



Newsletter

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Her Excellency, The Honourable Linda Dessau AM Governor of Victoria is proud to be the Patron-in-Chief of the Victorian Men's Shed Association

Emailed to a Representative of every Men's Shed in Victoria.

Please print out a copy and distribute to members of your Shed.

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SAVE THE DATE!

You're invited to the

6th National Australian Men's Shed

Association Conference

Saturday 17 October - Tuesday 20 October 2015

Newcastle/Hunter Region NSW

VMSA Executive Officer Report

Hi Shedders,

What a month this has been!

Congratulations to the Ringwood Men's Shed who had their official opening in August. It is an old library that has been converted into a fabulous space with a great storage shed outside.

The VMSA secured very cheap tickets to watch the Melbourne Storm at AAMI Park and 40 + VMSA members and their families went along for an exciting night out topped off by a good win by the Storm.

The VMSA is happy to provide our **members** with our logo to display on their documents and websites we have attached a logo to this email for your use.

The **VMSA Gathering and AGM is in Traralgon on Friday the 6th of November**. It will be another informative and productive day for all sheds. We are excited by the great electrical tools donated by BOSCH Australia we will be giving to sheds that attend. Please RSVP me quickly so we can organise seating and catering. We hope that as many shedders can attend as possible as there will a huge amount of news and information being announced.

Any members who are being approached by Work for the Dole providers should be very wary. The WFTD program may not be for every shed and there are some pitfalls that have come to light recently. Feel free to contact me to discuss your options and how you should structure the program to assist and protect your shed.

The VMSA has been offered some fantastic equipment and materials which have been snapped up through Special Email Bulletins and being posted on our Facebook page. Sheds secured saw benches, plywood & chipboard sheets and even portable buildings last month. This month we have had a Boring machine, hand tools and timber sheets.

It pays to be a VMSA member and be linked to our Facebook page.

The VMSA is pleased to announce it has secured funding to part subsidise the registration cost of attending the AMSA National Conference. The subsidy is available for one representative per shed who is attending the conference on the 17th of October in Newcastle. Please forward me a copy of the registration receipt and we will arrange payment of the subsidy. **The VMSA has 5 Airfares to the Newcastle at \$270 return, leaving on Saturday 17th and returning Wednesday the 21st of October. Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket please let me know on a first come first served basis.**

We are coming into the AGM season and I would like to thank the sheds who have been updating me with any changes to their committees contact details and email addresses so we can update our database.

Ric Blackburn

VMSA Executive Officer.



INVERLOCH MEN'S SHED GETS A GRANT



Here are the VERY happy chappies from Inverloch who were successful in getting their State Government Grant to build their new Shed.

They have had a stable core membership of 20 since they first got together 3 years ago.

By this time next year they plan to be in their new premises and look forward to holding a cluster meeting after they have moved in and set up their Workshop and Meeting Room.

Back Row L - R is Glenn Cant - Secretary, Julian Sellers - President, John Mutsaers, Russell Harbour - Treasurer, Laurie Tuddin - Committee,

Lex van Saane - Committee, Alan Gandy, Merv Riley

Front Row L - R is Brian Williams, Cam Liddicoat, Ernie O,Connell and Ken Roberts.

They were the members present when the fantastic news was given to them at their last meeting this week.

As they are "shovel ready" they look forward to commencing the build as soon as the ground in the allocated area has dried out sufficiently.

Regards

Jenny McDonald

Minutes Secretary

Inverloch Men's Shed Inc.

Hobson's Bay Men's Shed



**Car Torque - show your Classic Vehicle with Hobsons Bay Men's Shed Motoring Group.
FIRST SUNDAY (every Month)**

VMMSA Funnies



Ringwood Men's Shed opening



The Ringwood shedders celebrating the opening of the shed.

UKV Shed News



The boys like a challenge – how many can we fit into the storage room?
From left; John Driver (front), Lindsay Ikin, Ian Sharp, Brian Keeble, John Hunt & Doug Hamilton

AKOONAH PARK MEN'S SHED



AKOONAH PARK
MEN'S SHED

Classic Car & Bike Show

Akoonah Park Showground
2 Cardinia Street, Berwick
[Enter Via 1st Gate]

**Saturday
3rd October 2015**

8.30am to 1.30pm

Open to All Makes & Models
Classics, Hot Rods, Muscle Cars
Vintage, Veteran, Street Machines
Euro, Exotic, Asian, Lowriders
Harleys & Custom Bikes, Choppers

Show, Entrants, & Public Entry
Gold Coin Donation
All Proceeds to
Akoonah Men's Shed
Sausage Sizzle
Hot & Cold Drinks

Info:
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Akoonah Park Men's Shed Inc. accepts no responsibility for any damage incurred by vehicles attending this show.

LAUNCH OF PROF BARRY GOLDING'S SHED BOOK



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The Men's Shed Movement: The Company of Men

Barry Golding (ed.)

