

# TANGAM-KIEWA: UPDATE

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Sheds*

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10 Years*

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At Ouyen*

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Shedders*



# SHED TALK

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# REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

I am pleased to inform members that the Victorian Government has allocated an additional \$100,000 to the VMSA for a network strengthening project.

This is a pilot project for twelve months from 1 July this year. Some areas of Victoria don't have regular network meetings, while some networks have lost a bit of momentum because of the pandemic.

By increasing connections between sheds, the network strengthening project will help shedders to get together with other shedders in their area to share ideas and information and help each other out. Increasing the frequency, scale and spread of network meetings will be useful for:

- Members who are experienced in governance roles can provide confidence, knowledge and support for shedders new to the role.
- Sharing ideas on shed projects around what works and what to look out for.
- Sharing information on health supports in the local area.
- Getting guest speakers along that might not have time to visit each shed but can make it to talk to a larger group.
- Developing non-government and corporate sponsorship and funding opportunities.

Next steps will see VMSA mapping the state to get a better picture of what's happening in terms of network meetings now and identifying areas where more can be done.

I encourage shed committees to get involved in this project as it has the potential to strengthen existing men's shed networks and develop new networks where there are none.

The VMSA will contact your shed in the next few months to learn more about your network.

If you have any ideas about this project, please contact Jim Kane our General Manager at [gm@vmsa.org.au](mailto:gm@vmsa.org.au)

**TREVOR DOBBYN**  
*VMSA Chair*





# REPORT FROM THE **GENERAL MANAGER**

Hi Shedders,

June has been a chilly but busy month in shed land with a lot happening at the VMSA and across Victorian sheds.

I attended St. Leonards MS 10th birthday bash at Point Lonsdale Golf Club. Talking with many of the attendees and listening to the heartfelt speeches really highlighted to me the special place that the shed occupies for many in the St. Leonards community. Later in the month, I attended the Yarra Ranges Network on a cold winter's morning at Badger's Creek MS. The Montrose, Croydon, Ben's Shed and Badgers Creek Sheds all seem to be travelling well, and there was support and information given to a couple of blokes from Lillydale who are looking to start a shed in their local area.

Our new Regional Coordinator Mark Tyrrell continues to hit the ground running (or driving to be precise), has helped coordinate multi-shed events in Lake's Entrance and Hopetoun, and has made good connections with various health providers. You can find out more about Mark's travels on page 7. The Statewide forum is also starting to take shape and you'll find information and a formal invitation to this on page 3.

The VMSA website is only a few weeks away from going live. One of the features we've introduced is a 'find a shed' page, where online visitors can search for sheds in their local area. This will provide a good opportunity for you to promote your shed to your local communities (and beyond) and highlight the activities and features specific to your organisation.

We've had a few shedders write in and having trouble printing the newsletter. The heavy print load was from the yellow background. We have replaced it with a plain white background so it will not be a full-colour page print.

As always, whether you're a winter bird currently sunning yourself near a Queensland pool or sitting somewhere in the Victorian hills with four jumpers on, I wish you and your fellow shedders well and you can always contact me on 0448 015 554 or [gm@vmsa.org.au](mailto:gm@vmsa.org.au) if you have any questions or just want to chat.

**JIM KANE**  
*VMSA General Manager*





# STATEWIDE FORUM & AGM

The VMSA cordially invites two members from each registered shed to our annual forum and AGM

- Guest speakers include: Minister Ros Spence, AMSA President Luke Clifton, Monash Shed President Greg Male
- Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea provided
- \$100 transport voucher for sheds travelling over 100km
- Numerous door prizes and raffles
- Four break-out rooms for discussion and 'show and tell'

 **Wednesday 23rd October, 2024**

 **10:00am - 4:30pm**

 **THE MEADOWS CONFERENCE AND  
EVENTS CENTRE  
80 NORTHCORP BOULEVARD  
BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047**

