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Making friends, making a difference — together

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# SHEDDERS NEWS

## What's coming up:

**Bunnings sausage sizzle dates:**

**Saturday 25th April 2020**

**Friday 29th May 2020.**

After noting all the heavy section timber on the racks at the Men's Shed and pondering what might be a saleable item to manufacture Ian carried out a little research and decided to build some wine racks in the shape of an elephant. Unfortunately, after discussions with the more experienced guys he did not use any of the heavy section material but rather laminated pine and ply.



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# President's Report

March 2020

Hi Shedders,

What to write? Not a lot has happened over the last few weeks, but a lot of emphasis on the Corona Virus. As a consequence, the shed is implementing additional hygiene measures. Soap dispensers will be positioned in the toilets, coffee and kitchen areas and shedders are encouraged to use them, especially when handling food. (Gloves will also be provided]

I have also requested our member, Associate Professor Chris Hogan to advise and educate us on correct procedures. One request is that if you feel unwell or have a cold or flu, do not attend the shed.

This may seem a bit of overkill but it is better to be prepared then left wanting.

At the time of writing we have had two toolbox meetings where we have discussed safety and health issues as well as getting volunteers to do housework. The last item seemed to scare a lot of the guys!!!

Many thanks to Jimmy Moffat who has continued to attract sponsors. The latest being Sunbury Car Wash who has donated car wash tokens. The token gives you a free automatic car wash at the Sunbury Car Wash (behind Supercheap Auto) These will be passed out on Fridays.

## Positions Vacant

Many thanks to Peter Canning who has agreed to take on the role of Assistant Treasurer, and also Ian Phillips for taking on the role of Assistant Secretary. This is great news and will assist Albert and Stan. Thanks Guys.

The committee has approved a new compressor for the shed which can be used throughout the shed.

Ted and Dale are currently securing the new compressor and the installation.

The security alarm has been upgraded. The new shed, office and welding shop are now also covered by the alarm.

We have applied for a grant from the AMSA to conduct a Mental Health Course at the shed. This will allow 20 participants to attend the 2 day course. Fingers crossed we will get the grant.

It is great to see that we are getting new members nearly every month. Please make them welcome and get them involved.

Cheers for now

Mike

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# Secretary's Report

## EXTRACT OF MINUTES FROM COMMITTEE MEETING

18 FEB, 2020

### Correspondence:

26 items of correspondence were received and sent

- John Hunter resignation from committee. Resignation accepted acknowledging the great contribution that John has made to the shed. Moved Ian and Seconded Rod Carried

### Membership applications:

Frank Caserta

### General Business:

- Appointment of Peter Canning as Assistant Treasurer to fill vacancy created by John Hunter.
- Four Aces alarm upgrade \$1420 plus GST. Four Aces to be authorized to complete works.
- Quote received from ASCOST Security services to monitor alarms as well as provide Alarm Response.
- Sales of used or Donated Equipment Pete Hobbs. Executive committee to decide whether and how items are disposed off which are donated by the public.
- Timeline for elections and membership renewal

### AGM Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July:

Nomination for committee close 8<sup>th</sup> June

Nomination for committee open 20<sup>th</sup> May

Membership renewal open 1<sup>st</sup> May Close 31<sup>st</sup> May Decisions June meeting

- Assistant Secretary. Ian Phillips to be appointed Assistant Secretary and take over role as membership.

Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary to be advertised as position on the committee.

- Web site – webmaster to be appointed
- Tools sharpening service for shed members. Subject to Richard's approval tool sharpening to be offered for a fee to members. Richard to train other members to assist him.
- Professional monitoring alarm by sending out security – see item 2
- Shed cleanliness how do we improve. Toolbox meeting every Wednesday and jobs allocated to members present including cleaning toilets, workshop kitchen, washing towels etc. Committee members to monitor members to make sure they clean after themselves including putting their cups away. Members to be advised that committee members will be doing this and expect members to follow their request and that it is not the committee's job to clean up after other members.
- Parking. Another go at council. Mike and Albert to discuss with Taz at the meeting. Bollards to be placed at the front to prevent members from parking near the driveway entrances.
- Remove shed keys from two front gates. Noted
- 5 year plan report presented to the committee. Next plan should be ready to present to members
- Food 4 life Dieter to place notice on notice board for interested members.
- Water leak in shed – Ian to contact property (Pauline on 92052359) to request replacement of roofing. Noted
- Compressor. We missed out on the Lodge grant so Ted to follow up pricing for new compressor and installation with a budget of up to \$6,000.



## Numbers are amazing

All the people in the world are of the same age this year! It's amazing: this year all the people in the world, all equal to 2019. This year is special. It happens only once every 1,000 years. This year your age + your year of birth, each individual is = 2019. For example, you are 55 years old and you were born in 1964, which adds up to 2019. Very strange, even the Chinese and foreign masters cannot explain. Please calculate and see if the answer is 2019. It's a thousand-year wait!

Good shot! Go to the circle of friends, let everybody calculate it!!!!



