



Sunbury Men's Shed Newsletter

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Shed Chatter

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Why are we so happy? Josh Bull has helped us obtain this well deserved grant from the Department of Health and Human Services so that the Hume Sunbury Men's Shed can add an extension to our Shed. We can now spread out a bit more until the next wave of members come. All systems go as we are finalising the

Shed building, Council permit requirements and member inputs in order to get the project right. If anyone thinks this was/is easy you have got no idea of the paper-work involved and it still is not over. But it is worth it!!!! Member inputs will be sought and plans finalised.



Sunbury Men's Shed was commissioned to make an interesting but very helpful item in the form of a ramp for Lucky, Shirley Paternoster's 13 year old dog and companion who can no longer climb the stairs. There has been a rush on ramps of late not least of which were two ramps for the Ballcourt Hotel for wheelchair access.

Lucky is lucky....!!!



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The Sunbury lads on standby always ready for action awaiting instructions from Wilko.



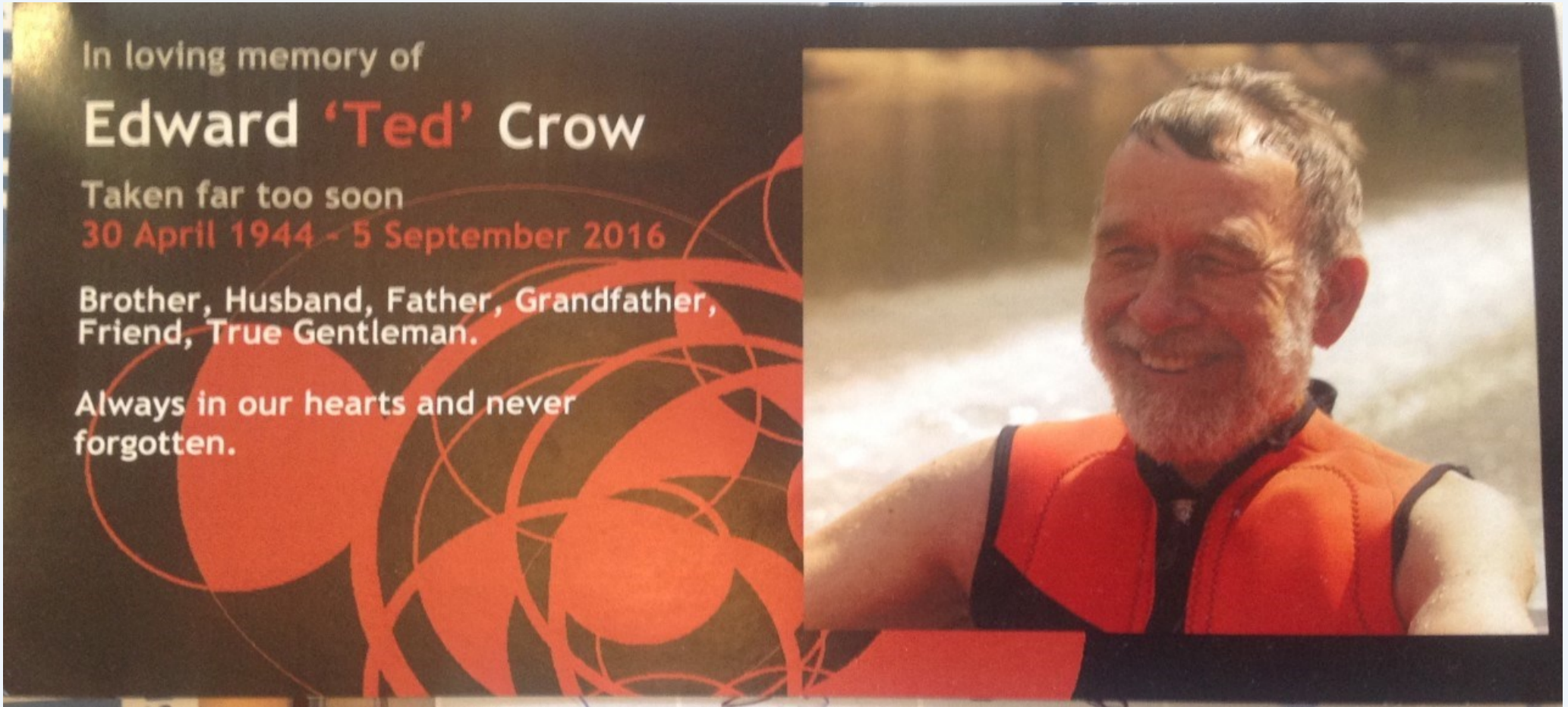
This is our Peter Wilkinson [aka Wilko], Shed Manager extraordinaire who spends half his time on the phone taking orders from the community and the other half barking order, pitching in. making and delivering stuff the Sheddies have made.



