



DINGLEY VILLAGE MEN'S SHED NEWSLETTER

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2015

**Braeside Park, Lower Dandenong Road,
Braeside , VIC, 3195 ** Tel No: 9551 5892**

OFFICIAL OPENING of our Men's Shed

DATE: Friday January 30th 2015

Planning is well underway for our shed opening celebration so just in case you have missed the last few shed announcements, the following details should be helpful.

TIME: The program is for our guests to tour of the sheds commencing at 2pm, presentation at 2.30pm followed by an afternoon tea and fellowship get together.

As it is a Friday, our usual morning gathering will still be on so bring your lunch then help with the setup that will be required.

LOCATION: Braeside Park, Lower Dandenong Road, Braeside.

Please use car parks 1 & 9 as our guests will need to park in the visitors centre car park.

CATERING: it is most important that you R.S.V.P. by Wednesday January 21st, 2015 - put your name on the list placed on the noticeboard or advise me by email: akilbly@bigpond.net.au

This event is for members only and unfortunately cannot include partners.

Special request for help: as it is likely to be a hot day, we would like to erect some shelters as an extension to our side veranda. Does anyone have a contact that could loan us some "market stall" type of gazebos?

I hope that all members will be able to attend and I look forward to seeing you at this event.

Graham Kilby – President. Ph: 9546 0577

HAVE WE LOST YOU?

Please keep your email address and telephone contact details up to date.

Check the photo board and report any errors so they can be corrected.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Your annual membership fee of \$25 will be due on 1st of January, 2015 and payment must be received no later than the end of February. Members can pay their membership by direct deposit to:

Bendigo Bank

BSB 633000 Account # 147806988

Account name: Dingley Village Men's Shed

Reference: please use first and surname.

General Business:

A list of members with first aid training, plus the list of shed supervisors is displayed on the membership notice board.

If you bring your own materials or tools to the shed for working on, please make sure that you clearly label them.

Ken Brown has hand delivered **Christmas cards** to all of our sponsors.

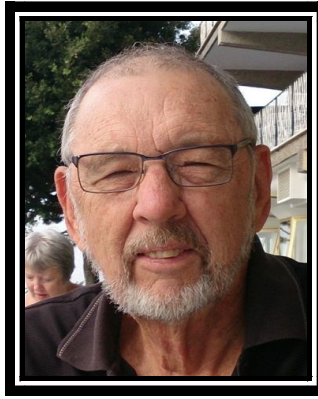
Some 🎵 from Editor Mike:

Please send submissions in Microsoft WORD with NO fancy layout or formatting, just plain simple [boring] text so I can easily 'knock it about' to fit in MS Publisher.

Send photos in JPEG format and less than 1Mb in size - more like 100Kb or so.



THREE MINUTES OF FAME



Geoff Colquhoun

Geoff was born in 1943 in Brisbane Queensland, the only son of an RAAF officer, and from spending his early years living on RAAF bases it is not surprising he sought work in the aviation industry. Leaving school in 1962, he commenced an apprenticeship as an Aircraft Electrician at the Government Aircraft Factories, Fishermen's Bend, Victoria, working on Jindivik, Mirage and Malkara equipment. Completing the apprenticeship he joined the GAF Analogue Computer Lab maintenance team as a Technical Assistant. This computer was used by the Engineering staff to develop control systems for Jindivik and Turana (Target Drone) and Ikara (Anti-Submarine Missile).

In 1963 he started flying at the Royal Victorian Aero Club and obtained his Private Pilot Licence.

In 1969 he married Carmen (his wife of forty five years) and they bought a block of land in Dingley Village, built their house and moved in 1972.

The family has since grown to include three children, two girls, a boy and numerous pets over the years. The house is still the family home, although it has undergone numerous changes and the children have moved out to become Dingley Village residents themselves, except their son who's gone West to work in the mining industry.

In 1979, after 17 years at GAF and now a Senior Technical Officer 2, he joined Ansett-ANA as a Maintenance Technician servicing a Singer-Link B727 simulator. With the airline growing in size and simulator training a requirement for all new aircraft, he and the family were sent to Binghamton, New York, USA.

As the Ansett Representative, for eight months, his role was to oversee the building of a Singer-Link

B767 Simulator and its shipment, installation and acceptance into service at Tullamarine.

He remained with Ansett until retirement in 2009 as Technical Manager-Simulation.

During his thirty years of service there were many changes, including new owners, a massive increase in the facilities size, and number of simulated aircraft types and the collapse of Ansett in 2001 and liaising with the administrators until the sale of the Centre in 2004.

Under new management and with an expansion of the facilities planned, he was appointed Project Manager.

The construction was to allow the building to accommodate eleven Full Flight Simulators and a Cabin Trainer.

In retirement, Geoff's interests include family, travel, aviation, general property maintenance, photography, computers and the Dingley Village Men's Shed.



If you have any items lying around that you would like to sell, you might like to use the Newsletter to advertise your wares?

