

NEWSLETTER



The Victorian Men's Shed Association is the Oldest Shed Support Organisation in the World

**The VMSA is proud to have as patron,
the Governor of Victoria, the Honourable Linda Dessau AC**

TOP STORY

MOTORCLASSICA 2019

The prestigious concours d'elegance and exhibition of classic and new exotic cars and motorcycles is coming to Melbourne in October. It will exhibit more than 500 vehicles mix with educational displays and over 100 trade exhibitors. Details on page 12.

TOP NEWS

COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND

Victorian councils and community groups can apply for these grants for local crime prevention and safety initiatives. To know more about the fund, turn to page 6.

TOP INITIATIVE

WELCOME TO THE FUND RAISER

Bring your golfing buddies and be part of something special. Come and support Restoring Hope's 2nd Annual Golf Day. Details on page 11.



This Newsletter is emailed to a Representative of every Men's Shed in Victoria. Please print out a copy and distribute to members of your Shed.

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PLEASE NOTE

The VMSA has received a number of queries and requests to find an avenue where sheds can easily list and advertise surplus items they have, that they wish to donate to other sheds, or to promote activities that the shed are involved in - such as market days, or fundraisers.

The VMSA has recently created and trialled a Facebook page, "VMSA Public Notices". This is now available for all sheds and shedders to join, and to place your ads and info on. Please note this is not the avenue if you wish to sell your surplus goods, it is only if you want to donate goods.

The VMSA now has a Buy/ Swap and Sell Page on its website for shedders to use.

VMSA EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Hi Folks,

The Men's Shed reception at Government House was attended by 520 shedders and supporters who were thrilled to meet our Patron, the Governor of Victoria, the Honourable, Linda Dessau AC.

Our great charity partner, Greyhound Racing Victoria in partnership with the "Off the Bench Show" on Radio SEN has raised almost \$15,000 for health programs in sheds across the state.

A special thanks to Liam Pickering our Tipster. Liam is a boy from Stawell and really supports country sheds.

The VMSA has partnered with MOTORCLASSICA. The automotive exhibition will be held from 11th to 13th of October, at the Royal Exhibition Building Carlton. The VMSA will have a stand at the show and will be providing information on sheds and their benefits. (Refer Page 12)

The VMSA AGM and State-wide Gathering will be held in Bendigo at the Greyhound Racetrack on 7 November, 2019. You will be required to book online, through the VMSA website, to be able to attend the events. Bookings will open on 30th of September.

A big thank you to Phil Keily, whose fixed-term appointment has finished. We were able to secure a second 1-year term for him last year and he did great work with sheds around the state.

The VMSA has a number of training and information resources available for sheds. In particular our Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Shed Safety Training is extremely popular as it helps have a safer shed that is more risk management compliant.

Feel free to contact the VMSA office to explore your training needs.

The VMSA is your voice and has been advocating hard for sheds at all levels of Government.

The VMSA Facebook page, VMSA Public Notices, is a great place to see what's happening in sheds around Victoria and the world. Do visit the page and follow it to

receive all updates as soon as one is put out.

You can register for our monthly newsletter through the website. Click on the link below for the same.

<https://vmsa.org.au/index.php/component/users/?view=registration&Itemid=101>.

The VMSA Radio Show, Hangin' Out in a Men's Shed, is being heard around the world by live streaming the show. You can do the same by clicking on the given link: <http://3wbc.org.au/wp-content/plugins/mp3-jplayer/popout.php>. The show plays out on the first Saturday of every month from 9 am to 10 am on 3WBC 94.1 FM.

Ric Blackburn
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THE FUNDING CENTRE

The Funding Centre is Australia's best grants and fundraising hub.

To know more about the Centre, check out its comprehensive newsletter, [EasyGrants](#).

