

June
2026

Making friends, making a difference—together



Shedders News



Lupo in his new set of wheels. After helping fellow member of the shed put new wheels on his wheelchair.

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

July 13th- Chris Hogan talk on Dementia

CFA talk—on Fire equipment

August 17th – local bus to Williamstown to visit the Explosive Factory and HMAS Castlemaine Ship

Aug 19 NDIS Update ??????

September 16th— Hearing Australia

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

November 25th—Christmas Breakup

Shedders are welcome to use shed equipment and materials when suitable
BUT

Please see committee member BEFORE you start to determine the cost



Presidents Report June 2026

The subject of volunteering arose and was discussed at a recent committee meeting.

The Men's Shed and its resources was built on volunteering – a lot of self-sacrifice and passion for the cause drove those pioneers. They were building something great, not just for themselves, but for future recipients. This spirit of generous volunteerism is in our ethos. It's in our DNA, or we would not still be here - and we value it as a principal of membership, mateship and shared responsibility. This volunteer ethos creates a rich sense of camaraderie and fellowship of which we are justly proud. But this kind of generous volunteerism doesn't happen by accident.

Neither is it a reluctant obligation or chore. No! It is because we value something important, and we value being part of it. I know I am, and I am sure, deep down, many of you are, too!

Our membership fees are kept as low as they are in the expectation of able-bodied members volunteering for the numerous day-to-day jobs big and small around the shed that need doing. They can be as small as stacking and unstacking the dishwasher, taking the bin out to the street for collection, cleaning and vacuuming the benches and floors, to building products for selling at the garage sales, adding products to our range utilizing our wide array of resources, to roles like researching and coordinating the speakers or outings – and, of course, helping to raise funds and sausage sizzles to keep fees low and accessible.

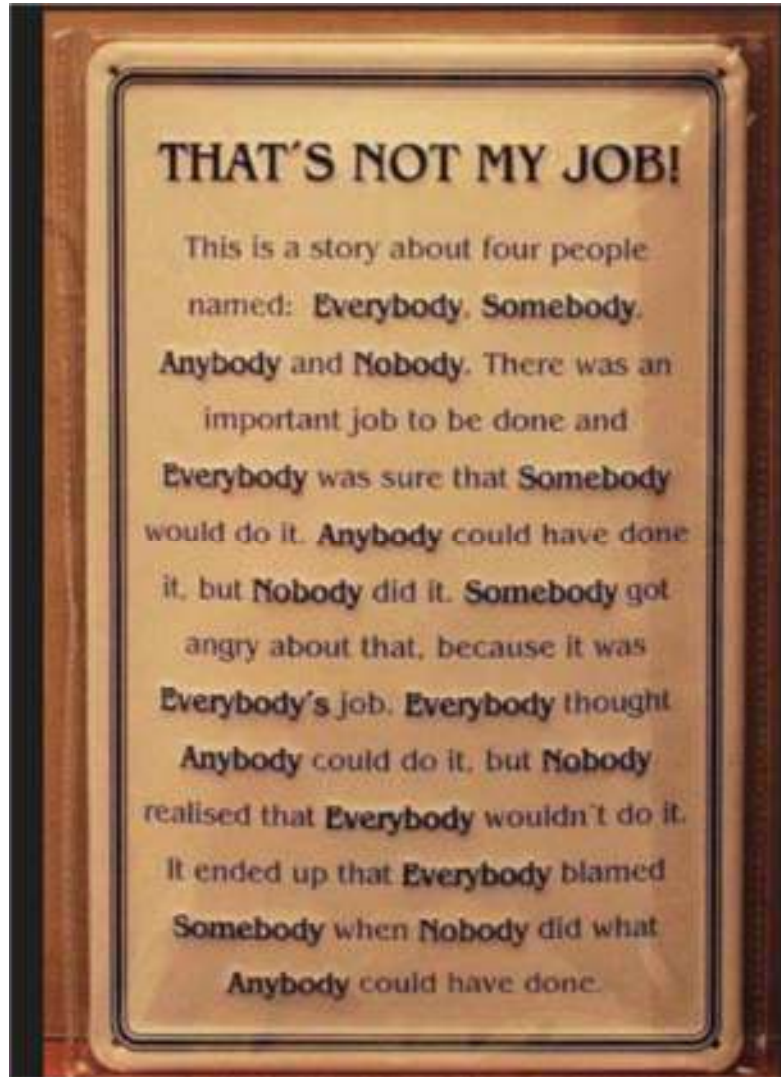
Many members take these roles for granted and enjoy the benefits but walk away at the end of the day assuming someone else will do it. But who is the 'someone else'? They are the small number of members who just do it as generous volunteers who are passionate builders of the shed, and are not just consumers. They know with every act of volunteerism, big or small, that they are building something great! But here is the challenge, men: we want to encourage more members to join the GV ranks! "GV" ranks? Yes. The ranks of the Generous Volunteers who see themselves as builders and not consumers.