Send your ad with photos if applicable to Graham Kilby to pass onto the editor.

akilby@bigpond.net.au

Parks Victoria have indicated they would like to be involved in the official opening and may have funds available.

Shed will re-open on Friday 2nd January 2015.

New year resolutions: - if you have an idea for activities, projects or anything that will interest other shedders, then please tell your committee and get it started.

The Park Rangers have asked us to help them in keeping the car parks clear of rubbish, they will provide all tools and rubbish bags plus collection of the bags. This will be put to the members as an activity - see the photo of what David Robertson collected from just one car park on his way out last week.

Annual General Meeting of members:

Wednesday, February the 11th, 2015 - 6 pm at the Shed.

All positions on the committee are open and any nominations are to be submitted to Graham Kilby ASAP.

Do your bit and help to make 2015 another successful & interesting year.

LET'S HAVE SO MANY NOMINATIONS THAT WE NEED TO HOLD AN ELECTION.

NEWS FROM OTHER SHEDS:

Let us all know if you have made a visit to another shed be it local, country or interstate. Make sure you steal some good ideas from them and invite them to drop in and visit DVMS and please write a report for the Newsletter. Refer to Mike's article on visiting the Drouin Men's Shed.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE:

I have included some humour found on the Web in this issue on page 9.

ACTIVITIES:

The Art Painting group is meeting on Monday arvos - contact Ken Brown for details.

Bike ride on Wednesdays led by Vaughan - meet at shed by 9:30am. Rides are easy going of around 20 to 25km with an obligatory coffee stop half way. We have an occasional 'long ride' of 50kms or so.

Let Graham Kilby know if you would like to learn more skills and what your areas of interest are.

LIST OF INSTRUCTORS

Wood Working Machines and equipment

Ray Hastings
Graham Kilby
Norm Nicol
Keith McAsey-Taggart
Kevin O'Reilly
Graeme Chalmers

Metal Working - All Machines and equipment

Bruce Simons
Martin Hollaardt
John Legge
Robert O'Brien
Bill King
Manny Francis
Bob Prestt
Ron Prestt

Bicycle Safety and operations & All Automotive operations

Vaughan Gibson

All OHS

Robert Van Der Linde
Keith McAsey-Taggart

Log Splitter

Bruce Simons



ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS.

PENNINSULA JAZZ CLUB

Contact Ken Brown.

Great Jazz music at the
Patterson Lakes Community
Centre, Thompson Road,
Melways Ref 97 H6.

Opposite the shopping centre.
January 16 - 2015. ** 8 to 11pm.

Featuring:

“The Syncopators”



The following article from AMSA has already been sent to you via email but just in case you may have missed it I feel it worth repeating as the content should be of interest to all shedders. GK. This article was sent out prior to the Christmas break so I apologise for lateness of publication **Ed.**



Well another 12 months have passed and it is that time of year again when the workbenches and tools are being pushed aside in most Men's Sheds to make way for the trestle tables covered in decorations and Christmas fare when our families, friends and Men's Shed supporters gather in the Shed to celebrate Christmas and when most Sheds end the year and close for the festive season.

It has been four and a half years now since the AMSA entered into our first Funding Agreement with the Federal Government and as the year draws to a close the AMSA team (all five of us) are looking forward to a well earned holiday.

This is also a time of year that we choose to reflect on where we have been and what we have done. When I look back at the 12 months just past, I also reflect back upon the 8 years that I have been involved in Men's Sheds and the origins of AMSA, what we have managed to achieve collectively, the people who have come and gone, those who have made an impact on the Men's Shed movement and those who we have sadly lost along the way. Who could possibly have foreseen the things to come.

Today there are 920 Sheds registered with the AMSA that meet our membership standards. To put the impact of AMSA into some perspective 640 of these sheds did not even exist prior to 2010.

Most of the general public and many of the men involved in sheds today did not even know what a Mens Shed was, where today the terminology 'Men's Shed' is widely known and understood.

In reflection I remember only 4 years ago continuously having to explain what it was all about where today, wherever I travel, I am continuously amazed that with every town I visit I see the road signs pointing to the local Men's Shed.

This year AMSA renewed our Service Agreement with the Federal Government and we continue to deal with countless enquiries for assistance and calls from the general public. Chances are when your shed receives a donation of any type or a new member they have called AMSA first to establish contact.

As we expand and the prominence of Men's Sheds grow, we are being exposed to the darker side of human nature where the bullies and dictators are having some influence within sections of the shed movement. The amount of AMSA time and resources spent dealing with these situations is continuing to increase. I wish I could state that everyone involved with Men's Sheds were doing so for the right reasons and for the benefit of the Sheds but unfortunately there is an ever increasing amount of individuals who are dictating a shed's operation or trying to build empires.

No doubt this will continue to occur as people will always seek their own slice of power but we all need to be aware of it as it has placed many good men under unnecessary strain and some have left the Men's Shed movement due to this which may, in time, tarnish our collective good will.