Invented in Australia, the remarkable men's shed movement has spread from the back blocks of Australia to reach a total of more than 1,400 Men's Sheds in diverse countries on opposite sides of the world.

This book provides a fascinating, carefully evidenced and definitive story of men's sheds for the first time. It is a book and movement whose time has come. Many nations are struggling to meet the needs and interests of men beyond the workplace. Over two decades, the men's shed movement has mushroomed from the ground up to become a strongly networked international movement, not only in Australia, but now Ireland, the UK, New Zealand, and continental Europe.

How and why this has happened and what the evidence and research means for service providers, communities and the men in the men's sheds movement is thoroughly explored. Lead author, Professor Barry Golding, Federation University Australia, is the respected world expert in the field, being a patron of the Australian Men's Shed Association and the winner of the coveted *Ted Donnelly Award* in 2013 for his "outstanding contribution to the men's shed movement."

Editor Bio:

Barry Golding is an adjunct professor of education in the Faculty of Education and Arts, Federation University Australia, Ballarat. Barry has extensive research experience in all adult learning sectors. In the past 25 years his research has focused mainly on equity and access in adult and community education, with a recent emphasis on learning experienced by men informally through participation in community organisations. He has completed many national and international studies of men's learning and wellbeing through community participation including men's sheds. Barry is honorary patron of the Australian Men's Sheds Association and a board member of Adult Learning Australia.

To order your copy, please visit agingandsociety.cgpublisher.com. Paperback copies are \$30 USD + shipping and e-Books are \$10 USD.

Alternatively, copies in Australia are available for \$40 AUD + shipping directly from Barry Golding. Please contact him at b.golding@federation.edu.au.



Mornington Peninsula Cluster

- November **Sponsors, Donors and Partners**

The focus of this get together will be hearing from our Shed colleagues of how they have gone about obtaining Sponsors etc.

- December **Xmas Party**

This get together will feature some wholesale and retailers who may be willing to provide us with some giveaways whilst promoting their brands.

Gary Rogers, BA (Monash), Cert IV Training and Education (PTEP), Cert IV Small Business Operations, Committee of Management Trainer (ACFE)

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Upcoming Events

- **6th National Australian Men's Shed Association Conference.**

Saturday 17 October - Tuesday 20 October 2015.

- **The VMSA State-Wide Gathering and AGM.**

Friday 6th of November

Traralgon Tennis Association, Traralgon

Registration time **9.30 am**

Cnr Franklin and Davidson Street, Traralgon.

- **'The Men's Shed Movement: *Bringing it all back home* Book Launch'**

Monday 16 Nov, 1pm for a 1.30pm formal start at Tongala

Men's Shed in Tongala. 'The Men's Shed Movement:

Bringing it all back home Book Launch'

- **VMSA Men's Shed Expo, Queen Victoria Market,**

Sunday 29th of November, 2015

AMSA Conference Subsidy

The VMSA has funding to subsidise conference registrations for 1 representative per shed to attend the 6th National Australian Men's Shed Association Conference Saturday 17 October - Tuesday 20 October 2015.

Please forward a copy of your conference registration receipt to me to receive the subsidy of \$200 per representative.

VMSA Facebook Page

The VMSA has received a number of queries and requests to find an avenue that sheds can easily list & advertise surplus items they have that they wish to donate to other sheds, or to promote activities that the shed are involved in - such as market days, or fundraisers.

The VMSA has recently created and trialled a Facebook page, this is now available to all sheds and shedders to join, and to place your ads and info on.

Please note this is not the avenue if you wish to sell your surplus good, it is only if you want to donate the goods.

There are plenty of sites available such as eBay or Gumtree if you are looking to sell an item,

The Facebook page is VMSA - Public Notices, you can search for it or go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/376075325824722/>

Happy posting.

VMSA Queen Victoria Market Men's Shed Expo



After the success of the VMSA Men's Shed Expo at the Queen Victoria Market the VMSA is pleased to confirm the Expo will be held again on Sunday 29th of November, 2015.

This will give sheds from around Victoria plenty of planning and preparation time for the day.

Expressions of interest can be forwarded to me at vmsa@vmsa.org.au

Membership Enquiries

Please contact the VMSA Secretary on sec@vmsa.org.au

Future Newsletters

This Newsletter is being emailed to the Contact Person at each of the sheds on the VMSA database. We are limited in our ability to send the Newsletter to every shedder and so we ask that as the CONTACT PERSON for your shed please print and display the Newsletter.

If you have something to share with other sheds, write a short article (photos are handy) and send to the Executive Officer vmsa@vmsa.org.au



The VMSA acknowledges the assistance of the State Government of Victoria

Disclaimer

This newsletter is for general information only. The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of VMSA Committee. Reasonable measures have been taken to ensure that the material contained in this Newsletter is correct. However there is no responsibility for the accuracy or the completeness of the material.

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