

'Men Make It Happen'

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CLOSED due to Covid-19 Virus Threat Keep isolating and keep safe. Regulations are changing watch this space. Endeavour Hills Men's
Shed
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**Guest Speakers** 

Men's Activities

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ENDEAVOUR HILLS

MEN'S SHED

Closed due to Corvid -19 threat.

This week we have a zoom meeting on Tuesday, our members meeting at 10.00am.

Last week we had 18 members attended our virtual meeting, notes from the meeting are below:

- Federal Government Community Communities Grant, we are to receive \$4750.00 for the purchase of outdoor furniture and equipment. The grant was submitted for marquees.
- Essex Park Community Centre is being used for Covid 19 purposes and is not available to us at this time. Council will advise when they have found an alternative for Covid 19.
- President Trevor advised that the \$80,000.00 grant from the Victorian Government will be available to us by the end of June. We then must pay \$120,000 to council as our contribution to the new Endeavour Hills Mens Shed.
- It appears that council are starting from scratch with the lease for the new building due to staff changes within council.
- A letter to the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills has been finalised, thanking them for all their efforts and donations to the EHMS. The RCEH will merge with RC of Greater Dandenong to become the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- Almoners report Stan Ashley is alive and well, he is in touch with Geoff Lacey.
- Vin Wragg suggested a hybrid meeting when we restart to enable more members to attend.

## **Our NEW Shed**

Wonderful news the contract for the project has been awarded to the:
 More Building Group <a href="https://www.morebg.com.au/">https://www.morebg.com.au/</a>

We have been advised that all our enquiries should be addressed to council and  $\underline{\text{NOT}}$  the builder. Taken on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Thanks to Howard John Thornton for the picture.



Work continues, the shed is now ready for the concrete pour which should happen this week.

Virgin Australia's final two bidders have emerged, and the stage is set for the pair to slug it out in a battle for the stricken airline until binding offers are due on June 12

#### BAIN CAPITAL

- An international private equity behemoth with more than \$150b of assets under management, Bain's local outpost is headed by former Olympic diver Mike Murphy.
- Murphy engaged in a media blitz touting his outfit's credentials and plan for Virgin last week, including promises to "make flying fun again" and return the airline closer to its Virgin Blue origins.
- Herbert Smith Freehills, KordaMentha and Goldman Sachs are advising Bain on the deal. Ex-Jetstar boss Jayne Hrdlicka is also close to the process and is shaping as a potential leader of Virgin 2.0 – either as chairwoman or CEO – if the firm's bid is successful.
- Its ownership of Australian assets extends to multi-brand fast-food operator Retail Zoo, outof-school care provider Camp Australia and daycare centre chain Only About Children.



Mike Murphy & Jayne Hrdlicka

#### **CYRUS CAPITAL PARTNERS**

- A surprise entrant to the final bracket bidders, the investment adviser – which has offices in London and New York – pipped local private equity outfit BGH Capital, American airline investor Indigo Partners and its consortium partner Oaktree Capital Management, as well as Brookfield Asset Management for a place.
- Cyrus has close links to Virgin Group founder Richard Branson, having been a cornerstone investor in the creation of the now-defunct Virgin America airline. The airline was absorbed into Alaska Air in 2018.
- It manages close to \$7b in funds, and counts Wall Street titan Stephen Freidheim as its founder.



#### **Position Vacant**

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The following has been reproduced from the VMSA Special bulletin

### Resignation of VMSA Executive Officer.

Dear Shedders,

I wish to advise that the VMSA Executive Officer, Ric. Blackburn, has resigned from his role as from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2020. Ric has been the Executive Officer of the VMSA since 2015. He has made many friends and undertaken his work with Sheds around the State through his strong commitment and advocacy to furthering Men's Sheds and Men's Health and Well-Being, as well as establishing contacts and relationships with new Stakeholders. He has reached out to many men and Shedders through his monthly broadcast programmes on Community Radio and also hosted many events for Sheds and the VMSA.

The VMSA Committee is grateful for his service to Sheds and to the VMSA. The VMSA Committee wishes him well for the future.

#### Please note:

The Victorian Men's Shed Association Office at 173 -175 Ordish, Dandenong South. 3175, is still open, however, if calling in to pick up or to see someone, please make an appointment as the Committee member may not be there by phoning the VMSA phone: 0408 465 228.

- (i) the VMSA Cttee can be still contacted on the EO's phone: 0408 465 228, and
- (ii) also please continue to send your queries, letters, Shed Newsletters, photos, articles and other useful information via e-mail to the <a href="mailto:vmsa@vmsa.org.au">vmsa@vmsa.org.au</a> e-mail address,
- (iii) the VMSA Committee is sharing the work load of the role of the Executive Officer until further decisions are made. The VMSA Committee is seeking members for its sub-committees and its Committee due to three Committee members retiring on account of their ill health and also ill health in their family. Expressions of interest will be sought shortly.
- (iv) The VMSA Committee will continue to keep Sheds and stakeholders informed.
- (v) COVID 19: Please remember whether your Shed is open or not, or whether you have decided not attend your Shed whilst there are still restrictions in place, to stay safe, to look after oneself, and to keep in contact with your fellow Shedders.

Lindsay Oates, President,

Victorian Men's Shed Association.