 **RSVP BY 1 OCT  
JIM 0448 015 554  
gm@vmsa.org.au**







## **CALLING ALL SHED MUSICIANS!**

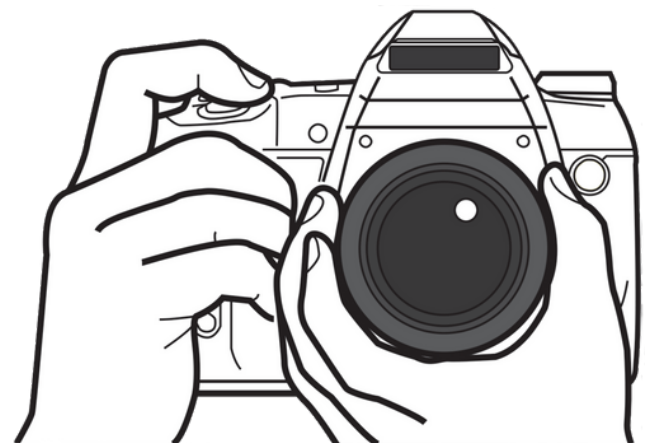
There will be an opportunity for shed musicians and bands to showcase their talents during the lunch break at the Statewide Forum & AGM.

Contact [vmsa@vmsa.org.au](mailto:vmsa@vmsa.org.au) to apply for a slot.

## **CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!**

The VMSA is seeking a talented photographer to capture the highlights of the upcoming Statewide Forum.

If you're interested, please get in touch at [vmsa@vmsa.org.au](mailto:vmsa@vmsa.org.au).



## **8 Hewlett-Packard computers to be won!**

The VMSA has **8 new HP laptops to give away** to sheds at the Statewide Forum & AGM. In order to be eligible to win one of these a shed will need to:

**In 250 words or less let us know why you think a new laptop computer will be useful for your shed.**  
**(email to [vmsa@vmsa.org.au](mailto:vmsa@vmsa.org.au))**

**Have at least one representative from your shed attend the VMSA Forum.**

The 8 winners will be announced at the Forum.







# TANGAMBALANGA-KIEWA MEN'S SHED UPDATE

In October 2023 the Tangambalanga-Kiewa Men's Shed received some bad news from the Indigo Shire Council. As a consequence of the redevelopment of the Kiewa River Park site where the Shed is located, they would be forced to vacate by 1 May 2024.

Apart from offering to ascertain the shed's views on this subject, the shire offered no alternative arrangements.

After a long battle to save the shed, its president Jack Britton says that as a result of their campaign and the fantastic support received from men's sheds across the state, they have been granted an extension which will enable them to stay at the current site until September. This will give the committee more time to sort out arrangements to give the shed a future.

The shire has also offered to supply two containers to be used as a temporary shed. They will be placed at Coulston Park, a sports facility in Tangambalanga and the Coulston park committee say they are happy to support the construction of a new men's shed on their grounds.

So, while this matter is not fully resolved, Jack says it is now starting to head in the right direction. He added that at long last there are positive communications with the shire.

The fact that they have got to this point is a real credit to Jack and the committee who have staunchly defended their shed and have fought on regardless.

Jack says he would like to thank all of the men's sheds across the state who backed them up with emails and messages of support and added that if they ever need help that they could count on the Tangambalanga-Kiewa men's shed.

Once all the relocation details to the new site are sorted out the committee will start making grant applications and fundraising to build a new men's shed in Tangambalanga. Any shed wishing to donate to this campaign can do so once the details are published in the VMSA Newsletter, website and Facebook in the near future.



# SHED SUPPORTING SHEDS

# PEER SUPPORT

There is a vast range of expertise out there in shed land. This has become especially apparent to the VMSA in the past year as we've ramped up our field officer visits across the state. From the Mallee to Mallacoota, Warrnambool to Wodonga, and across our Metro regions we've encountered countless sheds that have taught us more than a thing or two about how to run a successful shed.

Thinking about this, and also the goodwill that many sheds have towards our wider community, the VMSA is aiming to encourage more opportunities for peer support between sheds. Whether this happens at our statewide forums, regional networks or during one-on-one conversations, we feel that the VMSA can facilitate this more strategically.

