



Shed Torque

The Official Newsletter of the Mount Beauty & District Men's Shed

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G'Day All and welcome to Issue No 7 for the month of October 2022.

Importantly, **2022/23 Men's Shed Membership is now due!**

At the AGM held on 16th September the members decided to keep the membership fee the same as last year i.e. **\$45.00 (individual)** and \$50.00 (business/organisation). **This is now due and should have been paid by the 15th October 2021.**

Prompt payment is very much appreciated by the committee.

Please pay at the Bendigo back in person indicating that the payment is from you or *preferably* by **Direct Credit** into the Shed bank account.

Bank details are as follows. Mount Beauty & District Men's Shed Inc, **BSB:** 633000, **Account #:** 144372661.

Please note – payment cannot be made to Campbell at the Hardware and Drapery Store any longer. Thanks, Campbell for allowing some members to pay this way for a number of years. Please walk up the street and do it at the bank.

Off-Cuts

1. **Birthday Boys for October** — Congratulations to *Henry Ziemnicki, Campbell Ford and Ken Darling* who celebrate a birthday this month.
2. **New member** — Welcome to new member *Peter Donnan*. New to the area and a keen worker joining the *Henry Ziemnicki* Santa Project team the first day in the Shed.
3. **Welcome back to the Shed** — *Les Bevan*: Les has recovered from Fall he had a couple of months ago and *Reg Hollonds* who has returned from his long winter holiday in Queensland with wife *Yvonne*. Both men are real contributors to our various Shed projects. Also back a week ago is *Phil Armitage* who has been sailing his yacht up the east coast of Australia for the last six months with wife *Margaret*.
4. **Tom Lawler** — The Mural is up!! *Tom* has been working for many months on producing a large Mural for the Neighbourhood Centre to go on the north and south walls. It's a huge project. He has used the Shed space, tools and some members (thanks *Shane Clooney*) help for part of it. He has also done a lot of work from his home in Germantown. The north wall is complete. *Well done Tom it looks fantastic* (see photo in the newsletter).
5. **Christmas Santa Project** — *Henry Ziemnicki* (and his team of helpers: *Derek Hutton, Peter Donnan, Duncan Robertson & Paul L'Huillier*) is in charge of this project which involves cutting out large Santas and smaller Elves from a sheet of plywood, undercoating the ply, colour decorating the item (thanks Mt Beauty Art Group) and securing the item on a wheeled stand. These will be offered to businesses for six weeks around Christmas to display outside their premises. Thanks to *Carter Holt Harvey – Myrtleford* for the donation of the plywood and for Henry driving over to pick it up with *Mal Darwent's* tandem trailer. Thanks for loan *Mal*.
6. **Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) Kits** (for members only) — The Shed has been supplied with a quantity of these so if you wish to pick up 2-3 please visit the Shed.
7. **Christmas Luncheon** — There is talk that this year's luncheon maybe held at the West Peak Hotel with the Shed subsidising the meal. Watch this space.
8. **VMSA AGM & Forum** — This was held on Monday 10th October near Broadmeadows. President Dick Puttyfoot attended. Thanks Dick for representing us.
9. **Safety in the Shed** – Ian Howley is currently doing a Safety Audit of our procedures and equipment in the Shed. You will have noticed a lot of *yellow painted lines* in the workshop areas. Try to stay within those lines when moving around the Shed. When working on equipment of course you will be outside of these 'movement pathways'. Ian has done all the line painting. Thanks Ian.
10. **Community Resilience Picnic**: Sunday 30th October (10:00am to 1:00 pm). **Refer to the Flyer below**. The Shed is conducting the BBQ and will receive a donation for our efforts.

Trailer Presentation.



The "New" neighbourhood trailer was finally presented to the "Gals"* from next door. Present from left were: Marie Lucas-Gear*, Kathleen Jones*, Trish Dixon (NHCentre Manager), Bronwyn Barry*, Penny Goebel (Office Manager), Helen L'Huillier*, Henry Ziemnicki, Dick Puttyfoot (Men's Shed President), Shane Clooney and Mal Darwent (*photographer: Paul L'Huillier*)



Starting to look a lot like Christmas.

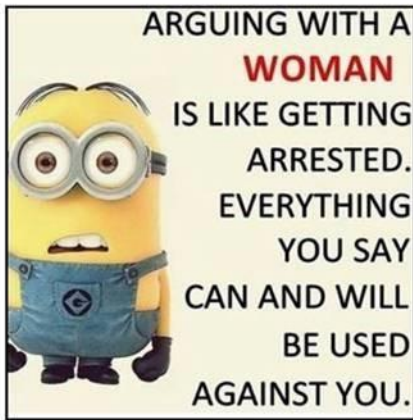


Henry has been hard at work preparing his Santa cut-outs for painting ably assisted by Derek "Rembrandt" Hutton and new member Peter "Picasso" Donnan.

New Neighbourhood Centre Mural



After a lot of hard work and artist frustration, the new NHC mural by Tom & Shane has been finished and installed. Impressive eh?



dont be afraid to get
old,....