Information in EasyGrants is based on the most comprehensive and current database of grants available in Australia. EasyGrants is unique in the Australian fundraising and grants landscape and provides:

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VMSA TRAINING COURSES

Over the next couple of months, the VMSA will be holding several training courses for shed members, these will include:

OH&S WORKSHOP SAFETY



GOVERNANCE

At this point no dates have been set for the OH&S Workshop Safety and the Governance Training, but we are seeking Expressions of Interest from those sheds that are interested in these courses.

Please call Ric Blackburn on 0408 465 228 or email him at vmsa@vmsa.org.au to register for the Fundraising Training, or to place your Expression of Interest for the OH&S Workshop Safety or Governance Training.

COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND

These grants provide funding for local crime prevention and safety initiatives in Victoria.

Applications now open!

Public Safety Infrastructure Fund grants of up to \$250,000



COMMUNITY
CRIME PREVENTION



crimeprevention.vic.gov.au

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY.](#)

Submissions close at on 18 October, 2019 at 4 pm

Who can apply?

Victorian councils and community groups are eligible to apply.

Government agencies, including Victoria Police, schools and educational institutions are not eligible to apply, but may be partners in a project.

How much funding is available?

Funding of up to \$10,000 (GST excluded) is available for stream 1 projects, and funding of up to \$25,000 (GST excluded) is available for stream 2 projects.

Types of projects that may be funded

- Security equipment and infrastructure such as locks, vandal-proof security lighting, security screens, alarms (without video surveillance), fencing and gates
- Activities engaging the community in small-scale, physical improvements and upgrades to public spaces such as streetscapes, parks and reserves to improve community use of these areas
- Education and awareness initiatives focused on home safety, theft of and from motor vehicles, theft of personal property in public places, theft from businesses and supporting the understanding of the Victorian justice system.

CLASSICS IN THE PARK



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- ◆ Trade & Sponsor Stands
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All Enquires. Greg: 0417898760 Ray: 0419116851
Facebook.com/berwickclassicsinthepark

Akoonah Park Mens Shed Inc. accepts no responsibility for any vehicles attending the show

THE MEN OF THE SHED

- *Richard McAllister*

The black dog is with me
 As I lie in my bed
 Relentlessly pursuing my dreams
 But dawn makes no difference
 As his slobbering jaws
 Bring me one step closer to dead

At the edge of the town
 In an old railway shed
 Works a motley mixture of men
 Breathing life to a structure
 That should be torn down
 Bringing meaning to that which was dead

One day in my shambles
 I noticed this shed
 And happened to chance inside
 To be greeted by men
 Who were happy to share
 Bringing life to one who was dead

Lives of experience
 Have the men of the shed
 Some good, some lonely, some long
 Yet endlessly patient
 They'll lend you their ear
 To raise you up from the dead

In Kojonup, Bunbury, Albany too
 Gather the men of the shed
 Not just to yarn but to plan and to build
 For their community good
 Putting an end to the myth
 If you're old you're better off dead

In city or country, street or track
 Wherever there lies a shed
 There's a place for
 Ordinary blokes to belong
 Yet also a spot for those like me
 Who need to come back from the dead

The months have flown by
 As I work in the shed
 Amongst mates who gave me a place
 My life has new purpose
 And one thing I know
 The black dog is now totally dead

Source: Midland Men's Shed Newsletter (Sept 2019)

Richard McAllister was recently appointed by Men's Sheds of WA as the Men's Sheds Chaplain.

PROJECTS AT LANGWARRIN SHED

Things are hotting up on the Project scene, lots of requests coming in and we are also negotiating with a couple of schools and kindergartens on doing several project schemes with them.

The boys on the Cruden Farm benches are moving forward and this month Gary and Dieter, with the help of a couple of other members have completed another two seats now ready for delivery.



Team Dave and Chris have been beavering away and with some help for Nick are well on the way to complete six trestle tables for Kylie and Susan.

Jenna requested two orders of both Midi and Mini Hamper boxes and Dave responded quickly with the help of Chris and filled the orders.



Catherine requested we repair a set of outdoor garden seats and Bob J and Paul L have now completed the job and the setting now looks like new.

