



Forrest Men's Shed

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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2018

To finish off the year, a very short newsletter to cover the Melbourne Cup lunch and thank you all for the support, camaraderie and breadth of interests that makes this Shed somewhat unique.

The good news at the end of the year was the return of Norm McKay to, among other things, do battle with the stairlift.

We had an early surprise Christmas in October when our Shed 'won' a 'Member Survey Prize Pack' of tools (a drop saw with stand and a dust extractor) for completing an AMSA survey. Bev Bayer is putting the saw through its paces (the stand is yet to be installed).



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The Melbourne Cup Lunch

As usual the event was a success despite challenges such as the pork pre-ordered for early collection not being available until 11.30! Everybody rose to the occasion as has become the norm (unfortunately the editor was not one of them given a family commitment interstate). Also as usual, we are looking at a number of ways to improve the process for next year. The kitchen was of course the 'nerve centre' of the enterprise.....





Donald Morgan, Bill Bogar



Alan Hodges with desserts

The Year's End

The final meeting of the year on 4 December was a festive season coffee and chat with the 'catering' having a Christmas flavour. Earlier in the day some members had taken up the invitation of the Church's *Coffee, Craft and Chat* women's group for the Shed members to join them with their partners for a buffet breakfast at the Burberry Hotel. A thank you to our CC&C hosts!

The workshop's last day for the year was 17 December. It will resume on 7 January 2019.

The New Year

The Tuesday meetings and a program of speakers and other events will resume on Tuesday 5th of February with a coffee and chat. It may be prudent for those of us who have not recently provided morning tea to check David's roster.

John has at this stage confirmed speakers for the 12th, 19th and 26th of February.

On the 12th Ian Peters will talk about Diabetes as we age. This may encourage the 'caterers' of the day to either decrease or increase the sweets component.

On the 19th Paddy Gourley will share his reflections on the public service, and on the 26th Marie Coleman AO will speak on Social Justice.

The program has been very successful given the range of interests and expertise, and the depth of knowledge, and sometimes entertainment, imparted by both visiting guests and our own members. Accordingly, the next newsletter will include a listing and description of the events for 2018, hopefully starting an ongoing record for the Shed. We may be able to include earlier years as time permits.

Signing Off

May you and your families all have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.