

Off to **Bendigo Men's Shed** to see how a real Shed is set up. Sunbury Men's Shed is bursting at the seams. We are off on an excursion to see if we can learn from our brothers in Bendigo, who have one of the best Sheds in the business. That includes their machinery
More inside.



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Shed Chatter

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Ted and Rob with our new toy ... and blasting has been added to their skills. Bring along your renovation projects and join the queue. Funny about these two. They are inseparable.



This is one thing that can be done with sandblasting.



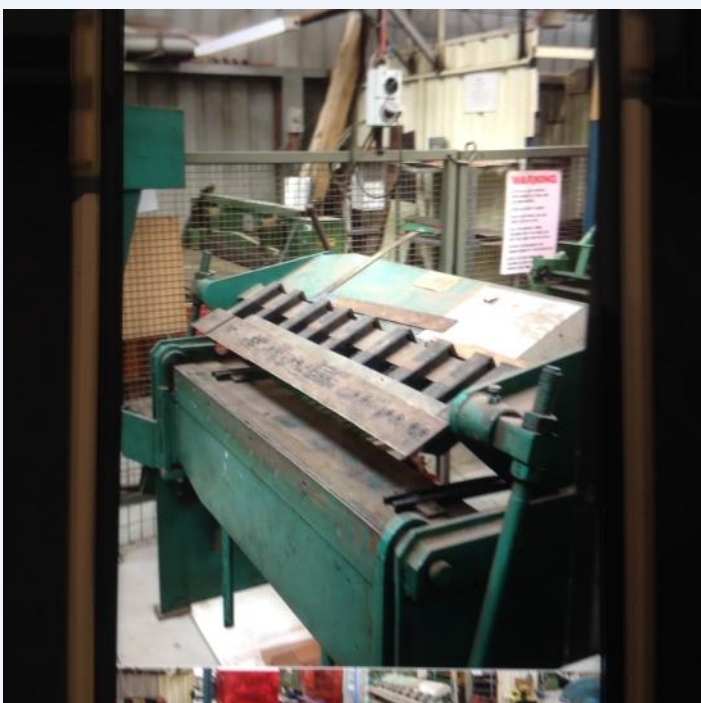
We also have a new anvil. Blacksmithing is an art but you have to start somewhere as Bryan Coleman is displaying.



Bendigo Men's Shed



This is a REAL Men's Shed. It is HUGE and equipped with a large variety of serious industrial grade woodwork and metalwork machinery most men would die for. If I lived anywhere near Bendigo, I would move into this Shed. That is why we are going to pay a visit. We need to visit this Shed to have something to aim for as a future SUNBURY Men's Shed



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Chris Hogan's Thoughts on Retirement

We retire when we have to or when we can and we want to.

Either our employment gives out, our health gives out or we are compelled by social or economic necessity to have to retire.

If we are lucky we can plan our retirement and when we are as economically secure as we are going to get, we slow down.

I was fortunate - I lived long enough to retire. There were far too many occasions when I thought my time was up from medical conditions to life threatening circumstances.

I have always had a lot of hobbies but my occupation and my family life meant I had little time to indulge them.

I have always been aware of retirement, read a lot about it, talked a lot about it with my patients and offered what assistance I could to those who shifted into it.

Well, now it is my turn and I am learning (yet again) the difference between theory and practice.

There are some days I think I should have retired earlier and other times I think I should have waited longer.

I joined the Men's Shed several years ago, soon after its formation in Sunbury but never got the opportunity to attend regularly until I actually retired. It is great. I can turn up when I want to; I can sit around and talk or be involved in a project. Everyone says hello and they wear name tags (I have always had trouble remembering names)!

Chris Hogan's thoughts on Retirement ... contd

I am delighted at all the cool stuff I am learning. I have started off with woodwork and once I am confident with that I will move into metalwork and then into cooking.

I have heard others say it and have noticed myself that there is always something to learn.

I have heard master tradesmen comment that anyone can have a good idea. The huddles we have over a problem piece are amazingly educational.

I must admit that one of the real thrills is that I feel like a junior again- there is so much to learn even with tools I have used for years.

I learnt how to:

- use sandpaper much more effectively than I had before, clean a sanding disc, sharpen chisels and other tools, accurately and consistently cut the same size pieces of wood
- use band saws, how to rout, how to clamp and glue wood, use a thicknesser
- Use and maintain a wood lathe, how to safely clean up after using a woodwork tool
- All I need to do to learn something is to ask!
- Who knows, someday soon maybe someone will ask me how to use a tool properly.

My dad taught woodwork in primary schools and also taught his kids. Naturally my sons and daughters all had their own tool kits.

My elder daughter lives in Albany, WA with her family and works for Bunnings. She is back here for a visit. The Men's Shed there has Ladies Days which are very well attended. Home maintenance and renovation is becoming more and more popular Australia wide.

