



The new Shed is finally starting to happen. It is likely that the footings will start on 8 November with the construction of the building shortly after. Time is needed to prepare the site to provide clear access for ourselves and the builders. Accordingly, it has been decided to close the Shed for two weeks commencing day after Cup Day and reopening 22 November...all going well.



# Hume Sunbury Men's Shed Newsletter

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## Urgent call for new Sunbury SES volunteers as response needs grow



**SUNBURY SES** is looking to fast-track recruits as it prepares for a major jump in its rescue commitments.

Sunbury SES has been serving the Sunbury community since 1977 providing Rescue, Search and Rescue, Storm and Flood response as well as assisting our fellow agencies.

Serving the communities of: Sunbury, Diggers Rest, Bulla, Wildwood and Clarkefield.

All members are dedicated volunteers who give up their time when our town and com-

munity needs it most.

They train Wednesdays every week at their McDougall Road Headquarters.

**Sunbury SES Media Liaison Officer Jarrod Bell** visited the Mens Shed on Friday and advised of the situation at the SES requiring a recruitment drive to increase the numbers at the Sunbury SES. Jarrod said Emergency Management Victoria had asked the 102 SES units and 23 CFA units with primary rescue capability and other agencies such as MFB to sign up to the new standards.



**SES members at work**





# Shed Details

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## Urgent call for new Sunbury SES volunteers as response needs grow...cont



From December 1 two rescue vehicles from the unit must attend emergency incidents within eight minutes, meaning a rise from two to four volunteers for each call-out.

The move comes after Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) conducted a statewide review and rolled out new rescue standards

Sunbury Unit Controller Anthony White said an influx of trained rescue volunteers would be required so the unit can operate.

Retirees, the self-employed, shift workers and stay-at-home parents available during daylight hours would be welcome additions to the Sunbury unit, he said.

“Sunbury SES is very confident that we can meet this new challenge, however to ensure that we maintain the highest standards we are calling out to those in our community who may have time to give during the day to con-

sider joining Sunbury SES.”

Mr Bell said the “extraordinary recruitment campaign” would aim to attract up to a dozen volunteers, with basic training to be fast-tracked so newcomers would be ready by December 1.

He encouraged all interested people, even those who might have doubts over the skills they would bring to the role, to follow through and at least attend the information night.

“We will train you in all areas of the work we do and often people are surprised at how useful they can be,” he said.

Mr Bell said Sunbury SES had to grow with the community, and anticipated a second Sunbury North SES unit could be established within the next decade.



## Sunbury Mens Shed member profile Trevor Dunn



I was born in the Essendon Hospital located near Queens Park. I have lived in Sunbury, Glenroy, Seymour but have returned to Sunbury!

I have seen many changes in Sunbury which was a well kept secret, until now. I was educated at Sunbury Primary School then attended Essendon Tech.

My hobbies include vintage stationary engines, vintage car restoration and furniture restoration. I like bushwalking and catering which evolved from catering in my Cadet days in the Seymour Army Cadet Corp.

I now collect tools and stationary engines. I am a member of the Gisborne Vintage Machinery Society. I love bottles, stamps and anything *garagenalia*.

Projects I have made in the last few years include weather vanes and windmills. As for jobs I have held ... I have been a Fitter and Turner, a Toolmaker, a Time and Motion Officer and a Trade Teacher. I worked at Caterpillar as an Apprentice Fitter and Turner and then a Time and Motion Officer. My work included a stint at Malley's in Production Planning on such things as the "Esky" and their "Wonderheat gas heater". I was a Trade School Teacher in the State education system for 30 years training secondary students and apprentices in metal work, technical drawing, metallurgy, trade maths, trade theory and workshop practice .

I went to night school as a School Cadet Officer for 5 years with school students at Seymour.

My first car was a 1948 Oldsmobile; then a 56 FJ Holden, a 59 Chevrolet, a 68 HT Kingswood, a 76 Caprice and a HJ Panel Van.

**Why did I join the Shed?** For the health benefits, friendship and working together. ***I have never looked back.***





## Kiwanis Club of Sunbury donated Barbecue trailer



**Kevin Swaffield and Mike Newman, Shed President and Vice President with our new trailer**

Our Shed's latest acquisition is the BBQ trailer donated to the Shed by the Kiwanis Club of Sunbury.

