

**April**  
**2026**

Making friends, making a difference—together

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**E N** Sunbury  
**S H E D**

# Shedders News



A good time was had by all at the garage sale. A total of \$3000 was raised thanks to all helpers on the day as well as the shedders doing the hard work leading up to the garage sale.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

All guest speakers will be in attendance on the third Wednesday each month starting at 10.00am for 20-30 minutes with questions considered during a morning tea that will be provided by the shed.

Wednesday May 20th NDIS changes

Wednesday July 8th AGM

Next trip – local bus to Williamstown to visit the Explosive Factory and HMAS Castlemaine Ship

July 20th Chris Hogan talk on Dementia

CFA talk on Fire equipment

Saturday 14th November 2026 Garage Sale

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



## **Presidents Report April 2026**

Following the visit last month by Jim Kane, General Manager of the VMSA, we recently hosted Trevor Dobbyn, Chairman of the Victorian Men's Shed Association (VMSA). Trevor spoke to those present during their coffee break and highlighted some of the strategic directions the VMSA was taking to grow and fund Men's Sheds across the state.

We then showed him the range of resources we had as one of the larger sheds in Victoria and the systems we had in place to operate as a 'Not For Profit' organization and he was most impressed. Well done to all who have contributed to our development over the past 15 years.

We recently enjoyed a memorable trip to The Shrine of Remembrance organized once more by Peter C. travelling by train to the new Anzac station. Truly memorable.

Last week we had a speaker from the Prostate Council Foundation, he was most informative and relevant to this subject and I heard nothing but positive feedback from those who attended. Please ensure you all have regular PSA tests which is the easiest and cheapest early warning of this disease that can 'sneak up on you' without symptoms.

This morning Carmel Tiberii representing the Hume City Council sat in on our committee meeting and spoke of the support the Council could offer to the Shed. We discussed a number of items as we guided her on a tour of our facilities and look forward to her responses as she refers our requirements back to Council.

Another very successful Clearance Sale was conducted last Saturday with nominally \$3,000 raised. A big thankyou to all who helped manufacturing and prepare the goods and bringing them out of the storage container for sale.

This Saturday we have once again secured the very viable Anzac Day afternoon sausage sizzle at Bunnings.

Tomorrow a small number of members will undergo a refresher course in CPR training. Due to low numbers we have invited some members of the Riddell's Creek Men's Shed to bring the total up to the group size we had to pay for.

**If you make a mess CLEAN IT UP.**

**Don't wait until some one else does it for you**

Membership Renewals

All shedders have to apply to renew their membership. In the next week you will receive an email asking you to check your details we have on file and advise us of any changes and also respond whether you wish to renew your membership.. All replies must be in by 31st May 2026. In June, all shedders whose membership renewals have been approved, will receive an email along with an invoice for payment of your annual dues and insurance.

**\*\*\*\*\*Help is needed\*\*\*\*\***

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS THAT ARE WILLING TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN THE SHED THIS INCLUDES;

- 1/ GOING ON THE COMMITTEE
- 2/ AREA COORDINATORS
- 3/ LUNCH ASSISTANTS
- 4/ GUEST SPEAKER ORGANISERS
- 5/ TRIPS ORGANISERS
- 6/ UPDATING FACEBOOK
- 7/ NEWSLETTER EDITOR

IF YOU CAN ASSIST SEE IAN PHILLIPS, BARRY KELLY , ALBERT ACHTERBERG, PETER CANNING

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# C MPASSION N O R T H

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.



## Secretary Report April 2026

### Business arising from previous minutes

Airline supply investigation Ongoing

New working area progress inc LED lighting. Lights purchased awaiting installation by Kevin Wood

Christmas breakup.Proposal; Go by bus to International

Buffett in Roxburgh Park at a cost of approx. \$30 per head. Christmas function last 2 weeks in November final function venue to be determined.

### Correspondence

Liz Baldwin Garage Sale Trial. Wanting to know outcome and also this year's date Garage Sale November 14th

### Treasurer Report

Power usage had a substantial increase since last year, this could be due to dirty panels and genal power fees increasing

We are receiving \$555 GST refund from ATO

\$3000 raised from garage sale Credit Card and cash were 50/50

### General Business

1/ Updates on trips

Successful trip to Shrine of Remembrance

Next trip – local bus to Williamstown to visit the Explosive Factory and HMAS Castlemaine Ship

2/ Speakers Update

May Jes Hamer NDIS Update

July 20 th Chris Hogan talk on Dementia

CFA talk on Fire equipment

3/ 5 Year Plan

Concrete under sand blaster

Cover over area between sand blaster area and fence

5 additional Garage Sale street signs

Parts for wood lathe

Camera upgrade approx. \$3500

Fire Hoses for the shed 26/27

Machine replacement ongoing

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- Shed hours/days to be reviewed next meeting
- Electric Lift

4/ Garage Sale results and survey result. Total \$3000 raised. Aprox 75% stated they resulted from street signs, the others were from Facebook and word of mouth.

