



Christmas lunch was a huge success at the Sunbury Langama Club ... a great success thanks to the Langama Club Management and Staff, Shed Members and invited guests



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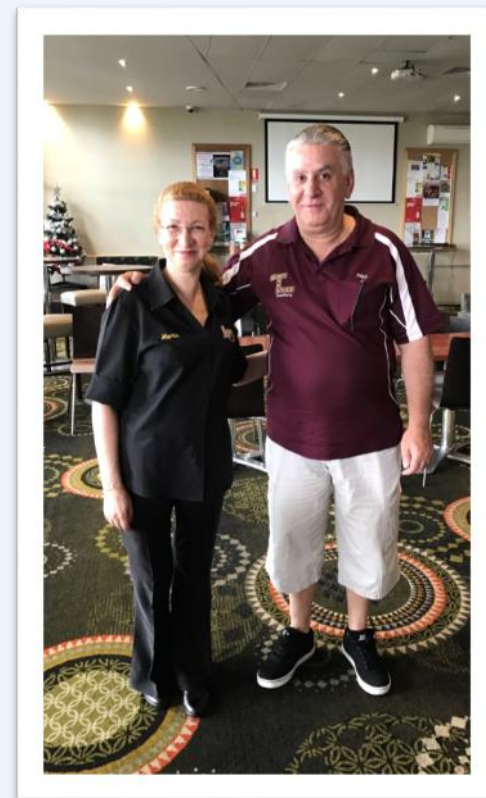
Councillor Jack Medcraft of Hume City Council, Josh Bull, MP State Member for Sunbury, Deputy Mayor, Ann Potter of Hume City Council, Rob Mitchell, MP Federal Member for McEwen, Frank Zambello, Kevin Swaffield, John Hunter



Kevin Swaffield our President



Maria and Nat made sure the event flowed



2016 Xmas Function



Lots of good men having a great feed together. That's our Sunbury Shed!

President's Xmas Lunch Speech

Welcome everyone to our Christmas lunch.

We have some special guests with us this year and each of them represent an organisation that has been a great supporter of our Shed.

Rob Mitchell MP Federal Member for McEwen

Josh Bull MP State Member for Sunbury and Office Manager, Jarrod Bell

Deputy Mayor Ann Potter, Hume City Council

Councillor Jack Medcraft, Hume City Council

Robyn Clendhill, Sunbury Helping Hands

Timm Martin, National Storage.

Without their support the Shed would not be where we are now and the 120 members would not have the facilities that we now enjoy.

I thought that being in the back blocks of Zambia at the time of our AGM was safe, but on return found that I was in the privileged position having been elected President of this great organisation.

As a result I was not able to publicly thank the previous committee led by President Dieter,

Dieter ... Thanks for the great job done over the 2 previous years, in overseeing the big expansion of the Shed membership, and the problems associated with modifying the operation to accommodate this increase. Thank you for the great Honour Board you made to acknowledge our founding members.

Thank you to all the Shed members who have contributed to the many projects carried out by the Shed for the benefit of the community.

No great organisation can function without members working behind the scenes and we have a core of these members doing a great job.

Our Area Coordinators Ian Lupson, Peter Wilkinson, Ted Riley, Trevor Dunn, Kevin Wood, John Stains, Barry Burbridge, and Dieter Jankovic have taken ownership of their areas, and this has relieved the workload on the committee in the day to day running of the Shed.

Our committee members carry out a lot of extra duties at the Shed.

Secretary John Hunter, one of our foundation members of the Shed has held this position for all but one year since 2010 and is the focal point for people contacting the Shed at all hours, plus the mountain of paper work that has to be dealt with.

Treasurer Stan Rasa keeps a tight rein on spending, much to the anguish of some members who think that we need new tools.

Vice President Ian Lupson is a foundation member, Past President, and has been involved in a lot of negotiations for the Shed, and makes a lot of Friday lunches.

Mike Newman handles our membership and Nat Perri looks after our grant applications which help to fund new equipment.

Frank Zambello does a great job with our Shed Newsletter.

Rod Jackson handles our computer problems, Member Welfare and some OH&S.

Peter Wilkinson coordinates a lot of projects and is helping disadvantaged people outside of Shed hours that most members are not aware of.

