

## Hume Men's Shed (Sunbury) Inc.

### 2014 AGM President's Report.

#### A look back.

Initial meetings were held to establish the HMS Sunbury during September/October 2010 chaired by Milton Oliver resulting in the first meeting of the interim committee being held at Garry Pettit's house on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2010.

Hume Council approved our application to use the shed mid April 2011 and we obtained the key shortly after.

The occupancy agreement was signed on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2012.

Our initial contact/coordinator with Hume City Council was David Mazzotti who was to say the least, less than helpful in our quest to obtain a building permit to enable us to develop the shed. Hence the delay in the development of the shed. Fortunately he resigned his position. David Rhoderick, our next contact with council was the exact opposite, very helpful to the point that the building permit was obtained shortly thereafter.

A commercial builder, Ajjay Constructions, headed by Russell Van Schelling and assisted by Vanessa was the shed's saviour. Without their assistance we would have had to hand the project and fit out to Hume Council.

Peter Wilkinson was appointed to oversee the project and with a gang of very willing shed members working five days a week and succeeded in completing the job on time and within budget.

The certificate of completion was obtained on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2014, some four and a half years after the inaugural meeting in October 2010.

#### My Thanks.

I would like to thank the following for their commitment to achieve the above.

The Reverend Milton Oliver - for his many hours dealing with HCC in helping to obtain the shed initially, then his ongoing commitment to the refurbishment.

To the board of the RPCC for your ongoing support, thank you.

John Hunter - for his tireless efforts as secretary over the past four and a half years dealing with HCC and allied professions to obtain the building permit and numerous other permits to enable the refurbishment to proceed. Then finally liaising with Ajay Constructions as the work progressed.

Also the physical help with the fit out as time permitted.

Graham Bouchier - for his excellent monthly and AGM financial reports in addition to his correspondence to HCC during our fit out.

Peter Wilkinson - for his professional approach and many hours put in during the refurbishment which certainly would not have been completed without his assistance.

Graham Bouchier and Graham Simmons – for their efforts with the electrical wiring, installation of all the lighting, three phase power points and connection to all the equipment.

Fred Lupson – for assisting with the steel fabrication to facilitate the suspension of the suspended ceiling.

Mike Newman – for his attention to our membership base as well as his painting skills and not forgetting the effort and many hours he put in obtaining grants.

Barry Burbridge – for his perseverance in establishing the shed's gardens, against all odds.

Brian Girdwood – for his tireless efforts during the fit out and his ongoing commitment to tag and test all our equipment.

To all members who have assisted with the shed fit out, Bunnings BBQ's, Bunnings equipment assembly and other tasks a sincere thank you. Without your assistance the shed would not be in both the advanced stage of fit out or healthy financial position.

Year 13/14 saw our membership grow to 74 members and it is hoped to increase that membership to over 100 in the coming year.

Regards  
Ian Lupson President.