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VMSEA Annual Shed Awards

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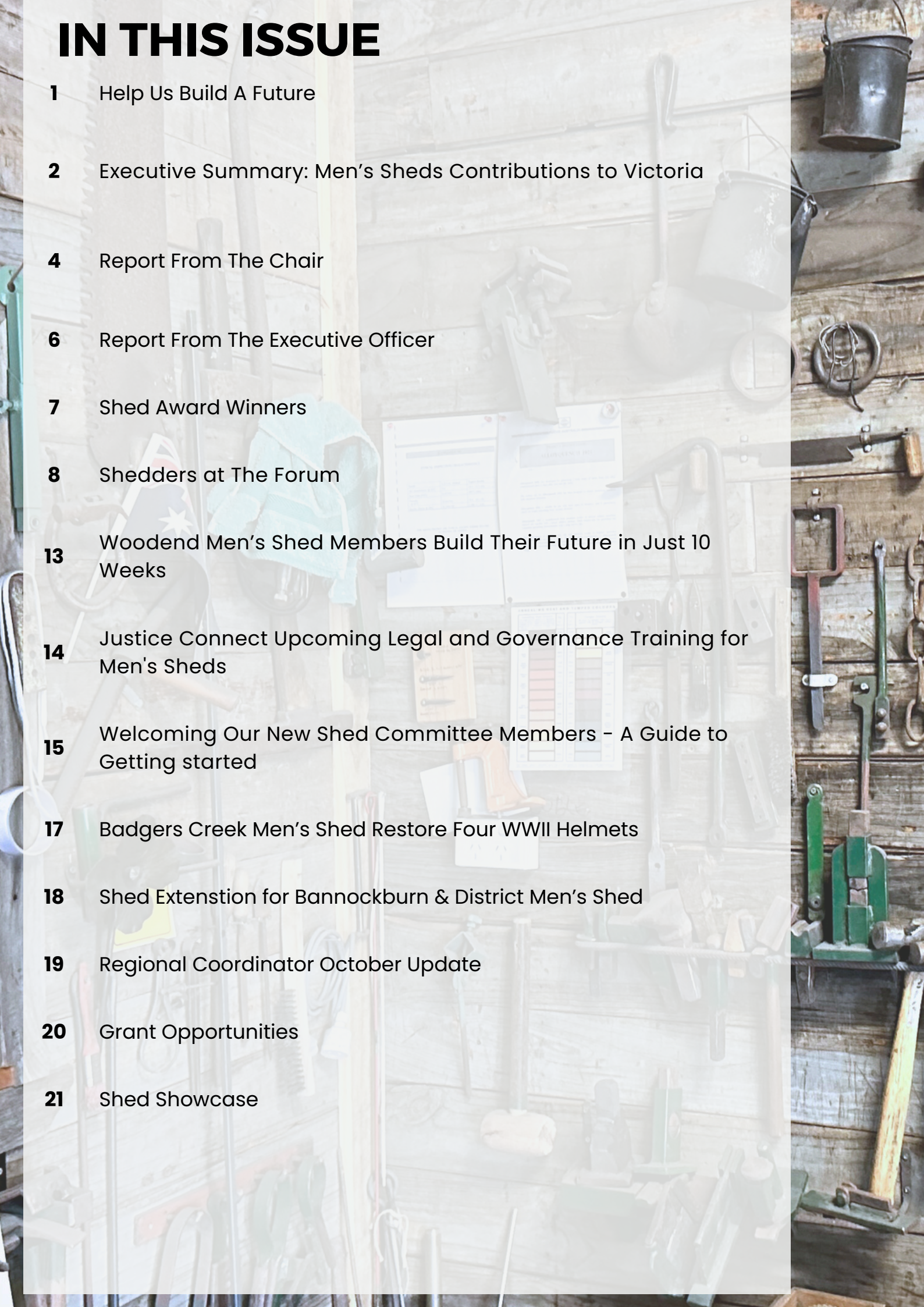


SHED TALK

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VICTORIAN MEN'S SHEDS

HELP US BUILD A FUTURE



STRONGER MEN'S SHEDS MEAN STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Victoria's men's sheds deliver enormous health benefits and a huge social contribution to members and communities across the state.

INSUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR MEN'S SHEDS

Men's sheds have received the same amount of funding since 2012 but our network has tripled in size. Men's sheds are underfunded and under-resourced.

WHAT'S NEEDED

Men's sheds are calling for an increase in State Government funding from \$1m to \$3m per annum from 2027/28 with ongoing indexation.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your support will help men's sheds grow and secure their future. Visit our website or contact your local men's shed to share your support on our e-postcard or put your name on a form.

SCAN HERE
TO SHOW
YOUR
SUPPORT



We are collecting your name for the purposes of supporting our campaign for increased government funding. In connection with the campaign, we intend to share your name with politicians, political parties, and candidates contesting the Victorian State Election in 2026. The list of names we collect may be published by men's sheds. By providing your name, you consent to your name being used for this advocacy campaign. We will store your information in accordance with the VMSEA privacy policy.

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Victorian Men's Sheds

Evaluation Summary 2026

A low-cost, high-impact model for strengthening community wellbeing across Victoria.



HEALTH

Supporting individual and community well-being



COMMUNITY

Generating tangible community benefits that reach far beyond our members



ECONOMIC

\$16.3M

In volunteer value, every year across the state

WHO WE ARE

Men's Sheds are safe, inclusive places to meet, make things and lend a hand — created in response to social isolation and loneliness among older men. Wellbeing grows quietly through shared activity, purpose and mateship, improving members' health by stealth.



A DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP



84% of Sheds have members with disabilities



67% of Sheds have veteran members



39% of Sheds have migrant and refugee members



21% of Sheds have Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members



A mature but continuing sector that remains responsive to community needs.





Men's Sheds Contributions to Victoria



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Sheds aren't clinics — and that's the point. Friendship, purpose and peer support are the building blocks of wellbeing.



Improving Wellbeing



Helping with Depression



Reducing Loneliness



Increasing social interaction



Enhancing overall quality of life

98%

of Sheds are confident they've helped members through hard times — illness, grief and loss.

77%

are very or extremely confident of this impact.



COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Thriving Sheds share one recipe: inclusive governance, welcoming environments and a strong sense of belonging. Partnerships with other community groups amplify the impact.



Welcoming places

Sheds are open to all men from every background.



Community hubs

Places to meet, learn and connect — especially valued in rural and regional towns, where Sheds share space with other local groups.



Skills and safety

Sheds teach practical skills, promote safety, and build community capability.



ECONOMIC BENEFITS

High value, low cost; most Sheds run on modest outside support, while doing work that would otherwise need paid labour.



\$16,223

spent locally by a typical Shed every year



812,700

volunteer hours given each year across Victoria



391

full-time jobs — what those hours add up to



THE IMPACT

By mobilising local resources, volunteer energy and community assets, Men's Sheds generate meaningful economic value — and support a thriving, connected Victoria.

Summary of the Victorian Men's Shed evaluation report, 2026

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

At the VMSA board meeting held on Thursday 15 October, I resigned from the board in accordance with the constitution, which limits board directors' terms to six years.

It has been an eventful six years and I have been very proud and honoured to have served on the VMSA board and to have been its chair.

My time as chair commenced during the Covid epidemic (remember that?) and ended with our current campaign to give our underfunded men's sheds a better future.

A number of thank-yous are in order and I want to start by thanking the committee of my shed, the Ouyen District Men's Shed for their support, without which I would not have been nominated to the board or made the distance.

I also want to thank the VMSA board members who have served during these past six years. Their support, advice and hard work is all carried out on a voluntary basis and their commitment to the men's shed movement is outstanding. I also wish to thank the Executive Officer and staff who, whilst thin on the ground numbers-wise, have got the job done.

