



HOBSONS BAY MEN'S SHED

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NEW SHED FOCUS

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Welcome to another large newsletter and thank you for the stories that have been handed to me this month and last month.

Hopefully, I have some good news regarding our new motoring shed, I am waiting on a call from Rod Clarke from Council who is to inform me that the shed will start to be built in the next couple of weeks. If I do not hear from him soon, I will be doing the ringing.

Geoff Coates and I will be starting on stripping the engine for the rebuilding for the Mini and checking the gearbox and diff, repair what is required.

Hopefully from mid night Friday 26th we will be back to some normality regarding the Covid 19. We will have to see what Dan has to say, we do not want another lockdown, the members of the shed have done well observing our requirements and Government Covid 19 regulations. Thanks to all for your ongoing support.

Wednesday Music Group is going well under the direction of Martin Case while Clive is recuperating.

Face Book and the web pages are going well with some updates in progress, thanks to Ken Jupp and Danny Civitico.

Ken Inglis

President

Woodwork Group News

Our members continue to enjoy their involvement in an extensive range of projects taking place in the workshop. These include projects for The Shed, a wide variety of projects for community and educational organisations and personal projects.

Due to the diverse and wide-ranging skills and experiences of our members, we find that all enquiries and requests from community groups, sporting groups, local schools & kindergartens, Hobsons Bay City Council, charity groups and individual residents are capable of being achieved.

This is also made possible due to our well-equipped workshop which we believe is one of the best in the area.

The workshop is open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM

This year Mambourin will not be continuing with their workshops on Tuesdays. Therefore, the workshop will become available to wood group members. A decision will be made shortly to determine whether the workshop will be used for specific or general purposes. The following list includes our involvement in some current and future projects.

Community Projects

- Somers Parade Early Learning Centre – raised garden beds
- Altona Early Education Centre has ordered 15 small stools.
- Altona Green Primary School. We can now commence making up the raised garden beds and deliver them to the school progressively.
- Yarraville Special Development School has requested a further 2 bench seats.
- Newport Gardens has more repair work for us to carry out.
- We are restoring an old mirror dinghy hull for Williamstown Seaworks to be used as a play centre for visitors' children.
- Hobsons Bay City Council has asked the shed to repair bench seats for Williamstown Tennis Club.
- The wooden building blocks for the Laverton Community Children's Centre are in progress.
- Seaworks Williamstown has asked if the Men's Shed would be interested in helping renovate the top section of the Gellibrand Lighthouse which is mainly a cleaning and painting exercise.

Internal Projects

- Roofing of the containers. Ian Brown of HBCC is arranging a meeting with the Council planning department to discuss the responsibility of a planning permit application.

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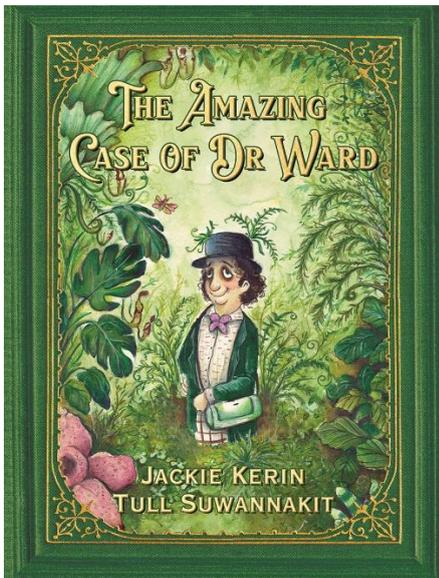
- The restoration of the under keepers' quarters, out buildings and gardens at the reserve is on-going with support from members of The Shed.





Following Photos are of the story of The Amazing Case of Dr Ward





Hobson Bay Men's Shed Solves Another Case (375 words)

It was late in 2017 when Jackie Kerin, Hobsons Bay author and storyteller, approached Ted Smith at the Hobsons Bay Men's Shed with an interesting problem.

