



## Men's Shed Inside News

### **The Men's Shed set for a cracker in 2011**

Welcome to the first Newsletter for 2011.

2010 ended on a high with the Men's Shed Christmas Dinner. Nearly 100 enjoyed a wonderful evening full of Christmas cheer. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, many lucky guests also walked away winners. Christmas certainly came early for Wally Robertson, winner of the eye-popping Hamper.



**The talk of the town..** *The Shed was at its festive best*

The evening was such a success; more events are planned for 2011. As well as a chance to catch up with friends, they're a great way to promote the Shed and its many purposes.



**Many hands make light work.**

*Thanks to all who pitched in on the night.*



**Carving it up.** *Doesn't Riz look great in that apron?*

The new Committee has taken shape. We're proud to announce the new appointments of Peter Down as Treasurer and Don Stephens as Secretary. We wish them all the best in their newly elected roles.

**Smart storage.** Construction of our additional storage space is progressing well. We're hopeful it will be completed before winter sets in. Thank you Keith Bunge and Jack Smits for overseeing this vital development that will benefit all associated with the Men's Shed.

**Busy boys.** Many Members have been busy completing projects. There are at least eight new potential projects to be assessed by the committee. Completed projects include:

- Trays for Meals on Wheels
  - Teapot cover stands for Moyneyana Hostel
  - Refurbishing an antique wooden wheelbarrow
  - Display cabinets for the Show Society
  - Easels for art classes
  - Two native bird boxes
  - Door ramp for the RSL
  - Refurbishing of seats for the Bowls Club
  - Members are also working on a Billy Cart production line, using recycled wheelie-bins.
- To assist with current projects or to start your own project, please feel free to contact any of the committee members.

**Festival Alert.** Among Port Fairy Folk Festival preparations, we have been painting light poles at the Awabi Court Folk Festival Shed

**Looking ahead.** Future projects include:

- More Billy Carts
- Refreshing the Fletcher Jones Surf Boat and Reardon Theatre Grand Piano
- Garden Furniture

**Doing it right. Training and OHS**

Prevention is the best cure. Denis Lemke can arrange training on Shed procedures and how to use any equipment. Programs include:



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- Introduction to use of the wood turner, welder, etc.
- First Aid and CPR. St. John's Ambulance instructors will visit us soon.
- Fire Safety in the home and shed by CFA Trainer.

## Drop in. Everybody's welcome at the Shed

We encourage people to come and see the Shed and make use of the facilities and meet the friendly members. The urn is always bubbling. The Shed is open Mondays and Wednesdays.

If dropping in to work on a project, please adhere to the following procedure:

1. Sign the book so you are insured.
2. Work in a group so you're not alone in the workshop.

If working on a group project, you can pick a day that suits your team.

## Visit from fellow Shedders

We enjoyed showcasing our Shed to other Shedders from Timboon, Cobden, Macarthur and Mortlake who are either operating or setting up their own sheds in their respective towns. We enjoyed a chance to chat and share ideas over a BBQ.

## All together now. Shed group activities

A Craft Group of ladies have been gathering at the Shed on Thursday afternoons to practice skills and socialise. The Meeting Room is very comfortable and we encourage any keen 'Crafters' to join them.

The Moyneyana Hostel men and the Fri-boys have been coming regularly on Wednesdays. They've helped us pack toy kits and designed native bird boxes for the Hostel garden.



Several members set up a float for the Moyneyana Festival Annual Procession. The magnificent float featured billy carts made from old wheelie bins and

even won a \$100 prize for the Best Use of Recycled Material. Well done all! Keith Bunge's restored car was also a highlight at the procession.

On Kids' Day, we set up the Scout Hall and helped children select and make one of our five pre-packed toys. They chose from a boat, cradle, truck, tool carrier or an aeroplane. We drilled holes for the nails this year so we didn't bend as many, and fingers were safer. After a slow start, things got really busy after lunch with many parents joining in the fun



## Keeping it clean. A tidy Shed is a safe Shed

The Meeting Room and Workshop need regular attention to keep them functional. A big 'thank you' to John Lampard and Harry who regularly keep an eye on this. Also, thank you to Ewen for the 'shampoo job' on the filthy carpet. For the benefit and safety of all members, please remember to clean up as you go.

If you could volunteer some time, there are always jobs to do such as sweeping, cleaning, washing up or a run to the Tip. Please see a committee member about helping out.

## Bill Gates move over. Improve your computer skills.

Our IT department, Harry, is back! Are you interested in developing your computer skills? Please contact Harry about organising a time.

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## Committee Member Details

President	Ewen Cameron	55783284
Secretary	Don Stephens	55682153
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	Ralph Leutton	55681747
	Gerry McCartin	55687478
	Mick Wentworth	55682396
	Leo Dalton	55682238
	Keith Bunge	55682524

## **Like to become a Member**

Becoming a member costs just \$5 to join and \$10 for annual membership. Contact a Committee member or get a form at the shed.

Please notify the Secretary  
(jennifer.stephens@bigpond.com) of new or  
changed email addresses

## **More Photos**



### **Donations to the PFMS**

The Port Fairy Men's Shed has been classified by the ATO as a Designated Gift Recipient and therefore donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible

PFMS is auspiced by the Port Fairy-Belfast Lions Club and is a member of the Australian Men's Shed Association



## Project / Work Request

**Date:** .....

**Client / Name** *(person making the request):* .....

**Position held in Organisation:** .....

**Name of Organisation you represent:** .....

**Address:** .....

**Phone:** ..... **Fax:** .....

**Email address:** .....

**Briefly describe the project / work required including its purpose / intended use**

*(the Project Committee will discuss the project further with your representative)*

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**What goods / materials will be required?** .....

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**Is there a time frame when you would like this project completed by?** .....

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**Please note:**

1. The Port Fairy Men's Shed (PFMS) has specific Guidelines setting out the scope of work or job undertaken by the Men's Shed on behalf of an external entity or person ("the Client"). A copy of the Guidelines is available upon request.
2. The Committee will use the Guidelines as a test of whether the proposed Project / Work fit the general aims and objectives of the PFMS. The Committee has the authority to reject a request for work if it judges that it does not meet the Guidelines. However, the Committee retains the power and discretion to be flexible where the best interests of the PFMS and the community can be upheld.
3. All materials and costs associated with the project are to be met by the organization requesting the project.
4. You will receive a response to this request when the Committee has had an opportunity to assess the Men's Shed member's availability for the project.

Thank you for your enquiry.

**Please forward your request to:**

**The Secretary,** Port Fairy Men's Shed PO Box 34, Port Fairy, VIC. 3284