In 2015 we are anticipating more growth and the significant challenges that lay ahead. AMSA will continue to pursue further funding for Sheds as well as for improved service delivery so AMSA representatives can visit sheds and provide direct support.

We will have some exciting new partnership arrangements to announce with national suppliers and organizations that will benefit sheds as well. We have \$800,000 allocated to the 2014/2015 rounds of the National Shed Development Programme and an exciting new training program for AMSA volunteers.

We are currently in negotiations with our insurers for next year's insurance policies for sheds-with over 85% of all sheds now subscribing to this policy we are proud to again be offering this fabulous product to our member sheds.

This program is one of our first initiatives and over the years it has continuously been improved to be a premium product for our members.

AMSA has the only insurance product tailored to the activities of Men's Sheds on the market. But as the market expands there is now commercial interest in competing for your dollar with far less superior products and my word of advice is always -- "read the fine print and do your comparisons". In the last few weeks most of you have probably spent more time at the local shopping centre than you would have throughout the entire year, wishing that you were at the shed or the hardware store impatiently waiting for the season to be over but looking forward to spending time with your

families and friends.

Throughout the Men's Shed network we will look after the wellbeing of our mates throughout the season and provide company and support for those who need it.

On behalf of the AMSA Staff Liz, Mel, Gary and Marty as well as the AMSA Board Kevin (Chair), Ted (Past Chair), Mike (WA), Bryce (SA), Graeme (QLD), John (NSW) and Paul (VIC), I wish you all a Merry Men's Shed Christmas and a happy safe New Year. David Helmers and the AMSA team!!



David Robertson's car boot full of rubbish collected at one car park site!

The Bridge - from GK.

A man on his Harley was riding along a California beach when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and in a booming voice, **God said, 'Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish'.**

The biker pulled over and said, 'Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want.'

God replied, 'Your request is materialistic; think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking; the supports required reaching the bottom of the Pacific and the concrete and steel it would take! I can do it but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind'.

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, God, I wish that I, and all men, could understand women; I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, why she snaps and complains when I try to help, and how I can make a women truly happy.'

God replies:

'You want two lanes or four on that bridge'.



Working on Computer Corner furniture.



Septic tank area and our new Water Tank.





The Australian Synchrotron excursion.

Address: 800 Blackburn Rd [Cnr of Wellington & Blackburn], North Clayton.

Date: December 11, 2014 <http://www.synchrotron.org.au/>



We enjoyed a very interesting 45 minute lecture along with some 50 or so others then the audience were split up into small groups to be shown around the amazing facility - our guide is the chap in the white shirt.

Inside the massive building and one of the electro magnetic doo-dads.

The 2014 class of budding science nerds.



Mike's visit to the DROUIN MEN'S SHED

On one of the Victorian Jazz Club nights at the Clayton RSL I met the President of the Drouin Men's Shed, James Hunt, who told me something of what they got up to and that on Wednesdays they have some Koori fellas come along to do some work at the Shed. I have a strong interest in Koori affairs and asked if I could visit one day? James was most pleased for me to do so and gave me his 'business card'. I called him to check on a visit and he was away in Tasmania but told me to go along and I would meet his mate the Secretary, David Mudge.

On Dec 10 I drove down to Drouin to meet the gang at their Shed and David made me very welcome in his office and explained how they got their shed up and running. They were able to get funding to have a new purpose built shed erected on the grounds of the Drouin Golf Club.

David said they have more funding in the pipeline to build an extension as, like all of us they need

more room for other interests as their membership grows. They have a similar numbers to us getting close to 100 members.

They are mostly set up to do carpentry works with almost all one would need for this including a wide range of hand and electric tools. A dedicated room in one corner is for computers and they even have a 3D printer! Across from this room some members are working on a model railway system on a large table. Keith, an expert 'chippy' was working on partitioning the kitchen area when I visited whilst some of the fellas from the Koori community were working on their craft and art works. The Drouin gang have a strong ethic of tidiness and work safety like us also.

David was most keen for us to share our newsletters and to keep in touch – there are a number of things we could share to our mutual benefit I'm sure.

Address: 17 McGLones Road, Drouin, 3818

Tel No: 0409 974 999

<http://www.theshedonline.org.au/drouin>



Bill Leahy, Shane Masterson, David Mudge [Secretary] & Graham Norris of Ramahyuk Indigenous Community Health



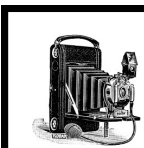
Drouin Men's Shed - the extension will be added to the left of the existing shed.





Members helping Parks Vic.
spreading mulch in Cypress
Drive in the vicinity of our
sheds.

Vaughan trying out our new
car hoist.



Photos in this edition
have been by
Geoff Colquhoun &
Robert Van Der Linde.



Christmas 'Break-up'
Is there a better venue for a picnic?
We are indeed very fortunate.

