

<p><b>May</b></p> <p><b>2026</b></p> <p>Making friends, making a difference—together</p>	H	U	M	E
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# Shedders News



The wreath laid by Barry Kelly at the ANZAC ceremony on the 25th April

## 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 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

17th October 17th— Saturday Seniors Month Open day at the shed

November 25th—Christmas Breakup

**Using Shed Material and Equipment for personal use?**

**Don't forget to make a donation**



## Presidents Report May 2026

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> April a small number of members supplemented by a few members of the Riddells Creek Mens Shed updated our CPR skills in a course conducted by a trainer from the Australian Red Cross. Another cost men forget their membership fees help pay for but it is essential we have first aiders proficient in these areas particularly due to the demographic represented in our membership.

Another successful sausage sizzle was manned at Bunning for Anzac Day afternoon with over \$1,000 raised for a few hours work. Thank you to all the volunteers who manned the tent.

In the absence of any other suggestions, we have decided to have our Christmas function at the International Buffet in Roxburgh as we have been unable to find a venue in Sunbury capable of satisfactorily accommodating a group of our size. A late November, date and cost to be advised but it will be a Wednesday lunch with a bus provided there and back. We look forward to a large group joining us for the festivities.

- Why did the old man put wheels on his rocking chair? So he could rock and roll!
- What do you call an old man with a map? Lost but proud!
- The old man said his memory is like a file cabinet... just stuck in storage.
- Why don't old men play hide and seek? Because no one looks for them after 10 minutes.
- What do you call an old man doing yoga? A slow bend-er.
- I told my grandpa to act his age... he took a nap.
- Grandpa says he's 18 with 62 years of experience.
- Why did the old man refuse to use a GPS? He said getting lost is part of the adventure.
- Old man dancing looks like Wi-Fi buffering.
- Why did the old man bring a ladder to the bar? He heard the drinks were on the house.
- What do you call an old man who still chases women? Confused.
- Grandpa walks into a room and forgets why... every time.
- Why don't old men tell secrets? Because they forget them too fast.
- Old man motto: nap hard, snack harder.
- He said his back goes out more than he does!

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

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

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## SOME REMINDERS

**CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF, INCLUDING WORKSHOP  
AND MEETING ROOM**

**EVERYONE IS AN OHS REPRESENTATIVE SEE SOMETHING  
WRONG  
ADDRESS IT OR REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE**

**WANT TO BORROW A TOOL?  
SEE A COMMITTEE MEMBER AND RECORD IT IN THE  
TOOL REGISTER**

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal went out in early May. To date 70% of members have responded.

Please advise Albert by email if you have not replied to the renewal to date

**NOTE NO MONEY IS PAYABLE UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THE INVOICE IN JUNE**

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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 May 2026

### Business arising from previous minutes

Airline supply to new shed investigation Kevin reported a cost of \$250 approx. Agreed to go ahead

New working area progress inc LED lighting. Completed by Kevin Wood

Christmas breakup. Go by bus to International Buffett in Roxburgh Park at a cost of approx. \$30 per head. Decided to go with Roxburgh Park on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

AGM Notices etc

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Acceptances sent to members along with invoice

June 9<sup>th</sup> Nominations for committee open

June 23<sup>rd</sup> nominations close for committee members

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Items for AGM Close

June 24<sup>th</sup> Official Notice of AGM to members

June 30<sup>th</sup> Membership and insurance premiums due

July 8<sup>th</sup> AGM at shed 10am

### Correspondence

Maria city of Hume Seniors Month **Participate Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

Seniors Newsletter **We will be receiving the Seniors Newsletter monthly at no cost**

### General Business

Ron Carbis AVEO Tour 15 retired chaps would like to arrange a visit to the shed. **Approved**

There seems to be untapped capacity among newer members with some looking for ways to stay engaged in the workshops. Could this time be better used to produce items suitable for sale? A few months ago, there was discussion about creating a collection of simple plans and drawings for basic projects that interested members could take on and contribute to.

Ian to continue with design plans which will enable new members to make items for the shed.

Suggest the shed produce a questionnaire, typically focused on shed's facilities and activities but also assessing members' health and wellbeing, social connection, and overall satisfaction with the shed organisation. Typical questions might be something like "does the shed meet with your expectations?" Or "what could the shed be doing better?"

List as an item for the AGM

Light in meeting room. Replacement light tubes to be installed.

Need to have Machine Shop and Welding shop accreditation session ASAP..

VMSA Regional meeting in Bendigo was attended by Peter Canning and Albert Achterberg. Great way to talk to other shed. Had great speakers talking about very interesting projects including making artificial hand and converting a farm into a Wellness Factory.

Shed to assist Riddells Creek Mens Shed by providing key tags and also other items. Can also look at letting them use our equipment. Costing etc (if applicable) to be determined by Committee.

Look at expanding Welfare Offer job to include talking to members reason for leaving the shed to ascertain reason so that we can address any concerns, if any.

Milton addressed the committee about the need to look at reshaping our culture to ensure we are not losing touch with our original objectives.



**Notice of annual general meeting  
The Hume Men's Shed Sunbury  
158 Evans Street Sunbury  
Wednesday 8th July AGM 10AM**

**9th June Nomination for committee open  
23rd June Nomination for committee close  
23rd June items for AGM CLOSE**

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

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Dieter, and his grandson on Anzac day.

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## CALLING ALL GOOD MEN

Who likes to build things that matter.  
They are building a Wellness Factory

### THE BUILD

Outdoor spaces, fire pits, seating, real work

### THE CREW

Men who wants to show up, help out, and be part

### THE OFFER

Bring your caravan, and Stay Free, Good Crew

### WHERE

Lakes Entrance

### INTERESTED?

See Peter Canning





Peter Canning and Albert Achterberg attended the VMSA gather at Bendigo.

Pictured with VMSA General manager Jim Kane



These are the two benches we made for the Grove Cafe in Diggers Rest

# 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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Assistant Secretary	Dale Wilkes
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Assistant Treasurer	Nic Germano
General Committee	Ted Riley
General Committee	Kevin Swaffield
General Committee and Welfare	Andrew Tait
General Committee	Stephen King
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Woodwork Coordinator	Barry Kelly
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OHS and Maintenance	Barry Kelly
OHS and Maintenance	Stephen King
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IT Equipment register	Kevin Wood
IT Equipment register	Dale Wilkes
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Grants	Andrew Wilson
Electrical Maintenance	Kevin Wood
Garden Area	Barry Burbridge

**2025 / 2026 COMMITTEE**



**President**

Ian Phillips



**Vic President**

Barry Kelly



**Secretary**

Albert Achterberg



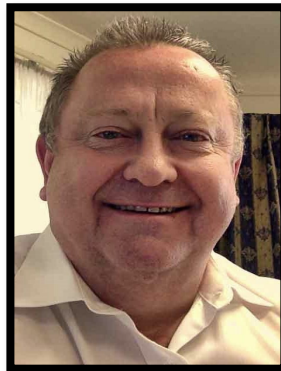
**Treasurer**

Peter Canning



**Assistant Secretary**

Dale Wilkes



**Ex Officio**

Milton Oliver



**Assistant Treasurer**

Nic Germano



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Kevin Swaffield



**General Committee**

Stephen King



**General Committee**

Andrew Tait



**General Committee**

Ted Riley

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