We have already trialled this recently on topics such as taxation and dealing with councils.

Watch this space for further developments and do get in touch by emailing us at [vmsa@vmsa.org.au](mailto:vmsa@vmsa.org.au) if you would like to get involved either as a recipient or a provider of expertise.



## FIND YOUR LOCAL MEN'S SHED

Camaraderie, connectivity,  
and engagement for men  
of all backgrounds.





# REGIONAL COORDINATOR UPDATE

**Join Mark Tyrrell, our new Regional Coordinator, as he embarks on his first tour of Victoria's Men's Sheds. From the eastern suburbs to East Gippsland, Mark's journey highlights the diverse activities and warm welcomes from sheds across the region. Read on to discover the inspiring stories and incredible work being done by our members.**



Having spent my first few weeks finding my feet in the new role and visiting sheds in the eastern suburbs, it was time to get my passport and my maps out and take off on what will hopefully become many trips to regional Victoria. Not only did I get to see some beautiful country and heaps of wildlife (not all sleeping on the side of the road), but I also got to meet some great shedders.

It all started in the metropolis that is Cabbage Tree Creek (Cabbage Tree is a palm tree and not a tree that grows cabbages—thanks, Google). I was welcomed by the shedders with a hot cuppa and some homemade biscuits (note to self: always arrive at smoko or lunch). The Cabbage Tree shedders have a great shed, mainly doing woodwork, but they were fixing a radio while I was there. Like most sheds, they can turn their hand to anything. Congrats to them for securing a grant to develop a garden for the men.

Moving on, I headed to Bemm River, which I was assured was only a short journey (another note to self: don't believe them when they tell you it's just up the road). I arrived in Bemm River and I was introduced to the Men's Shed with the most accurate statement of the week: "We are not your usual shed. We are a bit different." And so it proved. The men here have a great setup based around butchery and beer. The guys butcher venison and brew fine beer, with a bit of woodwork and emergency support thrown in for good measure. They also do a nice line in hats—cheers for mine.

I finished up day one in Mallacoota and visited the community shed and neighbourhood house. It's a facility that certainly serves its community well.

Back on the road early Tuesday on my way to Lake Entrance. It was a great day indeed, meeting sheds at the health expo. Special thanks to Stuart from AMSA and all at the Lakes Entrance Men's Shed for hosting a great event. We had super presentations and a good workshop. Moss Mahony did a particularly great address to the group around men's health and prostate cancer awareness, ending up with a room full of blokes with blue nail varnish on their fingers, which, as he said, "is the only finger involved in getting a prostate check. So get checked."



# REGIONAL COORDINATOR UPDATE

So, onwards and upwards to the Orbost Men's Shed on Wednesday, where I learned about laser printing on wood and the good relationship the shed has with its health service, which, as well as being the landlord, also regularly gives the men the once-over medically. A healthy shed is a productive one.

After that, it was back towards Melbourne. The drive back gave me plenty of time to ruminate over what I've seen over the past few days. Here are a few of my takeaways:

- Sheds matter. They are a massive part of their communities, no matter the size of the shed.
- It's good to talk. Everyone is keen to be in a local network. We just need to find someone to organize it (VMSA is working on it).
- There is no standard shed. They come in all shapes and sizes with lots of different activities that serve the community well.
- No shedder has any idea of distance. Everywhere is "just up the road."
- Trust your satnav.

My sincerest thanks to all the sheds that let me in and made me so welcome. I will definitely be back. You live in a beautiful part of the world, and your communities are very lucky to have you. I will be back on the road soon, working my way through Victoria, so I hope that I get to say hello, g'day, or howaya?

Remember, if you're having an event, don't be shy with the invite, and I'll do my best to get there.

Slán go fóill (bye for now in Irish),  
Mark





# ST LEONARDS MEN'S SHED CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

On June 5th, members, partners, and official guests gathered at the Lonsdale Links Golf Club to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the St Leonards Men's Shed. The event was a testament to the shed's enduring impact on the community and its members.

