

Our shed Elections have come and gone and we are ready for a new year at the Shed. Things are about to happen with the new Shed Extension, sponsorship, new ideas brought in by new Committee members and a good time will be had by all.



# Hume Sunbury Men's Shed Newsletter

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Shed Chatter

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**Three new Committee Members—Chris Hogan, Fred Parnis and Ted Riley bringing 120 years of expertise into the Committee. Welcome aboard chaps.**



**Monty Russell delivers a cheque for \$500 to Kevin Swaffield, our President, from the Lions Club of Diggers Rest Community Grant. Sunbury Shed thanks the Lions Club for their generosity.**

# 2016 –2017 President’s Report

2016/17 has been a year of consolidation for the Shed, with a steady stream of new members applying for membership, and many new projects being started.



On behalf of the Shed, Frank Zambello and John Hunter applied for and won a grant of \$30,000 from the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services.



This was done with the help of the office of MP Josh Bull and is for the construction of an extension to the building. This has created great enthusiasm with the members and plans and quotes were organised. Unfortunately our plans were rejected by Hume City Council Planning Dept due to an administration error in our lease agreement and parking issues. After a meeting with the Council Officers, we believe that these issues have been resolved and we hope to have the permits to commence the building shortly. This will make a great improvement to the operation of the Shed.

Another great project initiated by Nat Perri was the Shed becoming a Work for the Dole Provider. This provided an income for the Shed as well as helping some of the recipients learn some new skills. Regrettably we have had to suspend this program over the winter months, as there is not enough room in the existing shed to accommodate the extra numbers in wet weather.

I sincerely thank the members who accepted the role of Area Coordinator when asked. This has taken a big workload off the “Boss of the Day”, and provided a stable environment within each area with regard to the layout and safe work practices. A big benefit by all Shed members.

The offer to be able to purchase the entire contents of the Sunbury College Metal Workshop has been a bonus. We have been able to improve and upgrade some of our existing equipment and sell the equipment in excess of our needs to recoup our initial outlay. Additional equipment will also enable Members to learn new skills and to generate income for the Shed.

I would like to acknowledge the great work done behind the scenes by Mike Newman, Nat Perri and Frank Zambello, in applying for and receiving grants that have enabled us to purchase new and/or upgrade our

Shed equipment. I wish to thank Peter Wilkinson for the incredible hours that he puts into projects for the Shed. Most Members do not realise the number of jobs that Peter inspects, then works out costings, materials and delivers the finished product. Peter and his dedicated team of helpers provide a steady stream of income to the Shed, producing great timber products. Garry Pettit continues to make great tables and chairs which have provided a regular income. Likewise Ted Riley is also very busy in the metalwork area, with many projects on the go. Trevor Dunn has been a great help with training and the running of the metalwork section. Kevin Wood has turned his electrical expertise into installing and repairing many items around the Shed, and is now burning timber in a spectacular fashion, making great art pieces. Rod Jackson used his talent to upgrade our security system after we received a Rotary Club grant. Frank Zambello continues to produce a great and well received newsletter each month. V.P. Ian Lupson does lot of behind the scenes activities and makes a great soup and coordinates Friday lunches. These Friday lunches are very much appreciated, particularly by many of our Members who only come to the Shed on Fridays. Barry Burbidge continues to provide a steady stream of produce from the garden area. Past President Dieter Jankovic maintains the property in good stead and Jim Moffat helps with organising sponsorship for the Shed with local businesses.

No organisation can operate successfully without a good Secretary and Treasurer and we are very lucky to have both. Our Secretary John Hunter has done a large amount of work dealing with correspondence and submissions to Council regarding our building permit problems, as well as the day to day running of the Shed dealing with the numerous and various problems as they arise.

Our Treasurer Stan Rasanayagam at times puts on his Uncle Scrooge hat and keeps some of our Member’s rash spending ideas under control. As a result, we hope to have sufficient funds available to complete and fit out the new shed when construction is completed. Lastly, I thank all the Members who have contributed in any way large or small into the running of this great Shed. Without your help and inputs we would not have the facilities and comraderie that exists and helps make time spent at the Shed a great experience.