Penny's request for a glass display cabinet for her bird, Freddy, has now been completed and Paul L did a magnificent job in producing a very classy cabinet. Freddy looks really regal perched in there.

The Manufacture a Monstrance display cabinet for Anita, is now well under way by Paul L. The wood work is now complete, staining in progress and will be completed shortly. This is the item that will be displayed.

The Manufacture small timber tidy shelf for Sonya has been completed by Keith Chris & Dave with the shelf made having a rustic look as Sonya requested.

AT LANGWARRIN SHED...



This repair of the glass panel for Justine turned into a small saga while fitting in the completed panel segments of glass were cracked on two occasions. Glazier, Wayne, gained a bit of practise and also showed great restraint in keeping his cool, especially with the guys that did the breaking!

Gail Mack's request to refurbish her outdoor setting was completed by Paul L and she was very happy with the result.



Tui and Len have taken on a little twister of a job making wire stands for item tags to be used by Southcare Community Care's Trivia fund raising day.

We have entered into a maintenance partnership with Aspire Early Education and will build or repair four major items for the school during the year.

Source: Langwarrin Men's Shed Newsletter (Aug 2019)

WELCOME TO THE FUND RAISER



Restoring Hope's 2nd Annual Golf Day

Sunday 10th November 2019

Bring your golfing buddies & be part of something special!

Calling golfers of all levels! Come and support your favourite self-funded charity on its 2nd annual golf day.

To be held again at the magnificent RACV Golf Club Healesville. You will love the beautifully manicured gardens and sweeping fairways situated in the middle of the stunning Yarra Valley.

I had a wonderful day playing golf at a world class course, laughing along the way with newly made friends. Enjoyed great food and wine, fun and auctions where my small donation made me feel good, knowing that it was going to a very worthy cause. I'm looking forward to attending the next one.

~ Nick H.

WHAT'S INCLUDED;

- Light refreshments on arrival 8.00am
- Shotgun Tee Off at 8.30am
- 18 Holes of amazing golf
- Ambrose, 4 Ball Best Ball
- a Pull buggy
- Cooked Lunch & Complimentary pre-lunch drink (soft drinks provided during lunch)
- Guest speakers
- Gift bag
- Prizes and Raffle items
- Cost: \$97.00 per person
- Motorised carts available for \$48 per couple (only 18 available)

...and more importantly, you will be supporting Restoring Hope, so that we can continue to support children and young people that have been affected by sexual abuse.

Visit www.restoringhope.org.au to book your individual place and we will match you with other golfers on the day or book your group of four (4). It's going to be a great day so secure your place NOW!



EXHIBITION OF THE CLASSIC & EXOTIC



When?

Friday, 11 October - 9:00am - 9:00pm
Saturday, 12 October - 9:00am - 9:00pm
Sunday, 13 October - 9:00am - 5:00pm

Book Tickets

<https://tickets.lup.com.au/motorclassica-2019>

In its 10th year, Motorclassica draws an affluent and engaged audience from around Australia and abroad for three days in celebration of the motoring lifestyle. Hosted in the world heritage-listed Royal Exhibition Building located in Melbourne, more than 500 vehicles mix with fine food and wine, cinema, educational displays and more than 100 trade exhibitors.

Key features for 2019 include the annual outdoor club sandwich activation, gourmet food and wine, VIP Lounge, tributes to Bentley, Alvis, Citroen, Mini, Japanese Sports Cars and Abarth.



AIN'T THIS TRUE?

CALLER: Is this Gordon's Pizza?

GOOGLE: No sir, it's **Google** Pizza.

CALLER: I must have dialled a wrong number. Sorry!

GOOGLE: No sir, **Google** bought Gordon's Pizza last month.

CALLER: Ok. I would like to order a pizza.

GOOGLE: Do you want your usual, sir?

CALLER: My usual? You know me?

GOOGLE: According to our caller ID data sheet, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with 3 cheeses, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms and meatballs on a thick crust.

CALLER: OK! That's what I want ...

GOOGLE: May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes and olives on a whole wheat gluten free thin crust?