Lloyd, our breadboard expert. You name it, Lloyd can make it.



Sunbury
Leader



My Memories of Ted by Dieter 12/10/2016. Last Year's Shed President. And a very good one too—Editor.

It was and still is my pleasure to have known Ted Crow. Ted's first and foremost priority was his grandkids whom he loved dearly, then naturally came family and close friends—but running a very close third place in his heart came our Men's Shed. Ted was a quiet and unassuming bloke who turned up at our Shed one morning saying, "Centrelink told me to come down to see if there's anything I can help here by way of contribution to my required 15 weekly hours I need to qualify for my dole payments. I've been retrenched."

So Mike got him started at our Shed and it wasn't long before he became a valuable member here. He always seemed to be the first bloke to grab a broom or a vacuum cleaner and clean up someone else's mess at the end of our mornings and do the myriad other little things to keep our Shed going.

If you needed a hand with a task Ted was your man. And if he didn't quite under-

stand the instructions for the task, he'd ask for clarification and keep asking and paraphrasing until he understood. Ted was never afraid to ask a "dumb question" as he reasoned that only a fool knows everything about a particular task at hand. One of the major tasks I set Ted was to fabricate and peg into position the formwork required for pouring of the welding shed concrete floor. After questioning me as to the procedure and materials required, he quietly went about his way and tied off the reinforcement ready for the concrete pour. Ted, being a L.A.M.E. (Licenced Aircraft Mechanical Engineer) never needed to include Concrete Form Fixer on his Resume but I would gladly have given him a reference for it should the need ever arise. His workmanship was excellent. Needless to say, Ted quietly told me of his pride at doing a good job of the task, obviously quite proud of it he was! To me, Ted Crow is still a friend, even though I don't see him at the Shed any more. However, Ted lives on in my memories and I frequently smile fondly of those memories. As far as I am concerned, a friend doesn't die or pass away until memories of them cease. Well done Ted Crow.



Ted was everywhere work was to be done and every montj I received an email from him without fail saying ...Great Newsletter Frank.



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

First Aid Certificates: Plans are still underway to organise First Aid courses. There are approximately 10 people who are seeking to complete the course. Plans are afoot and it will be free to the Shed as the training will be free saving us approx. \$1,000.

Fox Classic Car Museum . This has been called off as Alan Dwyer has been admitted to Hospital so we hope all is good and Alan recovers soon.

Our Shed has hosted the Victorian Men's Shed Association NW Region Men's Shed meeting.

Our Security System is being upgraded to high quality cameras and lighting. Members will install them and Calco will integrate them into our present system and commission them. Motion sensors will be installed in many areas enabling us to record any activities.

The Members are now permitted to use the Cottage and activities are successfully conducted there alleviating crowding in the main meeting room.

The RACV made a grant donation to the Shed from which we purchased a pedestal drill and accessories. Thank you to the Sunbury Branch of the RACV.

OH&S Manual Peter Hobbs has done an excellent job of putting together an OH&S Manual dedicated to our Shed for flammable liquids, paints, glues etc. which can create a hazard. Ask Peter if you would like a copy.

Sunbury Men's Shed will become a Work for the Dole Host Organisation—engaging Unemployed men of ages 30—49 through Centrelink to carry out Community Projects—participants will be engaged for 15 hours per week. See page 7 for more details..

An ebay account to be set up to sell excess equipment. Nat and Frank have taken this up.

A Sub Committee for the Shed Extension is set up which includes Ian Lupson, John Hunter and Frank Zambello. All inputs to be channelled through them and proposals represented at Committee meetings before a firm plan is locked in.



Sunbury Men's Shed welcomes

Paul Hutchinson



We have now allocated members dedicated to certain duties around the Shed

Carpentry - Woodwork

**Peter
Wilkinson**



Area Coordinator

Garden Area

**Barry
Burbridge**



Area Coordinator

Property Maintenance

**Dieter
Jankovic**



Area Coordinator

Not to mention our stalwarts..