This BBQ trailer has been used for the last 17 years in Sunbury, cooking thousands of sausages at the Kiwanis Australia Day Breakfast, Carols by Candlelight on the Village Green, Sunbury Fair, and many other Kiwanis sponsored projects. At one Carols by Candle Light, 7 Kiwanis Club members cooked and served 78kg of free sausages in 90 minutes.

The trailer was professionally built for the Kiwanis Club of Keilor in 1997, and transferred to Sunbury Club in 2000 when Keilor Club closed. The trailer was upgraded and modified by a Sunbury Member, and was donated to Hume Men's Shed when the Kiwanis Club of Sunbury closed recently.

Some members of Hume Men's Shed have had a long association with **Sunbury Kiwanis**.

**Vice President Mike Newman was the Charter President, and President Kevin Swaffield was Junior Vice President when Sunbury Chartered in 1979.** Both served as President on 3 occasions, as well as most other committee

positions, and were members until 2012 prior to joining the Men's Shed. Andrew Swan also served a term as President, and Graeme Gibbs was a committee member for many years.

Kiwanis is a worldwide Service Club, in over 60 countries, formed in Chicago USA in 1915, and stayed in USA and Canada until 1960, when it expanded worldwide.

The first Australian Club, Melbourne Club started in 1964, and Clubs formed in all States except Tasmania over the next few years. During the 1980s, Sunbury Club had a membership of over 40 members and carried out many service projects including Cash for Cans, and in one year collected 20 tonnes of aluminium cans in Sunbury.

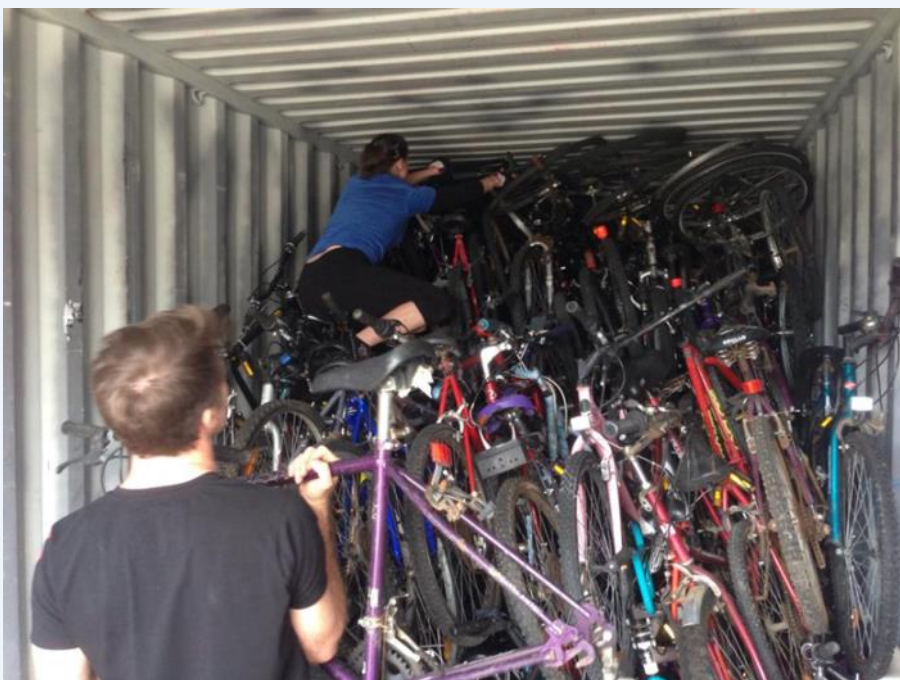
They also installed the Christmas decorations in Sunbury, organised the Australia Day Breakfast and Flag raising, with Kiwanis Sunbury Citizen of the Year presentation on the Village Green, and the annual Kiwanis Art Show

Unfortunately, as with many other service clubs and groups requiring volunteers, membership has declined to the point where the Kiwanis Club of Sunbury was not viable to continue, and has closed.



# Do you have any old push bikes at home collecting dust?

Bicycles for Humanity, a Melbourne-based Not for Profit organisation collects old bikes and ships them by container to third world countries in Africa, trains local people in bicycle repairs and converts the container into a workshop to repair and service the bikes. Approximately 400+ bikes, plus spare wheels, tyres, tubes, chains, cables etc. are loaded into a 40ft container by volunteers in Melbourne and transported to remote areas in Africa selected by the Bicycle Empowerment Network based in Namibia and run by Michael Linke.