CALLER: What? I detest vegetables.

GOOGLE: Your cholesterol is not good, sir.

CALLER: How the hell do you know?

GOOGLE: Well, we cross-referenced your home phone number with your medical records. We have the result of your blood tests for the last 7 years.

CALLER: Ok! But I do not want your rotten vegetable pizza! I already take medication for my cholesterol.

GOOGLE: Excuse me, sir, but you have not taken your medication regularly. According to our database, you only purchased a box of 30 cholesterol tablets once, at Drug RX Network, 4 months ago.

CALLER: I bought more from another drugstore.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your credit card statement.

CALLER: I paid in cash.

GOOGLE: But you did not withdraw enough cash according to your bank statement.

CALLER: I have other sources of cash.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your last tax return unless you bought them using an undeclared income source, which is against the law.

CALLER: WHAT THE HELL?!

GOOGLE: I'm sorry, sir, we use such information only with the sole intention of helping you.

CALLER: Enough already! I'm sick to death of **Google**, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and all the others! I'm going to an island without internet, cable TV, where there is no cell phone service and no one to watch me or spy on me!

GOOGLE: I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport first. It expired 6 weeks ago.

WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Men's Shed have a real community involvement and offer the following sessions for shedders and community members. Has your shed thought of something similar?

	TIMING	CONTACT PERSON
<u>WOOD TURNING</u>	Regular Sessions	
Monday	9 am - 12 noon	Hartley Tobin: 5997 6328 Neil Bateman: 5672 3229 Neil Lenne: 5678 5736
Monday	5 pm - 8 pm	John DiStefano: 0481 480 812
Wednesday	1 pm - 4 pm	Lionel Wood: 5672 2029
Friday	9 am - 12 noon	Hartley Tobin: 5997 6328 Neil Bateman: 5672 3229 Neil Lenne: 5678 5736
	On-demand Session	
Friday (project based)	1 pm - 4 pm	Hartley Tobin: 5997 6328
<u>SEGMENTED TURNING</u>	Regular Session	
Friday	9 am - 12 noon	Alan McNaught: 5674 2457
<u>TOY GROUP</u>	Regular Session	
Tuesday	9 am - 4 pm	Ron Snooks: 0429 722 113
<u>PYROGRAPHY</u>	Regular Sessions	
Friday	1 pm - 4 pm	Michael Bladen: 0428 270 850
<u>SCROLL SAWING</u>	Regular Session	
Wednesday	9 am - 12 noon	Ray Oram: 5662 4181 Lionel Wood: 0490 695 950
<u>BANDSAW BOX MAKING</u>	On-demand Session	
Monday	1 pm - 4 pm	Marion Kerry: 0409 010 843 / 5672 3553
<u>JOINERY & SMALL FURNITURE MAKING</u>	Regular Session	
Thursday	9 am - 12 noon	David McNaughton: 0425 786 381
<u>CARVING</u>	Regular Session	
Friday	9 am - 12 noon	Harry Smith: 5674 8078 Lionel Wood: 5672 2029

***As a courtesy to workshop supervisors and other participants, please notify in advance if you are unable to attend the regular session(s).*

SHED IN NEWS

On the 22 August, 2019, the East Malvern Men's Shed was awarded the City of Stonnington Citizen of the Year 2019 Community Group. An article was published in a City of Stonnington publication, InStonnington, and by Rotary Club of Chadstone / East Malvern (as below).

East Malvern Men's Shed supports positive ageing

East Malvern Men's Shed, one of Council's community grants recipients and winner of the 2019 Citizen of the Year Community Group award, has been operating for almost three years.

Chairman Peter Magree is a long-time East Malvern resident and since the Men's Shed started, he's seen its powerful impact on many men in the local community.

"A lot of guys spend their lives working until they retire. All of a sudden, they come to a stop and find themselves at home. It can be pretty daunting. The Men's Shed encourages men to talk about their problems and worries. I've seen remarkable changes in the mental health of some of the guys here," he said.

