

Bulla Fire Brigade go to Tasmania to put out Fires so Sunbury Men's Shed to the Sausage Sizzle rescue to help raise equipment funds for them.



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The photograph above is a third of our Members ... a line up of astute worthy members of society.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter Sunbury Men's Shed needs to think ahead as our membership is quietly growing. We are putting together a 5 year expansion plan as part of the Strategic Plan. Presently there are 3,000 men in Sunbury over 60 and this is projected to rise considerably over

the next few years, but not only that, we are living longer.

If we are going to accommodate a fraction of these men with activities like Woodworking, Metalwork, Computer skills, cooking, electronics tinkering, social activities such as a pool table and whatever else is needed to keep us occupied, mixing and out of trouble, we need to plan ahead. We are building a new welding bay and applying for a Government Grant for the next Shed expansion

One good turn deserves another. The Bulla Rural Fire Brigade were called to Tasmania to help with recent fires so were shorts taffed to man the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle to raise funds for brigade equipment. Sunbury Sheddies rose to the occasion and ran the stall. If our Shed catches fire we can be assured of a quick response. A plaque presented to Kevin Swaffield our Vice President by the Bulla Fire Brigade Captain Larry Pelly.



Active members using their initiative:

If our Jimmy isn't getting his picture in the Local Newspaper for arranging a wheel chair ramp into his local hair-dresser for a community service, he is drumming up Sponsorship in the way of donated paint from the Sunbury Paintspot, then arranging for the Shed Barbecue trailer to be painted by Sunbury Collision centre and signwritten by Steve Farren of Farren Signs, Corporate, Commercial and Corporate Signage, Gladstone Park. Thank you Jimmy and for the Sponsorship participants for which we are very grateful.



Kevin's pride and joy..his Shed Barbecue Trailer screaming out for some paint and signage. 6 months of toil.



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Paint Spot, 20 O'Shannassy St. Sunbury

Sunbury Men's Shed Men at Work on the new welding bay



The two Ted's hard at work constructing the roof and fixing the formwork ready for concreting. Many others have put in but they will remain anonymous for now. Thank you to Roscoe's for a good price on the RIO.

Roscoe's Timber & Hardware

Timber Supplies

29 Vineyard Rd, Sunbury VIC

A big thank you to:

HANSON Ready Mix Concrete Supplier, 89 Horne St, SUNBURY

*for a very good price on the concrete and also to **Daniel from DC Concreting** for doing the concreting...I hope you left your initials on the slab mate.*



This will soon be our Welding bay. Mig, Oxy Acetylene, Tig, Laser cutting - a welding we will go! Be careful what you wish for ... Ted and Trevor





Congratulations to three new Members; you have broken the 100 Member number.

Frank Moltalbo

Billy (William) Macumber

Keil Masten



Joke Corner

Rail Trouble: Punctuality on Sunbury Line Plummets



I have found the solution.....take on more passengers.

I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport.

I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years! If my wife ever finds out, she'll kill me!



Your Committee hard at work....

Josh Bull MP
STATE MEMBER FOR SUNBURY



We attended Josh Bull's office (MLA for Sunbury) to discuss the Shed's space situation where we advised Josh the shed with 100 members is running out of space and needs to expand. The Shed has rejected two large jobs because it deemed we have insufficient space to safely cater for the number of members required to work on these projects as well as the normal small jobs taking place. The Committee of Management are now also considering putting

to the members that we need to limit new membership of the Shed to Hume residents for the same reasons. Josh listened to our reasoning and agreed with the concept. We have now applied for a \$30,000 grant to use for a shed extension which we hope will be available to us from the next financial year's budget. This will allow us to spread our machinery around more space to alleviate congestion.



Significant events



Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Dot and Arnold Sharpe pictured with their son David. Congratulations and may you enjoy many more years ...

This might look like an ordinary beautiful baby girl but it is in fact **Frank and Louise Zambello's 10th grandchild** born 12 February 2016. Beat that! Got to populate the nation.



