



Shed Torque

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Editorial

This is a special edition of **Shed Torque** because our **Annual General Meeting**—just three weeks away—is coming up on **Friday, September 20th, from noon**, with a BBQ lunch.

This meeting gives everyone the chance to have a say in how your shed is being run and who makes the decisions.

You can even volunteer to serve on the executive or committee and will be welcome to do so. Our existing committee is getting older and wearier, so we need some new blood and ideas to make our GOOD Shed BETTER.

This is probably a 'cry in the wilderness', but only the members and people who read this **Shed Torque** can make a difference. There is a saying that:-
"You never know what you had till it's gone."

Please attend *your* **AGM** on **Friday, September 20th, from noon. A BBQ lunch** will be provided for \$7.00.

Also, to widen our appeal to everyone, **a proposal to allow members to use the shed seven days a week has been made**. It would be good to gauge the response from *all* members attending the AGM.

We need to know this: is it a good idea worth pursuing?

Come and give your opinion; you won't be named or pointed to in any discussion.

If you have any suggestions for advancing our shed, visit the AGM.

If you've missed it, put the date on your fridge Calendar.

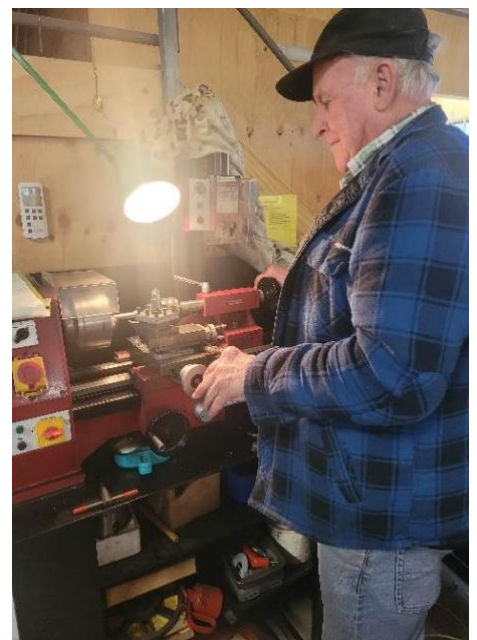
A typical day in the life of a 'Shedder' at Mount Beauty

Not every day, because 'your day' will be what you make it, as long as you leave enough time for 'smoko'.

Here's **Glen Barton's** job, which is waiting for completion. The paint has dried overnight and is ready for assembly on the already renovated chair frames.



Meanwhile, **Peter Munday** is in the metalwork shop doing technical work, using the lathe on a piece of steel rod that will be a mystery until he finishes it. Even then, he will have to explain what he made, even if you're interested; otherwise, he's happy and content, just twiddling his knobs.



Out in the **woodwork section**, there's a myriad of projects in progress in all stages of assembly, from nursery furniture (*Don Terry*), chess board (*Dick Puttyfoot*), planter boxes (*Warwick Mitchell*), CNC honour plaques (*Paul L'Huillier*), etc.



Advice is always available, even if not needed, and mathematically, the 'intensity of application' is usually- the amount of 'dedication' to the power squared.



Don Terry is producing nursery furniture for the Lakeside Children's Centre. Watching on is Derek Hutton



Dick Puttyfoot is producing a chess board for a client

CNC Router

Watch this well-produced.3-minute, 19-second YouTube video that explains what a CNC Machine and Vectric Software do. **Click [\[HERE\]](#).**

While all this is happening, we must not forget that we have our new CNC machine, with a queue of 'computer whiz kids', just waiting to make a sign (any sign), for the front door of their house.

But be aware that not only will you be watched, but you will be judged most severely by the outcome of the finished product, then sent off to rectify any mistakes or blemishes found and redo the lessons Phil laboriously printed out for you.

It would be best if you remembered that it's your fault, 'cos the computer is never wrong. And bloody good luck to you.

But it all works out in the end, just in time for a cup of coffee at Smoko.



Phil Armitage on the job

A call-out to the community has seen two laptop computers generously donated for use with our Router – thank you!

Shed Smoko...



This reminds me that Smoko is something more than just drinking coffee.

It's the place to meet and learn about each other, find out what's happening not just in the shed, but also in the local area.

It's time for a laugh and a joke with like-minded people, and you'll be glad you made the effort to face a new and exciting day.

After smoko, do whatever you like, but enjoy the rest of your day 'At the Shed'.

It's AFL Grand Final time soon...

Why not take it all in on **Saturday, 28th September 2024**, at a gathering at the Men's Shed?