The celebration began with a presentation that highlighted the shed's history, revealing that it has been in operation in one form or another since 2006. Notably, it was one of the first sheds to receive a \$50,000 grant from the Department of Human Services, marking a significant milestone in its journey.

Special guests, including local MP Alison Marchant, Bellarine Councillor Jim Mason, and VMSA GM Jim Kane, gave supportive talks, praising the shed's contributions to the community. Their speeches underscored the vital role the shed plays in fostering social connections, skill development, and community spirit.

To cap off the event, one of the founding members, Fred Knox, received a Life Membership award, a fitting tribute to his dedication and service. This recognition was a heartfelt moment, celebrating the contributions of an individual who has been instrumental in the shed's success.

The day was made even more special with a wonderful lunch, providing an opportunity for everyone to reflect on the shed's journey and look forward to its future. The celebration was a fantastic day filled with camaraderie, marking a significant milestone for the St Leonards Men's Shed.



IMAGES ST LEONARDS MEN'S SHED



# INSIDE THE WORKSHOP

# SHED

# SHOWCASE

## CAMPERDOWN MEN'S SHED

Check out the Camperdown Men's Shed's latest project! They've beautifully restored an over 100-year-old drawer unit. The end result is a true pleasure to behold—another fantastic job by our talented shedders!



## MONSASH MEN'S SHED

Monash Men's Shed Gearing Up for their Mega Tool Sale! Mark your calendars for the 13th of July! Come on down to support a generous group of volunteers dedicated to making a difference in their community.

1/49-77 Bogong Avenue Bogong Reserve,  
Glen Waverley





## MELTON MENS SHED

Did you see it? The Melton Men's Shed was featured on Postcards recently, with Shane Delia as the interviewer! It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase shed life, the projects they are working on, and the camaraderie that makes the shed community special.

## ELTHAM & DISTRICT WOODWORKERS

The local Eltham member Vicki Ward along with Lauren Kathage visited Eltham & District Woodworkers recently to commend them on their successful application for a grant toward building the shed.



## WODONGA MEN'S SHED

Check out Vince A.'s innovative solution: tops for retired milk crates! Perfect for a small coffee table in the shed or a handy stool.

# ASK THE SHEDDERS

Got a question that's been on your mind? Need advice on a project, tool recommendations, or tips for your shed? We're excited to introduce a new section in our newsletter called "Ask the Shedders," where members can write in with their questions and receive answers from the wider shed community.

## How it works:

1. **Submit Your Question:** Email your question to [vmsa@vmsa.org.au](mailto:vmsa@vmsa.org.au). Be sure to include as much detail as possible.
2. **Featured Questions:** We'll select a few questions to feature in each edition of our newsletter.
3. **Community Answers:** Our knowledgeable and experienced shed community will provide their insights and answers.

Let's tap into the collective knowledge of the shed community!

## QUESTION FROM STEVE, SALE MEN'S SHED

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"Past Community Development grants have been applied for and made available through our LGA (Wellington Shire), and I will assume similar applications have been made to other Sheds through their local gov't authorities. This year, we in Sale have been 'challenged' with the need to fill out the eleven (11) pages that sit behind the cover page attached below. Given that the document seems to me to be aimed primarily at employers and/or companies, and that our local Community Engagement person suggested we (and the following is NOT her quote) 'just fill it in as best you can,' I'm seeking help in two regards:

1. Is the effort that the People With Disability Australia are putting into getting proper and justified standards into place throughout Australia even aimed at us? And if YES:
2. Does anyone else out there in Shed Land (Vic) have a prepared template that will save me time in providing the necessary 'weasel words' to get through the bureaucratic hurdles now imposed for our application to be successful?"

If you have any advice, templates, or insights to help Steve and others facing similar challenges, please share your thoughts! Let's help each other navigate these bureaucratic hurdles and continue the great work our sheds are doing.