Chris Hogan

We are thinking of introducing seesaws for men. Just thinking about it ...



Shed's Former President nominated Kiwanis Club Sunbury Resident of the Year



Picture: JOSIE HAYDEN

KIWANIS CLUB RECOGNISES COMMITMENT TO OTHERS

DIETER Jankovic (pictured) was adjudged the Kiwanis Club of Sunbury's resident of the year on Australia Day.

Mr Jankovic, who is heavily involved in the Sunbury RSL sub branch and Sunbury (Hume) Men's Shed, was emotional when presented with the award by McEwen federal Labor MP Rob Mitchell.



"It's certainly a surprise," he said in front of the 200 or so attendees at the Village Green event.

"I am just one of the many people who work behind the

scenes to help people less fortunate in the community."

Mr Jankovic, a veteran of the Vietnam War, said he came to Sunbury in 1989 where he found work at the Shire of Bulla as a building maintenance manager.

It was that role that introduced him to the community he now loves.

"You get involvement and you meet the people who are doing things in the community," Mr Jankovic said.

Mr Jankovic is also involved in the Sunbury Community Safety Registry.

"I still love Sunbury as a community; it's a town where a lot of people care and it shows," he said.



**Fox Car
Museum outing—
Saturday
18 February
See Alan Dyer or
the noticeboard
for details**

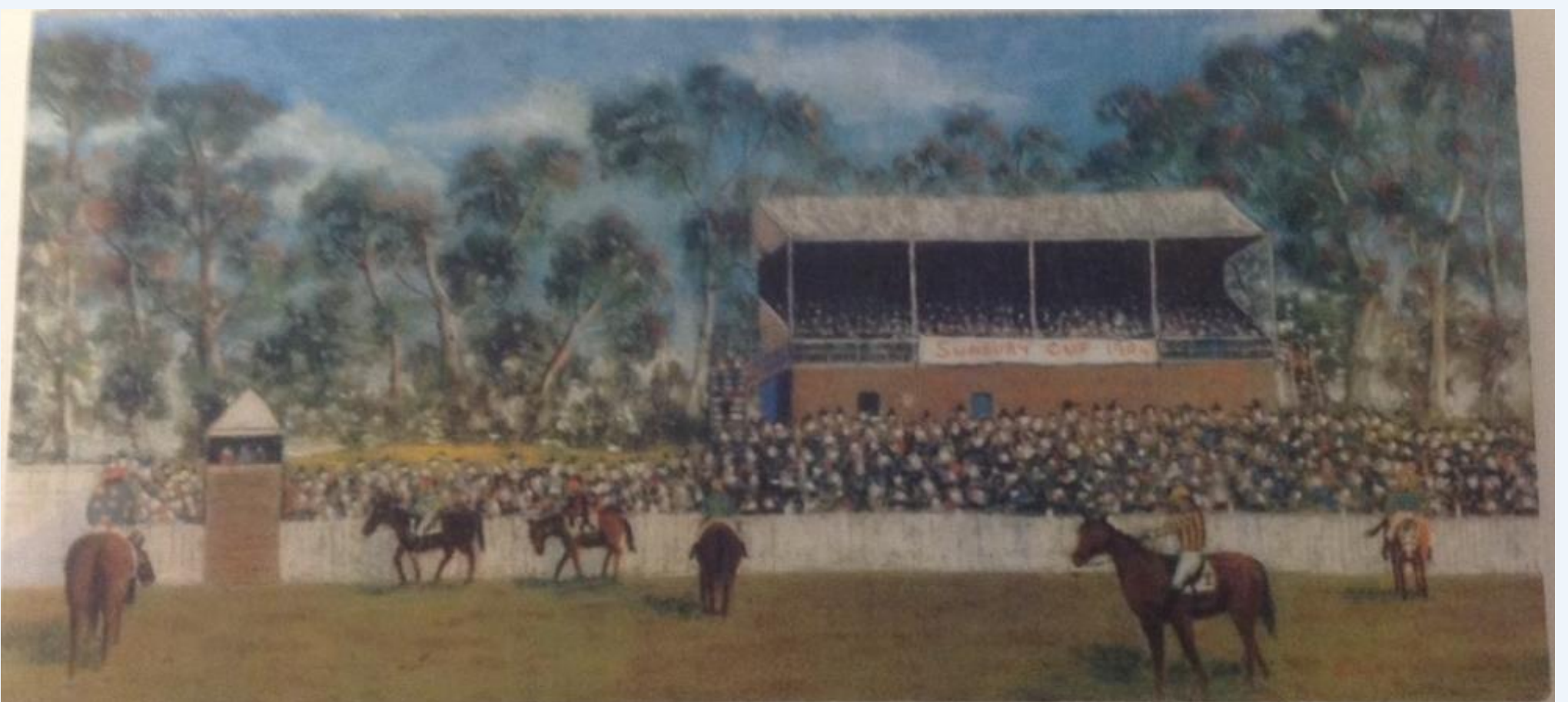


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Some Sunbury History



Grandstand at Sunbury Racecourse Built in the late 1920s by Denis (Dinny) Creed and his sons Jack, Denis and Bill.



