

**April
2023**

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Sunbury

SHEDDERS NEWS



I accepted an invitation to be part of the audience to attend Q & A hosted by Stan Grant, at the ABC studios in Southbank, on Monday 3 April, this is a live show and not pre-recorded.

A quick chartered bus trip commenced at Sunbury Downs Secondary School, including students, teachers, members of the walking club, Sunbury Mens Shed and other members of the community.

Upon arrival, we were all checked in via security before being seated in a huge television studio. I was fortunate to be seated in the front row, on camera left.

There were about 300 plus people present and participants came from diverse sections of the community.

It was a great night and a trip down memory lane as I remember the days when I worked there when I first came to Melbourne many years ago.

After the show, host Stan Grant asks the audience some questions regarding what we talked about and a general discussion about the show's content.

A lot of secondary school students from SUNBURY and Beaumaris were in attendance.

It was a good experience and I enjoyed the show.

Of course, you can see the show via "Freeview" and other online streaming platforms.

I do appear several times, so look out for me!

David Balfour

President Report

April 2023



This month has been full of surprises, Robert Musson has resigned as Vice President due to health reasons. He will be staying on as a committee member and we look forward to his involvement in organizing social activities such as the Christmas Party.

Ian Phillips has stepped up to take on the Vice President's role, we look forward to his input.

Nat Perri has resigned as the Grants Co Ordinator after some 7 years. He has played a pivotal role in gaining many grants for the Shed, his efforts are greatly appreciated and will be missed.

This leaves a vacancy in the Grants Co Ordinator role, if any member has skills in this area or is willing to gain new skills Nat is available to help in the transposition phase. Obviously, the securing of funds is an important function within the Shed, I look forward to discussing the role with interested parties.

Insurance for the Shed has been historically provided by Compassion North, as you are no doubt aware the cost of insurance has sky rocketed. All efforts by Compassion North to obtain insurance on our behalf have been unsuccessful and, on their recommendation, we have approached the AMSA and been able to organize coverage at a reasonable cost. As you are aware an insurance levy was implemented to help cover costs, this levy will continue for the foreseeable future.

The efforts of Compassion North in this matter are greatly appreciated.

As a result of a new insurance provider several requirements will need to be met, this will be communicated in due course.

Here's hoping for a quieter May.

We have several projects underway that are important to the funding of the Shed don't be shy volunteer we can use your help.

Don't wait to be asked to volunteer, offer to volunteer

Secretary Report

April 2023

Correspondence....

27 pieces of correspondence were dealt with.

New Members, see page 8

General Business....

1/ Proposed bylaws changes

02.16 (a)

Carers are not covered by the Hume Mens Shed Sunbury insurance policy.

Full time carers have access to government arranged insurance schemes; or, in the event they are employed to be a carer, should be covered by their employer's policy.

Carers are to sign an acknowledgement stating that they not covered by the shed's insurance and that they are covered by their employer's insurance or a government arranged insurance scheme.

AP. 02.21

Committee members are to declare any potential conflicts of interest. Conflicts are to be recorded in the Conflict of Interest Register and reported in the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) annual report.

2/ Proposed changes to Code of Conduct

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Example of conflict of interest:

The shed is planning to launch a new website. One of the companies being considered to create the website is managed by the daughter of a committee member of the shed. The shed identified this as a potential related party transaction and a conflict of interest. To manage this the shed will follow its policies and procedures for conflicts of interest and related party transactions.

3/ Proposed new form for carers presented to committee

4/ Insurance levy for 23/24 increase to \$25 per member with no pro rate fees

5/ New insurance requirements

a/ Asset Register requirements inc photographs

b/ Recommended usage of equipment policies

c/ Carers are not covered

d/ Visitors not covered

e/ Members to not work in the workshop by themselves

f/ Working with children under the age of 12 not permitted. Eg Bunnings making toys with children must be covered Bunnings

g/ No children under 12 in the workshop except grandparent or guardian of the child

Don't leave your mess for some one else to clean up

h/ food preparation and cooking teaching to be done only by a person who holds a Food Handling Certificate.

i/ Not covered for work performed which requires Statutory Certification Licensing eg under this policy you are not covered for any Electrical work you do, whether licensed or not.

j/ Not covered for Tagging and Testing on non-shed

k/ Upper age limit of 75. Reduced Lump sum Benefits

6/ Over the coming months we anticipate there will be an announcement of the annual Victorian Government "Strengthening Men's Shed Grants".

Rather than leave it until the last minute, it's worth thinking about what you may want to apply for, and more importantly starting to do some groundwork if you are planning on doing any modifications, extensions, or a new build of a Men's Shed.

7/ Review 5 year plan

- Review shed layout every 2 years
- Thicknesser modify to 600mm. Kevin W and Peter to investigate cost.
- Camera Controller update 2025
- Laser welder 2024
- Succession planning add Secretary and Treasurer
- Electric lifter
- Spray Booth was discussed but decided against due to strict requirements and costings
- Ceiling fans were discussed but thought it might create too much dust

8/ Ideas for grant. Improve drainage around shed in particular around roller door near toilet area. This would require additional drainage.

a/ 600mm wide thicknesser

b/ Fit industrial size ceiling fans into the new shed - it's not going to be cold forever.... Considered but decided not to pursue them as they create a lot of dust.

