



Men's Sheds are community-based, not-for-profit, non-commercial volunteer organizations that have become vital community assets. They play an important role in the overall improvement of men's health and wellbeing whilst positively engaging with their community for the benefit of their community.

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NEWSLETTER FOR ANGLESEA SHEDDERS

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COORDINATORS REPORT



I joined the shed in 2011, the first meeting I attended was at the Community House, then thanks to the YMCA, we were allocated a small shed to work in, on their property. From small beginnings to our new shed in 2011, we have at present 58 members and average 30 members each Tuesday and about 20 on Thursdays, even during these cold winter months.

We have in our possession a marvellous photo book which records the Anglesea Men's shed beginnings at YMCA, the building process, pouring concrete, erecting walls, painting and then photos of our activities right up to the present day. Our thanks to David and Anne Pugh who have produced this fantastic time line of our shed's birth and we certainly have a wonderful shed today.

One aspect of men's sheds our committee and members would like to rebuff is the accusation that have come from some objectors to the men's shed at Lorne. They have made claims that men's sheds are:

"lonely, drunken old men in close proximity to children at play." They also make further claims of *"alcohol abuse, and riotous and drunken behaviour"*. Nothing can be further from the truth.

As far as we know, all sheds are **Alcohol Free** and strictly managed to fit in with the behaviour expected by the wider community. We here at Anglesea certainly have an alcohol free shed.

We have had another successful year with members enjoying different activities in the shed. Sitting in the Rec room, despite at times being very crowded with standing room only, discussing what has happened during the week or recalling past times, playing darts or using our new computers. Many are only waiting for the most important event - the ringing of the smoko bell. Many thanks to Bruce Bodman our catering guru for all his work getting morning tea up and running twice a week.

I would like to thank Laurie Mason and Jeff Anderson for their ongoing work with OH&S documentation, procedures and induction for the shed. Their commitment to this important aspect of the shed ensures a safe environment for all who attend the shed. Thank you.

As you came in you may have noticed our shed logo at the entrance. I would like to thank Bill Spencer who painted the wall 6 times to get the depth of colour required and also to Doug Philipson who arranged for the logo to be made and then applied to the wall.

A special thanks to Ilma Dite and the other ladies who have been supplying morning tea with all sorts of goodies. No wonder we get so many turning up with delicacies like we get. Also many thanks for those who help cleaning up the dishes afterwards.

We also have many members working in the machine shop assembling or repairing furniture, making items for sale or doing their own projects. As a wood machinist/cabinet maker I find great pleasure instructing and giving advice on projects that members have.

Similarly Daryl Love in the welding shop and Geoff Giles on the metal and wood turning lathes are always ready with advice and help as is Bob Dwyer and Graham Raby. This year thanks to a grant from the Surf Coast Shire we were able to purchase a new thicknesser, which has seen a great deal of use recovering old wood for new projects.

A few of the projects we have completed this year are:

- We repaired and installed the small boat in the lions club playground,
- assembled a flat pack kitchen for lions club to help a local family,
- we are in the process of carving 6 Mushroom Men Bollards for the Surf Coast Council - two are completed, painted and installed in the Lions playground, with another ready for installation and now it seems at least 2 more on order. These have been Graham Raby's babies and what a job he has done. Well done Graham.

There have also been many more small projects completed for the members of the local community with listed finished jobs now in excess of 100.

Once a month, usually around the 3rd Thursday of the month, we attend the pictures at Ric Walter's picture complex at Gnarwarre followed by a meal at the Moriac Pub, always a great day, and enjoyed by all.

Two of our members Jim Tutt and Simon Clark, are on the recycle shed committee which is run through the Anglesea Community House on behalf of the Council. Again thanks to them and all shed members who have contributed their time and effort when asked to, attend a roster day or assist with organisation of goods and cleanup this recycle area at the tip. Jim originally had the idea to recycle unwanted goods and he would be pleased to see the large veranda extension

completed with generous contributions from the Council, Lions and our Community Bank. All monies received from sales are distributed back to community groups, a great help now with grants from Alcoa no longer being available.

Thanks to all our marvellous sponsors - Anglesea Community House, Anglesea Community Bank, Surf Coast Shire and Alcoa. We now have our own shop front in the Anglesea shopping centre with the Community Bank as a 'sub tenant'. They have sold in excess of \$800 of our men's shed products. Thank you Shane and staff.

I would like to thank the previous committee for their help and guidance, as I am a tradie and not management, and this is the first time I have been in this type of position as coordinator. I welcome the new committee and hope that 2015/2016 will be as good as or better than this year just gone. With new challenges, the shed will continue to grow with its members and committee all working together.

Alastair Duke - 2015 coordinator.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT



During the past year, 2014-15, the role of secretary has become considerably less as the shed continues to become more established and settled. My role has been made less onerous by the great support of an energetic committee led by Alastair Duke. We have created good links with the Shire through Leonie Mugavin and Robyn Lucas. Working with the Anglesea Bowls Club has been very easy and we have been able to share our combined spaces well. I do however need to point out that we have outgrown our existing space and we need to find ways of accommodating our growing numbers, with regular attendances of 30+ on Tuesdays.

