

# Port Fairy Men's Shed Inc. NEWSLETTER

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## Report from President

Hi Fellow Shedders,

I have returned from my holiday and an earlier trip to Hobart for the Australian Men's Shed Assoc. Conference, to find 'The Shed' at lock up stage. I appreciate the hard work of Harry Bracegirdle and Peter Fawns who successfully jumped a few hurdles to get 'The Shed' to where it is now.

A big "thank you" to all who gave some time and effort to assist the shed builder (Western District Sheds) and therefore helped save \$3,000. These helpers included Leo Dalton, Peter Down, Peter Fawns, Gerry McCartin, Max Cameron, Harry Bracegirdle and Keith Bunge.

While on holidays I was able to visit Men's Shed in NSW at Grenfell, Bowral and Yass and pick up useful comments and information from their enthusiastic 'Shedders'.

There is a big network out there as Harry and I realized when we visited the Conference in Hobart. We have some good photos and videos to share with you when we organise a General Meeting in November to talk about 'making the shed work'.

The next important issue for us, locally, is to commence the 'fit out' of our Shed. The Project Committee has selected **B.A. Building Services** to oversee this task and coordinate the various 'tradies' involved. We have written to the unsuccessful tenderers and thanked them for their help and interest in this important community project.

As well as the Shed being at 'lock up' stage the Show Society have completed installing the septic tank and soakage lines. Fit out will commence after Show Day, 7th November.

Our tradesmen have indicated that they are willing to accept assistance in construction where appropriate, and make some savings to assist our budget for 'Fit-out' costs.

If you are interested, and feel you have the skills and necessary fitness levels, please ring me on 5568-2153 (answering machine) or speak to me and I will organize a roster; probably no more than 2 on any one day. If you could leave your phone number and indicate days of the week when you would be available that would be most helpful.

Don Stephens

## Shed construction

The filled land at the Showgrounds meant that a pier and beam structure had to be installed to give the foundation a stable base which resulted in considerable drilling of piers down to the bedrock, particularly at the south-west corner of the site where the piers were 3.4 metres deep. The extra concrete and mesh for the piers and beams was \$5,761 and, with additional contractor and excavation costs, the additional expenditure is estimated at over \$6,300.



Drilling the piers



"Happy Shedder", Peter Fawns helps in pouring beams

The Shed was erected in about two weeks by **Western District Sheds** under the guidance of Greg Barlow. It was pleasing to see it take shape and our dream finally become a reality. In the main, the weather was kind to us although the wind at the site was always going to be a bit of a problem.





Raising the end walls



The Shed – erected at last!

The Port Fairy Show Society has responsibility for the installation and connection of the septic tank and this proved to be a challenge given the amount of bluestone taken out of the site to make way for the tank and sullage lines. Once the top soil is restored, the area will cover what was a really, big job!



A lot of rock came out for the tank!

As indicated in President's report, the only remaining task is the fit-out of the Shed. The erection of internal walls, installation of kitchen benches, electrical wiring and lighting, together with the plumbing of toilets and kitchen areas, will be carried out by **BA Building Supplies**. The fit out of the **Men's Shed workspace** is being coordinated by Keith Bunge who will be looking for assistance from the Shedders in a few weeks.

## Pacific Hydro Grant

We are pleased to advise that Pacific Hydro have awarded the Port Fairy Men's Shed a \$10,000 grant from their Sustainable Communities Fund and we will

gratefully accept the cheque at the presentation ceremony at the Victoria Hotel on 25<sup>th</sup> November. The PFMS is one of nine local projects that they have funded in 2009.



## Shed budget

The Committee is carefully monitoring the construction costs to ensure that we stay within budget and a summary of **Income versus Expenditure** is listed below.

At the time of writing we have received most of the funds except for the \$10K due from Pacific Hydro later this month and the final \$10K of the \$50K granted by the Victorian Government (DPCD). The DPCD money is able to be claimed when the project is completed.

As you will see, the Shed budget is very tight and currently in deficit but, taking into account the contingency allowance and potential savings on the fit-out if we provide labour assistance, we should be able to balance the books. If unforeseen costs arise in the fit-out then we will delay installation of water tanks (part of external plumbing work) and the workspace fit-out to save funds.

Summary of Income	incl. GST
DPCD	\$ 50,000
Australian Lions Foundation	\$ 15,000
Lions Club per GSK	\$ 22,000
Uebergang Foundation	\$ 5,000
Gardiner Foundation	\$ 5,000
Gwen & Edna Jones Foundation	\$ 5,000
Port Fairy Folk Festival	\$ 25,000
Rotary Club	\$ 500
Pacific Hydro	\$ 10,000
Start-up funds (ex Lions & PFMS)	\$ 700
<b>Sub- Total</b>	<b>\$ 138,200</b>
<b>Show Society in-kind contribution</b>	<b>\$ 9,550</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 147,750</b>

NB. Show Society will cover their costs directly.

Summary of Construction Costs	incl. GST
Planning costs	\$ 1,937
Shed & Slab Cost	\$ 63,831
Site Preparation	\$ 3,710
Fit-out costs	
Kitchen & Toilet area	\$ 36,047
Site Electrical work	\$ 9,460
Internal Plumbing work (per Moody's)	\$ 8,958
Workspace fit-out	\$ 3,760
External plumbing work	\$ 13,980
Electrical Connection to Grid	\$ 500
Other Services	\$ 3,831
<b>Sub- Total</b>	<b>\$ 146,014</b>
<b>Contingency allowance</b>	<b>\$ 4,322</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 150,336</b>

## General meeting of PFMS members

Once the fit-out of the Shed nears completion it is planned that a meeting of all members of the PFMS be held at the Shed to discuss future activities. We will notify all members about this and look forward to your attendance. The meeting is planned for November.

