



Sunbury Men's Shed Newsletter

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In this issue our very own Guinness record holder, Committee Report, Helping Hands grant night, microwave oven donation, grants overview, new members, Our Member's Hobby, jobs on the go, Committee Report. In the joke corner you will see an iconic falcon in its nest. A BIG thank you to our other sponsors and other parties who have made generous donations to our Shed:

Chisel and Plane Sharpening display at Bunnings

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was a hit once more thanks to the stalwart workers who "manned the pumps", raised money but also exposed our Shed's contribution to the community



Our talented Secretary John Hunter and Rod Jackson, long time and multi-skilled Shed member put on an excellent display at Bunnings of sharpening chisels and also showed how the trusty hand wood plane can be rejuvenated.

Not only is an event such as this an opportunity to gain new members, but members of the public offer materials and/or unwanted goods. People also ask what we make and what we do.

Coincidentally, a survey was conducted in England recently and it was found that a large percentage would join groups like ours if they knew more about what a Men's Shed can offer.

We have had a good month. Sunbury Helping Hands on behalf of the Sunbury Branch of the Bendigo Bank has financed a new bench saw which is our most used piece of equipment. We can now retire our old berth which has served us well. Our microwave oven decided to pack it in and as luck would have it, Thomas Millett put his hand in his pocket and purchased us a shiny new one. Thank you from all the members Tom. The Sunbury Opportunity Shop and Sunbury Car Wash made a generous donation for which we are also grateful. This allows our Shed to pay its way, progress with our services and improved facilities for our Sunbury Sheddies.

Sausage Sizzlers - a team of good men...



*Trevor, Lew and Barry
doing us proud.
Thanks to everyone
who turned up to
help*

Consideration is being given to creating a photo banner display at Bunnings on future sausage sizzle days to highlight our skills and capabilities.



Sunbury Market joined forces with Sunbury Rotary Club

Dieter, our stalwart President and trusty helpers gathered “Shed-made” goods and donated items and set up a stall at the Sunbury car boot market. Me thinks they are having too much fun.



Committee Meeting Reporting ... November 2015

- *The Grant for the Shed Extension is still progressing. It remains in the hands of the State Government and seems to be subject to the Budget availability. We'll keep you posted of developments.*

- *The new storage racks in the yard have been completed and now will help store goods and clear the yard.*
- *The Treasurer reported sums of money were donated from St Mary's Opportunity Shop, Sunbury Car Wash and from the sale of 2 bikes by Garry Pettit. Letters of thanks will be delivered to express appreciation.*
- *Work coming in via website, by personal request or by email: A new work process has been put together to make sure the right people, like Peter Wilkinson etc, are contacted and coordinated when work comes in.*
- *A new roller door will be donated 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 installed and concreting being arranged.*
- *Approval of a new updated website and it's 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.*
- *The Member Survey has been sent to all members. Please fill it in and return it. It is anonymous and will provide us with valuable information to progress our Shed. To make our Shed even better, please help us by providing this info.*
- *A grant for a new metal lathe, tig welder and heavy duty woodwork saw-bench has been submitted via Rob Mitchell, MLA for McEwan and looks promising.*
- *Frank Zambello the new Shed Communications man has requested to be titled Communications, Marketing and Publicity Officer as per the roles in the AMSA Manual of Shed Roles and Responsibilities. This is available from the Shed on request and outlines the Suggested Roles and Responsibilities Sheds create as they mature and grow. Our Committee is considering this and will advise. John Hunter, the Secretary advised that the roles of members of*

the Shed already represent the 13 positions as described in the document.

- *The Committee decided a fair way to sell significant goods donated to the Shed for the fairness of all members is to have a silent Auction. Going forward, photos will be taken of significant items, then posted on the noticeboard just like supermarkets ... a box will be provided for sealed bids ... 2 weeks later the highest bidder will be announced. Happy bidding to those who are not downsizing yet and want more “stuff”.*
- *Next purchase is to be a gazebo for outdoor events to shelter our Sheddies from the sun and rain. It's the least we can do for their voluntary efforts to raise funds for the Shed.*

Guinness Book of Records:

Did you know that one of our members, John Davis, has the distinction of being recorded in the Guinness Book of records for “The longest continuous game of bowls by 2 x 4 teams ” lasting 82 hours 1 minute from the Sunbury Bowling Club on 23 January 1982 Quite a feat and to our knowledge, that combination of 4 bowlers has not been beaten yet. A young John is second from the right in the photo.