Importantly, I want to extend my personal thanks to all of the men's shed presidents, secretaries and committees who do such an amazing job representing their sheds and steering them through the shoals and reefs of circumstance. These volunteers are the heart and soul of the men's shed movement in Victoria and it has been a pleasure and privilege to work with you all.



REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

CONT.

It would be remiss of me not to also thank our funders, the Victorian State Government, and our various sponsors, all of whom are acknowledged on our website.

I would also like to thank Dan Pennefather from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing for his strong support for men's sheds.

As a consequence of my involvement in the VMSA board, I am more aware than ever of the importance of men's sheds in our state, the extent of which has been captured in the independent academic report commissioned by the VMSA and carried out by Professor Kirsten Holmes and her colleagues at Curtin University. This report illuminates the vital role men's sheds play in Victoria supporting their members' health, connectivity and wellbeing and the role they play in strengthening our communities.

If you haven't yet read the report, I commend it to you.

Finally, I wish the VMSA board, now chaired by Max Finlayson and our executive, led by Executive Officer, Michelle Bourke, all the best for the future in representing and supporting our wonderful men's shed movement in Victoria.

TREVOR DOBBYN
VMSA Chair



REPORT FROM THE **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Hello everyone,

I'm still smiling from our VMSA Statewide Forum & AGM 2026, and I want to start by thanking every one of you who made the journey from across Victoria to be there. Walking into a room full of shedders, swapping stories, sharing a laugh and catching up with old mates, reminded me exactly why this community is so special.

Our speakers

Thank you to everyone who spoke and shared their time with us. Our keynote speaker, David Schwarz, spoke openly and courageously about his own experience with gambling addiction and the importance of looking after our wellbeing. It takes real strength to share a story like that.

Thank you to Minister for Carers and Volunteers, Luba Grigorovitch MP, who brought some fabulous news for shedders. Thank you also to Rob Mitchell MP, Federal Member for McEwen and Chair of the Parliamentary Friends of Men's Sheds, for his continued support of our movement. We were also glad to hear from Jade Benham MP, Shadow Minister for Volunteers & Carers, and Jamie Baker from One Nation, Box Hill. Having so many voices from across the political spectrum recognising the value of men's sheds means a great deal.

Thank you to Debra Ong from Blaze Aid, who shared the amazing work their volunteers do rebuilding fences and helping rural communities recover after natural disasters. It's a wonderful reminder of the power of volunteers working side by side.

Celebrating our first-ever VMSA Awards

One of the real highlights of the day was our first ever VMSA Awards! Congratulations to Paul from Orbost Men's Shed, our Champion Shed Member, and to Dingley Village Men's Shed, winner of the Innovation Award. Well done to you both. A big thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate, and to board member Steve's Shed, Men's Shed at St. Andrews, for making the awards happen. We will be opening the nominations for the 2027 Awards soon, so you have plenty of time to submit a nomination.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Our sponsors and partners

A huge thank you to Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) and The Meadows Conference and Events, and to CEO Scott Wuchatsch, for their wonderful support of the day. Thank you also to all of our sponsors and partners who came along to meet our shedders. Your support, and your willingness to spend time getting to know our members, makes a real difference.

To our raffle prize sponsors, ExxonMobil, CHIQ, Safeman and Sydney Tools, thank you for your generosity. Your prizes added plenty of excitement to the day, and we're grateful for your backing.

Our board and staff

To the VMSA board and staff, thank you. A day like this doesn't happen by accident. It takes months of planning, countless hours and a lot of heart, and you gave all three. I'm so proud to work alongside you, and I'm grateful for everything you do for sheds across the state.

And to our shedders

Finally, to all the shedders who came along: thank you. You are the heart of everything we do. The conversations in the room, the laughter over lunch and the ideas shared between sheds are what make our community strong. We'll be sharing more photos and videos from the day soon, so keep an eye out for them.

Hope to see you soon!

MICHELLE BOURKE
VMSA Executive Officer



SHED AWARD WINNERS



The inaugural VMSA Annual Awards were created to celebrate the incredible work happening in sheds across Victoria, recognising the projects, initiatives and individuals that make Men's Sheds so special.