A big vote of thanks to Shane Madden and the team at the Community Bank. It has become our instant shop front, making our products available to the community but also assisting people to understand more of what we are about at the shed.

We are happy to welcome up to 8 men from the Anglesea Aged Care once a month, giving them an opportunity to get out and meet some new people.

We have taken a leading role in the managing of the Recycle Shed at the Anglesea Recycle Centre, sorting, storing, disposing and general running of this facility. Our combined thanks go to Jim 'Steptoe' Tutt who is still the driving force of this facility. We are proud of the volume of funds that have been shared amongst assisting community groups.

As secretary I have been able to keep members up to date with newsletters from AMSA and VMSA and various other correspondence that comes in. Thank goodness for emails!

Laurie Mason and myself have been working on an update of duties and procedures for the administration of our shed, and, once in place, wish to provide this to Council for clarification of 'who is responsible for what' between Council, Community House and our shed so that there is a complete and better understanding of roles and responsibilities. We would then like to offer this paper to other sheds to assist them with administration guidelines.

I have been secretary now of the Anglesea Men's Shed for the past 5 years. I wish to stress the need for new members to come forward to offer to fill roles in the running of the shed. I need a deputy secretary

who can eventually take on the role of secretary. Without office bearers no organisation can continue to exist - please consider offering to help in some role.

Simon Clark
Secretary

THE TREASURER'S REPORT



Highlights for Year Ending 30th June, 2015

Consolidated Funds: \$13,371.20

Bank Balance: \$12,813.80

Significant income:

- \$5,948 – Manufacture Sales (include \$870.00 for Giraffes)
- \$3,434 – Anglesea Tip Shed Distribution
- \$1,905 – Members - New and Annual Subscriptions
- \$1,856 – Coffee Tea and Coffee
- \$1,439 – Bunnings Sausage BBQ
- \$1,196 – Renovate Dinghy
- \$1,169 – Sunday Markets
- \$1,000 – Surfcoast Grant for Thicknesser Machine
- \$933 – G.S.T. Saving
- \$650 – Farm Shed Movies
- \$518 – Community Bank – Sale of Manufactured Goods
- \$280 – Materials and Construction of Hanging Rod for Arthouse
- \$499 – Tools Required to create Toadstool Men
- \$498 – Sales of Equipment
- \$473 – Voluntary Donations
- \$250 – Balance for Friends of Otways Bushwalking Seat
- \$100 – Anglesea Motor Yacht Club Roo Run Appreciation of Assistance

Significant expenses:

- \$3,523 – Languna Thicknesser Machine
- \$2,391 – Purchase of Air Conditioner and Installation for Recreation Room
- \$1,873 – Tools – (Band Saw: \$699, Cordless Drill: \$469)
- \$1,667 – Coffee and Tea
- \$1,475 – Manufacture Sales (including Giraffes)
- \$558 – Wood Carver Kit and Several Drum Wraps
- \$536 – Tools Maintenance
- \$500 – Donation to Foodlink
- \$404 - Bunnings Sausage BBQ

\$338 – One (1) Argon 'D' Cylinder & 5kg Steel Migwire
\$257 – Electricity
\$200 – Australian Men's Shed Association
\$170 – Donation to Ric Walters Charities (*Shearing Shed Movies*)

Comment:

This Financial Year has recorded a **42% increase** of our Consolidated Funds compared to the previous year (\$9,395.35) and **\$13,371.20** is an outstanding result.

Many thanks to every member for the continuing support of our Club. My appreciation is extended to Barry Nancarrow for his assistance as we keep our Treasury up to date.

Doug Philipson
Treasurer

2014- 2015 Risk Management Report

The inaugural OH&S program initiated on our Shed start up has served us well, with no injuries sustained during the building program and subsequent Shed activities. This year our Committee decided it was appropriate to review our OH&S program and broaden it to include all aspects of managing risks associated with Shed activities. The review which includes responsibilities to our auspice body Anglesea Community House, and our sponsoring body the Surf Coast Shire, is almost completed .

In addition to this review the Committee has decided that the Shed Governance will be in line with the Model Rules set out for Incorporated Bodies , and a set of Management Guidelines has been developed for this purpose, and these are to be ratified by the new Committee upon hand over at the AGM. It is intended that a complete audit of our risk management program will also be undertaken early in the life of our new Management Committee.

I wish to pay tribute to Jeff Anderson for his advice and role in conducting safety inductions and to our experienced workshop machinery trainers for their guidance in showing newcomers how to operate power tools and machines effectively and safely and to our Committee members for their support.