President



**Kevin
Swaffield**

Secretary



**John
Hunter**

Treasurer



**Stan
Rasa**

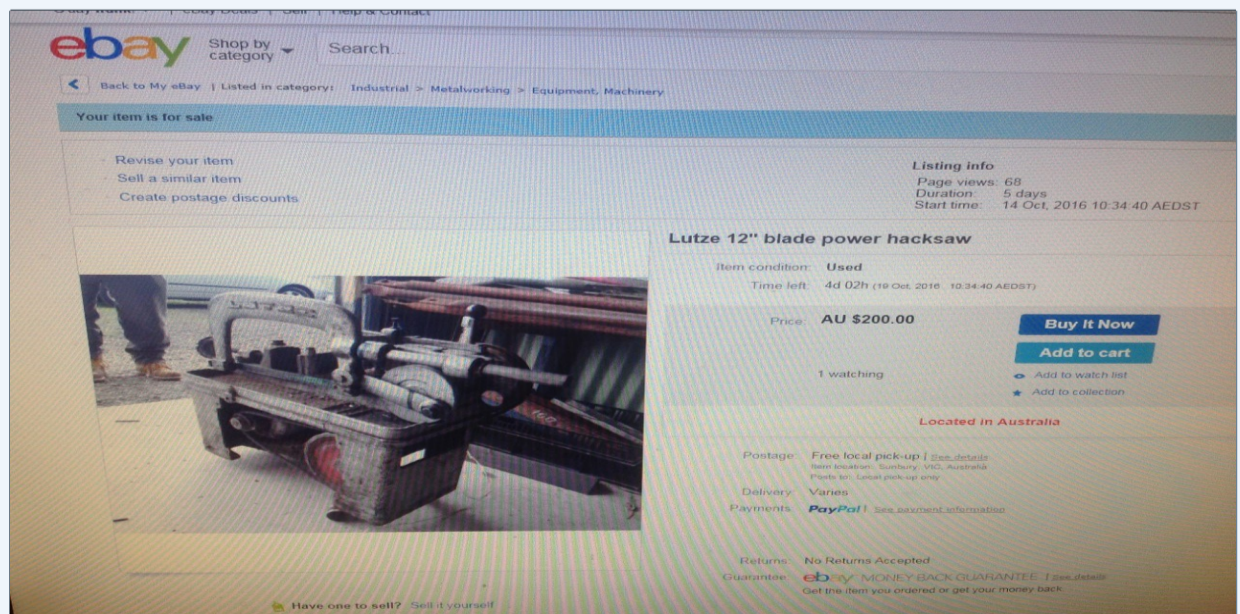
True metal men like Trevor, Rob and Ted know ... measure twice ... cut once.