SHED MEMBER CHAMPION

Paul Faulkner
Orbost Men's Shed



Paul Faulkner is the kind of shedder who gets things done quietly and without seeking recognition, always with the interests of others at heart. As a cornerstone of the Orbost Men's Shed, Paul has secured grant funding to upgrade the shed's equipment, established a welding section, launched a bicycle recycling program for local families, and driven a range of community projects including outdoor furniture, a street library and town entry signs.

Perhaps his most remarkable achievement has been establishing the Orbost Ladies Shed, creating a welcoming space for local women to learn new skills and become part of the shed community. In a small regional town, that kind of initiative matters enormously. Paul's dedication, generosity and quiet leadership make him a truly deserving recipient of the VMSA Shed Member Champion Award.

SHED INNOVATION

Dingley Village Men's Shed



The Dingley Village Men's Shed Plastic Recycling Group has diverted more than 22,000 plastic milk containers from landfill, transforming them into durable, useful products for the community. What began in 2019 as an idea among a group of retired engineers has grown into a remarkable operation, with the team custom-building their own shredding and extrusion machines from scratch, conducting over 500 trials during COVID lockdowns to perfect the process, and producing everything from garden stakes to benches, deck chairs and custom furniture for local organisations.

The project is a testament to what shedders can achieve when ingenuity, persistence and teamwork come together. The core team of Kevin Strahan, Ken Groves, Brian Esmond and Damien McShane, supported by the wider Dingley Village membership, have built something truly extraordinary. Their work was recognised at a national level when the group shared the AMSA Green Shed Award, and it is a privilege to recognise them now with the VMSA Innovation Award.

SHEDDERS AT THE FORUM









WOODEND MEN'S SHED

MEMBERS BUILD THEIR FUTURE IN JUST 10 WEEKS

The Woodend Men's Shed is on the move, but its members are wasting no time in building a new home for their much-valued community organisation.

Following the sale of the Old Mill site, the new owners are repurposing the existing shed. In a welcome gesture, they have offered the Men's Shed members space within a large storage shed on the same site, providing a practical solution to an otherwise challenging relocation.

While the new accommodation represents a reduction in floor space to approximately 300 square metres, members are grateful to have secured a home just 300 metres from their current premises. The challenge now is to transform a basic storage area, with a concrete floor and ageing infrastructure, into a functional workshop in just 10 weeks.

A community effort in action

Rather than wait for others to do the work, the members have rolled up their sleeves and put their collective skills to the test. The redevelopment is being designed and constructed by the members themselves, drawing on a remarkable range of practical experience, including architecture, electrical work, plumbing, carpentry, building, welding, framing, air conditioning and roofing.

President John Reynolds acknowledges that the project presents challenges for some members, but says everyone is contributing according to their individual strengths and abilities. This inclusive approach ensures that members can play a meaningful role in creating their new workshop, while respecting their own capabilities and limitations. The result is more than a building project; it is an opportunity for members to develop a genuine sense of ownership in their new home.

Support from the wider community

The relocation project has also attracted assistance from volunteers and members of other Men's Sheds, who responded to articles published in local newspapers and through community networking.

Their willingness to lend a hand demonstrates the strength of the Men's Shed network and the broader community spirit that underpins these organisations.

With a deadline of 20 December 2026 to vacate the existing premises, the pressure is on to complete the work and move the equipment into the new facility before Christmas.

The Woodend Men's Shed is determined to meet that deadline and continue providing a place where men can work together, share skills, develop friendships and remain connected to their community.



JUSTICE CONNECT'S

UPCOMING LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

TRAINING FOR MEN'S SHEDS

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TRAINING SESSION

Volunteer Safety

For Victorian Men's Sheds.

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Now more than ever, organisations need to understand their legal obligations and have sound risk management processes in place when it comes to volunteers.

In this practical training session for volunteer-involving organisations, we'll cover the legal basics around your safety obligations, how to manage risk and important things to note about insurance.