Horse racing at Sunbury Racecourse. Pictures provided by John Bradley

Shed Issues and Committee

Hume Men's Shed is still waiting on Council to provide guidance with how we are to progress with our required extension. Nat Perri has provided options for parking within our boundary and outside and Scott Trembath on behalf of the Council is dealing with it. Scott visited the Shed on the 18 January, discussed our current status, was shown the parking issues and options and will report back.

A Hume City Council Community Grant for \$2,000 was applied for the purchase of a member management system card printer and bar code reader but only \$1,000 was approved meaning the Shed will have to put in the extra \$1,000.

A sandblasting cabinet has been requested by the Metal working section for sandblasting projects which are currently cleaned with brushes etc. which has never been satisfactory and is time consuming. The request has been approved.

Security Camera installation will be carried out by Kevin Wood, Rod Jackson and Dale Wilkes. \$1,000 of materials have been approved for purchase for the project.

Refresher Courses on the safe use of machinery will be conducted by Kevin our OH&S Officer as well as President fresh from a refresher course himself.

A Sunbury Men's Shed Sponsorship Package is being put together by Jim Moffatt and Frank Zambello to foster new sponsorship but also servicing present sponsors through advertising in our Newsletter, website and membership cards.

A visit to the Bendigo Men's Shed will be organised in the next few weeks. The Bendigo Shed is an exceptional Shed which will show our Members what we should be striving for.

Friday lunches will now be provided to members for \$2.00 and extra costs if incurred will be taken up by the Shed. KFC lunches which are provided to us through sponsorship will be provided for free.

AMSA Grant for \$5,000 has been applied for to purchase an Industrial Thicknesser. The present thicknesser constantly requires repairs as it is too small to perform the work required of it.

Defibrillator session will be held on 17th Feb at 10am.

Shed Sponsorship



Hume Sunbury Men's Shed is putting together a Sponsorship Program.

Businesses who contribute to our functioning are a necessary requirement and for our part we will acknowledge, advertise and encourage our Members to foster the businesses. We are also gathering participating parties who will provide our Members with a discount on production of our soon to be implemented identity card.



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Joke Joyce

When I was 14, I hoped that one day I would have a girlfriend.

When I was 16 I got a girlfriend, but there was no passion, so I decided I needed a passionate girl with a zest for life.

In High School I dated a passionate girl, but she was too emotional. Everything was an emergency; she was a drama queen, cried all the time and threatened suicide. So I decided I needed a girl with stability.

When I was 30 I found a very stable girl but she was boring. She was totally predictable and never got excited about anything. Life became so dull that I decided that I needed a girl with some excitement.

When I was 35 I found an exciting girl, but I couldn't keep up with her. She rushed from one thing to another, never settling on anything. She did mad impetuous things and made me miserable as often as happy. She was great fun initially and very energetic, but directionless.

So I decided to find girl with some real ambition.

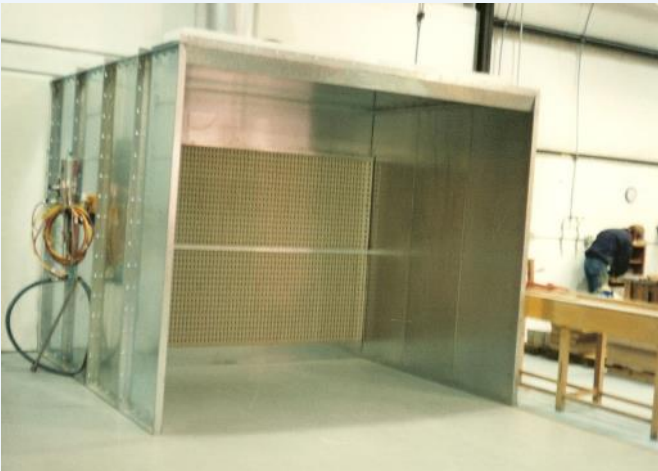
When I turned 40, I found a smart, ambitious girl with her feet planted firmly on the ground, so I married her. She knew what she wanted, and how to get it

She was so ambitious and smart that she divorced me and took everything I owned.

I am older and wiser now, and am just looking for a girl with big chest.

Spray Booth under development

We have found a spot where we can make a spray booth so that when we spray it is done professionally. If we had the room we would make one of these car booths and do our cars as well but room won't allow so we will make do with what we have.