A member who has only been with us for 6 months has brought a range of new ideas to the Shed. Nat Perri has negotiated for us to be a Work for the Dole provider, which provides the Shed with income, and gives the participants access to a number of projects and new skills. It is a win win situation for both parties. He also organised today's lunch. Function.

I again thank all these members for a great job well done, as well as the non-elected members who do a lot of extra work for the Shed at home.

Our plans are to continue to promote Men's Health through our Men's Shed by providing a venue and training facilities to keep men occupied in both body and mind, particularly in retirement. We also include some younger men with various disabilities who need an outlet to reconnect and contribute to society in a meaningful and self satisfying way.

Currently we are receiving 3 to 4 requests for membership each month and have submitted plans to expand the Shed to accommodate this growing need.

To you and all your families, have a safe and joyful Christmas and New Year.

Shed Management Team Coordinators

Hume Sunbury Men's Shed Management

President Kevin Swaffield
Vice President Ian Lupson
Secretary John Hunter
Treasurer Stan Rasanayagam

Committee

Peter Wilkinson, Dieter Jankovic
Mike Newman, Rod Jackson
John Staines, Frank Zambello

Website Management :

Allan Beck, Frank Zambello

Sponsorship Manager Jim Moffat

Grants and W.F.D. Supervisor.. Nat Perri

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Shed Issues and Committee Happenings

A reminder Opening Shed Hours will be extended till 1:00 pm to accommodate the Centrelink Work for the Dole people's required attendance times.

Hume Men's Shed is still working with Hume Council in relation to our new extension.

Kevin Swaffield has attended a full weeks course at Holmesglen TAFE for OH&S and will instruct in what he has picked up for the benefit of members. Thank you Kevin.

Men's Shed will be closed from Friday 23 December approx. 1.00 pm and we will re-open on Wednesday 4 January 2017 normal hours.

* For those coming to the Shed this Friday 23 December - we will just spend some time cleaning up the Shed and then we are going to have a BBQ for lunch for those that wish to join us.

For those who will not be attending this week, on behalf of the Committee we would like to wish everyone a Merry and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family.

We look forward to seeing everyone safe and sound in the New Year.

SunFest Donation

Hume Sunbury Men's Shed wish to thank SunFest for it's generous donation as a result of revenue generated from the last SunFest Carnival which is a yearly event in Sunbury. We believe next Year's SunFest promises to be a ripper with a large display of Classic cars to supplement the many stalls and entertainment . Hume Sunbury Men's Shed will be there to help and hopefully have our own Stall.



Projects for the sheddies .. innovative coat hangers



Con Rods from an old motor



Recycled golf club heads



Spanners are not just for turning nuts



An old rake put to good use

Birthday Celebrations



"I'm going to close my eyes and count to three. When I open them, ten of those candles better be gone."

DECEMBER

Kenneth Hector
Adam Krasauskas
Ashley Armstead
Paul Hutchinson
Bryan Coleman

JANUARY

Graeme Bywater
Peter Underwood
Andrew Swann
John Darkie Davis
Kim Kjaer
Kevin Wood
Bruce McGhie
Hank Alkemade
Billy Macumber



New Members



Sunbury Men's Shed

John Peachley

Adrian Sunderland

Welcome Aboard!

Tattslotto

Thanks to Geoff Foletta who is running our Tattslotto syndicate. This week we won \$1,180.10 to be shared amongst the 40 members or put back in. What's even more remarkable, we were 1 number off sharing the \$3 million. Thanks Geoff and fingers crossed for next year.



Skills in Shed Transport



Some people come to the Shed to learn new skills; some people come to the Shed with their own special skills. Peter Clark comes to the Shed in his patina dragster homemade electric bike which turns heads everywhere he goes and is a credit to his tastes and skills.



When it comes time for us to have a mobility scooter, there are lots of options.

Projects and People



The Shed was asked to make some Buddy Benches for the Goonawarra Primary School and they looked a treat. The eco wood looked really good painted up but unfortunately turned out not to be strong enough for the seats. So a quick trip to Bunnings and they were replaced with Merbu decking wood. A big thank you to Peter Wilkinson, Andy, John Hunter and whoever else had their hand in it.



There is a funny episode to relate which came out of this. There was a little boy who had a softly spoken accent. Peter asked him if he was Irish to which the boy replied "Yes". Then Peter asked him which part of Ireland he came from to which he replied "Scotland"..