12 November 2026



10:00 am - 1:00 pm



Online via Zoom



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Member Disputes and Board Conflict

For Victorian Men's Sheds.

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Conflicts and disputes can be stressful and highly disruptive.

Learn how to avoid and manage conflicts and disputes between members or committee members of your neighbourhood house or men's shed and gain an understanding of relevant laws and where to go if you need further assistance.



24 November 2026



10:00 am - 1:00 pm



Online via Zoom



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Positive Auspicing Relationships

For Victorian Men's Sheds.

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This training for Victorian men's sheds and neighbourhood houses gives you a quick and comprehensive overview of how auspicing works and what you need to know to be confident that your auspicing arrangement will work to benefit everyone. We look at auspicing from the point of view of both auspisor and auspicee, so that everyone understands their role and responsibilities and what to expect from others involved.



8 December 2026



10:00 am - 1:00 pm



Online via Zoom



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WELCOMING OUR NEW SHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A GUIDE TO GETTING STARTED

Joining your Shed's committee is a meaningful step. You're moving from being a member who benefits from the Shed's work to someone who helps shape it. That shift can feel exciting and a little daunting at the same time, especially if you're not sure exactly what's expected of you beyond “turn up to meetings.”

One of the most useful mental shifts new committee members can make is understanding that a committee's job is different from the day-to-day life of the Shed. Your committee sets direction, makes decisions on behalf of members, and oversees how things are run. Decisions you'll be part of can include things like setting priorities for the year ahead, deciding which projects or equipment to invest in, and weighing in on how the Shed engages with its members and the wider community.

Good governance isn't only about ticking legal boxes. It's also about the everyday practicalities: how meetings are run, how well-prepared the papers are before you arrive, how new members like you are brought up to speed, and how often the group actually meets.

VMSA provides a range of tools and resources to help and support you along the way. [Click here to view our Shed Resources.](#)

What You're Actually Responsible For

Men's Shed committee members typically carry some real obligations. If you want a clear, plain-language overview of what this looks like in practice, Justice Connect's Not-for-profit Law has put together excellent free resources specifically for people in your position:

- New to a Board or Committee, a fact sheet built exactly for new committee members, covering your role, your legal obligations, personal liability, and what you should know about the organisation you're now helping to run. [Download the PDF](#)
- Duties Guide, a deeper look at the core legal duties (good faith, reasonable care, avoiding conflicts of interest) with real-world case studies. [Download the PDF](#)
- Board Inductions, useful if you want to understand what a thorough induction process should ideally include, so you can ask for anything you feel you're missing. [Download the PDF](#)

You can find the full set of resources on the [Not-for-profit Law website](#).

WELCOMING OUR NEW SHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CONT.

Templates to Help You Learn the Role

To make settling into your new role easier, we've put together a set of committee member templates specifically for Shed committees. These are designed to help you understand what the role involves and to give you a practical starting point rather than a blank page:

- Committee role descriptions, setting out what each position (chair, secretary, treasurer, general committee member) is actually expected to do.
- A new committee member induction checklist, covering the key things to read, people to meet, and questions to ask in your first month.
- A meeting agenda and minutes template, so you can see how decisions are recorded and follow along with confidence from your first meeting.
- A conflict of interest declaration template, a simple form to use whenever a decision touches your own interests or those of someone close to you.

A Few Practical Tips for Your First Few Months

- Ask for the basics early. Get copies of recent meeting minutes, the organisation's constitution or rules, its strategic plan, and its most recent financial reports. You don't need to memorise them, but having read them once means you won't feel lost when they come up in discussion.
- Understand the difference between your committee's decisions and staff or operational decisions. If you're ever unsure whether something is yours to weigh in on, ask the chair.
- Don't be afraid to ask “why.” That fresh perspective is genuinely valuable, so use it.
- Declare conflicts of interest early and often.
- Committee rhythms take time to learn: how decisions get made, who to ask for background, how much preparation is expected. Most new members say the second or third meeting feels far more comfortable than the first.

