Dromana Men's Shed's AMSA Open Day - a real eye opener

During calendar year '23

September '23

1. DVMS Photography Group trip to an exhibition at Ballarat
2. Farmer's Market
3. NBN finally 'ON' after 5 years of struggle - Well done John Prestt
4. Make A Difference (M.A.D) project just about ready for planting

October '23

1. DVMS AGM
2. Farmer's Market
3. New Kitchen in the planning stage

November '23

1. Road maintenance - Cypress Drive
2. Melbourne Cup Day - a family affair
3. Farmer's Market

December '23

1. DV Bendigo Community Bank donate another AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) to our shed
2. DVMS presented with Citizen of the Year by DV Bendigo Community Bank.
3. Farmer's Market - Our very own Raffle Ron doubles as Father Christmas
4. Big (70+) turnout at first Shed Christmas function at Sandown Park Hotel. It was a partners event.

During calendar year '24

January '24

1. Dingley Village Bendigo Community Bank present the DVMS with their Citizen of the Year Award for calendar year 2023. First time in 19 years to a group rather than an individual.
2. Our cyclists group break their own records:- Distances over the past twelve months. Well over 1,000klms by several members & 19,247klms total by all DVMS group members for 2023.
3. Photographic Group participate in an online landscape lecture by recognised photographic expert
4. We DVMS acknowledge Australia Day with a special event at our shed.
5. Farmer's Market

February '24

1. Our brand new kitchen, sponsored by the DV Bendigo Community Bank (DVBCB), is launched with many members, DVBCB staff and guests on hand to celebrate this magnificent achievement.
2. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was a hit with shoppers and provided much needed funds to support our shed activities. Thanks to PR man Ken Brown
3. Parking Do's and Don'ts around our sheds and our "A" Team work is making a difference to our community service as well as our own storage facilities.
4. Farmer's Market
5. Our cycling group are out clocking up the k's again.

During calendar year '24

March '24

1. Our new kitchen proves it's worth with popular dishes available after our Friday weekly meeting
2. Farmer's Market
3. Up go the k's as our cycling group shifts into high gear. Peter Tosh reports from up north

April '24

1. Farmer's Market
2. ANZAC Day at the Marcus Road cenotaph Dawn Service - very moving, over 300 attended
3. New drinks fridge for our kitchen
4. DVNC Table Tennis tables refurbished and made safe again by our members
5. New workshop lighting and plans for another Bunnings Sausage Sizzle are all being addressed
6. Our major sponsor DV Bendigo Community Bank turns 22 years young, we attend celebrations

May '24

1. Enlightening resume of our membership, ages, interests, participation of original members and so much more.
2. Our bike riders get out and about - not again, but still!!
3. Farmer's Market
4. Victorian Men's Shed Association (VMSA) General Manage visits our shed
5. We manage our own waste, with the help of BINGO, mostly from our kitchen renovations

During calendar year '24

June '24

1. We participated in the car registration plate safety project with the Victorian Police
2. Local Federal member & current Attourney General Mark Dreyfus visits us for Men's Health Week
3. Link Health Physiologist Travis Pickles also addressed us on Men's Health
4. Video surveillance now installed in our two sheds. This operates 24/7/365 for our security
5. Bike group celebrate several milestones ie distance and years travelled. Also bike donations.
6. Farmer's Market and Library books listed for members benefit

July '24

1. Our Bike Group receives greetings and updates from members cycling in France
2. Farmer's Market creates history by cancelling the July market due to poor weather. First time ever
3. We start promoting our Christmas function at the Sandown Park Hotel

August '24

1. Legal expert Paul Ellis, son of member David, updates us on our quest for DGR status. This is where donors to our shed receive taxation relief for their donations
2. Our major sponsor DV Bendigo Community Bank advises on "Money Matters", their specialty
3. Margaret Harvey, Vision Australia, talks to us about our eye sight health. Thanks Don Archibald
4. We make the certificate frames, Chelsea MS the backing boards, KCC the glass then the frames are presented to Winners at the Sustainable Business Awards at the Kingston City Town Hall

During calendar year '24

August '24 cont'd

5. Our workshop make a variety of important items for our local Keysborough CFA & OLSH school
6. Farmer's Market
7. Evacuation drill - this came as a 'bit of a surprise' to all but is very necessary for our own safety
8. Our sign on Rosella Car Park. This gives the DVMS priority of use during the week M - F

