



Sunbury Men's Shed Newsletter

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Dear Fellow Shed Members

In this our first Shed Chatter Xmas issue, photos of our Xmas Party ... A Show and Tell of what our Sheddies make at home, grants overview, new Members and Committee Report. In the joke corner yet another surprise

A BIG thank you extended to our sponsors for the year. We are planning on progressing our Shed in a good way next year. Let's continue the work to make our Shed, the Stand-Out Shed. We need to be innovative and make and do interesting things. Plans are afoot to build a Spit Roast that will show our talents and skills. Not your regular every day Spit Roast. Maybe like this?



Xmas lunch at the Shed was a resounding success

Anne Potter and Jack Medcraft, our local Councillors who were invited to the lunch, were very impressed by the event and extended their thanks to the Shed members. We thank them for their ongoing support over the year.



There was a good turnout, but “fireworks” needed to be quelled when a dispute took place over whether to use condiments over the succulent pork and lamb in the spit. Some people liked it plain and others wanted some taste added with conditioning. In the end, only a little amount condiment was applied and a good time was then had by all.

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If this is the worst that can happen at a well organised and patronised event, we are doing well. A thank you for all who supplied food and help as well as Alan Dyer for loaning the spit. The spit roast was a success and the early birds were on hand at 6:00am to set it up.

No one got legless so moderate drinking will continue to be allowed at the Shed when celebrating these memorable functions.



Shed Happenings

- A fond farewell from Dieter and all of us was bid to Tom Blight. Tom and his family are moving to Kyabram. Tom has been a Sunbury Sheddie since our early days. He can be seen helping in all our Shed's early photos and we wish him well. Kyabram Men's Shed don't realise yet how lucky they are to inherit one of our best



"Wherever there was work...Tom was there".



Member Survey has been sent to all members and many have been completed and returned. Some results like “what do we want?” will be detailed in the next Newsletter. If you haven't already done so, we would appreciate it if you would please fill your Survey in and return as soon as possible.

New Members

- *Stan Petryk, Ashley Armsteal, Bryan Coleman, Kenneth Brown, Steve Janusko. Welcome board fellows and soak up our friendly atmosphere. A “Welcome” pack is to be put together for our coming new members and welcoming fanfare to follow. No radical initiation ceremony is planned as some might have fragile tickers!*
- *Approval of a new updated website. Due to unforeseen hiccups we are going to update the existing website, then build a fresh one to rival the best ones in Oz's Mensheds.*
- *A project manager will be assigned to major jobs, for instance the Metal Machinery Concreting job (in this case Dieter). Donated roller doors and fitout need to be coordinated and it has been decided it is best to be done through one person who then knows the full story and manages the schedule. Jimmy Moffat managed to acquire some free reo for the job and our thanks to Jimmy and Roscoe's Timber and Hardware supplies at 1 Vineyard Rd Sunbury for the generous donation.*



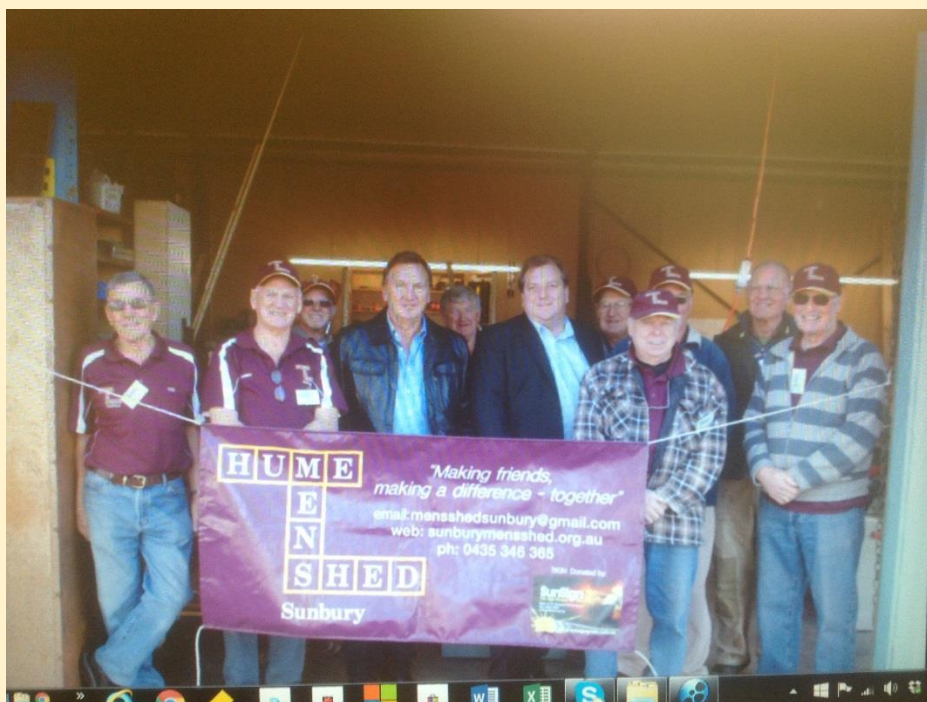
- *The food and drink insulated BBQ storage trailer is almost finished and will be painted and registered in the new year ready for work at events such as Bunning Sausage sizzle and market days. A big thank you to Kevin Swaffield who has put his heart and soul into this over the last 6 months.*
- *No further news has come in over the \$40,000 extension budget from the Vic Government and we are hopeful it will be approved in the next Budget. The Shed is running out of room for safe working conditions and we had hoped to expand. When construction of the machinery shed is completed, it will help to alleviate the space issue temporarily, by moving the metal works into the machinery shed area freeing up space for the bulk of woodworking projects. It will also separate the metal men from the woodwork boys.*
- *Hume City Council has donated a Community Grant of \$1,650 through its City Council's Community Grants Program for which the Men's Shed is very grateful and the money will be put to good use.*
- *There was a break-in at the Shed at the weekend; a hole was cut through the chainmesh fence. A lawn mower and whipper snipper were stolen. Security to be enhanced. Alarm system could be considered.*
- *The "Dr Who Tardis" produced from CAD drawing to actual structure was completed for the Sunbury Youth Centre. It has now been delivered, assembled and will be painted by the youth members. A photo-shoot of the project will be made available for an article in the Local Newspaper. A good effort by all concerned and great advertising for the Shed.*