Kevin Swaffield  
President

# Shed Details

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## SHED MANAGEMENT

**President** Kevin Swaffield  
**Vice President** Mike Newman  
**Secretary** John Hunter  
**Treasurer** Stan Rasanayagam  
**Editor:** Frank Zambello

## COMMITTEE

Peter Wilkinson, Chris Hogan  
Fred Paris, Ted Riley  
Ian Lupson, Frank Zambello  
**Website Management**  
Alan Beck, Frank Zambello  
**Sponsorship Manager** Jim Moffat  
**Grants and WFD Supervisor** Nat Perri

## Member Contributions:

If you have any information that you think Members would be interested in, please contact the Editor and all contributions will be considered.

## Advertising/Sponsors

If you are a business that wishes to advertise or promote its service(s) or products, please contact us.

We have a Sponsorship package which may suit you.

**Member Business/Sponsorship suggestions** are welcome for including on our new Membership cards

## Kevin's kiddies table and chairs project



**Kevin Dyson has completed a welding course and is testing his skills on a wrought iron kiddie table and chairs**



**The chairs have come up a treat and the table is nearly complete**

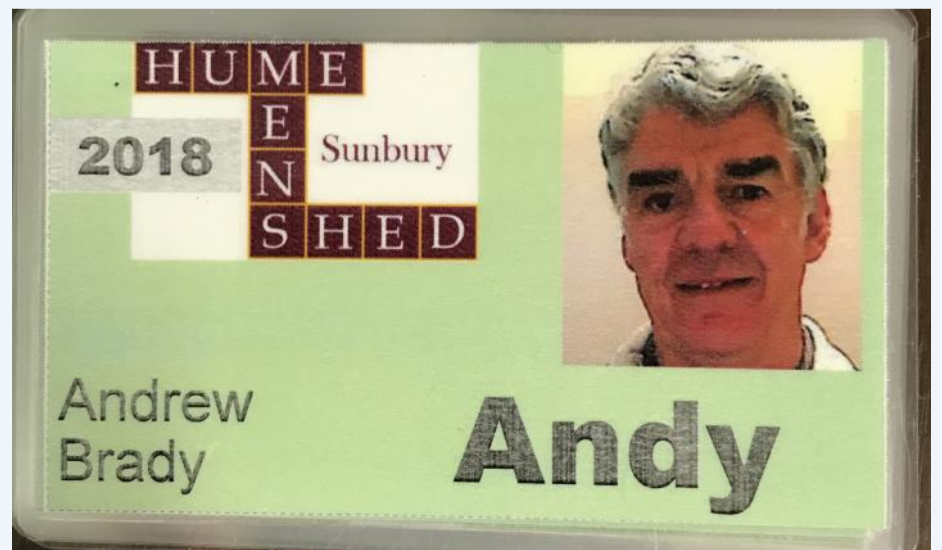
# August Birthday Celebrations



- Rod Jackson Aug 5
- Max Hawkins Aug 10
- Acky Smith Aug 11
- Eric Smith Aug 15
- BT (Brendan) Taylor Aug 15
- Andrew Smith Aug 18
- Tony Creed Aug 28



*Albert Mastramico  
with our Kevin  
Dyson [a seasoned  
member] and  
Andy Brady.*



# Member Profile - Roy Greenwood

I was born in Belfast Northern Ireland and immigrated to Australia aboard the ship Fairsea in October 1956.

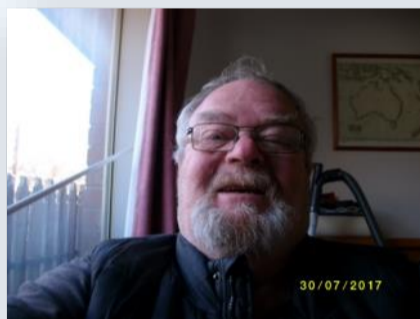
Arriving at Station Pier we were bussed to the Broadmeadows Camp Hostel in Camp Road Broadmeadows the same day.



I was bussed to primary school each week day, the schools included Faulkner, Jacana, and Flemington.

When we moved into our house in Glenroy I attended Glenroy North Primary and then Glenroy Tech.

My first job was as an Apprentice Electrical Fitter. I worked at Yakka for ten years.



Then worked at Melbourne Airport with private freight companies ending up as a freight forwarder specialising in perishable cargo; live lobsters, fruit and vegetables and etc.