Michael is a Victorian who travelled to Namibia and saw what a difference a bike could make to these people, came back and with a group of cycling friends set up Bikes for Humanity.

Bikes for Humanity last week shipped their **eighteenth** 40ft container of 400+ bikes to Africa!

Kevin Swaffield became involved with BFH in 2009 as he realised that bikes could make a huge difference to the community of Chibobo where the orphanage that he and wife Annette sponsor in Zambia is located.

***Bikes can be left at the Shed for me to collect or dropped at 40 Paisley Street, Sunbury.***



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# Push bikes a major commodity in Africa



With the assistance of Overnewton College and local bike shops, on behalf of BFH many bikes in the Sunbury area were collected and BFH organised to ship a container full to the orphanage. In this container 408 bikes were loaded, sheets of roofing iron, steel tubing and other building materials and tools. Phil Stacy from Sunbury, John Taylor from Bendigo, Ylva Carosone from Melbourne BFH and Kevin Swaffield spent 3 weeks in October 2010 in Zambia converting the container and saw 10 local peo-

ple trained as bike mechanics. Bikes were then repaired and sold to local people at a very cheap rate, plus some are used at the orphanage which is 30km from the nearest town.

These bikes have made a huge difference to peoples' lives.

Even though no further bikes will go to the orphanage, Phil and Kevin are still collecting bikes which will be shipped to other areas in need by BFH. John collects bikes from the Bendigo area.





# New Members

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Robbie Mandez

Shed characters ... aren't we all?



Frankie and Tony at the barber, Angelo and Carl washing up



Jimmy Moffatt with Governor General Peter Cosgrove, Milne our Master Chef, Chris and Albert cooking up a storm



# Shed Issues and Committee Happenings

- **A Shed Emergency contact list** is being drawn up. Kevin Swaffield will supply it at the next Committee Meetin. It is imperative that two members attend emergency call out visits to the Shed in cases of break ins etc.
- **Calco the Electricity consultant** advised us that there is sufficient capacity to run the new Shed extension.
- **Dieter has picked up the plastic guard** for the table saw which will be installed.
- **The National Storage unit needs to be emptied out** to make room for wood which has been donated by Future Logistics via Mike Newman. A table and chair will be donated in gratitude for the timber donated.
- **Shed to donate a table and Chairs to the Diggers Rest Lions Club** for their annual raffle.
- **Members involved in handling food** to be encouraged on the proper and safe handling of food with regular reminders.
- **A Sub Committee to be formed to manage the Sponsorship money** donated for running and updating of the catering facilities.
- **Sponsors to be acknowledged** by stickers on the Barbecue trailer, notices on the Newsletter and Website , personalised pens, notices on Shed pamphlets and possibly emblems on aprons used at Sausage Sizzles and Shed catering events.
- **The Shed will be closed for the period of construction [day after Cup Day and reopening 22 November].**
- **KIWANIS Club barbecue trailer has been picked up.** It will be available to hire to members and approved community organisations for the price of a gas bottle refill. A deposit/bond will also be required.



**My internet was down for 5 minutes so I went down and spoke to my family. They seem like nice people.**



**WANTED**

**Woman**

**Must be able to clean, cook, sew leather, tune engines, polish chrome,.**

**Must have Harley motorcycle and trailer.**

**PLEASE SEND PICTURE OF BIKE AND TRAILER**



# Hume Men's Shed Sunbury

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## Notice to all Members

Due to construction

Starting on the new

Shed

*This Shed will be*

*closed* from **Tue 7th**

And reopen **Wed 22nd**

**Subject to completion**

**Of the building works**

**You will be notified by email if there is any change to these dates due to any unforeseen circumstances**



**Heartbeat Victoria** runs peer support groups for those who have suffered a cardiac event, their family and carers. Each group offers social, emotional, motivational and health information to members. *Heartbeat Sunbury Branch's Inaugural Meeting* will be held on Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 7pm in the Meeting Room of Goonawarra Medical Centre, 1/5 Dornoch Drive, Sunbury. After meeting formalities, **Chris Hogan, Associate Professor** will give a short presentation entitled *"Keeping Healthy is Simple"*. Supper provided. Call Louise on 0434 400 754 or email [sunburybranch@heartbeatvictoria.org.au](mailto:sunburybranch@heartbeatvictoria.org.au) for more information. **New members welcome.**