5/ 6 members from Riddell's Creek Men's shed joining our CPR course

6/ Solar Panel cleaning, Dale to obtain pricing

7/ The shed had a visit from the General Manager VMSA Jim Kane followed by a visit of the president Trevor Dobbyn. Both were very impressed with the shed.

8/ Fire Hose Reels for the shed to be investigated

9/ Carmel Tiberii from the City of Hume addressed the shed.

Council is doing a disability report including visual impaired.

Look at disable parking, eg extend asphalt on side parking area

10/ Shed safety check, eg alarms fire equipment –

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN THE CANDLES COST MORE THAN THE CAKE

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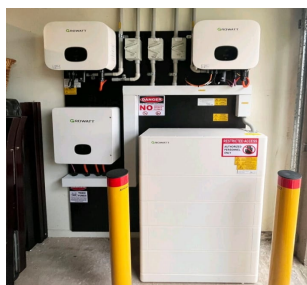
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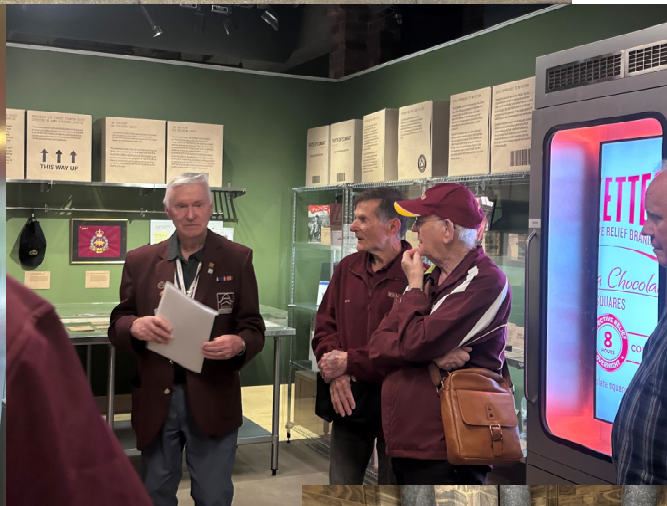
GREEN FINANCING AVAILABLE



Outing to The Shrine, thanks Peter Canning for organising a great outing



Proud Barry standing in front of the wall he constructed at the Shrine



**A small number of our members have undergone a refresher course in CPR training they were joined by members of the Riddells Creek Mens Shed.**



**WE'RE NOT  
SENIOR CITIZENS  
WE'RE RECYCLED  
TEENAGERS**

An Australian man was having coffee and croissants with butter and jam in a cafe when an American tourist, chewing gum, sat down next to him:

The Australian politely ignored the American, who, nevertheless, started up a conversation.

The American snapped his gum and said. "You Australian folk eat the whole bread?"

The Australian frowned, annoyed with being bothered during his breakfast, and replied. "Of course."

The American blew a huge bubble. "We don't. In the States, we only eat what's inside. The crusts we collect in a container, recycle them, transform them into croissants and sell them to Australia."

The American had a smirk on his face.

The Australian listened in silence.

The American persisted. "Do you eat jam with the bread?"

Sighing, the Australian replied. "Of course."

Cracking his gum between his teeth, the American said. "We don't. In the States, we eat fresh fruit for breakfast, then we put all the peels, seeds and leftovers in containers, recycle them and transform them into jam and sell it to Australia."

The Australian then asked. "Do you have sex in the States?"

The American smiled and said. "Why of course we do."

The Australian leaned closer to him and asked. "And what do you do with the condoms once you've used them?"

"We throw them away, of course."

Now it was the Australian's turn to smile.

"We don't. In Australia we put them in a container, recycle them, melt them down into chewing gum and sell them to the United States. Why do you think it's called Wrigley's?"

# Birthdays for the Month of April

<b>Kenneth Deutscher</b>	<b>Alfred Parnis</b>
<b>Raymond Bradley</b>	<b>Ruan Riley</b>
<b>Kenneth Winnell</b>	<b>Robert Barker</b>
<b>Peter Morphou</b>	<b>John Hunter</b>
<b>Peter Hardie</b>	<b>Nathan Bowman</b>

# New Sheddies for the month of April



**Donal Craig**

## Shed Details



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