You Don't Have to Figure This Out Alone

Your fellow committee members and the Shed coordinator were new once too. If something about your role, a decision, or the templates feels unclear be sure to ask those that can help you. Thank you for stepping up to help guide the Shed; committees run on people willing to give their time, and we're glad you're one of them

BADGER CREEK MEN'S SHED

RESTORE FOUR WWII HELMETS

When a Healesville local approached the Badger Creek & District Men's Shed with an unusual request, the shedders were more than happy to take it on. Four World War Two US Army helmets, each bearing the scars of battle, were in need of some serious attention. Could the metal workshop team bring them back to their former glory? Challenge accepted.

The first task was finding the right approach. After some creative thinking, the team constructed a dolly purpose-built for the job, giving them the leverage and control needed to work on the curved surfaces of the helmets. Then came the panel beating, energetic and precise, until each helmet had been coaxed back into shape.



The results spoke for themselves. Four helmets that had once seen better days were restored with the skill and care that Badger Creek shedders are known for. Proud of their efforts, the metal workshop team gathered for the mandatory military "job well done" photo, standing to attention with the kind of satisfaction that only comes from a job well done.

General Patton would be pleased.

Although, it's worth noting that not everyone in the shed was quite so serious about the occasion. A few other shedders were overheard muttering something about Dad's Army. We'll leave that one there.

SHED EXTENSION FOR BANNOCKBURN & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

The Bannockburn & District Men's Shed has taken a big step forward, securing a \$45,000 grant through the DFFH 2025-26 Men's Shed Funding Program to build a 10 x 12 metre extension to their shed.

The total building cost came to approximately \$56,000, with the remaining \$11,000 contributed from shed funds — a testament to the commitment of the membership to investing in their own future. The extension was built by Fair Dinkum Builds through the Golden Plains Shire, whose officers provided valuable support throughout the project.

With membership currently sitting at 56 and continuing to grow, the extra space has been a long time coming. President Syd McConachy said the extension will go a long way towards easing the congestion and lack of working space the shed has been experiencing as more and more men come through the doors.

"We expect to have the extension fitted out and ready for use by December," Syd said.



REGIONAL COORDINATOR

OCTOBER UPDATE

October has been a busy month on the road, with plenty of AGM activity across the region. It was a pleasure to attend the Riddells Creek and Lalor AGMs, where members came together to reflect on the year's achievements and look ahead. Thank you to both sheds for the warm welcome.

I also had the chance to visit the Dingley Village shed, where close to 100 shedders gather every Friday. Each visit is a reminder of the energy, skill and friendship that make our sheds such valued places in their communities. Seeing the projects underway and sharing a cuppa with members is always a highlight.

It was also great to see so many sheds represented at the annual Conference. Catching up with familiar faces and meeting new ones, and hearing what's working in sheds around the state is what makes the event so worthwhile.

Across these visits and in phone calls, two topics came up time and again. We talked about the campaign and how sheds can get involved and help spread the message. I also encouraged sheds to submit entries for the new VMSA awards. These awards are a wonderful opportunity to recognise the great work happening in your shed, so please don't be shy. Every shed has something worth celebrating.

Thanks again to everyone for your hospitality. I look forward to seeing more of you in the coming weeks.

If you would like a visit, please call me on 0448 015 554 or email me at jim@vmsa.org.au

Happy Shedding,

Jim



GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

OCTOBER UPDATE

FRRR Strengthening Rural Communities – Small & Vital

The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) is currently accepting applications for its Strengthening Rural Communities Small & Vital grants program, open to not-for-profit organisations in remote, rural and regional Australia.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for grassroots, community-led projects including activities, events, equipment, community infrastructure and organisational capacity building. Projects must be completed within 12 months and deliver clear community benefit.

To be eligible, your shed must hold an ABN or Incorporation Certificate. You can only submit one application per round across the SRC program streams, and projects must not have started before funding is announced.

The current round closes 3 December 2026 at 5pm AEDT.