East Malvern Men's Shed is open to all men who want company for a couple of hours a week. "It's a welcoming atmosphere," said Peter.

"Some men can be hesitant, but it becomes something to look forward to. Men's health is a priority at the shed, which offers a range of activities, from carpentry to monthly



L-R: Paul Rankin, George Miodic, Glenn Bermingham, Peter Magree, Geoff Thomas, Bill Hall.

men's health seminars, bike rides and day trips. Members also work with local organisations, upgrading and repairing furniture for kindergartens and the toy library, and volunteering. These activities play a significant role in 'positive ageing'."

Peter explains the importance of funding to the group.

"Any funding we receive makes a huge difference. Through past grants, we've been able to buy new, safe machinery and create comfortable facilities for our members."

East Malvern Men's Shed plans to move to a new home at what was previously the Girl Guides Hall in Ivanhoe Grove.

New members are always welcome and as their website states: "Men can just come and have a yarn and a cuppa if that is all they're looking for."



More at
eastmalvernmensshed.org.au
or call 9571 2058

FROM THE AGING WELL EXPO

Cardinia Men's Shed represented the VMSA at the recent 'Aging Well Expo' held at the Cultural Centre in Lakeside, Pakenham.



Cardinia Men's Shed's Alby Mann at the Expo



Members of Cardinia Men's Shed at the Expo

LIFE MEMBERS OF HENTY MEN'S SHED



From left to right: (Standing) Tony O'Brien, Ed Knight, Neil "Cowboy" Meyer, Russell "Russ" Davies, (seated) John Ebsworth and Bruce Young

Neil was elected as President of the Shed at the AGM in August, taking over from Russ.

VMSA SHED TRAINING COMES TO BALLARAT



Members of Ballarat East Community Men's Shed with the President of the shed, Ron Lancaster. The VMSA in conjunction with Kevin Swaffield provided extensive training in shed safety, governance and fund raising.

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ON A LIGHTER NOTE

**Cop, "Please step out of
the car."**

**Me, "I'm too drunk, you
get in."**

**The main function
of the little toe on your foot
is to make sure that
all the furniture in the house
is in place.**

**How do you milk
sheep?**

**Bring out a new
iPhone and charge
LAUGH OR CRY
\$1000 for it.**

DID YOU KNOW?

Q: Why aren't koalas actual bears?
A: The don't meet the koalafications.

Q: What's a foot long and slippery?
A: A slipper.

Q: What did the 0 say to the 8?
A: Nice belt!

Q: Have you heard about corduroy pillows?
A: They're making headlines!

Q: Why did the orange stop?
A: Because, it ran outta juice.

Q: Why can't you hear a pterodactyl go to
the bathroom?
A: Because the "P" is silent.

Q: Why didn't the lifeguard save the hippie?
A: Because he was too far out man!

Q: How did the hipster burn his tongue?
A: He drank his coffee before it was cool.

Q: What do you call a Lobster that doesn't
share?
A: Shellfish.

Q: What's green, healthy to eat and likes to
shake its' hips?
A: Elvis Parsley.

Q: Why did the pony have a sore throat?
A: Because he was a little horse.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Motorclassica

Venue: Royal Exhibition Building, 11 Nicholson Street, Carlton - 3053

Dates & Time:

Friday, 11 October, 2019 - 9 am - 9 pm

Saturday, 12, October, 2019 - 9 am - 9 pm

Sunday, 13 October, 2019 - 9 am - 5 pm

VMSA Gathering & AGM

Venue: The Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association

Date: 7 November, 2019

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

This Newsletter is being emailed to the Contact Person at each of the sheds on the VMSA database. We have a large list of many subscribers who also receive the Newsletter and consequently we are limited in our ability to send the Newsletter to every shedder and so we ask that as the CONTACT PERSON your shed please print and display the Newsletter in your shed.

If you have something to share with other sheds, write a short article (photos are handy) and send to the Executive Officer vmsa@vmsa.org.au

Victorian Men's Shed Association acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government.



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