Billy's 1956 Customline and a whole lot of fans ... welcome aboard Billy. You and your car have come to a good home.



Shed Issues and Ideas ... If you have any bring them on.

The Tardis project: The **Dr Who Tardis** is near completion and we will take a photo of the finished product. We believe the Press will also do a story on it which will be good publicity for the Shed.

CFA miniature fire truck: The Shed Committee have decided not to go ahead with the **miniature Fire Brigade Fire Truck** as there is insufficient room in the Woodworking shop for such a larger project.

The Shed is contemplating only **allowing Hume Residents to join the Shed.**

The Solar panel grant: Unfortunately we had to drop **The Solar Panel Grant** as after reading the fine print it was only available if we owned the Shed!

Leader Local community grants: We are going for **Leader Local Community Grants** the format being that members of the public vote for applicants via the Leader Newspaper. Our strategy is to apply for several items and take our chances. Stay tuned.

First Aid certificates: We need more people to gain First Aid Certificates etc. and to volunteer to **open the Shed** as current members need some relief from the constant routine. 7 members indicated in the recent Survey that they would like to do this so could they please come forward to get the ball rolling.

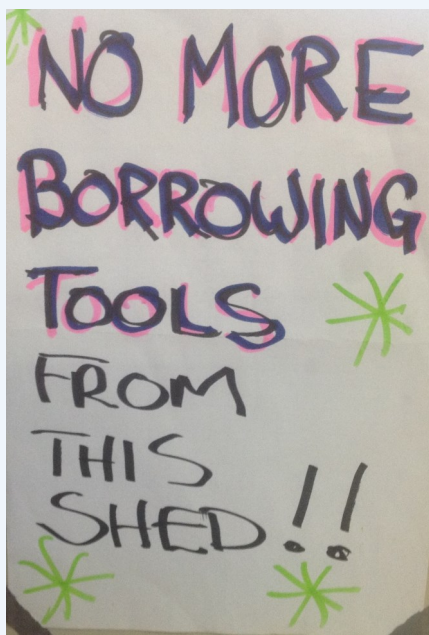
Polo Shirts: We are looking at **the Shed polo shirts**. It has been suggested the Maroon Colour is too harsh and the price too high so both issues will be looked into. The issue is, some men do not want to wear a uniform; others that do, want a more subdued colour such as grey or fawn, preferably subsidised by the Shed or Sponsors.

Tattsлото: A **Tattsлото Fund** still to be organised. We need a champion to run with this. Come on guys.

New Member Pack: We are putting together a **Welcome New Member Pack** with a few goodies in it to make new members happy to be with us.

Discounts: We are looking into gaining **Discounts from Local Traders to Shed Members** with a Shed Identity Card ... similar to what the Shed Pioneers received.

Flight Museum: We are organising an **outing to the Essendon airport Flight Museum**. Details will be added to the Board.



This situation was brought about because some significant tools have disappeared. This situation has penalised people who occasionally need to borrow some specific tool. This is a benefit so members who need a tool sometimes to do a job at home only once and do not want to buy it and leave it sit in the shed. We have made a form to be filled in when borrowing with appropriate rules so please make this work. It is for the benefit of us all. If you have tools you may have forgotten you borrowed, please return them!

Editors Corner

Me again...this time I have a confession to make. Over the years I have burnt a lot of red gum fence posts and probably some valuable wood from rare trees desirable for woodturning purposes. When you go to a Men's Shed, you mix with people who have a variety of skills and interests and I have never come across so many wood turners under one roof. I am told it is sacrilege to burn seasoned red gum fence posts or house stumps.



The boys also tell me cherry trees and the like are excellent for wood turning. So if anyone has some of this type of wood please tell us, bring it in or we will come and collect it.



Me I would rather weld two pieces of iron together and make it into something like the spit roast we are going to make.

Be good for the rest of the month. Don't be scared to pick up the tea towels. Happy Shedding! Frankie



If anyone is interested in a wood lathe we have one cheap to sell. Make us an offer.



Any offers on a genuine hand painted Didgeridoo?