The Birth of our Shed



This is the man's card whose idea it was to get some friends together and start our Shed ... No #1-card-holder of the First President ... second from left.



First President Report explaining the History of the Shed and subsequent President Reports are now on the website <http://sunburymensshed.com/>



Items For Sale

Bids can be placed at the Shed (in the box for the purpose), confidentially sent to Dieter at djsunburysl@gmail.com or posted to the Shed at 15 Evans Street Sunbury 3429 - by 13th Jan 2016

3 Phase Bench saw. Old faithful has performed very well for us and has been replaced by a new one, purchased with the kind grant from Sunbury's Helping Hand/Bendigo Bank.



There are two RYOBI multi speed Wood Lathes for sale.



(1) slightly newer than the other (2) but both the same models.

These can be bid on separately please ... indicate (1) or (2)

Genuine hand painted full size Didger Doo ... same deal. Bid and you may win!



Member's Hobby for the month.

John Hunter's Pen King article is postponed until next month.

Show and Tell.

The things members make at home - transferrable skills to the Shed and/or the community?

"Godzilla the Wood Muncher" ... Steve Mandalios made and uses. Looks like a torture rack? No log too tough to split. Maybe it could be on the set of Dr Who?



Billy cart made with TLC by Frankie Z. You can't teach your grandchildren to drive too early! Next time I will go out and buy one. Lots of work in this and the Chinese pump them out for a fraction of the cost of the materials.



John Hunter's hidden talents. The entertainment unit on the left is made from Queensland Brush Box, speaker compartments at each end and on the right, Vic Ash and varnished. Brilliant pieces of furniture of which John has made quite a lot around his house. John brings to the Shed a lot of expertise and quality.



Petrol Bowser Collector Frankie Z. From this to this...

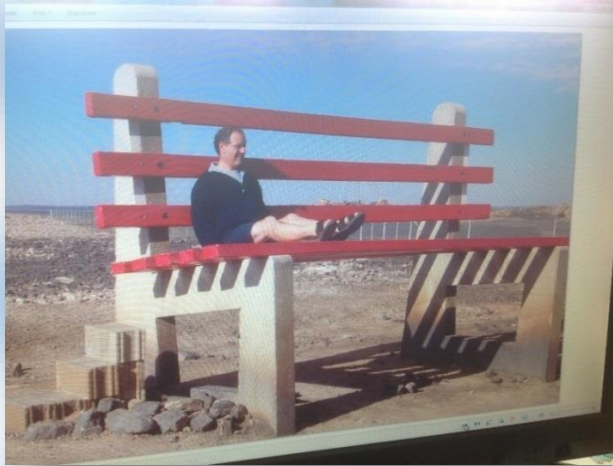


Dale Wilkes makes wooden models like this tank which takes skill and patience which Dale has an abundance of. I missed out in that department. Stan Rasa has some of it too with this model boat.



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One extreme to the other ... miniature bench made at our Shed, big bench at Broken Hill lookout ... wish I was young again ...



Joke Joyce

*When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.
Written by Prince Phillip ... can't argue with him!*

This one is for Kevin Swaffield our OH&S man ...



Our Identities ...



Sometimes we don't take them home and forget to bring them back. Until next month, be good (not too good), have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, great and safe holiday, although isn't every day a holiday for most of us? See you next year.

Frank Zambello...Shed Communications Man and sidekick Stan Petryk.

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