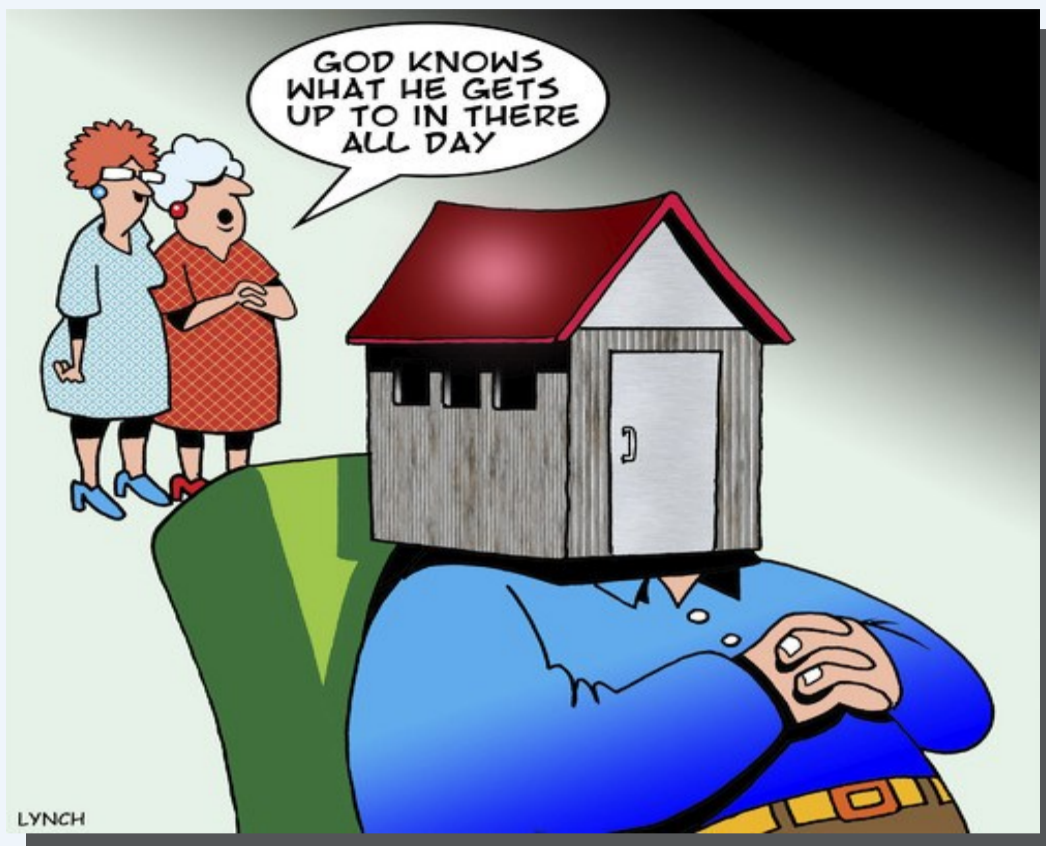
Ian Lupson organised a once in 3 years Grant/donation from the Sunbury Branch of the RACV and a pedestal drill and accessories was purchased with the proceeds. A lot of our Sheddies are long time RACV members Thank you RACV.



Nat and Frank have started our Shed ebay adventures and will sell all excess equipment this way. Our trash will be someone else's treasure!



Interest Corner

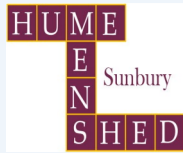


This is what you get if you upset your neighbour

Homeless This morning I was sitting on a bench next to a homeless man. I asked him how he ended up this way. He said, up until last week I had it all. A full time cook, my clothes were washed and pressed, I had a roof over my head, air conditioned comfort, a gym, pool, library, TV, internet, peace of mind. I asked him, what happened? Drugs, financial disaster? Divorce? Oh, nothing like that, the man said "No. no ... I got out of prison."

How good was this? Whilst we are waiting for Essendon to come back, Footscray will do ... that's my opinion! You did us proud Doggies.





Doing our bit to help the unemployed



Sunbury Men’s Shed will become a Work for the Dole Host Organisation - engaging Unemployed men of ages 30 –49 through Centrelink to carry out Community Projects- participants will be engaged for 15 hours per week

Work for the Dole places job seekers in activities where they can gain skills and experience that give back to the community and can help them find a job.

The first project we will be involved with making garden beds for a Glenroy Community Group planning to grow vegetables to feed the local needy. The initial requirement will be for 35 garden beds.

To this end a bit of research was done by our in-house Chippies, John Hunter and Peter Wilkinson, who after many hours sweating over the drawing board came up with a design that should fit the bill. With material list in hand it was a trip to Bunnings for the timber and then construction of the prototype in the workshop last Saturday morning ably assisted by Garry Pettit. The final result for presentation to the Glenroy Community group for evaluation is shown below.



If the design/prototype is approved the Work for the Dole participants will be guided and instructed in making another 34 of the raised garden beds in which we hope lots of vegies will be grown for the local Glenroy community.

This is the newsagency which provides us with all the magazines found on the table in the community room that we enjoy reading.





EDITORS CORNER

My wife Lou and I spent a week in Brisbane recently and I took the time to visit the Men's Shed in Mt Gravatt. I was very impressed. The Shed has 220 members, opens 5 days a week, has 5 active committees, has groups doing leatherwork, metal work, guitar lessons, woodwork, art classes, cooking lessons, darts, card playing, library borrowing, photography, computer tuition, gardening, bus trips, newsletter committees and the camaraderie was evident. Thank you for making me welcome guys. They have an excellent Member Management System and have just made an Honour Board. This is something we can aspire to as our membership grows.



The lads at the Mt Gravatt Shed...



Guitar lessons



Painting



Well stocked workshop
Honour Board



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