

The Men's Shed has been the target of several break-ins resulting in damage to fences, locks and our food trailer. Nothing seems to be missing lately, but a few months ago a lawn mower and whipper snipper were stolen. Security will be upgraded. Floodlights will be installed with sharper cameras complete with recording system. Extra vigilance organised on behalf of our security monitoring company and the local Police.



# Sunbury Men's Shed Newsletter

Issue no 8

Shed Chatter

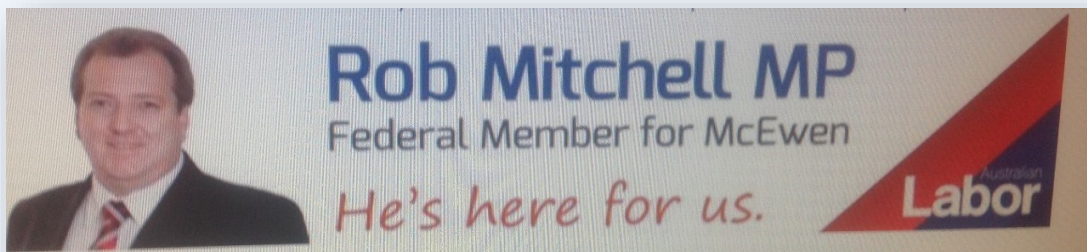
May 2016



Rob Mitchell, Federal Labor Member for McEwen and his colleague, Renee Pope-Munro visited the Shed to present us with a cheque to purchase a Lathe, Tig Welder and Bench Saw. At the same time, he encouraged discussion on current issues. Some of the issues became animated, but Rob took it in his stride and maybe [who knows?] gained a few new votes. On behalf of the Shed, we would like to thank Rob and Renee for their visit, the generous cheque and their keen interest in the Shed and our community.



Dieter, our President and John Hunter, our Secretary accepting the cheque



In this issue	
Rob Mitchell, Grant Presentation	1
LNP Shadow Minister Community and Shed visit	2
Interest Corner	2
Gourmet lunch	3
Break in and Vandalism	4
New Members, wood turning	5
Queen's Birthday and Shed Happenings	6
Parking dilemma	7
Editor's Corner	8



# *We had to balance the political spectrum!*



The Shed received a visit from the Hon. Matthew Guy, Leader of the Opposition, Chris Jermyn, Liberal Member for McEwen, Bernie Finn, MP [an ex-Sunbury Salesian College Rupertswood collegian].

The Victorian Coalition MPs meet regularly with the community both in Victoria's regions and in the metropolitan area.

This includes Georgie Crozier, Member for Southern Metropolitan Region.

They were so impressed with our Shed, Matthew needed to try his hand at routing something.



## Interest Corner - something old—something new



Time stands still for no man ...



Used to be a time when a mouse meant a mouse ...





What's on the menu Pete? LAMBS FRY AND BACON! People either love it or hate it. Depending on how their parents presented this meal to them as kids. I love it. My wife won't cook it so I only get it at the Shed. Thanks Pete ... and Andy.



Peter doing what he likes best...this guy was a good catch



Andy is a willing helper in whatever the Shed needs and it needs food at Friday lunches. What a guy. The finished product was a hit







*This is our Ted hard at work making the locks on our shipping containers vandal-proof*

### Hume Sunbury Men's Shed Management

President, Dieter Jankovic

Secretary, John Hunter

Treasurer, Stan Rasanayagam

Vice President, Kevin Swaffield

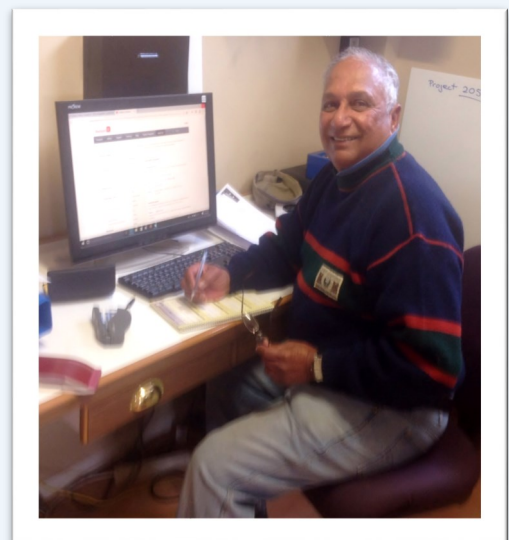
### Committee

Peter Wilkinson, Ian Lupson,  
Mike Newman, Rod Jackson,  
John Staines, Frank Zambello,

Web site : [sunburymensshed.com](http://sunburymensshed.com)



Ian and Mike, happiest at the sink



Our trusty and trusted Treasurer Stan Rasanayagam ... good with figures



Sunbury Men's Shed  
welcomes

Nat Perry

Make yourself at  
home Nat



### ***From John Hunter, Secretary and wood worker extraordinaire***

Have you ever wondered what you could do when the base of your favourite glass or vase gets damaged? Most people would throw it out ... yes?

Those people who belong to a Men's Shed that has a wood turning lathe, or if you have your own lathe have another option.

Instead of discarding the broken glassware just turn a wooden base for it. Or ask a member of the Shed who can use a woodturning lathe to turn one for you.

There are many adhesives that will affix the glass to the wood.