Our Men's Shed design team has come up with a new mobility scooter design to be manufactured and presented to KVH.



The Five Principles Of **SHED SCIENCE**

- 1 NEVER THROW ANYTHING OUT.**
You never know when you might need it.
- 2 I KNOW WHERE EVERYTHING IS.**
I know by instinct – it only appears to be a mess.
- 3 YES I NEED SEVEN OF THOSE.**
You can never have too many tools.
- 4 LEAVE THAT ALONE.**
Can't you see that's work in progress.
- 5 IT WORKS BETTER THAT WAY.**
Stop asking stupid questions.

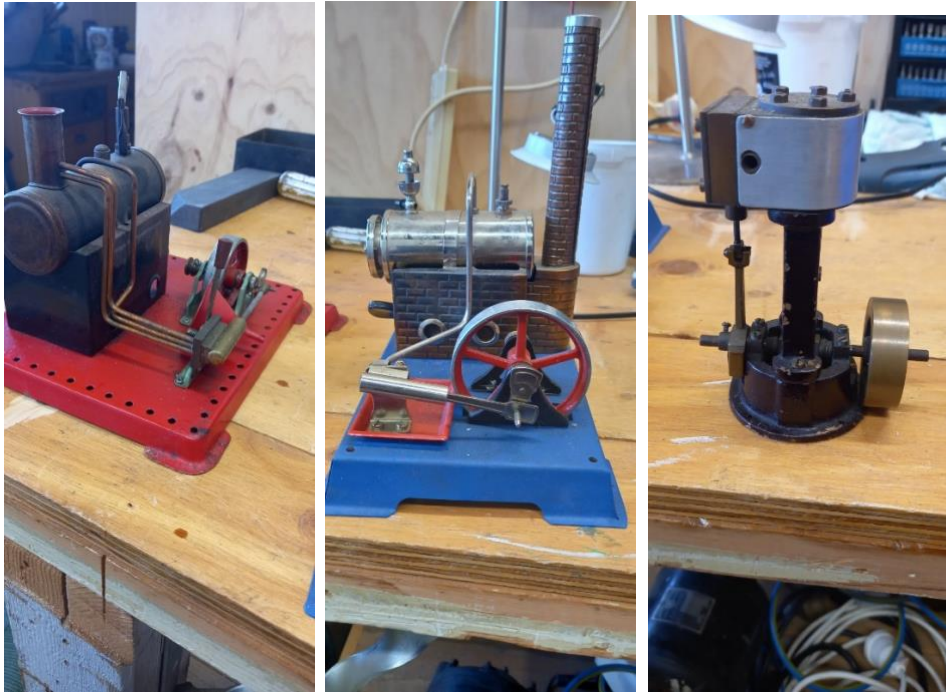
RESPECT



The year 10's playing Cornhole as part of their Alternative Sport unit. Thanks to the Mount Beauty Men's Shed for making the Cornhole boards.

From the Mount Beauty Secondary College news letter.

Shed Power Solution.



With the increases in power supply charges having taken effect everywhere, The Shed has decided to take matters in hand and create our own “back-up” power supply solution. I’m sure most of you will recognise the above brilliant idea.

Darth Vader Visit



Our Shed had a visit from the one and only Darth Vader the other day wanting to test ride his new all electric “Death Star”

Basic rules for driving in the Upper Kiewa Valley (UKV)

1. Turn signals will give away your next move. A real Kiewa Valley driver never uses them.
2. Under no circumstances should you leave a safe distance between you and the car in front, or somebody else will fill in that space putting you in an even more dangerous situation.
3. Crossing two or more lanes in a single lane-change is considered "going with the flow."
4. The faster you drive through a red light, the smaller the chance you have of getting hit.
5. Never get in the way of an older car that needs extensive bodywork. The other guy doesn't have anything to lose.
6. Braking is to be done as hard and as late as possible to ensure that your ABS kicks in, giving a nice, relaxing foot massage as the brake pedal pulsates. For those of you without ABS, it's a chance to stretch your legs.
7. Please remember that there is no such thing as a shortcut during rush-hour traffic in the Kiewa Valley.
8. Always slow down and rubber-neck when you see an accident or even someone changing a tyre.
9. Everybody thinks their vehicle is better than yours, especially 4WD owners.
10. Learn to swerve abruptly. The Kiewa Valley is the home of High-Speed Slalom driving thanks to Vic Roads, which puts potholes in key locations to test drivers' reflexes and keep them on their toes.
11. It is traditional in our Valley to honk your horn at cars that don't move the instant the light changes. (If we had traffic lights).
12. Remember that the goal of every UKV driver is to get there first, by whatever means necessary.
13. Real UKV women drivers can drink coffee and apply eye makeup at 75 kph in bumper-to-bumper traffic.
14. It's OK to cut off fully loaded semi-trailers, road trains and buses because they have brakes.
15. Always anticipate oncoming traffic while driving down a one-way street.
16. It's OK when driving in the UKV to air your grievances at bad drivers by giving the "one finger salute" while screaming out "\$###". But it is imperative you are driving a turbo charged 5 litre V8 with a crowbar in your lap.
17. When driving in the UKV there is the mandatory law stating you MUST straddle both lanes when stopped at the lights, thus ensuring no other driver can get away first.