Gardening, wood work, Sci Fi movies among other things are my interests.

I collect nothing of note but I don't throw out much either!

I regularly make large wooden wishing wells as well as small and large Chinese or Japanese bridges, which I sell on Gumtree for pocket money and I produce a lot of saw dust! Below are examples of the sort of things I make.

What would I do if I had it over again? I just don't know ... my life has been ok up until now.



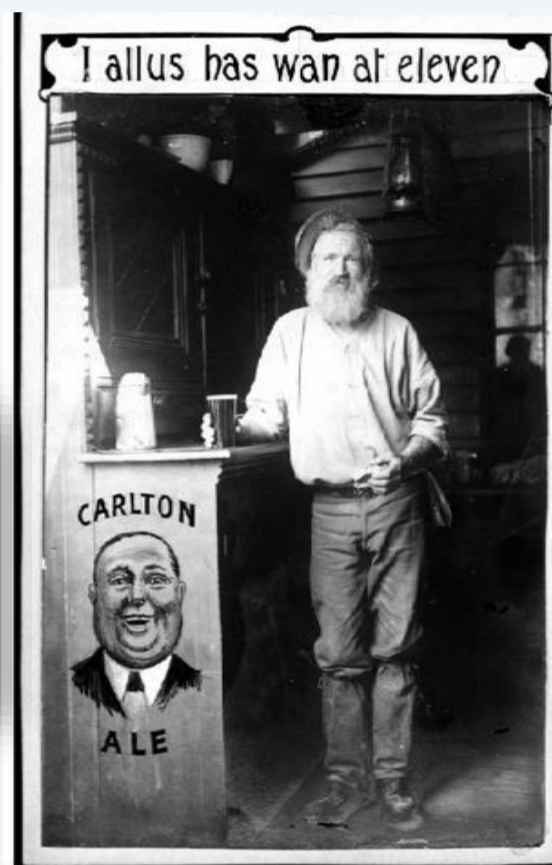
We have been in Sunbury for going on 11 years, enjoy the semi rural atmosphere and have joined the Men's Shed mainly for companionship.

Good company is important, the chance to improve my woeful skills, and I love sharing my terrible Grand Dad jokes with a new audience!

Things I would like to see improved at the Shed?

Your open hours seem a little limited.

That's about it Frank.



# Member ID database

Our Member ID cards are finally here, delivered on time as promised by Nat Perri and very well received.

*The member ID Flow Card Software was purchased as part of the Hume City Council Community Grant for 2017.*

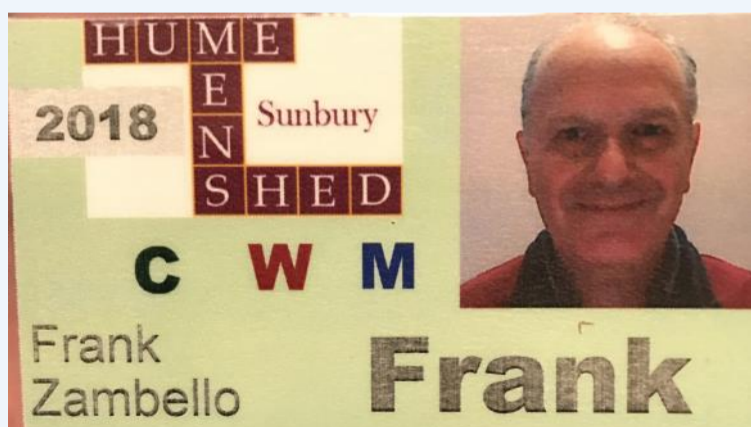
*We thank the Council, Councillors and Grant staff for making this purchase possible.*



On behalf of our members I would firstly like to thank Stan Petryk for guiding us to the purchase of the appropriate software and hardware for these ID cards which meet our needs and assisting Peter when requested.

A big thank you to Peter Underwood for all the work he has undertaken from home and the Shed (in between running his successful but demanding business ) for donating the camera, the paper for the ID cards and card laminations, for setting up the ID Flow Software and Template. We now can create the New Name Tags and ID Photo Cards for all future members.

Peter set up and photographed us all sometimes doing the impossible and making us look presentable.