*Restored treasures...·*







*On behalf of the Members of the Hume Sunbury Men's Shed we wish the Queen a Happy 90th Birthday and I am sure the Queen would say ..."Go Sunbury Men's Shed"*



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

**Shed Extension Grant:** Josh Bull, State Member for Sunbury, has assisted us with a Government Grant application for \$30,000. We will be expected to provide labour and \$20,000 of our own to expand the Shed which is now showing serious signs of congestion. At the moment we cannot take on large projects. We would like to go on an active membership drive as there are many retired men in our district who don't know about us. We have now jumped through all the hoops and red tape [lots of it!]. We await the result.

**Cobram Men's Shed :** Several Shed members are making the trip to Cobram in July to present a cheque for \$500 donation to the Cobram Men's Shed as in that area, they are experiencing severe drought. The Cobram Sheddies are struggling through not having the potential we do to raise funds.

**First Aid Certificates:** We are organising First Aid courses. Watch this space.

**OH&S:** We are organising OH&S Refresher courses. We are considering Tuesday mornings. Tuesdays are also being considered for woodwork or metalwork demonstrations and skill learning.

**Donation:** The Men's Shed donated \$100 to the Sunbury RSL towards buying and laying a Floral Wreath for our Sunbury Anzac day Memorial.

**New Member Pack:** We have put together a **New Member Welcome Pack** to make new members informed and happy to be with us. All new Members will receive one.

**Discounts:** We are still looking into gaining **Discounts from Local Traders to Shed Members** with a Shed Identity Card ... similar to what the Shed Pioneers received. What we are looking at are haircuts, tyres, mechanical repairs and household services etc. Anyone who has ideas or contacts please let us know.

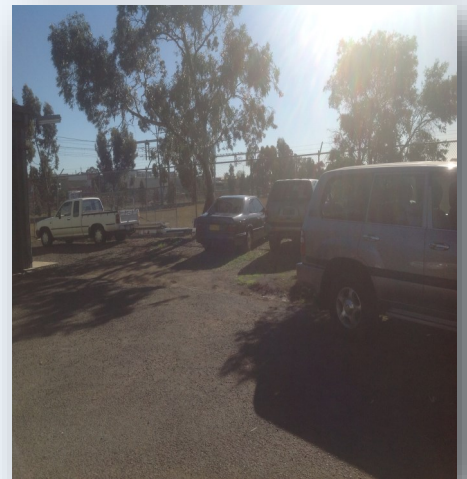
**Our monthly donated Goods Auction** is a success and will be a regular feature. Keep an eye out for some bargains on the last Friday of each month.

**Shed Opening Times:** We are making a new roster with the aim of opening the Shed for longer hours. 5 Members have advised they are willing to be Duty Managers and will attend the necessary training courses. We anticipate opening up on Tuesday mornings—training and skill sharing, Wednesday afternoons and Saturday afternoons on a regular basis.

**Shed Parking:** This has been a bugbear for us as we were told we could not park on the grass. With some planning, there is room within our grounds for many more cars to be parked within easier walking distance to the Shed. On a busy day we can have 30 cars all over the property and spilling out into the street. Not only that but when Council lease out the Cottage in our grounds, many more cars need to find a parking spot. Our older frail men have to walk a fair way in the rain and wind carrying items and we would prefer to avoid this. We have approached Council who are sympathetic to our needs. They have requested photos and recommendations from us. We will now liaise with Council to fix this vexing problem. What we need is a planning person from the Council who can model the best arrangement for maximum parking use of the site. This may require some rearrangement of the landscaping which at present does look attractive but is not practical.

**Shed Security:** We have applied for a Grant from the Sunbury Rotary Club which will cover the increased security that has been needed to upgrade the cameras, install flood lighting and review the monitoring situation to prevent thieves and vandals coming into our grounds and causing havoc. Not only are our goods potentially stolen but there has been damage to fencing and locks and our oth-









# EDITORS CORNER

**News ...** We see the need and have started an internal method of communication entitled “**SHED NOTES**”. This is a means to discuss things internally. For example, most members want the Shed and surrounds cleaned up and kept clean. We want the Shed opened up longer to ease congestion in the work area and parking. We want training sessions and guest speakers along with parking fixed up as we are now full up and parking up to 10 cars in the street, obviously not ideal if we are carrying things in the rain. We want to engage more sponsors and identify local businesses who will give our Shed members reliable fair priced services. We want more outings which we are in the process of organising. In other words, the Shed is active and we want to improve it and make it a better place.

## **Funds ...**

I see a lot (and I mean **a lot**) of money being spent in the community for schools, sports, recreation etc. Our humble little Shed is serving a very very important function in our community. That’s why the Mens Sheds were started and Beyond Blue fully support the Health side of the Shed movement. Without being too specific, mental and physical health is an ongoing issue in our ageing population and we have a fair representation in our Shed. As we identify needs, we need to lobby for our ageing men and give them the conditions warranted of people who have worked hard and long all their lives. It’s time for us to have a place where we can spend time with our friends.

So there! That’s my rant for this month. Frankie.



Our Community Radio is putting together new programs which will be advertised here soon.



*These Newsletters are printed at our State Member for Sunbury, Josh Bull's office and gratefully received as a Community Service*