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From the Editor.

Welcome to The Ant again.

As stated in every newsletter:

We would like to learn a little more about member's life before the shed. Everyone has a story! You may not think it is at all remarkable but to everyone else it lets us know you just that bit better. If you would like to relate your story in the next copy of the Ant just forward a few lines to the editor at sgc133@bigpond.com.

Other items of interest are always welcome – new ideas, tried and true methods as handy hints, favourite recipes, travel stories, family stories, hobbies outside of the shed, a home project or why you live where you live.

We welcome our new member John Rathjens to our shed. Please introduce yourself and make him welcome!

*Do you know a man who might like to join the shed?
Bring him along one day to have a look and share a cuppa with us.*

You might like to visit our web site and see what is there or give us something to add to it:
Anglesea Men's Shed website: <https://angleseamensshed.com/>
If you have something to add let Jeff Wilson know: 0474 748 792

How are you travelling????

Feel free to ring any of the committee if you need help or just want a chat.

WHAT'S ON

Christmas Lunch: either 20th or 21st December. TBC. Most likely at the Anglesea Hotel.

Ongoing - Men's Shed Apprenticeship Support Scheme 2022.

The Anglesea and District Men's Shed are still able to assist young apprentices with a monetary grant under our new initiative to support local female or male 1st year or mature age apprentices in developing their "hands on skills". This support recognizes the difficulties that young people in general, and in particular those undertaking a trade course face, when living and working in regional areas such as the Surf Coast. Having skilled trades people, particularly young people and their families, living and working in our local area makes the area more resilient and vibrant. This scheme is open to all apprenticeships, not just the traditional building, plumbing, carpentry, engineering, automotive or electrical trades that a Men's Shed might be expected to support.

The Shed are offering a number of grants of up to \$500 to assist apprentices living or working for a business in Anglesea, Aireys Inlet, Fairhaven and Moggs Creek or working for a local trade in the above areas. The grants are open to all trades and may be used for any purpose to do with enhancing trade education and skill learning. Grant applications are to be accompanied by a letter of support from their employer. So far, the shed has supported 3 apprentices – a first year chef, electrician and cabinet maker.

For more information and application form see <https://angleseamensshed.com/apprenticeship-support/>.

Do You Need a Shed Uniform?

Make sure of your Shirt and Cap – Is it worn out?

Replacement/New caps, shirts & jackets available for members to purchase.

Contact: **Doug Philipson** at the Shed or 5263 1922 or 0421 635 380

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family.

The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche.

My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey.

But the stranger... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first football game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind.

Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honour them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home - not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our long time visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush.

My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol but the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked ... And NEVER asked to leave.

More than sixty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

His name? We just call him 'TV.'

(Note: This should be required reading for every household!)

He has a wife now we call her 'Computer.'

Their first child is 'Mobile Phone'. Second child is 'I Pod ' ,

OH MY----HOW TRUE THIS IS!!!

**All Care and no responsibility has been taken in preparing this
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**Keep well, share this newsletter freely and we hope to see you at the shed
very soon!**

Enjoy your day!