Ideas.



This is our proposed spot.. We will do our best to make it work.

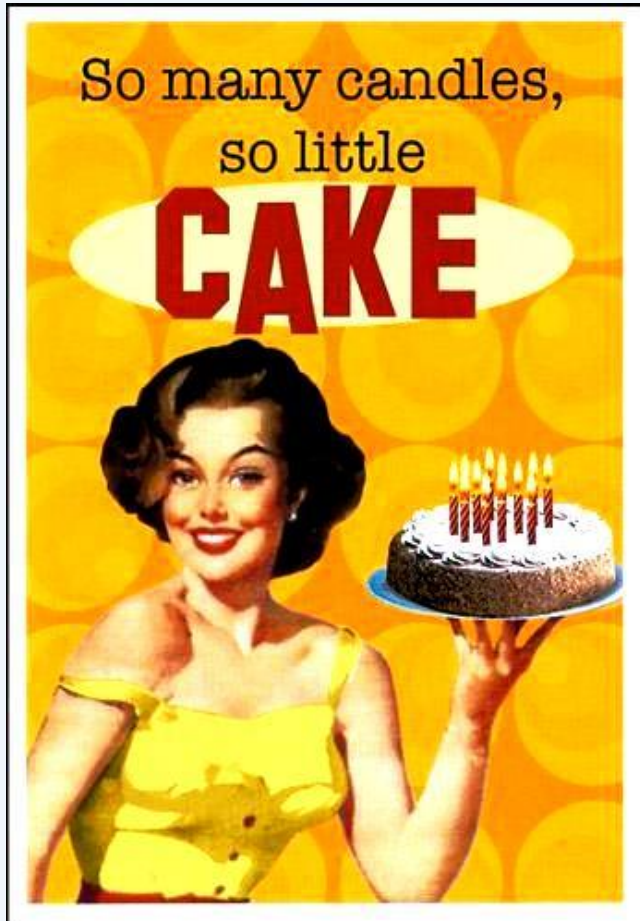


A professional booth.



Billy Macumber would be happy.

February Birthday Celebrations



Silvio Zanta 5 th
Jeff sharpe 7 th
Barry Kelly 10th
Andy May 12 th
Dieter Jankovic 19th
Ken Farow 19th
Bill Borchert 19th
Ken Hosking 20th
Colin Smith 23rd
Nat Perri 24th
Steve Janusko 27th
Ash McKeon 27th
Ian Lupson 28th



New Member



Sunbury Men's Shed

Naresh Kumar

Welcome Aboard!



Fred and Bill doing what they do best ... anything which is needed ... like these kindergarten chairs



Tatura Men's Shed, near Shepparton



2 sheds 20 x 12 m, veggie garden and 3 outbuildings

A Shed takes on the interests of its members. Tatura has 50 members, has a commercial kitchen, woodwork and metal machinery workshops, vegetable garden but they also have an area where they make wine and tan hides. They are extending their Shed with a shed the size of our Sunbury Shed which houses 140 members!



Tatura contd



Check out the electric gate. These people know how to do it.

Barry's vegetable garden—have you got any tyres?

Rocking horses are the flavour of the month



Tony Maresh and Yuksel Arici are turning their hands at making rocking horses.

Friday Lunches



After a discussion at the last Committee meeting, it was generally agreed—but not yet officially voted on—to charge \$2 for our Friday lunch and KFC days will be free. Jimmy has requested more KFC vouchers due to our growing numbers and popularity of fried chickens, coleslaw and mashed potatoes.

Fridays will not break the bank. A \$2 gold coin is all **you need** for a scrumptious lunch. All **we need** are more volunteer cooks to make it.



EDITORS CORNER

Our Men's Shed is presently in limbo awaiting permission from Council to progress with the Shed extension we received a \$30,000 Grant from the Victorian Government for. We have provided options and ideas for parking in and off the property. In the meantime it is business as usual and we are finally going to get a pizza oven which will shut me up[!] but it looks like I will have to organise the running of it ... a small price to pay for feeding our hungry men scrumptious pizzas.

Attention: Over the next few weeks please put your Brylcreem on your hair, get your eyebrows plucked because we want a head shot of you to put on your new member card. This will include a bar code so you don't have to sign on any more, just scan the card. Technology is coming to the Hume Sunbury Men's Shed. And there's more! We will give you two, one for the Shed and one for your wallet where you will use it to get discounts from our Sponsors.



Some of the last Newsletters were kindly printed by the Sunbury Branch of Cartridge World who came to the rescue due to a breakdown of Josh Bull's photocopier. We thank Cartridge World and advise that going forward they will be a Sponsor of the Shed helping out with our printing and cartridge requirements.



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