

September 2023 Newsletter

Introduction

Good afternoon folks. Yesterday morning we had our regular Thursday 'catch-up' for a chat, discussion on members health and welfare, Committee news and so forth. We had the doors of The Hangar wide open and this beautiful vista, with the sun streaming in just reinforced how fortunate we are, as members of this terrific Men's Shed, to have such wonderful facilities. To sit together and enjoy our surroundings - and more importantly, the company of others - highlights the reasons we are in our PNMS.

Naturally the footy still exercises the mind of those whose teams are still in the game. If you want to join in for a bit of fun, you will note on the Calendar that we are open on Grand Final day. All are most welcome. On the Footy topic, many thanks to Rob K for once again running the Footy Tipping Comp. A prize pool of over \$800 was up for grabs and the winner was Gary M with runners-up being Estelle and yours truly. Greg W was the recipient of the lucky draw. Thanks to all participants - and better luck next year!

Your Lunches and Functions Group still has a few more events lined up in the coming weeks and months, so read on for a 'heads up' on some diary entries for you. Please note the revised Calendar of events as some dates or times may have changed since I sent the last version to you. We will probably run the calendar each month - thanks to Warren.

Look out for some of the key events listed including Defib at The Hangar next Thursday, Grand Final Day (BYOG - food will be provided), Bathurst (this is BYOG and BYO meat - cook it yourself to your taste), visit to Tarra on the ferry, AGM (now on 10 Nov), etc etc. There is so much on for you to enjoy.

Graham (GG)

Committee News

- **The 2023 PNMSA Annual General Meeting** will be held on **10 November** and all Committee of Management positions will be declared vacant at that time. You will have received information about the process from Terry - who is kindly assisting Secretary John conduct the election.
- **Defibrillator refresher**; Henry Kiss from the Portsea Surf Lifesaving Club will deliver this program on **Thursday 21 September**.
- Members are reminded that a number of **subscriptions** are now overdue. We understand that many members have been away and it is easy to overlook this matter. Please advise secretary John Crough by email on secretary.ptnepeanmensshed@gmail.com if you have not received an invoice for your subscription by now, and if you have had any change to your contact details recently.
- Committee is working on a document to facilitate the easy administration of **expenditures** relating to the various activities and projects we undertake. This should be with members in the next week or so.

Lunches and Functions (L & F)

We remind you that one of our members, Troy and his wife, Anne will be performing at The Hangar during **Friday drinks on 13 October** - we look forward to this with pleasure.

Golfers - this is for your attention.

A 9 hole Ambrose golf morning comp at Portsea GC on Monday 4 December is firming up, so keep that date free. If you don't play golf, but want to join in for the food and fun after the golf - also keep that date free. We should be in a position in the next week to send out the details of booking and so forth - thanks Lino!

Thursday Forum

The next session being planned by Warren will be on 'bush fires ' - more to come soon.

'Wear a Hat Day' on Tuesday 31 October

Ladies - Come and join us for this special occasion - the second ***Wear a Hat Day Lunch*** to support **Colleen MacKay**. The funds raised will go towards **uniforms4u**. This wonderful program provides uniforms, shoes, bags and other educational needs for children in both primary and secondary schools and other projects Colleen supports.

Colleen will be attending and informing us of how last year's money raised was spent and her plans for the end of 2023 and also 2024.

Italico restaurant Sorrento will be providing a buffet lunch, which will consist of Antipasti and main meals.

Antipasti : Burrata bruschetta, Salami board, Arancini, Melanzane misto, Focaccia

Mains : Grilled chicken Salad, Grilled Salmon Salad, Calamari, San Danielle Pizza, Prawn Pizza.
Fruit platter to finish.

Bring your own drinks and glasses.

Time : 12 noon

Place : The Hangar Point Nepean Men's Shed in Sorrento

Date : Tuesday 31 October

Cost : \$60 per person. included is the donation and a chance to win a door prize.

Transfer money to :

Maria Rigbye

BSB 704 191

Account 35821

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Maria Rigbye and Sue Bell

Updated Calendar

		PNMS Calendar Aug-Dec 2023			
		Group	Contact		
Thu 17 Aug	Forum/Discussion Energy		WD	An open discussion at the Hanger on Energy. Facilitated by Warren Dickins, Martin Drerup & Hugh Irvine	
Sun 3 Sept	Rye Repair Cafe		TP	Rye Community House. Members welcome as volunteers. Supports RCH	
Thu 7 Sep	E-Bikes		Lino	Presentation by Rye Bikes	
Wed 13 Sep	Hooded Plover Shelters		TP	Intergenerational class at St Joseph's to support Parks Victoria provide nesting shelters	
Thu 21 Sep	Defib Refresher @ Hanger	W&S	JC		
Sat 30 Sept	AFL Grand Final @ Hanger	L&F	TBA	Bring a drink and watch the grand final with other members. \$10 BBQ	
Sun 8 Oct	Bathurst @ Hanger	Car	JS	Bring your car and enjoy the Bathurst. \$10 BBQ	
Fri 13 Oct	Music @ Hanger	Music	WD	Anne & Troy are coming to entertain us at Friday drinks	
Wed 25 Oct	TARRA Queenscliff (Partners included)	L&F	Lino	Ferry to Queenscliff and a 2-course lunch at Tarra the new Ferry terminal. Ferry tickets & a glass of wine included. Depart Sorrento on 11am Ferry	
Tue 31 Oct	Fundraising Function			Maria Rigby (not a PNMS function)	
Fri Nov 10	Pétanque @ Portsea	L&F	JC	Enjoy an evening game of Pétanque & drinks	
Thu 16 Nov	AGM	All	JC	Our Annual General Meeting @ the Hanger	
Sun 5 Nov	Rotary Car Show	All		Plans not released yet, Volunteers likely to be required.	
Thu Nov 23	Card Group Lunch	Card	MB	TBA	
Mon 4 Dec	Golf Day	L&F	Lino	PNMS Golf Day at Portsea Golf club	
Wed 6 Dec	Music Group Xmas	Music	WD	Take 3; Music Group Xmas dinner	
Fri 15 Dec	Christmas at the Hanger	L&F	TBA	Enjoy another Christmas at the Hanger. Always a great evening	

