



Sunbury Men's Shed Newsletter

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In this issue ... preamble, Committee Report, grant overview, website status, Buy Swap and Sell, new members, our President's hobby etc

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Sunbury Men's "Shed Chatter"

Dear Shed Members

Welcome to the first edition of Sunbury Men's Shed new newsletter, "Shed Chatter". Who doesn't enjoy the Men's Shed? It's a home away from home to do stimulating things with like-minded people, make new friends, use creativity, give people an opportunity to utilise their expert skills and assist others; you can be as involved as you want. From my observation, each Shed has its own dynamics but once a Shed is established, there seems to be a group of fundamental items which make the Shed not "just a Shed", but a successful, well-functioning and harmonious Shed.

Communications, democracy, camaraderie and stimulation are the big issues. It is in each Sheds' interests to gather what their members want and need and endeavour to cater for the majority. Sunbury is keen and ready to develop its own unique personality by drawing on the talents of its many members.

Some people like woodwork, metalwork, hobbies, being part of the Shed management team, chess, pool, darts, gardening, cooking, outings. It can be a fine balancing act

catering for such a diverse group of people. As you will appreciate, not every interest can be catered for, but group requests [i.e. where there are a number of people interested in the same area] need to be considered. Sheds are known to specialize in certain areas based on the majority of members' needs and wants.

“Shed Chatter” will aim to:

- *Recognise and acknowledge the Pioneers and Sponsors who helped make it happen.*
- *Inform members what the Shed is up to at present and what is planned in the immediate future.*
- *Give members a forum to be listened to by asking for suggestions and ideas to be considered and followed up.*
- *Obtain a wish list for the Committee of Management members to pursue available grants and sponsorships and realistically decide on a project and what to apply for.*
- *Recognise members' contributions*
- *Give members and our Shed an opportunity to buy, swap and sell.*

Member contributions and ideas welcome!

Money isn't everything but it sure keeps the kids in touch ...

Swap Buy and Sell

Nothing to swap buy and sell this month but members can submit items at any time to be included in next month's edition of Chatter. Meanwhile when equipment is identified as surplus to requirements it will be featured for selling or swapping with members or other Sheds.

This is the link for the Victorian Men Shed's online regular Newsletter.

<https://blu176.mail.live.com/?tid=cmXlcXe-Zy5RGKqwaAiZMFUnA2&fid=flinbox>

New Members:

Welcome: Peter Pascuzzo, Silvano Zanta, Andrew Swann.

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- *Work coming in via website, personal request or email:...New work process will be put together to make sure the right people, like Peter Wilkinson etc, are contacted and coordinated when work comes in.*
- *A Member Survey has been put together and will be distributed so we can gather information regarding our members for the purpose of finding out our requirements and to give us the edge when applying for grants.*
- *The Grant for Shed Extension is progressing, however, new political constraints have cropped up which are being managed by Shed representatives, Vic Government and Hume Council.*
- *The new storage racks in the yard will have screens attached so our neighbours are shielded from materials stored in them.*
- *Treasurer reported **sums of money were donated** from St Mary's Opportunity Shop, Sunbury Car Wash and the sale of 2 bikes by Garry Pettit. Letter of thanks will be delivered to express appreciation.*
- *A grant for a new metal lathe and woodwork saw-bench has been submitted via Rob Mitchell, MLA for McEwan.*
- *A new roller door has been approved for the new metal shop to supplement the other roller door which we already have. Work on the metal shop is progressing well with the roof the next thing to be installed.*
- *Approval of a new updated website and an official launch coming soon.*
- *Development of a list of items to be made and sold to help raise funds for the ongoing running costs of the Shed.*

WHO'S WHO IN THE ZOO.

For Member's Hobby of the Month, we feature our President and find out who he is and what he does ...

DIETER JANKOVIC...·SUNBURY Men's Shed President



Born in Australia to German migrant parents in 1951, my early memories are of Old Adaminaby and Old Jindabyne. (My dad worked on the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electricity Scheme construction), then moving to Sydney, Germany, and spending my adolescence in Wodonga.

I spent 6 years in the Army - 4 years as an Air dispatcher and 2 years as a Driver.

You could say I've had a few jobs during my lifetime! I became a plant operator on the N.T. Stuart Hwy & Tanami Track, land clearing in Queensland, then a bus driver on the Darwin-Perth express run before working for the Darwin City Council as a labourer, foreman, subdivisions clerk-of-works, building inspector and a contracts clerk-of-works for civil and civic contracts, special projects supervisor. Moved to Sunbury in 1989 to work with the Shire of Bulla as Building Maintenance supervisor of day labour tradesmen and contractors, then did the same for Hume City Council for 9.75 years. Had my own building maintenance company for 15 months before being forced to retire due to ill health.

Model boating became my hobby of choice after spending time mucking about with control-line and radio-controlled planes.

I needed to do something relaxing on Sundays in Darwin which was totally removed from the 6 day dawn to dusk (average 80hr) work week. It is a hobby that has given me immense enjoyment as I approach it as a fun pastime and I don't have to be too serious about doing things by-the-book; rather I have fun developing

alternative construction methods and ideas into robust models that can withstand a good deal of rough handling and rough weather.



It was a challenge in Darwin to see how strong the wind would get before we had to pack up our little yachts. The best times were had controlling them from inside the back of my van during an approaching cyclone with the rain pissing down and lightning touching down on surrounding power poles and trees. We usually called it quits when small branches started to break off trees!

The yachts never sank, just lay over more and more, with control being lost when the mast got to around 75 degrees from vertical. Those days were the best! We built our first bashboats in Darwin in 1981 so that we could 'tag' or touch each other's boats without damage, naturally the 'tagging' became more and more aggressive as the days passed. It's still great fun!



Joke Corner ...•You know how VW's give off more pollution than they admitted to; here is a picture that says it all •



In the next issue of Chatter - another member hobby revelation, jobs on the go, previous jobs done - what the shed is capable of. Hopefully our new metal workshop will be ready to Rock'n'Roll and Ted Riley, metalworker extraordinaire, will tell us where all the machines - mig welder, guillotine, lathe, folder, crimper, spot welder will go so the metal boys can perform their magic. It's not just about woodwork you know!!! The metal boys have a bigger lathe, oxy acetylene and a sheet metal roller on the wish list. Be careful what you wish for!

Until next month...•be good and be happy••

Frank Zambello. Shed Communications man.