Due to the current financial situation caused by the slowdown in the economy, the Government has decided to implement a scheme to put workers of 50 years of age and above on early, mandatory retirement, thus creating jobs and reducing unemployment.

This scheme will be known as RAPE (Retire Aged People Early).

Persons selected to be RAPED can apply to the Government to be considered for the SHAFT program (Special Help After Forced Termination).

Persons who have been RAPED and SHAFTEDED will be reviewed under the SCREW program (System Covering Retired-Early Workers).

A person may be RAPED once, SHAFTEDED twice and SCREWED as many times as the Government deems appropriate.

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## *Shedder behind the badge*

### **Ian Phillips**

I grew up on a dairy farm near Swan Hill in Northern Victoria and spent the first forty plus years in the Swan Hill area where I met a young nurse who I married 50 years ago. Swan Hill was a great place to bring up our family until I was forced to find employment in 'the big smoke' during the recession in early 1990's and relocated to Sunbury.

While our children attended school, I served and held office bearer positions on the school committees and councils. I was also a volunteer in the local SES operating mainly in the area of flood boats and road rescue.

Our two children and their families live in Geelong and Berwick.

### **Previous occupation/s**

Dairy farmer / Hay making Contractor

Metal Fabrication - T.A. / Engineering Supplies Sales & Admin.

Semi-Trailer Manufacturer - Sales & Admin.

Heavy Vehicle Parts & Components - Parts Manager

Rubber Component Manufacturer – Technical Sales Manager & Admin

### **Hobbies**

Caravanning, Geocaching

Prior to children I raced off-road motor-cycles in events known in those day as scrambles.

### **Family**

Wife.... Sandra

Children ... 2 a daughter and son, both married.

Grandchildren .... 5 aged from 18 to 5 years old.



### **with your fellow shedders**

Having spent most of my working life in technical sales and manufacturing.

I loved the whole process of taking a customer's enquiry, converting it to a viable concept then on through specifications, costing, prototyping and finally manufacturing. The Sunbury Men's Shed has been a wonderful experience for me right from the first day I walked in the door and was given such a warm welcome.

Like (or perhaps unlike) many men I was very apprehensive about the dramatic change brought about by retirement and the loss of the feeling of a common bond of shared experiences and goals and 'a reason to get up in the morning 'What will I do?

The Men's Shed has provided ongoing sense of belonging, of purpose, of comradery and a safe place where a chat over a cup of coffee with blokes who, perhaps, have shared similar life experiences.

For that I offer my heartfelt thanks.

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## Men's Shed Clothing

For anyone wishing to purchase items with the Men's Shed logo on it, these include:

- Polo shirts.....\$30
- Caps .....\$18
- Fleecy Jacket.....\$40

**One Stop Embroidery, Evans Street Arcade, and place your order**

## A Warning to Older Models

Please take special care of yourself and avoid injuries because spare parts for older models are no longer in stock As most of us are made in the 40's, 50's, 60', 70', models ...warranty period was long over and expiry date is due soon ...caution is better. Keep reminding yourselves — **we are a limited edition**



**Where:** Sunbury Neighbourhood House  
531 Elizabeth Drive

**When:** Last Saturday of the Month  
10am—12:30pm

*Who wants to learn woodturning  
Contact norman 0418403281*

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**DRILL PRESS** : A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

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**BAND SAW** : A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the rubbish bin after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

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**TABLE SAW** : A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

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**DROP SAW** : A portable cutting tool used to make timber too short.

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**BELT SANDER** : An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

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**WIRE WHEEL** : Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the work-bench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh what have I done

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**PLIERS** : Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

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**HACKSAW** : One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

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**WISE-GRIPS** : Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

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**OXYACETYLENE TORCH** : Used almost entirely for lighting on fire various flammable objects in your shop.

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*Birthday's For the  
March  
Babies*

*Jack Edwards  
Stephen Wade  
Kenneth Garth  
Dale Wilkes  
Peter Curtis  
Nicholas Brown  
Jason Jones  
Henry Noakes  
Stuart Dodd*



**New Members Welcome**

*Frank Caserta*



# People of importance

President (Membership)	Mike Newman
Vice President (Metal Fabrication..Welding)	Ted Riley
Secretary	Albert Achterberg
Assistant Secretary	Ian Phillips
Treasurer	Stan Rasanayagam
Assistant Treasurer	Peter Canning
General Committee (Special Projects)	Ian Lupson
General Committee (OHS, First Aid)	Rod Jackson
General Committee (Property Maintenance)	Dieter Jankovic
General Committee (OHS, Property Maintenance)	Kevin Swaffield
General Committee (Woodwork and Community Projects)	Peter Wilkinson
Editor	Norm Ripp
Editor	Bill Lingam
Sponsorship	Jim Moffat
Grants	Nat Perri
Woodwork and Community	Fred Parnis
Electrical Maintenance	Kevin Wood
Garden Area	Barry Burbridge
Metal Fabrication...(Fitting & Turning)	Trevor Dunn
Barbecue, trailer stocking... (everything to do with food)	Peter Morphou



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**ROB MITCHELL MP**

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