Sunbury runners see State's top athletes in action

MEMBERS of Goonawarra Amateur Athletic Club travelled to Olympic Park recently with one aim in mind – to see the top athletes from Victoria and overseas guests in action.

They found the meeting at Olympic Park a most inspiring one with several of the entrants at the Alcoa meeting establishing record times.

Opportunity to see some of Australia's top athletes in action and witness their styles of talking points for Sunbury's own stars.

Members of the club have extended their congratulations to Bob Laughton who took part in the Honolulu Marathon in December.

Bob managed to complete the marathon in the respectable time of three hours and nine minutes.

Some 9,000 contestants started the event in darkness at 6 a.m. to combat the heat and humidity.

Because of the early start to the track and field season the club has advised members that training is being held at the Eric Boardman Reserve between 6 and 7 p.m. on most week nights.

THEY ARE WORLD CHAMPS

FOR eight bowlers from Sunbury Bowling Club the time of 82 hours and one minute will hold a significant meaning for many years to come.

The time represents the hours and minutes the group spent on the greens in Sunbury creating a world endurance record for bowls.

The marvellous feat not only ensures the group a place in the Guinness Book of Records, but also means that in excess of \$1000 will be donated to the Royal Children's Hospital.

At 6 a.m. on Saturday, January 23, the eight bowlers stepped onto the greens to deliver the first of what was to be many thousands of bowls over the next four days.

Eighty-two hours and one minute later, at 4:01 p.m., on Tuesday, January 26, (Australia Day) the bowlers had created a world record.

During the 82 hour ordeal the local bowlers had to put up with blistering heat on the Saturday and Sunday, when temperatures soared into the middle 40's, and cold biting winds on the Sunday when a cool change arrived.

While the cool change was welcomed by the players, it also presented its problems, and tents had to be erected at the sides of the greens and umbrellas provided for players when heavy rain began on Sunday night and continued through to late Monday afternoon.

On Sunday the chances of breaking the record faded when a local doctor was called in to look at one of the players.

However, with the arrival of the cool change and plenty of encouragement from bowlers and spectators alike, the bowler was able to overcome his problems and continue in the marathon effort undaunted.

This week manager and co-ordinator of the world record attempt, Mr John Davis, paid tribute to the bowlers.

United's juniors asked to register

SUNBURY United Soccer Club's junior section will kick-off the 1982 season on Saturday, February 6, when it holds a registration day for players at Langama Park, Mitchells Lane, Sunbury.

The club's juniors will this year have a busy schedule ahead of them and to ensure that the season runs smoothly the registration of players must be carried out quickly.

First match for the young socceros will be on March 6 when teams will compete in the first round of the Western Region Shield Competition.

The club's registration day on February 6, will be held between 3 and 5 p.m. at Langama Park and all new players, as well as last season's players are asked to attend.



Officials of the club were elated at the breaking of the record and it was champagne all round when the previous record of 81 hours and 35 minutes was broken.

While one would think that the group had seen enough of bowls for some time to come, most agreed that they would be back on the green and in action after a couple of days rest.

Club president, Mr Alan "Ack Ack" Smith after the marathon effort extended his congratulations to the group and extended a vote of thanks to the many businessmen and residents of the area who sponsored the team in its world record attempt.

● The sign tells the story!

Marathon bowlers, (back row) Bob Huffer, Ken Carmichael,

Alan Morrison, Robert Tebble, Derek Voss, John Davis (manager), Graeme Bridgeland; (front) Rick James and Tony Tichy, proudly display the hours accumulated in the record breaking effort.

● IT'S congratulations all round as Sunbury's record-breaking bowlers finish their marathon effort.



● WHAT better way to celebrate than with a bottle of champagne.

Team members Derek Voss (left) and Bob Huffer enjoy a touch of the champs following the breaking of the record.

● BEFORE a packed audience, the oldest member of the group, Graeme Bridgeland, sends down a bowl – one which put Sunbury Bowling club and its members in the record books.

New season

Joke Joyce ...

I once remember winning an argument with a woman in a dream I had.