So, here I am, a proud GV who loves this shed, calling all men to join the GV ranks in whatever capacity you can. Help us spread the workload and keep it manageable, help us continue to build one of the best sheds in the nation. What began from absolutely nothing has become great because of a few GVs working together. Just imagine where we could go from here with what we have now! Come on, fellas, put up your hand and help me and the committee, because the best is yet to come.

Originally written by Ian P. and critiqued by Milton Oliver.

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

If you make a mess CLEAN IT UP



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



Secretary Report June 2026

Business arising from previous minutes

Christmas break up.; Go by bus to International Buffett in Roxburgh Park at a cost of approx. \$30 per head.

AGM Notices etc

June 23rd nominations close for committee members

June 24th Official Notice of AGM to members

June 30th Membership and insurance premiums due

July 8th AGM at shed 10am

General Business

Suggested the shed consider engaging with the VMSA Shed Repurposing Program as an opportunity to pass on some of our unsold or unwanted tools and equipment. We have a large number of power and other tools that are brought out for each sale and then packed away again when they remain unsold, these items may be of greater benefit for use in other sheds. The program operates through the VMSA Public Notices Facebook group.

Over 12 months ago when we upgraded the workshop lights I suggested that we improve the meeting room lights as well. As you are all no doubt aware, coincidentally the existing lights were to be changed to more efficient LED by a government sponsored upgrade, but seeing as though at least 12 months have elapsed the likelihood of this happening now, I would suggest would be close to zero? I suggest that we purchase 1200 x 600mm LED panels and install them ourselves. These would be a simple drop-in to the existing ceiling grid and seeing as though the existing lights are plug-in an electrician would not be required. The panels are available quite cheaply online (for example AGM Electrical in Sydney have them at \$84.70 each inc GST plus freight) Include office and Investigate whether hard wired or plug in and final decision next meeting, also, at the same meeting as the lights were mentioned I suggested that the meeting room ceiling be looked at as an ongoing maintenance and repair program. I suggested repainting of and/or replacement tiles be fitted, but at the time if I recall correctly it was said to be "too hard" ... Could this be added to the shed's "five year plan", or if possible could this be actioned sooner? The tile cost last year was \$12.50 each textured or \$8.65 each plain. (Madex Plaster Linings)

Suggest that we upgrade our belt sander / linisher to a larger unit and

sell or better still donate (as per item 1) our existing unit to another shed. There are a number available from Timbecon; Sherwood (SKU: SOB-6-X90) @ \$1499, the Hare & Forbes, the Sheppach Slik 7.0b (Code L903) @ \$1750 inc GST (which appears to be the same unit as the Timbecon) the L80 (Code L112) @ \$1793 inc GST or the Carbatec edge sander (Code SKU: WBS-2200C) @ \$1530 inc GST. All units can edge sand plus tilt from 90 to 180 degrees for flat sanding Steve Purchase up to \$1800.

Update on speakers -

July 13 Chris Hogan OAM Dementire

August 19 NDIS Update

Sept 16 Hearing Australia

Next trip 13/8/26 Williamstown by bus

Increase in cleaning fees from \$132 to \$145.20 Approved

Having a regular scheduled information sharing to the shed members. Possibly what is happening/planned for coming month, works, fund raisers bbq sale etc. Results of past activity, introduce members etc. Seek feedback from members. Done by President or his rep on monthly basis, Barry will recommence Toolbox.

Cleaning of solar panels. We have applied for a grant to cover the cost for 2027 plus the cost of Public Liability insurance. Decided to get panel cleaned no for a cost of \$700

Proposed welfare office job description to be reviewed.

Sunbury Aboriginal Corporation event 7th July, Yes we will do it an receive a \$300 donation

Membership up to 15/06/2026 we have 92 members plus 3 new members. 6 members have not yet renewed, 7 members resigned since May 2025

Thomo to be assistant engineering officer.

CNC and Laser Cutter not being utilized enough due to inexperience in the shed. Peter Hobbs has several jobs waiting to be completed. Encourage member to utilize the machine through the newsletter.

Issue quarterly newsletter to be done by Milton. It will be done on A3 and will encourage more readers. Members to be emailed monthly updates from the president and secretary.

A big thank you to Norm Ripp for doing the newsletter for the past few years

LOOKING FOR CNC AND LASER CUTTER SHEDDERS

The shed has purchased the laser cutter and the CNC machines along with the required software. We now desperately need shedders to start using them. Training is available for interested members, or if you already know how to use them see Peter Hobbs for jobs awaiting to be done



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

WHAT SAW DOES WHAT?

Our workshop is equipped with two table saws, each designed for specific cutting applications and materials.

