



"Making friends making a difference together"

Thursday, 3, May 2012

Good morning Gentlemen,

I would like to take this opportunity to present the first President's Report of the Hume Men's Shed Sunbury.

I would like to thank the Committee and the members who so willingly gave their time and support throughout the past 18 months.

For me personally, the term has passed quickly by and when I reflect back on our achievements and activities I am very proud to be where we are today.

I would like to take some time to go back to how the Shed Started.

Early 2010 informal discussions amongst friends resulted in an expression of interest in the formation of a "Men's Shed" in Sunbury. Through a friend in the Craigieburn Men's Shed which was in it's second year of negotiations with Hume City Council, I was given the contact details for the Reverend Milton Oliver, convener of the Men's Shed. Reverend Milton Oliver was approached to form a Men's Shed in Sunbury in conjunction with Craigieburn Men's Shed.

A small group of interested men held meetings at various places around Sunbury including:

Just Planet

St Andrews Sunday School

Sunbury Bowling Club

At these meetings Reverend Oliver approached me to be spokesperson for the Sunbury Men's Shed.

Meetings were also held regularly and during the September meeting it was agreed to progress further and form a Committee.

At the October meeting at Bellview Drive and election was held and the following office bearers were elected:

- President Garry Pettitt
- Vice President Graham Sidel
- Treasurer Ivan Furey
- Seceretary John Hunter
- Committee Member Trevor Dunn
- Committee Member Ian Baird
- Committee Member Ian Lupson
- Committee Member Fred Lupson
- Convener The Reverend Milton Oliver, Roxburg Park Community Church (RPCC)

In late 2010 for the purpose of expediency, the Committee elected to adopt the Craigieburn Men's Shed Constitution, By Laws and membership forms. It was decided to:

- Lodge and application to become an Incorporated Association
- Develop an interim program for the new Sunbury Shed
- Develop Project guidelines

Committee member Trevor Dunn informed the Committee of a large unused shed at the South end of the Grasslands in Evans Street Sunbury. It would be ideal for the activities planned for the men's Shed. Reverend Oliver was notified of this site and negotiations commenced with the Hume City Council for it's use.

Visits were made to existing men's Sheds in:

- Kyneton
- Melton
- Whittlesea Sunbury Community Centre

For ideas regarding layouts, equipment and facilities.

In December 2010, Craigieburn Men's Shed kindly donated \$1,000.00 to the Sunbury Men's Shed for stationary and administrative costs.

January 2011 was the start of fundraising for the first sausage sizzle held at Bunnings Warehouse, Sunbury. Bunnings Employees Marie and Ann assisted in the allocation and establishment of this and future Sausage sizzles.

Peter Rayner from Craigieburn Men's Shed provided advice on what was required and I wish to thank Peter for his valuable assistance.

Local Business also provided support and I would like to thank:

- Baker's Delight
- Tender Fresh Meats
- Salad Fresh

For their support.

Caps, Shirts and Aprons were designed and ordered with the Sunbury Men's Shed Logo. These items and logos increase the level of recognition amongst the public and were useful in generating interest in the Shed.

In June 2011, Hume City Council approved the use of the vacant shed at the Grasslands for us by the Sunbury Men's Shed. The Council also allocated \$75,000 in it's budget for the upgrading of the vacant shed.

I would like to thank all the people and organisations who generously donated time, money and goods for their support.

I also acknowledge and welcome the interest shown in the Shed by the local Community.

The vision and confidence displayed by the Hume City Council and their grant of \$1,200 for establishment costs is most appreciated.

In November 2011 the Terms of Lease were agreed upon between Hume City Council and the Sunbury Men's Shed.

Having taken the Shed from inception

To establishment I now tabled my resignation with the Committee which was duly accepted.

On ending I would like to acknowledge and thank"

- The Reverend Milton Oliver and members of the RPCC
- The interim Committee

for their unwavering support and without whose efforts establishment of the Sunbury Men's Shed would not have been possible.

Lastly I would like to acknowledge and thank my wife Janice for her support during my term as Interim President.

I wish the Committee and members of the Hume Shed Sunbury every success with their future projects.

Gary Pettitt

Founding President

Hume Sunbury men's Shed

May 2010-November 2011