9/ Rob Musson has notified the secretary that due to ill health and personal reasons he cannot continue as vice president of the shed. Rob was thanked for his service as vice president.

10/ In accordance with constitution item 11:12 the committee can fill the casual vacancy. The person appointed to fill the casual vacancy shall be eligible for reelection at that next AGM.

Ian Phillips to be vice president for the remainder of 22/23. His name will be forwarded to Compassion North for approval ACNC records and Bendigo Bank authorization will be changed

11/ Quote to run cable for new camera at back of shed. This camera will be pointed at the tools corner in the new shed. Quote is \$615.50 inc GST. Decided to relocate the existing camera in the new shed if possible/ Up to \$500 approved to relocate.

12/ Q & A report Extensive report provided by David Balfour

13/ Nat Perri will not be continuing his role as Grant Coordinator. New volunteer/s to be found

What happens in the shed stays in the shed

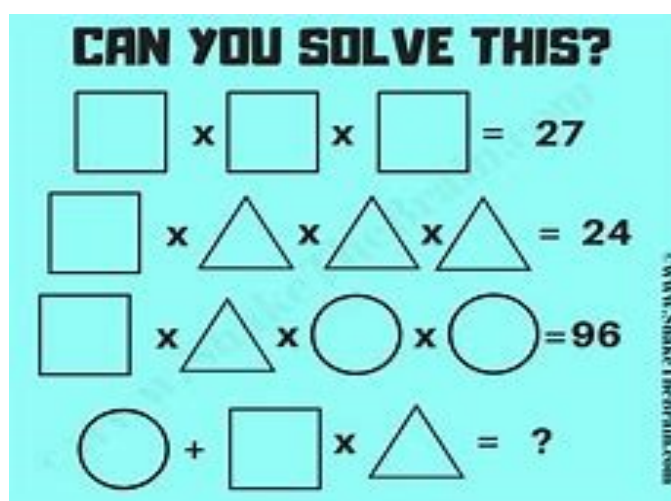


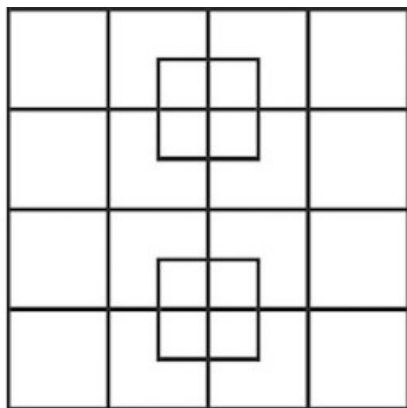
In The Shed's never-ending search for usable material, we are very happy to work with The Country Care Group in recycling their shipping pallets.

Previously, Country Care were often forced to send these large pallets to land fill, and now we are deconstructing them for eventual use in the manufacture of kindergarten furniture, potting benches, and similar projects.

Pictured are Shed President Dale Wilkes with Robyn Holmes, Assistant Manager, Country Care Group, and Mark, Warehouse Manager, Country Care Group.

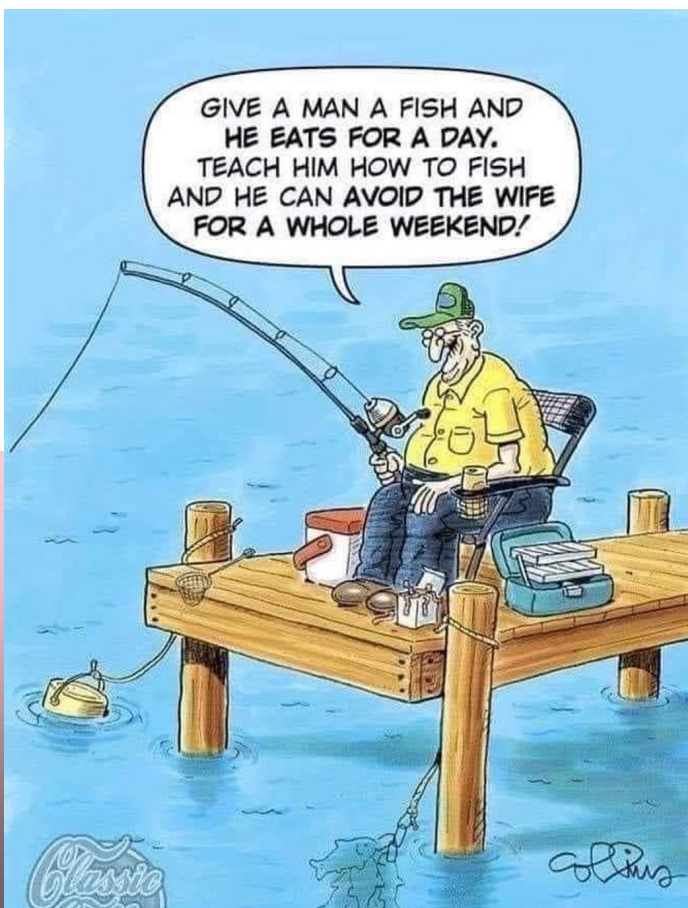
Shed President Dale said: "The cooperation of businesses like Country Care allows us to continue our valuable work to the benefit of our community and we are extremely grateful for their assistance."