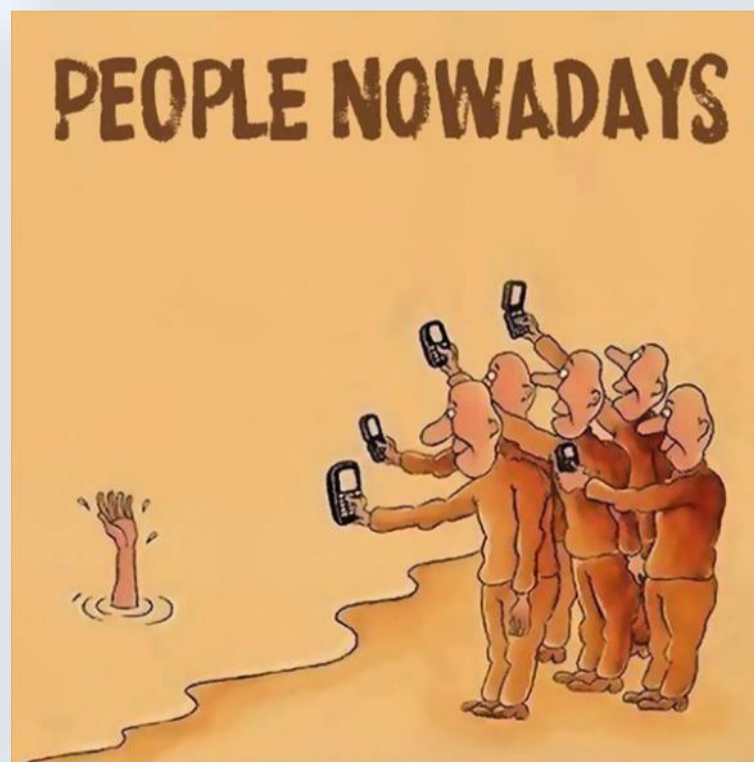
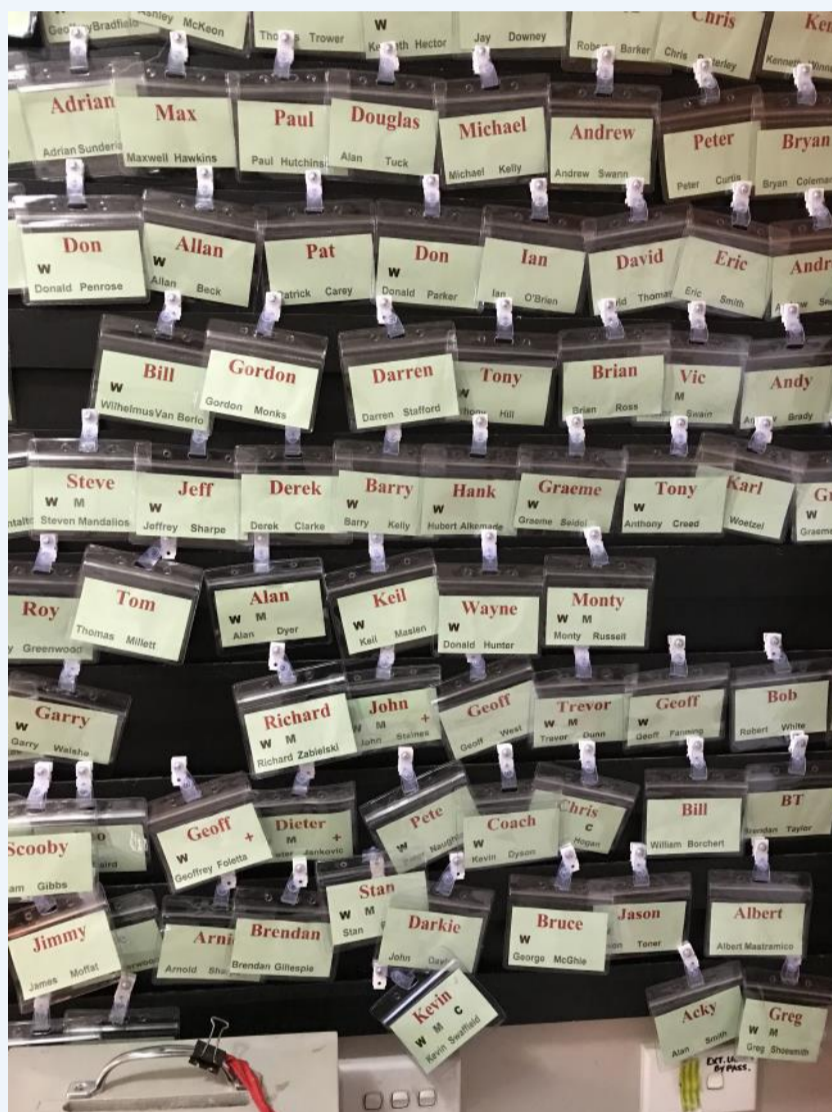