We held these social functions pre-COVID, and they have been great social afternoons regardless of who plays.

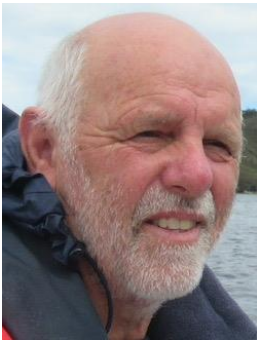
Mark the date on your calendar and bring some wine or beer. The Shed will provide nibbles at half-time. [Match starts at 1:30 pm.](#)

Let **Paul L'Huillier** know if you are coming **Text:** mob: 0400 056 247.

Go Dogs!
Go Cats!
Go Hawks!



Pip Armitage – Member Profile



Born 11/1/1953 in Pudsey, Yorkshire.

At the age of six, with the snow halfway up our back door, my mother read a letter from her sister in Geelong that said they were in the backyard having a BBQ in their shorts and T-shirts at 8 o'clock. Mum said, "Right, that's it. We're off to Australia."

We arrived in Christmas 1959, and I have lived in Geelong since then.

When I was 18, Mum and Dad bought me a clapped-out Austin A30 (with a spare engine) and an arc welder. These and my earlier involvement with model aeroplanes set me on a lifelong journey as a tinkerer. Many years and many mistakes later (learning experiences), I have become a "Jack of all trades/master of none," and I'm still making lots of mistakes.

I earned a diploma in applied chemistry at Deakin University, and at the ripe old age of 19, during my second year of study in 1972, I married my lovely wife, Margaret. I worked for a year in the laboratory at the cement works and then another year as a boat builder with Jeff Sykes, a rowing shell builder.

Two years of teacher training later (the worst two years of my life), I graduated as a maths/science teacher, and I resigned from my last teaching position as Head of Science at Geelong College Preparatory School in 2010.

We had four wonderful children and have had lots of fun together over the years at Surf Lifesaving, Sailing, and Observed Motorcycle Trials. We have just been blessed with our ninth grandchild.

My wife is very understanding, so I have many lovely tools in my shed. She has graciously allowed me to build 4 boats, two camper vans, one plywood caravan, two slide-ons for our 4WD ute, and various trailers. I have also restored several motorcycles and two houses, the last being 22 Freeburgh Ave, which we purchased three years ago.

We currently spend our time between Geelong, Mt Beauty, our slide-on camper, and our lovely old yacht (a Cavalier 37), similar to the one Kay Cottee sailed around the world several years ago.

We love Mt Beauty because of the lifestyle, the people, the weather, the scenery and the lack of traffic lights. We are gradually moving our lives here and getting involved in the wide range of activities available. It got a little more serious this week when I moved my lathe and milling machine into the shed and replaced my old welder with a new inverter arc/mig/tig. All I need now is some mig welding lessons.

Editor's note—*Phil has been a Shed member and committee man since 2020/202. As you can see from his profile, he is a pretty practical guy. His latest project was*

to oversee the CNC router's construction and operation. His computer skills are invaluable.

Important dates in our Shed calendar

10th National Men's Shed Gathering

September 4 @ 8:00 am - September 5 @ 5:00 pm



AMSA's 10th National Men's Shed Gathering will be held on Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 September 2024 (during Men's Shed Week). We will be meeting in the middle – at Bridgeport Hotel (Murray Bridge, South Australia) – to share, talk and discover 'The Future of Sheds'. Join shedders from around the country for an interesting and enjoyable two days of shed talk.

Henry Ziemnicki and **Phil Armitage** have volunteered to represent our shed at this important function. I'm sure they will report back to fill us in on the proceedings. *The Shed is paying for their registration, accommodation, and travel expenses.*

Then on Wednesday, 23rd October, our President **Dick Puttyfoot** is to represent our shed at the **VMSA Statewide Forum & AGM** at the Meadows Conference and Events Centre, Broadmeadows. Dick's expenses will also be covered for attending this Forum.

So here is a few of our stalwarts in action for the Shed, with possibly a couple of reports to be included in the next Shed Torque.

I hope they have a delightful time and wish them luck on their travels.

2024 Alpine Shire Seniors Festival - Events Calendar

Click [\[HERE\]](#) to view all the activities offered for October 2024.



LAST WORDS: As I said, this is a special edition because I didn't want anyone saying that they weren't aware of the AGM and how important it is to the well-being of the shed.

See you there.
Irvin Beeston – Editor

Our Supporters – thank you!