Please send your responses to [sale.mens.shed@live.com.au](mailto:sale.mens.shed@live.com.au)

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# DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLATION AT OUYEN

Ouyen has made significant strides in increasing access to life-saving care by installing its fourth 24/7 publicly accessible automated external defibrillator (AED) at the Ouyen Men's Shed (26 Rowe Street, Ouyen).

"Cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere," said Ambulance Victoria (AV) Acting Mildura Paramedic Community Support Coordinator, Jacob McEwan. "About 20 Victorians suffer a cardiac arrest every day, and sadly, only one in 10 survive. However, when a patient receives CPR and a shock from an AED before paramedics arrive, their chance of survival more than doubles."

The new AED, funded by the volunteer group Heartbeat Sunraysia, joins 11 other AEDs in the Mildura LGA, with four accessible 24/7. Heartbeat Sunraysia has funded about a dozen AEDs across the region and donates funds for various medical equipment to support AV and local hospitals.

Jacob urged the community to ensure all defibrillators are registered with AV to help call takers direct bystanders and First Responders during emergencies. To register a defibrillator, visit the 'Register My AED' website. He also encouraged locals to sign up for the GoodSAM app, which connects those willing to perform CPR with individuals in cardiac arrest in the crucial minutes before paramedics arrive. The app can also be used to locate the nearest publicly accessible AED and see the hours it is available.

"AEDs are safe, easy to use, and will not deliver a shock unless necessary. Simply open it and follow the instructions," Jacob added. "Every minute matters during a cardiac arrest, so having more AEDs around town means bystanders and First Responders can get to them quicker during a medical emergency."

IMAGE NORTH WEST EXPRESS



**DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE?  
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!  
WHETHER IT'S A PROJECT SUCCESS,  
A MEMBER'S ACHIEVEMENT, OR A  
COMMUNITY INITIATIVE, WE'D LOVE  
TO FEATURE IT IN SHED TALK.**

Send us your photos and stories to  
**[vmsa@vmsa.org.au](mailto:vmsa@vmsa.org.au)** and let us showcase  
the amazing work happening in your shed.

Don't miss this opportunity to share your  
journey with the wider Men's Shed  
community!





# UPCOMING NETWORK MEETINGS

For more details on any of these events,  
please contact Mark at [mark@vmsa.org.au](mailto:mark@vmsa.org.au)

## CARDINA MEN'S SHED NETWORK MEETING



**Thursday 18th July**



**11:00am - 1:00pm**



**Koo Wee Rup Men's Shed  
235 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup**



**\$5 per person for lunch**  
**Geroge Fittock**  
**[Georgefittock@gmail.com](mailto:Georgefittock@gmail.com)**  
**0403 030 027**



## HAYWOOD HEALTH EVENT



**September 11**



**TBA**



**Haywood Men's Shed**

**Unsure what you need to include for  
an agenda for a network meeting?**

**See the next page for a sample of  
what to include**

SHED NAME

# NETWORK MEETING



**Date**



**Time**



**Location**



**RSVP details, date, number, email.**

## SAMPLE AGENDA

### PROGRAM TIMES & SPEAKER DETAILS

|         |                                                                               |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00AM  | Registration<br>Free SCONES and HOT DRINKS available RAFFLE tickets available |
| 10:00AM | Official Opening                                                              |
| 10:30AM | Speaker name & detail                                                         |
| 11.30AM | Sheds Sharing - 5 minute each 'Show and Tell'                                 |
| 12:30PM | LUNCH - Displays                                                              |
| 1:30PM  | Speaker name & details                                                        |
| 2:30PM  | Afternoon tea                                                                 |
| 3:00PM  | Conclusion                                                                    |

Add in any additinal information here





# A reminder

Member fees of \$55  
are due by June 30.

BSB: 633 000  
ACC: 144688181



## VOLUNTEERING AWARDS 2024

# NOMINATIONS OPEN

Victorian volunteers generously give their time and skills to support people, communities and causes across the state – the Volunteering Awards celebrates their contributions.

