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# SHEDDERS NEWS



## MILNE MATHEWS AND HIS WICKING BEDS

This is how a wicking bed is produced

- First of was a IBC {intermediate bulk container}, cut it in half and that gave us 2 beds
- Then painted the outside as they are not UV stabilized
- Next two milk crates and cut them down a third of there height
- Wrapped them in geo fabric that forms avoid where water can be stored
- In the bottom is a layer of Lucerne mulch, old leaves, grass etc,
- Next is a few blocks of rotten wood, next is a good layer of coco fibre (ground coco nut husks)
- Then mushroom compost then sheep manure and to top it off was a bag of good potting mix and more Lucerne mulch
- The proof is there, and the president has ordered 4 more



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

# President Report

## March 2024



- The installation of the 4 additional Wicking Garden Beds is virtually complete, with several having been planted with various vegetables. A slight variation is now being constructed to house a lemon tree and herbs;
- The construction of the outdoor seating area is well underway. The motorised awning is still being investigated. The construction of planter boxes come seats is complete with two beds ready for planting, which will occur in the next week or so.
- Both garden beds that have been marked for removal have been deconstructed to provide turning space in the car park car park. The installation of parking bay markers will now occur to complete the works in this area.
- The piles of metal and general rubbish have been removed from the side drive area. A relationship with a scrap metal collector has been made to deal with excess metals moving forward.
- The Winslow Board Room Table is now complete and should be collected in the next week.
- The nativity scenes are still being constructed in readiness for the Xmas season and to fulfil existing orders, again your assistance would be appreciated.
- We have a number of projects underway in the wood working area, don't be shy any and all assistance is welcomed.
- All in all it has been a very productive month, well done and a big thankyou to those responsible.

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

# Meeting 169

## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 9.30am

### Minutes of previous meetings

Mugs are 125-150 \$1000. Ted to investigate laser printer to do the job in future. Peter to continue resourcing final pricing. All agreed it would be great item to celebrate our 10 years.

### Correspondence

29 pieces of correspondence were dealt with

19/ Doug House Health issues and would appreciate visits from members of the shed.

### General Business

1/ Since we put the ad for new members in the local paper there have been quite a few new faces around the shed. Should we maybe put a note in the newsletter that the shed has a feedback box, it would be good to see what our new members think of the shed, do we provide what they are looking for or hoping for when they join us and are there things that they are seeking we don't provide? Advertise suggestion box in newsletter

### 2/ 5 year plan

a. CNC router, ideally with a 1200 x 1200mm table, there are lots of units online, I would allow \$10k A possible future grant could fund this.

c. Electric pallet walker/stacker, seems to have been forgotten about, these are available from Victorian sellers for around \$3500-\$4000

### 4/ Time line for AGM and membership renewal

10/07 Wednesday AGM

09/07 Proxys close 10am

26/06 Official Notice to members of AGM

25/06 Items for AGM Close

10/06 Nominations for committee close

27/05 Nomination for committee open

27/05 General notice of AGM and other deadlines

30/06 Membership and insurance premium due

05/06 Invoices sent out to members

05/06 Committee meeting to accept/reject membership renewals

31/05 membership renewal closes

01/05 Membership renewal advice sent to members

5/ purchase a trailer load of gravel to build up the step off the apron near Woodies door and the balance used to fill in the holes developing on the adjacent driveway

Look at putting in concrete ramps in front of engineer's/electrician's door, welding shop and new outdoor area.

Contact Maria from City of Hume to see if shed can supply the screenings for the driveway from the gate to the Bittium, Maria has agreed to pay for the screenings at a cost of \$275.

6/ RSL to borrow BBQ for ANZAC day. Andrew Free advised

7/ Increase membership fee to \$48. In accordance with our rules an amendment to the fees will be presented to members at the AGM. Members will have the opportunity to vote for the increase.

8/ Under sink water cooler and filter \$800. To be done at same time as new stainless steel kitchen top. To be funded by Millett Grant

9/ Parking dots to be installed.