Member's Hobby for the Month

As we saw last week after our President Dieter took us into his world or radio controlled boats, we will highlight month by month the diverse talents of our Sunbury Sheddies. Would you be surprised if one of our Sheddies spent the last 30 years of his working life buying race horses? Or our Secretary makes exquisite personal pens? Sunbury Shed has talent Hang on to your seats.

Here comes Norm:

Norm Ripp's lifelong passion has been making and flying remote controlled model planes. Here is his story ...



Many years ago I was watching planes fly in and out of Essendon Airport and thought that it would be great to fly, but I was too young, so the next best thing was to build a model control line plane. Dad helped me build it and got the plane flying, then I took over flying.

The urge returned in my late twenties to recommence flying with a control line but with a bigger and better plane. This continued until I was introduced to radio controlled flying, and let's face it, it was the best thing since sliced bread. I shelved the control line models and built a radio control model powered with 4 channels.

Over the next 10 years or so I was flying RC until the little ankle biters came along and everything had to stop. If I didn't, I was nervous that the wife would have put a match to all the planes! So guess what?

Once the kids were grown up they started to ask questions about the planes. At this point I started to pull them out of hibernation and started to teach my 2 boys to fly which only lasted a short time as girls were better than flying models! I joined the Sunbury Model Aircraft Club and was introduced to gliders and since then all I have done was to fly gliders of all sizes. I then joined another club which

specialized in gliders at Mount Waverley for the past 20 to 30 years. In that time various gliders have come and gone. Once a year we went to a National competition on the Queen's birthday weekend at Jerilderie. One day I was asked to go scale gliding at Bendigo. Since then I was hooked to scale gliding. When I returned home I started looking around for what to build. The first one was called the Kookaburra short wing version, a one-fifth scale which was scratch built from drawings, once the plane started to fly and flew well. Then it was time to think about to build something bigger and better and I decided to build a one quarter scale Boomerang. This was also scratch built, (Scratch building means building off a set of plans).



While I was flying at the flying field, I was approached by members of the Aeronautical Engineering of Monash University to build 3 models for UAV work with a camera and UV sensor equipment. This was a very challenging, and demanding task. Once these were built and test flown, it was time to put them to work

Currently, I am in the middle of building another glider which is also scratch built. This glider is a 1/3 scale with a wing span of 6 metres. The glider is called Kangaroo ES 49B. As the glider will be weighing over 7kgs it has to go through various stages for examination by an inspector.

Once these examinations are complete, the plane will be given a permit to fly. I keep promising myself to stop building, but I can't help myself; I get the bug to start another project.



The things we do at the Shed.....

Anybody know what this is? One of our current projects for the Council Kids program. The Dr Who famous Police Box - Tardis - is currently being built by the Shed...from the ground up. Drawn up in Cad and built by our able Sheddies. It will be painted by the children.



New Members:

Joseph Staub

Sunbury's Helping Hand 2015

Sunbury's Helping Hand on behalf of the Bendigo Bank provide grants to the Sunbury community for worthwhile causes and has kindly donated the funds for our Shed to purchase a bench saw to replace our old bertha which is tired and prone to breakages.

We thank them for their generosity and assure them that the new saw will be put to good use for the community and our Sheddies. Our Vice President Kevin Swaffield and Rod Jackson received the award on the Presentation night at the Sunbury Football Ground.





Joke Corner ...as promised...the falcon in the nest. What were you expecting ... a bird? Men's Shed remember! In my opinion and I am entitled to it, this is where Fords belong.



Finishing Off

I heard a speech from our ex-President, Ian Lupson, at a Sunbury Freemasons Function recently where they requested and we made a presentation on the Sunbury Men's Shed. In Ian's words ... "coming from humble beginnings, with a dilapidated, disused shell of a Shed and dedicated members, Sunbury Shed has risen ... and aims to be one of the best Sheds in the business ... watch this space!



What better way to say this ... and we will make our own spit ... Sheddie's Special.

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A big thank you to:

- *Sunbury Helping Hands/Bendigo Bank, St Mary's Oportunity Shop, Sunbury Car Wash, KFC*
- *Sunbury Newsagent, Sunbury Sunfest, Sunbury Rotary Club, Members from the public who have donated goods for the our market*

Next month in the Christmas publication we will be putting up a hand painted didgeridoo for Auction, find out who will be the next talented Sheddie to show us his hobby - obsession?

...BE GOOD AND HAPPY SHEDDING.

Frank Zambello. Shed Communications man.