

# Wodonga Men's Shed Inc.

## Newsletter March 2018

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### Chairman's Message 2018

Can't stop 'pinching myself' .... what a fabulous Shed we now have! The facility is fabulous but more importantly you, the blokes are. I'm really enjoying our mate-ship, thank you.

You might have noticed we now have more ear muffs, goggles and dust masks (thank you Bill Donovan). I'm pleased to see them being used. Shortly we will be re-issuing our Safety Handbook and asking you to confirm your commitment to safety as a prerequisite for membership. As well I'd like to thank Mark Stacey for providing CPR training and thanks too to those who have attended thus far; if you haven't yet please do so, there are still workshops to go.

Touching on our workshop environment I'd like to thank the Dust Extraction System installation team: Dick, David, Rick, Ian and Ron plus anyone I have missed (sorry). It is now taking shape and it certainly looks impressive. Thank you, your persistence and competence are appreciated. I'm sure we will all enjoy having less dust around.

We have received 30 surveys which is great, thank you for taking the time to provide your input, it is appreciated. Our Secretary, Mick McInerney, will now collated your responses for analysis and input into our strategic planning. Your Committee will report back to you as the process progresses: watch this space! This said, in the meantime, we will continue to work to improve your Shed experience.

On the social side of late we have enjoyed another Shed visit and Dine Out Group experience at Chiltern; thanks Kevin. Thanks too to Shane, Anna and John for a delicious Thai lunch and Alec for the refreshing WMS boutique beer. As well our ladies, lead by Colleen, enjoyed good fellowship over coffee at the Huon Hill Hotel, the first of what are planned as quarterly events.

If you haven't signed up already, please seriously consider attending the upcoming camp at Mt. Beauty, Fri 16 to Wed 21 March (see details previously emailed), and please encourage your ladies to attend the special Home Repair & Maintenance Workshop, Thu 22 Mar 1 to 4 pm, no previous experience is required (details included in this newsletter).

At the Shed I encourage you to enjoy the journey and where you can support our significant fund raising activities: sign up for a fund raising BBQ or 2 (see lists on the notice board), and pitch in to help cut kindling so we have a good supply ready for the cold weather which will probably arrive with Easter. See you at the shed! Adrian Adair Chairman

## Meet your New Member - Ken Every



I have been a member for a little while (joined 2<sup>nd</sup> half of last year), but was not active. We were in the process of selling our hobby farm at Wooragee, so dropped off a couple of trailer loads of timber. As we have settled into life at Westmont, I will need to be occupied more and have now become more active in the Wodonga Men's Shed.

Rosemary and I were married 43 years ago whilst I was in the RAAF, and had postings to Newcastle, Butterworth (Malaysia), Canberra, Townsville and Adelaide. We have 2 beautiful girls and 3 grandsons; 8, 5 and 2. Our eldest daughter, husband and grandchildren live in Yarram; and the youngest lives in Albury.

After 26 years at Wooragee, we decided to downsize to Wodonga and choose Westmont Retirement Village, where we have built a 3 bedroom, double garage home.

My employment consisted of an aircraft radio technician (RAAF), curtain and blind fitter, factory cleaner / general hand, trade teacher, and quality assurance manager in teaching. 40 years after joining the RAAF I retired from paid work in 2012, and took up position as a board member of Heart Support Australia for 2 years.

Interests are a healthy and active lifestyle. Other groups I am involved with are the Country Fire Authority, Heart Support Australia, Hash House Harriers, Albury Wodonga 4 Wheel Drive Club, Bicycle Network (Great Victorian Bike Ride & Around the Bay Ride), fossicking for gold and gems, camping, caravanning and volunteer with Care

### **Bike project – Rotary Donations in Kind (RDIK)**

RDIK is recycling suitable goods for people in need.

Belvoir/Wodonga Rotary Club acquired many push bikes and asked us if we could repair them allowing RDIK to send them to a third world country (believed to be somewhere in Africa).

When I was being shown around on my introduction tour of the Men's Shed complex, I noticed the bikes outside, and enquired as to what was happening with them. I have volunteered on the past 12 Great Victorian Bike Rides and numerous out of state rides also as a member of the WARBY team (We Are Right Behind You). We ride in the group and assist with the first aid repair of bikes and sometimes the riders and support those riders who are struggling towards the end of the day. With this experience I have been nominated to co-ordinate the repairs.

Ken Every



Mark Stacey delivering a talk on the Heart, its structure, problems, warnings, symptoms and advice regarding what you can do to avoid problems and also what you can do in an emergency

The last of the instruction sessions on CPR and Defibrillators is approaching so please put your name on the list. The shedders who have already completed the session reckon it's well worth doing and very enjoyable.