September '24

1. Footy Tipping Comp draws to a close and winners are congratulated. Well done Den McKeegan
2. Enlightening resume of our contribution to the monthly Farmer's Market
3. Fascinating overview of our Music Group
4. Very helpful listing of things to look forward to in the future

October '24

1. Special recognition of our local Keysborough CFA including a visit by their staff and BIG truck
2. Our Bike Group go by train, with their bikes, and ride home after lunch. What a day!?!
3. This month's Farmer's Market featured the Dingley Village Bendigo Community Bank also a supporter of the market.
4. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle saw many members helping out and lots of customers. A great day.
5. DVMS invited to and attends the 80th Anniversary of the Keysborough CFA
6. Ambulance Victoria girls show us how to save lives
7. Our 2024 Annual General Meeting. New committee installed

During calendar year '24

November '24

1. Another great partner event was our Melbourne Cup Day get together including BYOE, Sweeps and Games to test your skills ie snooker, darts, quoits etc. Much chatting also occurred.
2. Roger, an original DVMS shedder, and cycling nut takes on the Bass Coast Challenge and finishes, whilst others of our intrepid group take on a different challenge
3. Armistice or Remembrance Day was acknowledged with a wreath laid at the marcus road cenotaph
4. Our last Golf day for '24 saw a good turn out of members keen to test their skills on our local course
5. Robert O'Brien and his team made and decorated a very handy "Toy" fire truck for trianing purposes

December '24

1. 90+ members and partners enjoy an excellent Christmas lunch at Sandown Park Hotel. Followed by a slide presentation of the year's activities.
2. Final Farmer's Market for '24 was well attended by our members and the public alike
3. Awards to members of our Bike Riding group highlighting distances covered of more than 2,000klms each by three members. John Bach riding no less than 2,073klms for the year.
4. DVMS delivers to the Keysborough CFA yet another training tool. A house with collapsable features which reflect the power and direction of their fire fighting efforts.
5. Keysborough CFA visit to 'show and tell' all DVMS members about fire safety around the home

Up to our AGM in October '25

January '25

1. Workshop discussion on ways to improve our workshop was attended by those who regularly use our workshop for a variety of jobs for those we support. These ideas are being implemented.
2. Guest Speaker Jeffrey Pang from Nueaudio on hearing and hearing aides
3. Keysborough CFA visit and demonstration of their ability to assist our community.
4. Upgrade of our security systems as a result of a 'break-in'
5. No Farmers Market as DVNC move back into their new building
6. Collected and stacked pavers to be used for our solid Mobility Challenged members entry
7. Peter Brown takes on DVMS Waste Disposal involving all members

February '25

1. AFL Footy Tipping Comp 2025 announced - Den spoke of his recent health issues
2. Farmer's Market - First in 2025 David Hobby and his church group entertain the market shoppers
3. Parking at our sheds clarified and reinforced
4. Twilight Bowls at Keysborough Bowls Club

March '25

1. AFL Footy Season starts
2. Peter Brown sets out plan for our Waste Disposal
3. Farmer's Market one of the best yet
4. First and second Kenworth Truck Plant tours. A dozen members have been already
5. Our Bike Riders push 'Ratel to the Metal' and enjoy the experience

Up to our AGM in October '25

April '25

1. Third Kenwork Truck Plant tour - by now 18 members of our shed have been. Well done Kel.
2. Make A Difference 40th Anniversary - we participated in the celebration
3. Our 20 foot Shipping Container arrives - extra storage space. Well done David Flew
4. Easter, Farmer's Market - big turn out of DVMS members to setup & break down the infrastructure
5. VMSA Regional meeting, Sth East Melbourne six sheds meet at our place
6. ANZAC Day - our own ceremony at our Amenities Shed with local sponsors and dignitaries
7. Recognition of DVMS members who are assisting our shed in all it's activities
8. Special recognition of the legacy left to us all by the passing of Derek Johnson

May '25

1. DVMS Music Group plays it's first ever gig at Dingley Village Farmer's Market to great acclaim
2. 27 mbrs tour the Old Aeroplane Company at Tyabb south of Frankston. Kel Burgess does it again
3. DVMS represented at Kingston City Council's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event
4. DVMS represented at the DV Bendigo Community Bank Awards Night
5. DVMS assists Bunnings at their Mother's Day Family Night on the Thursday before Mother's Day
6. DVMS at a Business Group Breakfast to promote our shed & identify areas of mutual interest.