The first machine is a **panel saw**, which can be identified by its sliding table. The sliding table provides greater support and control when handling large sheet materials, making it particularly suitable for cutting plywood, MDF, particleboard, and other sheet products. This saw is fitted with a **fine-tooth main blade**, which produces a cleaner finish, and a **scoring (scribe) blade**. The scoring blade is primarily used when cutting laminated boards and decorative panels, as it creates a shallow preliminary cut on the underside of the material. This significantly reduces the risk of chipping or breakout of the laminate surface during the main cut.

In addition to sheet materials, the panel saw can also be used for cutting smaller dimensional softwoods. It is capable of both **crosscutting** (cutting across the grain) and **rip cutting** (cutting along the grain), provided the material size and type are appropriate for the machine.

The second table saw is fitted with a dedicated **rip blade**. This blade has fewer teeth than a fine-cutting blade, allowing it to clear waste material more efficiently and reduce heat build-up during cuts. As its name suggests, the rip blade is designed primarily for cutting timber along the grain. The machine can also be used for crosscutting when fitted with, or guided by, its sliding fence or crosscut guide.

This saw must be used when cutting **hardwoods** and larger sections of softwood, as it is better suited to handling heavier and denser timber than the panel saw.

Both table saws are fitted with **ripping knives** and **blade guards**. These are critical safety devices, and under workshop policy they must remain installed at all times. Removal of either the ripping knife or blade guard is strictly prohibited under any circumstances.

The **ripping knife** is particularly important for operator safety. It is the curved steel plate positioned directly behind the saw blade and aligned with the blade's kerf. As the timber passes through the blade, the ripping knife acts as a wedge, preventing the cut material from closing up and pinching the rear teeth of the blade. This greatly reduces the likelihood of the timber being caught and violently thrown back towards the operator, a dangerous event known as **kickback**. Kickback can occur with tremendous force and is one of the most serious hazards associated with table saw operation. The correct use and maintenance of the ripping knife are therefore essential for safe operation of the machine.



BENCH SAW

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Cutting Troubleshooting

During cutting operations, operators should remain alert to any changes in the performance of the machine or the quality of the cut. Unusual resistance, slowing of the motor, excessive vibration, burning, or material jamming are all indications that a problem may be developing and should not be ignored. If the machine begins to slow noticeably during a cut, or if the material becomes difficult to feed through the blade, several factors may be responsible. The most common cause is feeding the material too quickly. Table saw blades are designed to cut at a controlled rate, and forcing the material through the blade can overload both the blade and the motor, resulting in reduced cutting performance and increased wear on the equipment.

Another possible cause is attempting to cut material that exceeds the machine's recommended capacity. Timber that is excessively thick, wide, dense, or otherwise unsuitable for the particular saw may place excessive strain on the machine and increase the risk of binding or kickback.

Material jamming can also occur if the guide fence is not correctly aligned with the blade. A fence that is not parallel to the blade may cause the workpiece to be forced sideways during the cut, trapping the material between the fence and the blade. This can lead to poor cut quality, excessive friction, burning, and potentially dangerous kickback.

It should be noted that a severe jam or kickback incident can itself cause the guide fence to move out of alignment. If a fence alignment issue is suspected, or if the machine has experienced a significant jam, discontinue use and contact a member of the maintenance team for inspection and adjustment. Operators should not attempt to modify or realign machine settings unless specifically authorised and trained to do so.

Burn marks or scorching along the cut edge are another common indication that something is wrong. Burning may result from any of the issues described above, including excessive feed pressure, poor fence alignment, or material binding against the blade. In addition, burning can indicate that the saw blade has become dull, dirty, or damaged. A blade that is no longer sharp requires more force to cut, generates excessive heat, and can adversely affect both cut quality and operator safety.

Whenever abnormal machine behaviour is observed, stop work and investigate the cause before continuing. Prompt identification and correction of problems not only improves the quality of the work but also reduces the risk of equipment damage and personal injury.



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MEN'S HEALTH TALK



June's guest speaker session was Mens Health Session. We had a large group of members enjoy the guest speaker. Maria Callipari from the City of Hume was also present for the talk

Peter Canning organises the guest speakers every month, he is looking for someone to take over this important role. Can you help!!!!!!



The Photos are 2 New Signs made to show Members what the shut down buttons for each piece of equipment in the shed.

They are the Startup & Shutdown Buttons for the Air Compressor & Hopper System.



Birthdays for the Month of June

Carmelo Borg

Barry Burbridge

Trevor Dunn

Richard Zabielski

Chris Matijevic

Barry Steer

New Sheddies for the month of June

NO NEW MEMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

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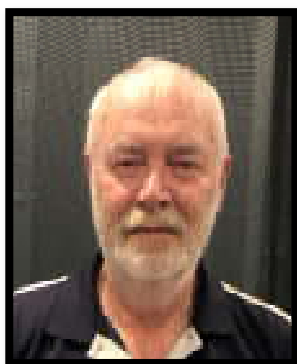
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