# The Winslow Board Room Table



## First Catch Your Rabbit

The famous 18<sup>th</sup> century cook Hannah Glasse is credited with the decisive instruction – “When you want to make a rabbit pie, first catch your rabbit” For the contrarians amongst us, it wasn’t Mrs Beeton.

So it was, when The Men’s Shed (Sunbury) wanted to make a board room table, we first had to cut down a tree. Well, many trees actually.

Confused, OK let’s go back to the beginning and catch that ‘pesky wabbit’

When Winslow Infrastructure secured the contract to widen the Sunbury Road, they had little choice but to fell a significant number of sugar gums bordering the existing road. Lothe as they were to undertake this essential part of the project, Winslow were more disturbed that they would be forced to dispose of the felled timber as wood chips.

Fortunately, friends of friends of friends now entered the picture and offered the wood to The Shed for future projects and for sale. How lucky we were when the timber was cut into slabs, stored for eighteen months, and eventually delivered to us for storage in one of our containers.

The story could have ended there except Winslow wanted something just a little different than a few kilometres of bitumen and some photos to remember Sunbury by. And they decided that a board room table, from

these very slabs, for their Port Melbourne headquarters would be perfect.

From there most of you will have seen the progressive construction of this enormous table in Shed 2, and the monumental work undertaken – especially by Steve King and Foahala Powell.

Our regular members will undoubtedly recall the special jig made to make the slabs parallel, the grunt work needed to lift and pass the slabs through the thicknesser (time after time after time), the jointing process to make the full sized table top, the filling of cracks and knots with resin hardener, the cutting and welding of square tube steel for the legs (how did we ever get that to the sandblaster/powder coater), and finally the application of a robust vanish to provide an attractive and hard-wearing finish.

And it is in this final process we would like to render our sincere thanks for the valuable assistance offered by Steve Irvine from Cromax Coatings. Steve gave us advice on which of their many coatings would be most suitable and points about its application.

Ken Garth used his expertise on the pantograph engraver (you’re never allowed to go on holiday Ken) to produce an appropriate brass nameplate as the cherry on the top.

So now it’s complete and shortly an armoured tank moving truck will be employed to transfer this momentous piece to its new home.

# Tom Millett Memorial Garden



Handyman Fred endeavouring to install a sliding door



**WANTED**

Candle wax for sealing wood

Norm Ripp



# COMPASSION NORTH



*"People matter - so, we'll never stop caring."*

**STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY**



*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



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5 YEAR PLAN HUME MENS SHED SUNBURY INC

Tasks	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
\$30,417 reserve fund increasing by CPI annually	CPI as at March 24	+CPI as at March 2025	+CPI as at March 2026	+CPI as at March 027	+CPI as at March 2028
Machinery Replacement					
New Equipment Woodworking CNC Router		Investigate and review	Apply for grant	Apply for grant	
New Equipment Metal Work					
Opening shed other days/times	Review	Review	Review	Review	review
Camera controller update		Controller update			
Succession planning	Vice President Secretary Treasurer	Secretary Treasurer	Vice President Secretary Treasurer	Secretary Treasurer	Vic President Secretary Treasurer
Redo Kitchen to Commercial standard	Install				
Fire Hoses and Sprinkler System	Costing Grant	Install			
Electric Lift	Electric Lift	Electric Lift			
Workshop Layout	Review	Review	Review	Review	Review

A sphere has three, a circle has two, and a point has zero. What is it??

Answer in the newsletter



**AGM & ANNUAL DUES**

**AGM will be held on the 10 July**

**Annual Dues by 30 June**



# Birthday's for the month of April

KENNETH WINNELL

PETER MORPHOU

ALFRED PARNIS

RUAN RILEY

ROBERT BARKER

JOHN HUNTER

COLIN REES

STEPHEN MILLS

PETER HARDIE

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## New Sheddy for the month of April



**Stefan Czyz**

A suggestion box will be placed near the sign in book and we invite all members to place suggestions in the box.



Rotary Club of Keilor has donated 200 masks to the shed. All members are encouraged to obtain a free mask and ear muffs. The committee strongly recommends that all members use masks and ear muffs. New members will be issued with them during the induction procedure.

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Answer to the riddle: Dimensions

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