Peter also trained Nat Perri and Mike Newman to run the system so that if he is run over by a bus or employed by Microsoft or Apple, Nat and Mike can carry on.

The ID Flow Software has the capabilities to capture any relevant Member Data that we previously were not able to see all on one screen. We include in this round, Past/Current Professions. Interestingly, when you start to analysis the many Professions , you realise that we

have an extremely talented pool of men at our Shed. We will be able to record other relevant Member Data and utilise the resulting statistics that will assist the Shed for its future needs e.g. funding for further assistance with health and well being requirements for our members.

*We are now sourcing and will inform members where they can use the cards to obtain discounts on goods and services from businesses around Sunbury.*



# Another Quiz



What is this we ask? Trevor Dunn is making another one so it must be useful!



Peter and Garry with a larger size kiddies table Garry makes. Ross and Albert may know but why is Ross painting this sign upside down?



*Our Newsletters and promotional pamphlets are printed at our State Member for Sunbury, Josh Bull's office and Cartridge World Sunbury and gratefully received as a Community Service*



# Shed Issues and Committee Happenings

- **Milton Oliver**, one of our Foundation members and representative of the Roxburgh Park Community Church, attended the first Committee of Management meeting with the 3 new Committee members after the recent AGM and was welcomed.
- **Milton advised that the RPCC** has once again paid the Hume Sunbury Men's Shed third party Insurance for the coming year and was thanked by the President on behalf of Shed Members.
- Milton advise the Committee that if **Members needed it, boxes of food** would be made available. Also, the offer of a professional chef was made to train members on cooking ingredients, techniques and principles.
- If the Shed has **Members who are in any sort of trouble**, RPCC is able and willing to help.
- Chris Hogan stipulated that the subject of food hygiene and food handling needs to be revisited in the Shed. There is evidence of a higher incidence of food poisoning in the Community at the moment as reported in the press.
- John Hunter advised that the **Shed needs to raise its profile** in the Community.
- The **Friday Talks by the President** are excellent and need to be maintained.
- It was re-emphasised that the sub-committee for the new Shed will collect all inputs from the members and make recommendations to be considered and agreed by the Committee.
- **THE AGM Minutes** have been distributed to all Members.
- **We have been requested not to park cars on the other side of the Road on Wednesdays** as the garbage trucks operate on that morning.
- On behalf of the Hume Sunbury Men's Shed the Committee of Management offer their sincere condolences to the family of one of our Members, Bruce Michie who recently passed away.



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# Victoria State Emergency Service Sunbury Unit

Invites

## *Sunbury Men's Shed*

to join the volunteers of Sunbury SES in celebrating 40 dedicated years of service to the Sunbury and surrounding communities.

This will be a night of great food, great music and plenty of laughs.

When: Saturday 2 September 2017  
7 PM

Where: Pitruzzello Estate  
25 Deverall Rd, Sunbury, Victoria

Cost: \$65

Tickets available: <https://www.trybooking.com/PPNS>

Tickets sales close 10 PM  
21 August 2017

Dress code: Semi-formal, no denim please.

# Unit Open House

As part of the Celebrations, we are inviting any interested people to "Drop-In" at the Sunbury SES LHQ before the formal events commence.

This will be a good opportunity for former members, supporters and friends of Sunbury SES to see how far the Unit has come in its 40 years of service.

Where: Sunbury SES LHQ,  
21 McDougal Rd Sunbury

When: Saturday 2nd of September

Time: 5:30-6:30PM

ALL WELCOME