How many squares are there ?

A reminder to all Sheddies,
It is **your responsibility** to clean up your own mess, don't wait until your mother comes to clean it for you



A man is trapped in a room with only two possible exits. Through the first door is a room with an enormous magnifying glass causing the blazing hot sun to instantly burn anything that enters. Through the second door there is a fire-breathing dragon. How does the man escape?

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT OUR WEB PAGE LATELY??

<https://sunburymensshed.com>

The web site is constantly being updated and suggestions are very welcome.

Pages on the site include;

All the Newsletters

Photo Gallery

Contacts and links etc etc



**See, this is
how you drill
a square hole**

**Would you buy a
chair from this
man ?**



POTHOLE READY

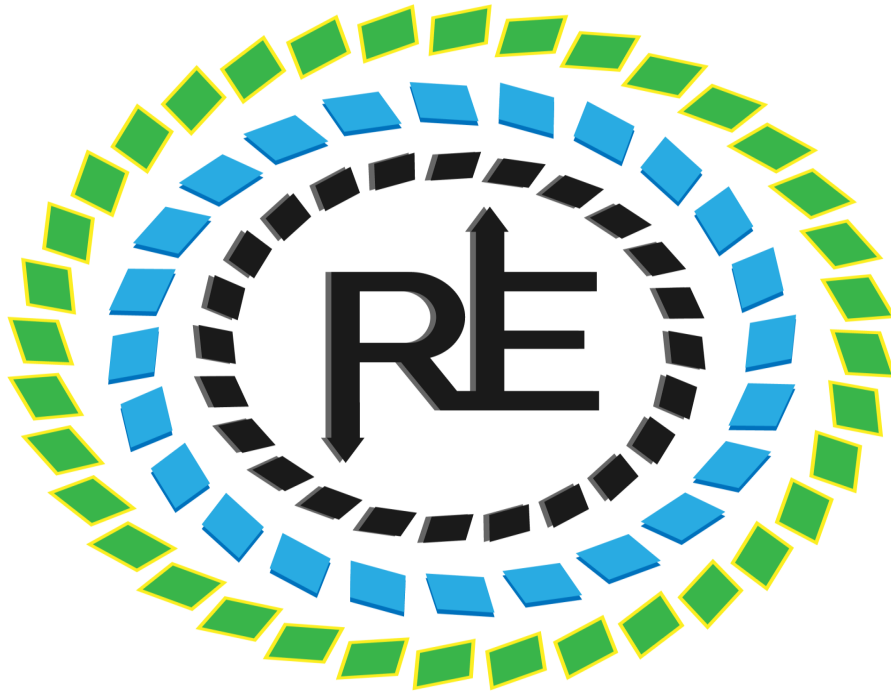


THAT MOMENT YOU REALIZE



SHE IS UPSIDE DOWN

To YOU it may only be a shed but to ME it's a sanctuary



REGENERATE ENGINEERING

IMPORTANT INSURANCE CHANGE

Effective from 31st March 2023, our insurance is no longer covered through Compassion North. Compassion North has covered our insurance since the shed started, due to heavy increases in insurance they can no longer subsidise our insurance.

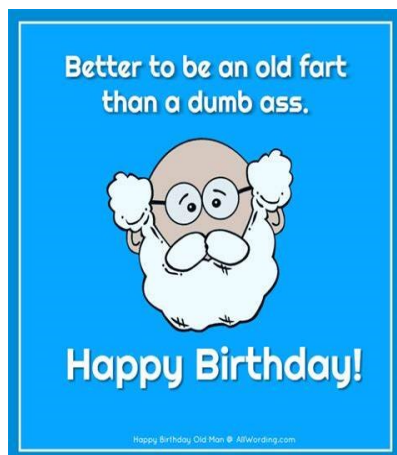
The committee has decided to insure through the Australian Mens Sheds Association who has secured very competitive insurance premiums.

As you will note in the secretary report there are some major changes of what we are now not covered for. You can request a copy of the insurance documents from the secretary or peruse them at the shed.

We would like to acknowledge Compassion North for insuring the shed in the past. This has saved you and the shed a lot of money.

Last year we introduced a \$20 insurance levy. This subsidised Compassion North's insurance premium. This year we need to increase that to \$25 per member effective from 1/7/2023.

Birthday's for the month of April



KENNETH WINNELL
 ALFRED PARNIS
 PETER MORPHOU
 RUAN RILEY
 ROBERT BARKER
 JOHN HUNTER
 COLIN REES
 STEPHEN MILLS
 PETER HARDIE



New sheddie for the month of April

SAM GIAMPADO
 ROBERT OZGA



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Using Shed Material and Equipment for personal use? Don't forget to make a donation

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