If you know an inspiring volunteer or community organisation, now's the time to nominate them for the Volunteering Awards.

It's quick and easy to nominate online, and you'll help to make sure Victoria's incredible volunteers are deservedly recognised.

The Victorian Government is proud to partner with Volunteering Victoria to celebrate Victorian volunteers and volunteer organisations, recognising their achievements through the Volunteering Awards.

Nominations for the Volunteering Awards 2024 are open! Nominations close on Monday, 22 July.

For more information visit [volunteeringvictoria.org.au/awards](https://volunteeringvictoria.org.au/awards)

2024

## Volunteering Awards

Showcasing the commitment, diversity and  
impact of Victoria's volunteering community.

**Nominations open!**

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# Follow Us on Social Media



Don't miss out on the latest updates, events, and community initiatives from the Men's Shed!

Follow our Facebook page **Victorian Men's Shed Association** for all the news, photos, and stories straight from Sheds.

Plus, join our Facebook group **VMSA - Public Notices** to connect with fellow members, share ideas, and stay in the loop with discussions on topics that matter to you.

Stay connected, stay engaged, and be a part of our vibrant online community!

Follow us today!



# SENIOR VICTORIANS **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



## **APPLY NOW FOR THE NEW SENIOR VICTORIANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Expressions of interest are now open for the new lived experience Senior Victorians Advisory Committee. This new Committee created by the Victorian Minister for Ageing, Ingrid Stitt MP, will provide an opportunity for older Victorians to share their insights and lived experiences with the government.

Almost 1.5 million Victorians are 60 years or over – that’s 22 per cent of our state’s population. Our state’s older population is growing faster than any other age group.

The Committee will provide advice on the needs and rights of older Victorians and inform related government priorities and programs, including the implementation of the Victorian Government’s **Ageing Well Action Plan**.

The Committee will work together to:

- Provide a community voice to government by highlighting the lived experiences of issues impacting older Victorians.
- Raise awareness of the positive contributions and meaningful participation of older people in social, economic, cultural and community life.
- Promote the rights and respect for older people.

The Minister for Ageing encourages people 60 years and over, and First Nations people 50 years and over, to consider applying for the Committee.

“It’s important that we hear from older Victorians about the issues that impact their wellbeing, which is why the work of this committee will be so important.”

“We are giving a voice to older Victorians from every walk of life to hear directly from them about how we can improve their lives.”

The Committee will include a Chairperson and up to 12 members.

For more information and to apply, visit [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/advisory-committee](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/advisory-committee)

LiveUp: Your Free Guide to Healthy Aging, supported by the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care, empowers you to maintain independence and social connections as you age.

Discover helpful assistive products for everyday use with the guide below. From simple home modifications to assistive gadgets, you'll find solutions to enhance your daily life.

Explore a variety of recommended products from reputable retailers and online stores, with clickable links provided as you navigate through the guide. Plus, benefit from valuable tips and insights shared by occupational therapists.

Click the image below to open the guide and flip through to learn more.

# Making Choices, Finding Solutions

A guide to independence and wellbeing





## Supports and Tools for Elder Abuse Prevention (STEAP)

# 2024 Outreach Calendar

*Generate awareness and foster action to end elder abuse!*

There are many opportunities throughout the year to bring your community together and build awareness of elder abuse.



