

**OPENING HOURS:** Monday to Saturday 9.30 to 1:30 Closed only on Sundays, Good Friday, ANZAC and Christmas Day







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# Important changes to the way we sign in

From 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021, it will be a requirement for all community venues to use the Victorian Government App to comply with COVID-19 Contact Tracing rules. This is in addition to our requirements for



both signing in and signing out on our paperbased system.

For those who have their own smart phone or iPad, assistance can be given to show how to download and use the App. For those who do not have a smart phone or iPad, the Shed has an iPad dedicated for signing in and assistance will be on

hand to show Shedders how to use the system.

The information that you will need to provide will be First Name, and Surname, as well as a contact telephone number. This information is held for 28 days (the maximum incubation period of the COVID-19 Virus) and presuming there are no local outbreaks, it will automatically be deleted.

In order for the Shed to be fully compliant by the end of next week, we will be commencing the process on Monday 24th May. In this way we hope to be able to iron out any glitches and answer any questions that come up.

Your active support in getting used to this new requirement will be greatly appreciated.

#### **Shed Members' Forum**

#### Watch this space for the date of our next Shed Members' Forum.

The Member's Forum is designed to be a collaborative event where Shed Members can contribute to the running of the Shed and its activities as well as being involved in discussions about any future developments.

Please consider this your personal invitation to attend.

#### June's 2021 Health Events

In June we are planning on holding two of our Health Events. The first one is on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June and is on Melanomas and skin care. The second one is on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June and is on Healthy Bladder. Both of these events will commence at 12:00 midday with lunch being provided. Whilst we are not charging for lunch for the duration of June, a donation would be appreciated.

### **Anniversary Celebration**

Reserve the date: Wednesday 29th September

We've settled on a date for celebrating the Monash Men's Shed 2021 Anniversary event.

An organising committee is to be formed to assist with the planning and preparations for the event.

The shed's Committee of Management are inviting interested members who would like be involved in the preparations. We are trying to make our event simple and enjoyable. The time commitment will not be large, and we are looking for members who are interested in the function to help us create a memorable event.

If you can spare some time to help us, please speak to our Shed Co-Ordinator, Aden, or Shed President, Greg.

# **Shed Opening Hours**

Please remember that the Monash Men's Shed's operating hours are from 09:30 to 13:30 Monday to Saturday. Workshop machinery should not be started up prior to 09:30 and the expectation is that cleaning and tidying up at the end of the session should be completed by 13:30. Shed members arriving early will be requested to go over to Bogong Hall after signing in.

### **April's Garage Sale**



The long awaited date for our Shed Garage Sale crept up on us with lightening speed.

Shed volunteers were needed with various aspects of setting up and running it on the day, so together we made an impressive team.

For those who were not available on the day, and were able to assist

with advance tasks that needed to be undertaken – for example retrieving stock from our storage unit as well as sorting and pricing of items for sale – it made life a lot easier on the day and we express our gratitude for playing your part.

The day was well attended – by Shed members and public alike – and being able to pay for purchases by electronic fund transfer meant that some went home spending a little more than than they thought they might.

## **Shed Storage and Accepting Donations**

Due to changes in the way that "National Storage" supports community organisations such as ours, from the end of June, we may well no longer have access to our storage unit. So our already tight storage space is likely to get even more precious.

We are, therefore, in the process of re-evaluating both the volume and the type of items we are able to accept as donations to the Shed. In the recent past, we have forwarded on donations to various Not For Profit organisations that are in a position to take them. These include Ameroo House, Restore (the Habitat for Humanity Op-Shop in Kilsyth) and the Eastern Emergency Relief Network.

How can you help with this? When our friends in the community ask us if we take donations, we need to clarify what is being offered and to respectfully decline individual items such as furniture; broken push-bikes and lawn-mowers; and obsolete or broken small electrical goods. The donation of these items to the Men's Shed needs to be discouraged and your assistance in this is appreciated.

Additionally, we have to be cautious about accepting larger donations that contain problem materials such as part-used cans of paint; chemicals; random short off-cuts of softwood; treated pine and MDF as well as timber that has been painted. It can cost the Men's Shed both time and money to dispose of these items.

### May's Birthday boys

We wish you all a happy birthday and we hope you have a great day in whatever way you choose to celebrate.

Graham Milne 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Kent 27<sup>th</sup> Graeme Read

Kenneth Thompson 10<sup>th</sup> Siva Sabapathy 26<sup>th</sup> Kevin Luxford

Doug Archer 15<sup>th</sup> Brian Mackey 28<sup>th</sup>

Henry Mallia 16<sup>th</sup> Reg Lewis 30<sup>th</sup>

All members are encouraged to submit items for the newsletter. It could be Shed related or a photo of something you've made either at the shed or at home. It could also be something significant that has happened in your life that you wish to share.

#### Thank you to our Partners and Supporters





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