

## **Mt Beauty & District Men's Shed**

### **2019 President's Report**

What a year, so much to talk about. I will therefore stop. No, We have had every member who walks in the door employed on some project or other. Restoration of furniture, manufacture of metal products repair of electrical and mechanical equipment, making of woodworking projects, gathering saleable items construction of community projects etc. The shed facilities have been utilized fully. But I think that the major occurrence of the year is the interaction of the shed members. It is quite obvious that the wellbeing of all members is the concern of everyone at the shed. We are aging but we are able to tolerate the attributes of our work mates. ( sometimes). There are some outstanding hard workers in our shed but to name them would be embarrassingly wrong. So in respect for the other shed members they are the persons who cook the BBQ each month. The guys who prepare the other part of the monthly feast. The person who puts the bins out and in each week, makes everyone who gets a job done pay up, paints anything that doesn't move, and keeps us in rostered regimentation with photos of everyone but himself and keeps the website flowing with everything imaginable and didn't you read that email. The IT group who also keep the bandaid supply up to date. The woodworking group who produce some wonderfully heavy contraptions, turn old wood into heirloom masterpieces, keep the fires kindling and keep old ladies happy with nice bed equipment. The metalworkers who supply deer scratching equipment for our local wildlife, flagpoles for community, varied shapes of metallic fabrication to hold chairs up, bikes up, and some of the other workers up. All in all we are a noisy group that wear our safety equipment with pride keep our thumbs and fingers away from evil devices and generally know how to evacuate the building in an emergency. The additional extension of the shed is being taken over by a well versed construction engineer, of undisputable talents, who will endeavour to supply us with a masterpiece where the metal group can hide after morning tea, alas we have lost the attributes of the scribe to future development of this extension. To the group that on specific Saturdays venture into the wilds of football fever wearing everything to allay winter chills but t keep the coffers nicely topped up. Another little group that cut stuff up, decide on what healthy food we have throughout the year. What would we do without them. To the outgoing committee, thank you for the patience required to keep the shed on the rails. To the new committee welcome aboard but be prepared. Some important persons now. Brian Keeble has spent quite a considerable time preparing guidelines for the interaction of the shed members with each other and the community. And that's it. NO there is a special little group who keep the lads in line on a day out at the footy. A special thanks to Maureen, Kerry and Lorrene. They turn up at the footy do the money stuff and always have a ready smile and food n drinks, wonderful. There is one more young lady who keeps us on our toes, Barbara from the op-shop I have worked with many persons in my life but am always happy to attend our shed.

Recently I attended the MS conference in SA. I met many people, professors, doctors, leaders etc. One person I met, runs a special mens shed in a special area and we had a good talk about recruitments.

Some history now. A while ago we had a lad called Jordan who was a delight to be with and a welcome shed member. I said gooday to him from Len, Warwick, Paul, etc That's good. ( I tried to re-enact his replies) His mother Christine rang me, apologized for missing me, but we had a good talk re Jordans life now. He works with a group preparing flatpacks for Bunnings. So following the talk We have introduced Christine to Roger at the Aldinga Mens Shed.

Thank-you all.

*Dick Puttyfoot — President*  
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