Note: Shed Car Group events not included

Woodworking Group - a new activity for members!



Richard Fyffe has established a woodworking group at our Stringer Shed. Richard has been providing guidance and tuition into the use of the equipment and tips on how to approach woodworking. We have our first project well underway with making bowling ball carriers for the Sorrento Bowling club. Many other projects are being suggested.

Please come along on a Wed 10am to noon if you are interested - you will be most welcome.

Sorrento Sharks Football and Netball Club Request

We have been requested to inform you of the following for your information and action if you wish to participate in the discussion.

Hi All,

Regarding our recent communications re the David MacFarlan Reserve Masterplan, the response

from the community to date has been very positive. As advised, SFNC as a club are very supportive of the Masterplan, and we would love to see as many Shark members and supporters express their support for the Masterplan to the Shire. Public Consultation will continue until September 21. Community support is key to ensuring this Masterplan gets approved without a hiccup.

To voice your support, please log onto the Shire website via the link below.

<https://shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au/draft-david-macfarlan-reserve-master-plan>

You are welcome to submit any views you have re the Masterplan, or you can simply reply to the first question by stating that 'I am fully supportive of the Masterplan'.

Fabulous Lunch and Ferry Ride - all welcome!!

This event was so enjoyable last time, we decided to revisit the venue and have arranged this fantastic package deal for members and partners - or come alone - all are welcome. We do have strictly limited numbers this time, so please book early.



Pt. Nepean Men's Shed

Please join us for lunch at TARRA, the new ferry terminal in Queenscliff.

Date: Wednesday 25 October 2023

Depart 11am from Sorrento Pier,
return on any afternoon ferry

Includes:

Return ferry tickets
Two-course meal, and
Free drink on arrival.

This event is for members & partners.

\$60 per person

Please book early as we have limited capacity.

Bookings will close 10 days prior.

Book by paying our social account:

BSB 633000 A/C [190944371](#) Name: G Wilkinson Ref: 'Tarra ':[surname]

The Sorrento Bay Riders Portsea Camp Charity Ride.

We have several PNMS members who are very fit and keen bike riders and who are likely participating or assisting on the day. If you can provide some donation for this great cause, it would be appreciated. The PNMS may also provide some marshalling volunteers and The Shed Men will also be performing at The Camp.

65 km for 65 Kids

Often referred to as our Men's Shed on wheels, The Sorrento Bay Riders, led by Max Beck along with his fellow cyclists are leading the charge one pedal at a time to support children impacted by social and economic disadvantage.

The 65 km charity ride on October 1st, aims to raise \$50,000 to bring 65 children to the Portsea Camp Making a Difference programs and YOU can help bring a child to camp by making a tax-deductible donation to the ride.

Click the link below for more details & donate to an individual rider, or a Team of local riders.

<http://www.bit.ly/portsea-camp>

Thank you,

The Sorrento Bay Rider Team.

Rye Primary School Bike Program

Several years ago James (Jim) Rennie had the idea to start a Bike Program at Rye PS and he has led a small team over the years to deliver an outstanding program. All who have been fortunate to spend time with Jim in delivering this program recognise how valuable it is to the participating students and the school leadership has been delighted with the outcomes. This has been a largely unheralded program - Jim is a modest bloke - but it will continue later this year and again in 2024. I know Jim is looking for more volunteers to assist, so please consider lending a hand.

Below are some pix of the completed bikes and the kids enjoying a spin. Please also have a close read of the article provided by Helena - you may then understand how such a program can have such unexpected benefits.



The Bicycle Maintenance Program, run by Jim Rennie, with the help of Mark Ferguson & Alan Seward, at Rye primary school, ended on a high note last Tuesday. The participating students rode their well maintained and repaired bikes with gleeful enthusiasm in the school playground. All agreed that they had thoroughly enjoyed working with the three instructors, saying that they had actually learned a great deal of

practical value. One of the students, who did not possess a bike, was gifted one of the four bikes built during the program and the other three bikes will be donated to a charity organisation.

There was very pleasing feedback from both the School Principal and the Assistant Principal. They especially praised the way in which the program positively engaged those students disengaged in usual, routine classroom programs. They were voluble in their praise of Jim, Mark & Alan & their commitment, stated that their contribution is highly valued and that the school is very keen for the program to continue next year. They also spoke of a student who was in the first group to participate. A very troubled & disengaged young boy at the time, he recently visited the school and spoke enthusiastically about the way the program had changed his life for the better. Now in high school, he works parttime in a bike shop, is passionate about bike riding and expressed his gratitude for the program which helped him to turn his life around so positively!

Well, on that high note, I think it is time to sit back, enjoy the last bit of sunshine, and hope you all have a great weekend.

That's all folks.

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