Blast From The Past.

MT BEAUTY COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED 'COMMUNITY FORUM' *GUEST SPEAKER 'STAN ALVES'*

COME ALONG AND SHOW YOUR INTEREST

Where:

The Mt Beauty Information Centre
(Discovery Centre)

When:

Wednesday 5th October 2011

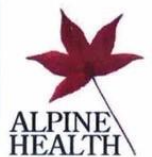
Two Sessions:

3pm & 7pm (catering for workers
and retirees)

Why a Men's Shed in Mt Beauty?

....The shed holds an important place in Australian culture. The backyard shed is often a place of refuge where men can dream dreams, build something practical or create something fanciful. For some it provides a place of memories or for others it's a meeting place where family or special mates swap stories and share skills with each other...

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I remember when The above was published the year I joined the Mount Beauty & District Men's Shed. Our general meeting BBQ's were held under the shelter at the Big Hill Mountain Bike Park and you really had to rug up during winter. With great assistance from Maureen Ryland at Alpine Health, the Committee were soon able to hold their meetings in the small boardroom at Mt Beauty Hospital.

Our BBQ's were then able to be held at the Senior Citizens Centre in town. A few years down the track and we moved into our current, expanded site for work, meetings and BBQ's thanks to the blood, sweat and tears of our members.

We've come a long way thanks to our members, community and local businesses.

Nerves of Steel Woman stops 3.5metre croc with .22 pistol.

A Darwin woman, Beverly Thompson, 38, has stopped a crocodile attack using a small .22 caliber Ruger pistol.

This is a story of self-control and marksmanship by a brave, cool-headed woman with a small pistol against a fierce predator.

Here's her story in her own words: "While walking along the edge of a lake near my house in the Zuccoli Village Estate near Darwin discussing a property settlement with my soon-to-be ex-husband, and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 3.5metre crocodile which suddenly emerged from the murky water.

"It began charging us with its large jaws wide open.

"She must have been protecting her nest because she was extremely aggressive.

"If I had not had my little Ruger .22 calibre pistol with me, I wouldn't be here today!" said Beverly.

"Just one shot to my estranged husband's kneecap was all it took.

"The croc got him easily, and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace.

The amount I saved in lawyer's fees was really incredible - and his life insurance was also a big bonus!. It makes a good case for permits to carry licensed firearms in the Territory."

Guess The Project



Sighted concealed on the "Bike Bench" is our Editors current project. The question is not "what is it?" but when is he going to finish it?

Daily Dose of Poetry.

Goodbye Granddad

Poor old Granddad's passed away, cut off in his prime,
He never had a day off crook - gone before his time,
We found him in the dunny, collapsed there on the seat,
A startled look upon his face, his trousers around his feet,

The doctor said his heart was good - fit as any trout,

The Constable he had his say, 'foul play' was not ruled out.
 There were theories at the inquest of snakebite without a trace,
 Of redbacks quietly creeping and death from outer space,
 No-one had a clue at all - the judge was in some doubt,
 When Dad was called to have his say as to how it came about,
 'I reckon I can clear it up,' said Dad with trembling breath,
 'You see it's quite a story - but it could explain his death.'
 'This here exploration mob had been looking at our soil,
 And they reckoned that our farm was just the place for oil,
 So they came and put a bore down and said they'd make some trials,
 They drilled a hole as deep as hell, they said about three miles.
 Well, they never found a trace of oil and off they went, post haste,
 And I couldn't see a hole like that go to flamin' waste,
 So I moved the dunny over it - real smart move I thought,
 I'd never have to dig again - I'd never be 'caught short'.
 The day I moved the dunny, it looked a proper sight,
 But I didn't dream poor Granddad would pass away that night,
 Now I reckon what has happened - poor Granddad didn't know,
 The dunny was re-located when that night he had to go.
 And you'll probably be wondering how poor Granddad did his dash--
 Well, he always used to hold his breath
 Until he heard the splash!!

Community Resilience Picnic

Sunday 30th October 2022

10:00am - 1:00pm

Location: CFA Station, Lakeside Avenue, Mt Beauty

The Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre is holding a community picnic in conjunction with CFA, SES, Parks, Ambulance, Red Cross, Community Fireguard and KCC (Keep Calm Committee).

This will be another great day to keep planning together for our community to connect and become a more resilient community.

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE & COFFEE

There will be Adult & Children's activities and more from 10:00am.







CFA



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VICTORIA**



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RED CROSS**



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Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre Inc. acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government.

Editors Note.



Another edition of our Shed Torque is finished and I hope you've all had an enjoyable read. There are many other small projects being undertaken on a daily basis at The Shed and there'd be not enough space (or you'd get bored) to mention them all. The demand for kindling has slowed but there are buyers still out there so our machine is still in use. Both the wood and metal workers are very busy with numerous small projects concerning building, repairing and creating.

As always, until the next edition, work safe, drive safe and see you at The Shed.

Cheers, Mark H.