## January

**National Stalking Awareness Month**

**Identity Theft Awareness Week**

January 29 – February 2

**Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD)**

Tuesday, January 9

## February

**Black History Month**

**World Day of Social Justice**

Tuesday, February 20

## March

**National Nutrition Month**

**Social Work Month**

**Women's History Month**

**National Consumer Protection Week**

March 3-9

**Slam the Scam Day**

Thursday, March 7

## April

**Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

**Social Security Month**

**National Public Health Week**

April 1-7

**National Crime Victims' Rights Week**

April 21-27

**National Volunteer Week**

April 21-27

**Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)**

**Day of Action**

Tuesday, April 2

## May

**Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**

**Older Americans Month**

**Mental Health Awareness Month**

## June

**Alzheimer's & Brain Health Awareness Month**

**LGBTQ+ Pride Month**

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

Saturday, June 15

**Olmstead Anniversary (1999)**

Saturday, June 22

## July

**Older Americans Act Anniversary (1965)**

Sunday, July 14

**Medicare & Medicaid Anniversary (1965)**

Tuesday, July 30

## August

**Social Security Anniversary (1935)**

Wednesday, August 14

## September

**Healthy Aging Month**

**National Hispanic Heritage Month**

September 15 – October 15

**National Senior Center Month**

**World Alzheimer's Month**

**National Medicare Education Week**

**Grandparents Day**

Sunday, September 8

## October

Crime Prevention Month

Cyber Security Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Guardianship Awareness Month

LGBT History Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 14 – October 15

Residents' Rights Month

International Day of Older Persons

Tuesday, October 1

Ageism Awareness Day

Monday, October 7

## November

National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

National Family Caregivers Month

Native American Heritage Month

Veterans Day

Monday, November 11

## December

**Home for the Holidays** – Encourage families and friends to use holiday gatherings to discuss crucial health and safety issues with older loved ones and their caregivers.

**Human Rights Day**

Tuesday, December 10

## Get started!

Awareness events and activities can help build relationships, strengthen partnerships, and bring recognition to various local and regional efforts to address elder abuse.

### Here are some ideas:

- ☒ Organize a "Letter to the Editor" campaign to spotlight elder abuse and promote local resources from your agency or community partners.
- ☒ Reach isolated older adults through direct mailing, ads in local newspapers, and radio interviews. Include elder abuse prevention information in community and neighborhood association newsletters or e-Newsletters.
- ☒ Download STEAP Toolkit materials and distribute them at community events.
- ☒ Partner with local organizations, schools, and agencies and organize food, personal care, or cleaning supply collection drives. Assemble packages and include copies of elder abuse awareness brochures.
- ☒ Host a "shred-a-thon" shredding event for your community to safely destroy and dispose of sensitive documents.
- ☒ Offer or share information about volunteer service opportunities.



# Victoria's container deposit scheme

Designed for all Victorians



## Victoria's container deposit scheme (CDS) will:

- 🔄 increase recycling and reduce litter by up to half
- 🔄 be convenient and accessible with many types and locations of collection points
- 🔄 bring new jobs and economic opportunities for disadvantaged people, charity and community groups, and regional Victoria.

### It's a new and accessible way for charities and community groups to raise money:

- collecting containers for refunds
- running container collection drives
- receiving donations – people will be able to donate their refunds to their favourite registered group
- running a refund collection point.



#### Purchase drinks

Recycling cost is included in the price.



#### Return empty containers

to a variety of locations across Victoria, including shops, reverse vending machines, depots, pop-ups and drop-off points. Run by recyclers, small business and charity, community and sports groups.



#### Container refunds

Ten-cent refund per container to person who returns it and/or charity, community and sports groups.



#### Recycle containers

reducing the need for new materials.

## How it will work

Like all Australian container deposit schemes, beverage suppliers will fund the Victorian CDS.

To ensure an efficient, low-cost scheme and one that maximises container returns and recycling Victoria's CDS will adopt a split responsibility governance model with beverage industry having a strong role in administration and funding of the scheme.

The Victorian CDS will create new economic opportunities and jobs, with the responsibilities for running the scheme split between a scheme coordinator and network operators, appointed using a competitive tender process.

#### Coordinator role:

- manage finances and commercial viability
- audits to prevent fraud
- pay refund amounts and collection network costs to network operator/s
- report against government performance targets.

#### Network operator/s role:

- establish and maintain a network of refund points
- distribute refund amounts to consumers
- distribute payments to collection point operators
- report on participation and redemption rates.

## Why are we doing it this way?

Our scheme adopts key elements from other schemes to maximise return of drink containers for recycling. By sharing responsibility for its operation, the scheme will have checks and balances so it is clear and accountable and ensure collection points are convenient and accessible, which is crucial for an effective CDS.

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