Jackie and her friends, musician Sarah Depasquale and Loraine Callow from the Williamstown Botanic Gardens, had been researching a story about the trade of exotic plants to Australia during the 1800s. This led them to learn about the Wardian case, a glass and wooden box for transporting plants on long sea voyages. Developed by Dr Ward, a London doctor, the cases were known as Wardian cases.

Jackie explains, 'Our initial aim was to develop a story performance that would deepen understanding of the local botanic gardens but also landscape in general'.

While working on a performance, suitable for the garden setting, the trio hankered for a replica case as part of their kit. But who could they ask for assistance?

'That's when we had the idea that the Men's Shed might be able to help us'.

With the help of Ted Smith and Colin Dyll, diagrams materialized and the men set to work.

Jackie says, ‘Lorraine, Sarah and I are deeply grateful to the men at the shed. Our performance, with our Wardian case, was launched at the Williamston Botanic Gardens and has since travelled to the Kyneton and Melton Gardens, Port Fairy, Williamston, Newport and Wagga Wagga festivals, just to name a few. And of course there was the special performance in the Hobsons Bay Men’s Shed lunchroom.

Overtime the project grew beyond a performance to include a children’s picture book.

Jackie says, ‘ My curiosity about plants began as a child and I wanted to create a children’s version of the story. In March 2021 *The Amazing Case of Dr Ward* was released featuring the exquisite illustrations of Tull Suwannakit and published by Ford Street Publishing.

‘It was with enormous pride and gratitude, I returned to the Hobsons Bay Men’s Shed to gift them a copy of the book. This is not the first time the Shed has supported one of my projects but ... that’s another story.’

Jackie would also like to thank Nan McNab, Luke Keogh and the Williamstown Literary Festival for their support.

The book was handed to me about a week ago and if anyone would like to read it please come and see me.

Workshop Safety

The safety of our members is, and will continue to be, our top priority in the workshop where all members wishing to use any of the equipment and machinery must be inducted prior to using that machine or equipment. If you wish to use the workshop and need inducting on any of the machinery or equipment, please contact either, Colin Dyll, David Wagstaff or Kerry Duke and make a booking.

There will be an update in the next few days, from the Committee of Management with regard to wearing of PPE in the workshop. Wearing of PPE in the workshop is mandatory and is not an option.

New white on blue mandatory signs will be fixed to all machinery and equipment indicating what PPE must be worn when using that machinery or equipment.

Brief Rep[ort Motoring Group run to Wings and Wheels, Bacchus Marsh Airfield:

Sunday 7th Feb 2021 – DEPARTED 09.00am from the Men's Shed. Stopped at the Maltby Bypass roadhouse to meet a few other members, then proceeded out Ballan Rd from Werribee, to the Bacchus aerodrome along rustic country roads

Trip Leaders were: Frank Smolenaers & Lou Artz

16+ cars of all types and around 30 shed members and family attended.

The air & car show was extremely popular due to COVID-19 causing many show cancellations around this time (this event was registered and COVID-19 compliant). Long wait time to get into parking area and few cars overheated.

Great aerobatic display and huge classic car display



Some Vehicles that attended. Bacchus Marsh

Our Car Torque was held on the same day and we had a good turn out with forty-five vehicles in attendance thanks to the WDCVC making it their run for the month and supporting us. A reminder that they have their Sunday get together this Sunday, see below for details lets us support the WDCVC.

FIRST AID TRAINING

We are still seeking members who are interested in undertaking first aid training and being available to provide first aid in the event of an incident occurring.

The training course requires each participant to undertake on-line theory training which is estimated to take about 5 hours -this can be done in your own timeframe but needs to be completed before the practical training session.

The practical session is a 3.5hour session that will be held at the Shed on a Tuesday morning – date to be confirmed.

If you are interested, please contact a Committee of Management Member as soon as possible or email secretary.hobsonsnet@gmail.com.