Laurie Mason OH&S Coordinator

Workshop Report

Over the last 12 months our happy team of workers have created many products that have enabled us raise a figure of \$5,028 through sales from our shed, riverside markets, the Community Bank and orders. The men work on these projects each week and are encouraged by the sales generated from their work. Thank you to all the people involved at the shed in the manufacture of saleable items. You are all doing a great job and enjoying ourselves at the same time. Some of the items made are listed below:

Timber Birds, Dogs, Cats, Christmas Trees, Oven possums, toy trains,
Easels, Gum Boot holders and boot pullers, Giraffes, Candle Holders, Fire Pokers, Cranes,
Picture hangers, Shopping list Pads, Soap boards,

And many more projects.

Bob Dwyer

FYI Just something to ponder ...

Your Heater...

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a toxic gas that is produced when the carbon in fuels, such as natural gas, does not burn completely in appliances such as gas heaters.

CO is hazardous in high concentrations and can be fatal or cause chronic illness.

It is known as a silent killer as unlike LP Gas you can't smell it and you can't see or taste it.

Energy Safe Victoria recommends that ALL gas heaters, including central heating units, decorative log fires, space heaters and wall furnaces, are serviced every two years by a licensed and registered gasfitter using a CO analyser to prevent CO poisoning.

PLEASE NOTE: Central heating units also produce CO and the location of the unit outside or in the roof does not mitigate the risk.

- CO poisoning is often undetected or misdiagnosed because it can present as flu-like symptoms including headaches, nausea or fatigue.
- Chronic CO poisoning can be very debilitating and severe CO poisoning can cause death or permanent impairment.

For further information, contact ESV on 03 9203 9700.

Electric blankets don't last forever...

Product	Risk Hazard	Web site link
ALDI—Lumina Electric Blanket (RE-ANNOUNCED)	Fire	http://www.recalls.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1074421

Copy of a letter from a concerned ratepayer to his local councilor....

I read with alarm the possibility of the Shire agreeing to building and maintaining an Aquatic Centre.

Whilst I can see there are benefits for some sections of the community I consider they are far outweighed by the costs. I gather much of the interest has come from an action group in Torquay who object to travelling into the Greater Geelong area to use their facilities.

On the basis of user pays it is a far better proposition for the general Surf Coast Shire population if these and other potential pool users continue to travel to the Greater Geelong area and have that municipality pay the costs for this type of operation as they have a much larger revenue base.

The life span of large indoor pools is limited to perhaps 20-30 years (see Rawlinsons and Cordells Building and Construction Cost publications) assuming there are no major problems (as with the pool at Belmont). The corrosive nature of the operation gives rise to increasing maintenance costs in regard to building fabric, plant and equipment particularly in the mid to latter stages of their economic life. Also alternative uses for this type of premises when obsolescent would appear to be very limited.

It is also reasonable to expect the Duty of Care to and supervision of patrons, for which centre operators are responsible, is likely to be an ongoing issue given our increasingly litigious society.

Furthermore the potential siting of the facility, no doubt in Torquay, is potentially problematical given the Shire's geography, population spread and the limited availability of public transport from rural areas to Torquay in particular.

I wish to thank the Shire for the opportunity for the broader community to attend Community Forums in regard to this proposal.

Note: The community meeting for Anglesea regarding the proposal for a pool in Torquay is scheduled for Thursday 3rd September at the Senior Citizens Centre commencing at 6.00 PM.

On a lighter note....

An American decided to write a book about famous churches around the world. So he bought a plane ticket and took a trip to Orlando, thinking that he would start by working his way across the USA from South to North. On his first day he was inside a church taking photographs when he noticed golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read "\$10,000 per call". The American, being intrigued, asked priest who was strolling by what the telephone was used for.

The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God. The American thanked the priest and went along his way.

Next stop was in Atlanta. There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same golden telephone with the same sign under it. He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in Orlando and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was. She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God. O.K., thank you," said the American. He then travelled to Indianapolis, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Boston, and New York. In every church he saw the same golden telephone with the same "\$10,000 per call" sign under it.

The American, upon leaving Vermont decided to travel to AUSTRALIA to see if Australians had the same phone. He arrived in Australia, and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read "40 cents per call." The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign. Father, I've travelled all over America and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in the US the price was \$10,000 per call. Why is it so cheap here?"

The priest smiled and answered, "You're in Australia now, mate - it's a local call".

And....one for our Bushies....



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Drought trigger clear as day

WHEN I was a kid we never had drought after drought.

Then we started with daylight saving. We started with a little bit, but now we have six months of the year daylight saving.

It has just become too much for the environment to cope with.

It is so logical, for six months of the year we have an extra hour each day of that hot afternoon sun.

I read somewhere that scientific studies had shown there is a lot less moisture in the atmosphere which means we get less rain.

I believe this one hour extra sun is slowly evaporating all the moisture out of everything.

Why can't the Government get the CSIRO to do studies on this, or better still, get rid of daylight savings.

They have to do something before it is too late.

— CHRIS HILL,
Albury

A Reminder - Our 2015 AGM will be held on Tuesday 25th August in the shed. Morning tea at 10am followed by the meeting at 10.30am. Please show your interest by attending if possible.