

Hume Men's Shed (Sunbury) Inc.

2013 AGM President's Report.

The year 12/13 was heralded in, in a positive/positive way for HMS Sunbury with the resignation of our contact at Hume City Council in relation to the fit out of the shed, David Mazzotti. He was replaced by Julie Andrews (Administration) and David Rhoderick (Capital Works) who are both very willing to seek out and provide information when required.

The Fit Out

The plans have been drawn up but the only catch was securing a Commercial Builder (A Council requirement) to take on the project at an acceptable cost; this has been time consuming!

Both John Hunter and myself met with Russell van Schelleng of AJAY Constructions at the shed last Friday 12th July at 8am. Fortunately he is a 'pro shedder' and was willing to take on the project with us fitting out the shed under his supervision.

The Committee

Behind every strong and successful club is an active committee.

This year I regret to say that it has been difficult to get committee members to take on roles of responsibility that were required for the shed to move forward.

No one initially was willing to take on the Membership, Welfare responsibilities or co-ordinate the weekly Friday lunch.

This has certainly not been the case with work carried out within the shed. All members being very active with various projects and helpful to new members.

The New Committee

It is essential that those elected on to the committee for the year 13/14 be pro-active in taking on roles to assist other committee members and to actively promote the club within the community.

My aim, and I hope it is yours, is to have one of the best regional sheds in Victoria; we have the talent within our present membership and the space to do so.

A sincere thanks to:

The Secretary, John Hunter, for his professional approach to the time consuming and thankless position.

John's assistance with projects within the workshop has been greatly appreciated.

The Treasurer, Graham Bouchier for his precise monthly and AGM financial reports – all very time consuming. Graham has been busy in the shed installing power points, lighting as well as maintenance on the odd machine.

The Membership/ Grants applications co-ordinator, Mike Newman to pull on the dual role, both very time consuming and to do them in a professional manner.

Our current membership stands at 72.

The Bunnings BBQ team, Fred Lupson and Ian Baird for actively co-ordinating and being involved in all our BBQ's

The Quiet Achiever, Brian Girdwood our senior test and tagger of all the shed's electrical equipment. In addition to the above Brian has compiled a complete list of all the equipment within the shed for insurance purposes.
Brian's dab hand at restorations, e.g. Vices, Hammers, The Guillotine are sights to be seen.

Trevor Dunn, (Retiring from Committee) An inaugural member of the shed. He has been very busy in the inspection and maintenance of all the woodworking machinery that we have been either given or purchased and has worked tirelessly with other members to set up the woodworking section.
It is hoped Trevor will continue as one of the project co-ordinators.

Fred Lupson, (Retiring from Committee) Also an inaugural member, for his great contribution in the metalworking section within the shed, constructing benches and other welding type work, as well as the BBQ's at Bunnings.

Ian Baird, (Retiring from Committee) A long standing member of the 'Shed' whose contribution to anything mechanical and in the metalwork department has been greatly appreciated. Also a BBQ organizer with Fred Lupson.

Ivan Furey, (Retiring from committee) Another inaugural member and our first Treasurer, now quietly beaver away in the woodworking department. A contribution very much appreciated.

The woodworking section is up and running thanks to the effort and commitment by the above retiring committee members.

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The metal working section. A MIG welder and Guillotine have been obtained and it is hoped the Rotary club of Sunbury can assist in the purchase of a lathe, folder and bandsaw.

To the manager of Bunnings Sunbury store Mary, aided by Marie and staff for their assistance throughout the year.
This has enabled the shed to have the healthy bank balance that we have today – thank you.

To all the members that have contributed in any way to achieve the current status of the shed....I thank you.

Regards
Ian Lupson President.