Peter Wilko, King of the Kids



If it's broken, Ted Riley will fix it.



Andy makes freedom bikes; just tell him the size.



When Nat says he is going to clean up the site he means it. A credit to Nat and his helpers but we hoarders stress when stuff is thrown away as we figure we may need it one day. On man's junk is another man's treasure. I am a living testament of this.

Bunnings family Night Project



Our men hard at work producing the kits including bodies, wheels etc. to assemble at Bunnings with the children.

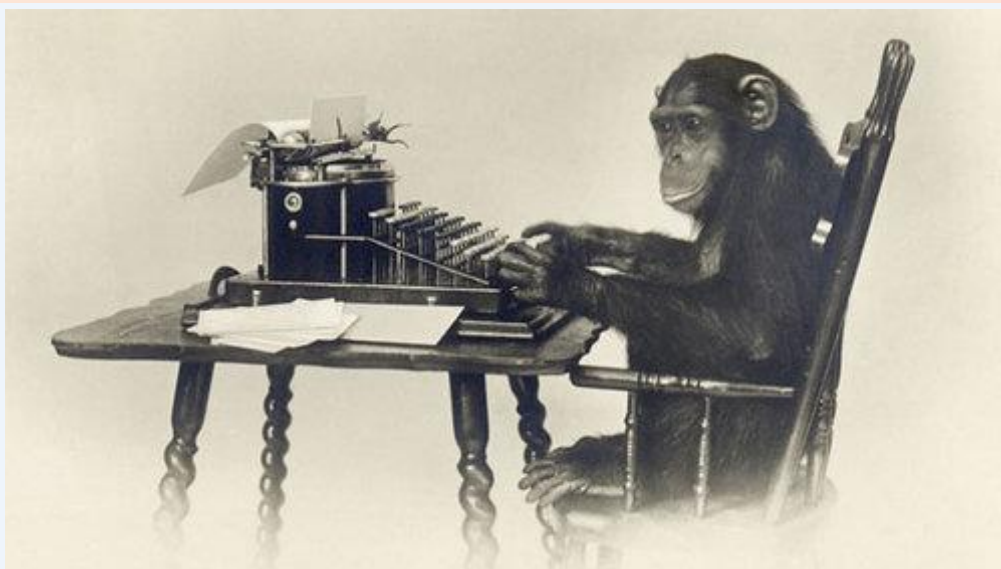


The big night has arrived and our Sheddies help children assemble the cars. Sometimes even the parents are interested and get involved.

Bunnings family Night Project cont.



The finished products are painted on the painting table...my Grandchildren Charlie and Samuel and Charlie painted his car Essendon Colours.



EDITORS CORNER

The Shed has made a lot of progress this year and our profile and performance is noticed as can be witnessed by the number of Members and Sponsors we have, the willingness of our Political and Council Representatives to be involved in our activities and helping when required,. We thank you all. With ideas, determination and work we can make this a better and better shed. My vision for next year and it is a personal view, is to have more functions like Nat has introduced us to, in various venues around Sunbury, we should landscape

and improve our site to be more functional, stimulating, pleasant and comfortable.

And next time, not be (one) number off the \$3m winning Tattslotto prize.

Have a Happy and Safe Festive Season. Frank.

Cheers for now. Frank.



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Shed Sponsorship



Hume Sunbury Men's Shed gratefully acknowledge our Shed Pioneers, Sponsors and Representatives who have all helped to make the Shed what it is today—a wonderful place for men of all persuasions and circumstances to come, mix with friends and keep active and occupied. Thank you all.



Reverend Milton Oliver with his iconic set of wheels.



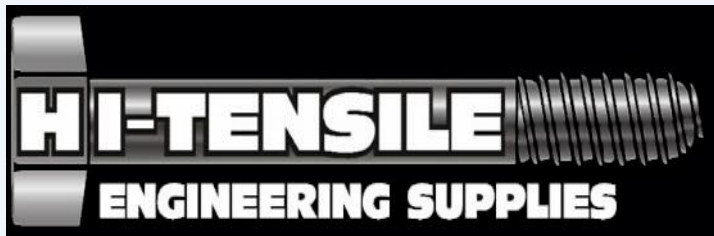
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Cr Anne Potter, and Deputy Mayor



Cr Leigh Johnson



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