Sickies for the Month: I have not heard of any sickness this month.

Birthday wishes to those having a Birthday in March.

Coming Events

WDCVC Sunday Car Meet Sunday 28th February 2021 Cherry St Werribee Car Park

Committee of Management Meeting – Friday 5th March 2021

Car Torque – Sunday 7th March 2021

TERPS open day 7th March 1pm to 4pm



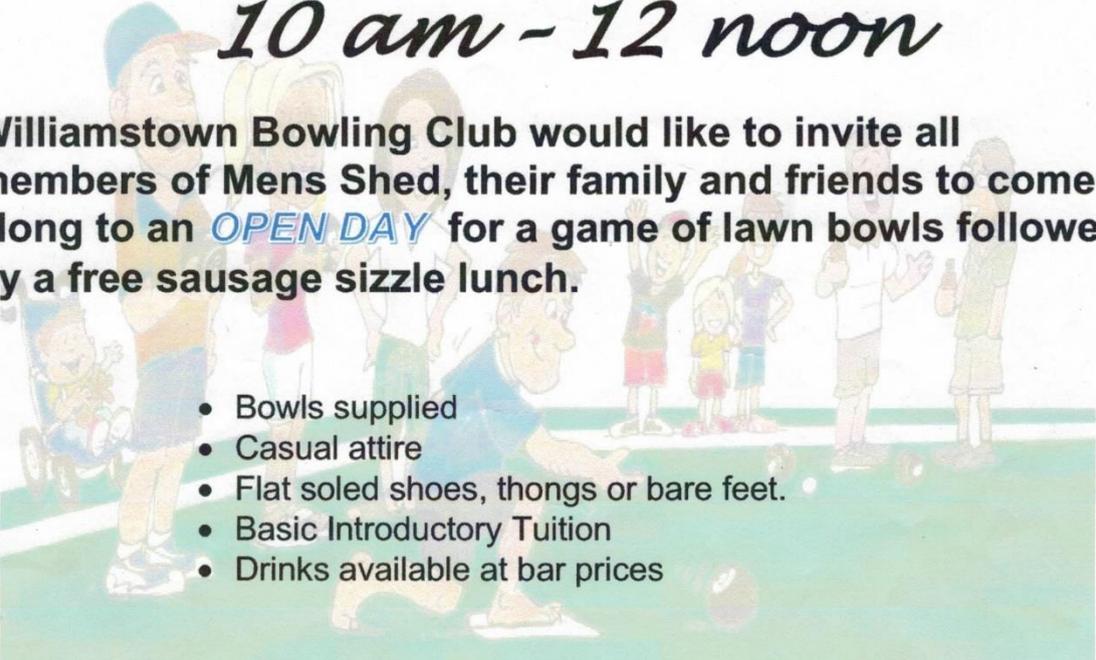
Williamstown Bowling Club

Mens Shed Family Day

Sunday 14th March 2021

10 am - 12 noon

Williamstown Bowling Club would like to invite all members of Mens Shed, their family and friends to come along to an **OPEN DAY** for a game of lawn bowls followed by a free sausage sizzle lunch.

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- Bowls supplied
 - Casual attire
 - Flat soled shoes, thongs or bare feet.
 - Basic Introductory Tuition
 - Drinks available at bar prices

For catering purposes please contact the club or Richard Round and we will be happy to reserve your spot. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Email: contact@williamstownbowlingclub.com.au

Phone: Club direct 93975238

Richard Round: 0413 675834

Other information.

Web pages you may like to surf. You may have to copy and paste the Facebook addresses directly into your search engine.

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www.hobsonsclassics.org.au

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www.mechaworkshop.club

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If you have any news for the Shed Focus, please email to Les or Ken and we will add it in.

Saying of the Month:

If you want to dismiss a negative thought, the only way to do so is to think of something positive and constructive.

Emmet Fox