## **Brewer's Corner**

Members will have noticed the brewing crew busy crafting various refreshments.

The finished product is available to members and we hope they make a small donation to cover the cost of the ingredients.

To date the suggested donation for stubbies is 50 cents and longnecks \$1.

They can be taken home as soon as they are brewed but will need to mature for 2 or 3 weeks after bottling. The variety of the contents are shown on the display table and can be accessed now.

So far, dark ale, lager, old, non alcoholic ginger beer and Canadian Blonde are available but others may will follow as the days pass if the venture proves worthwhile.

All shedders are welcome to join in the brewing group and if you want to make a brew, there is plenty of help available. Your suggestions concerning what you would like the group to create would be welcome.

Talk to Alec Thompson or Les Hawkins about the refreshments now available that are laid out on the table.



## Dog's Dinner Group at the Chiltern Men's Shed Wednesday 28th February 2018



Lunch at the Hotel



Lady Chairman Robyn Bright describes the activities

Congratulations to the Chiltern Men's Shed who put on a wonderful morning, some great ideas were gained from the experience and may possibly be proposed as activities for WMS

### Little known facts :

#### 50 Unbelievably Weird Facts about Australia

- 25% of Australians born in another country.
- Australia has the world's longest golf course measuring more than 850 miles long.
- Australia is home to 10 of the world's 15 most poisonous snakes.
- Perth is the only city in the world which can have aircraft land in its CBD.

## Members Survey

The members survey has now been completed, the final date for submission of responses was 28th February 2018.

We received 30 responses (approximately 50%) , this is a satisfactory response rate for surveys.

I will now compile and collate the results, a survey report will be made available to members in the near future.

The committee will consider the result of the survey in developing our strategic plan.

Thank you to those members that went to the trouble of completing the survey, your interest in the future of the men's shed is appreciated.

Mick McInerney

Secretary

### WHAT'S IS A NAME ?

A woman arrived at a party and while scanning the guests, she spotted an attractive man standing across the room, alone.

She approached him, smiled and said, "Hello, my name is Carmen."

He replied, "That is a beautiful name. Is it a family name?"

She answered, "No, as a matter of fact, I gave it to myself. It represents the two things that I enjoy most – cars and men. Therefore, I chose Carmen."

Then she asked, "What's your name?"

He answered, "George Titsengolf"

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I have been in many places but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport, you have to be driven there. I've made several trips there, thanks to my work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible but only when it was very important to stand firm.



Jurgen Von Jenner has finished a project from a Ms Tracey Jacobson who wanted three family heirlooms restored.

A cabinet with very sentimental value

A painting which was the first gift from her Mother-in-Law and its frame required restoration.

A large mirror also a present from her Mother- in- Law in need of repair

Below are some pictures

Ms Jacobson donated \$200 to the shed



Before



After





### **Barry Heaton working on St. Monicas Project**

The Men's Shed has been asked by St. Monicas to make 30 crosses, painted white, for the school.

Each cross will then be hand painted by a local indigenous artist with input from the students

The crosses will then be hung in the various class rooms and other rooms throughout the school. Barrie Heaton is currently working his way through the task of making these crosses.

The first 5 have now been hand painted by the school and we are told they are very happy with the result.





## WORKSHOP WORKWEAR OPEN DAY

During the weeks before Xmas 2017 also late in January 2018, Mr Colin Chiefly of BOC Gases contacted the Wodonga Men's Shed to offer us a range of workwear free of charge.

The workwear includes boots, shorts, trousers, work shirts, polo shirts, etc. The sizes of the gear varies significantly, however it is all high quality workwear and we are most appreciative of the generosity of BOC Gases.

The Management Committee have decided the most appropriate way to distribute the bounty is to have a Workwear Open Day, where members will have the opportunity to "road test" the workwear by trying it on. Members will then make a fair and reasonable offer on the item of goods. As an example, \$10 is thought to be a fair and reasonable offer for a Bisley Polo Shirt.

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## WORKSHOP WORKWEAR OPEN DAY "LUCKY" FRIDAY 13 APRIL 2018 IN THE AMENITIES ROOM AT THE SHED, 1/16 JAMIESON COURT, WODONGA

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Mick McInerney and Malcolm Gillies will facilitate the Open Day, if you have any questions ring Mick on 0488 440 108.

A guy was driving his truck along the interstate, when he admitted to his wife that he had screwed around on her. She proceeded to cut his penis off with a hunting knife, and throw it out the window.

The penis whizzed through the air and landed momentarily with a "SPLAT" on the windshield of the car behind, before sliding off. The little girl who was riding with her father yelled, "Daddy! Ew, what was that? I'm scared."

Her father said, "Don't worry honey, it was only a bug."

His daughter said, "Wow, that bug really had a huge d\*\*k!"