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## Message from our Almoner

### Roll Call

Checking up making sure everyone is fine.

during these difficult times. I will be sending

out a roll call every week or so to make sure

all our shed members are coping with the times

## Please reply with OK

If things are not progressing as you wish

And would like someone to talk with

Please speak up so I or someone can help.

## Regards Doug



## May Report

### **Aid Delivered**

- A further grant of \$5,000 was passed to Balay Mindanaw for COVID related Food Aid
- The Bhutan team continue with SkyHydrant Installations in Bhutan. See our facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/disasteraidaustralia/) for photos.
- We currently have 20 units awaiting shipping to Bhutan which will bring Bhutan 2020 to 75% complete!
- Completed a review of Bhutan Global Grant.

#### **Future Aid**

- At present we are uncertain when DAA volunteers will be able to deploy but it is expected to be several months away. When international travel begins to be possible, we believe that, for at least the remainder of 2020, people returning to Australia will need to quarantine for two weeks. This will make volunteer deployments extremely onerous.
- We continue to look for opportunities to ship the remaining SkyHydrants for Bhutan 2020 to Bhutan.

#### **Donations**

With the bushfires and the COVID 19 Pandemic donations to DAA have been slower than normal this year, however in May we received \$64,000(including Charlie Speirs DG Partners fundraising of \$33,000)

If you would like to make a donation before the end of the year there are various ways you can do that check out the following link for more information (<a href="https://www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au/donate/">https://www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au/donate/</a>)

Not a donation but we received a \$1800 insurance refund due to not being able to travel overseas due to the Pandemic.

## **Program of Scale**

Unfortunately, we missed out on being invited to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage of the process, however during the process we have generated some good information that will help with future grant applications.

## **Publicity / Marketing**

- The Quarterly newsletter went out this month.
- We have published posts on our website, and facebook on; COVID food Aid to the Philippines, Ongoing Bhutan Installations, and our end of year appeal.
- A post on DAI partners actions fighting COVID has been posted on the DAI website and facebook page.
- Post on the DAI website have also been about Flooding in Canada and Our project in India.
- An article about our aid in the Philippines has been published in the Philippine Times (An Australian newspaper for people interested in the Philippines)
- We now have a GEM RAPID RESPONSE PACK display unit.
- We have started to get bookings to be guest speaker at Rotary Club ZOOM Meetings. To improve the look, we have developed a Background that can be used and have a green screen.

## Office Set Up

- We have received some shelves donated from Lee St John which has enabled us to improve storage of Archives, Uniforms, Marketing materials and plumbing parts.
- We have installed a safe for the storage of high value electronic equipment.
- We now have a stock of Soft drinks in the office, to be sold for \$1.50 each as a small additional fundraiser.

#### **Procedures**

- We have reviewed the constitution and identified modifications required.
- A further 'Display Cube' was delivered from the Men's Shed, and parts purchased for the completion of another 6
- The Database on Rotary Club around Australia has been completed and an end of year letter drafted.
- Work Continues on the Operational Manual.

### **Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills News**

The Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills is currently looking to merge with the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong with a target date of 1st July.

The Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong has been a great supporter of DAA and the merger is not expected to have a negative effect on DAA.

**Brian Ashworth** 

**CEO** (Honorary)

## **Don't Mess With Seniors**

The old lady handed her bank card to a bank teller and said, "I would like to withdraw \$500.

The female teller told her, "For withdrawals less than \$5,000, please use the ATM." The old lady then asked, "Why?"

The teller irritably told her, "These are the rules. Please leave if there is no other matter. There is a queue behind you."

She then returned the card to the old lady.

The old lady remained silent ... but then she returned the card to the teller and said, "Please help me withdraw all the money I have."

The teller was astonished when she checked the account balance.

She nodded her head, leaned down and said to the old lady, "My apologies Granny, you have \$3.5 million in your account and our bank does not have so much cash currently. Could you make an appointment and come again tomorrow?"

The old lady then asked, "How much am I able to withdraw now?"

The teller told her, "Any amount up to \$300,000."

The old lady then told the teller that she wanted to withdraw \$300,000 from her account.

The teller did so quickly and handed it to the old lady respectfully.

The old lady put \$500 in her bag and asked the teller to deposit the balance of \$299,500 back into her account.

Don't be difficult with old people ... we can outwit the young and dumb.

# TOILET OUT OF ORDER.

PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

### Covid -19

The Federal Government's Department of Health has a free on-line Covid 19 Symptom Checker which members might fund useful at:

## https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/symptom-checker/tool/basic-details

As we become more 'socially isolated' and as time progresses, we need to ensure that we also care for and maintain healthy relationships with those who share our space. Some timely deep breathing exercises might be a helpful. No evictions are permitted in this 'game'.

### Committee

Our committee has not met during the Covid-19 restrictions, we will meet as soon as we get word from council about conditions to apply to Essex Park Drive Centre. In the meantime, if any has questions or suggestions (nice ones please) please contact President Trevor Treasurer John or myself.



PHONE your GP first if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.

CONTINUE healthy habits: exercise, drink water, get plenty of sleep, and now is the time to quit smoking. Call the Quitline 137 848.

- DON'T wear a face mask if you are well.
- BUY an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol.
- GET the flu shot (available April).
- SHAKING HANDS is optional!

Find out more www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus





If you are concerned, call the

# Coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398 (24 hours)

Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only

### **Endeavour Hills Men's Shed Committees**

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