June '25

1. DVMS members conduct Funny Hat day raising \$300 for Taree Showgrounds MS following floods
2. DVMS gets AMSA/VMSA/Dingley Dossier & DVMS Newsletter coverage of our efforts to assist
3. Farmer's Market - Big crowds of locals not deterred by the winter weather

Up to our AGM in October '25

June '25 cont'd

4. DVMS participates in quarterly Kingston LGA Men's Shed group meeting at Mordialloc MS
5. As a result of this meeting both our shed and the Chelsea MS have income producing work for KCC Kingston City Council. This income lessens the need to increase member annual subscriptions

July '25

1. 20 Members/partners enjoyed an interesting tour of Lexington Gardens and earned our shed \$500
2. 5 DVMS C/tee members assisted by Ranger Janelle (ParksVic) applied for their own Working with Children accreditation so that we can assist PV in Braeside and Karkarook Parks
3. Jim Kane General Manager of Victorian Men's Shed Assoc (VMSA) visits DVMS as guest speaker
4. Cr Caroline White (Caruana Ward-Kingston LGA) participates in our Friday meeting
6. DVMS Music Group plays 2nd gig at Farmer's Market promoting 'Dingley Village Shed Men'
7. DVMS 1st group tour to Jayco - a 55 acre Caravan manufacturing site in Sth Dandenong
8. DVMS participates in National Tree Planting Day at our own front door in Braeside Park

August '25

1. DVMS 2nd group tour of Jayco complex at Sth Dandenong. All members were very impressed
2. Our workshop team manufactures easels for the Kingston Council to their exact specifications
3. DVMS "A Team" combine with Chelsea Men's Shed to manufacture A3 & A4 certificate frames for Kingston Council
4. Head Ranger Adrian & Ranger Janelle update our members with what we can do to help PV in Braeside Park

Up to our AGM in October '25

August '25 cont'd

5. DVMS member Paul Pascoe plays solo at DV Farmer's Market, good weather, great crowd
6. DVMS makes and delivers 13 easels to the exacting specifications of the Kingston City Council
7. PV via Adrian Howard & DVMS working closely on Emergency Vehicle entry to Braeside Park

September '25

1. 30+ members and partners attended a memorial for Bill King one of our original members
2. DVMS represented at KCC Sustainable Business Awards where our certificate frames were featured at the presentations to the winners for the second year running
3. DVMS Music Group plays 3rd gig at Farmer's Market promoting 'Dingley Village Shed Men'
4. Aided by Ranger Janelle we have 8 members accredited for Working with Children & ParkConnect
5. Plans are well advanced for our Melbourne Cup and Christmas partner functions
6. AFL Footy Tipping concludes with DVMS member Geoff Colquhoun declared the winner

October '25

1. President Geoff Hergt undergoes a quadruple heart valve bypass. He is out of action for at least three weeks so Vice Pres Peter O'Leary stands in. Everything else continues unchanged.
2. Caz Van Dort - guest speaker from Benetas
3. Farmer's Market a successful day supported by our "Shed Men" Music Group & DVMS volunteers
4. Our 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held to ensure all members are fully informed

Local organisations with whom we have worked closely during the past four years



M.A.D in Dingley



Monthly Farmer's Market



Keysborough



Braeside and Karkarook parks



Many and varied projects completed jointly

Make A Difference (M.A.D)



Out the Front on
Marcus Road Dingley



The DVMS Crew



Out the Back at
M.A.D



DVMS Boys Having Fun



Look at What We've
Started!!



40 years YOUNG &
Still Going Strong!!

Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre (DVNC) Dingley Village Farmer's Market (DVFM)



Keysborough Country Fire Authority (CFA)



Here are just some of the training aids we (DVMS) have made to assist the CFA train their volunteers



A handy Rope Knot Board



Modified Helmets to aid coin collection as a fund raiser



Robert O'Brien (pic centre between Gill and John) designed this HOUSE so that when the fire hose is trained on either windows, the door or chimney each folds back.



Replica Fire Truck with CFA livery



Parks Vic Braeside and Karkarook Parks



Farewell Des after 2+ decades



Janelle introduces Adrian



Phar Lap's renovated stable



DVMS Bird Hides for Parks Vic



DVMS members at work in both Braeside and Karkarook parks for Parks Vic



Lots of Koala Boxes for Parks Vic



A Huge THANK YOU to ALL members, partners and friends, sponsors, donors and anyone who has assisted and supported our efforts over the past four years, We could not have achieved so much without YOUR participation

THE NEW
BEGINNING