For program guidelines and to apply, visit frrr.org.au/funding/src-small-vital or call 1800 170 020

FRRR Communities – Capacity Building

Also through FRRR, the FDF Communities Capacity Building initiative supports locally based not-for-profits in agriculture-dependent communities across Australia. Rather than a direct funding grant, this program provides organisational capacity support including workshops, webinars, mentoring, skills audits, tools and templates to help community organisations strengthen their people, systems and long-term sustainability.

For more information, visit frrr.org.au/funding/fdf-communities/capacity-building or call 1800 170 020.

FRRR Strengthening Rural Communities – Prepare & Recover

The FRRR Strengthening Rural Communities Prepare & Recover program supports community-led projects in remote, rural and regional Australia that prepare for climate-related impacts or help communities recover from disasters.

Grants of up to \$25,000 are available for eligible costs including project delivery, equipment, community infrastructure, capacity building and a proportionate share of staffing costs. Eligibility requirements are the same as the Small & Vital stream, and you can only apply to one SRC stream per round.

The next round closes 3 December 2026 at 5pm.

For more information, visit frrr.org.au/funding/src-prepare-recover or call 1800 170 020.

SHED SHOWCASE

ROSEBUD & DISTRICTS MEN'S SHED

John has been keeping busy in the metal workshop lately, and his latest creation is sure to raise a smile. After many hours of work, John has produced a handcrafted metal pig, a testament to the skill and creativity.



BROADFORD COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED

The team at Broadford Community Men's Shed have been putting their skills to good use, crafting extra shelves for the Library Nook at Broadford Living and Learning Centre. The new shelves have made a real difference, with books now better organised and easier to browse.

Well done to the Broadford shedders.



Do you have a great shed story or funny moment to share? Let us know for the next edition of Shed Talk! Email vmsa@vmsa.org.au



CARDINIA MEN'S SHED

For more than five years, the shedders at Cardinia Men's Shed have been generously supporting Victoria Police Legacy with beautifully handcrafted timber creations. Rocking horses, elephants, pups, ducks and more have brought joy to young legatees and raised funds for a wonderful cause.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

There is something special about working with wood that carries a story. One of the craftsmen at Wonthaggi Woodcrafters has been turning a rescued piece of timber from the old Cowes Pier, a piece that spent many decades underwater before finding its way into the workshop.

The moment the wax hits a freshly turned surface and the grain comes to life is always something — but when the wood has that kind of history, it is something else entirely.



MARONG & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

Happy 10th birthday to the Marong & District Men's Shed! Ten years of mateship, practical skills and community connection is a milestone worth celebrating, and by the looks of their recent celebrations, the Marong shedders did exactly that.

Ageing well in Victoria action plan 2026–2030

Strengthening wellbeing for older people



Ageing well in Victoria action plan 2026–2030

The Victorian Government has launched Ageing well in Victoria action plan 2026–2030: strengthening wellbeing for older people.

In Victoria, more than one in 5 people are over 60 years. By 2046, it's projected that older people will make up one quarter of our population. More people are living longer, healthier and more active lives than ever before.

The action plan sets out the priorities for supporting older people in Victoria. It focuses on the areas that matter most to older people:

- staying connected to family, friends and communities
- staying independent and ageing well at home
- having access to services and support when needed
- feeling safe, respected and included.

Together, we can continue building a society where everyone can age well.

Download the action plan and learn more: <https://www.vic.gov.au/ageing-well-victoria-action-plan>.

Changes to the Working with Children Check Now in Effect

Victoria's WWC Check system has changed. If your shed runs programs involving children, or you hold a WWC Clearance, here's what you need to know.

WWC Connect is now live and mandatory online child safety training is now part of the application and renewal process.

If your shed engages workers or volunteers in child-related roles, they must now be registered through WWC Connect. If you are applying for or renewing your Clearance, you must complete the training before your application can be finalised. If you already hold a current Clearance, no action is needed until renewal.

For full details visit the [Changes to the Working with Children Check](#) page. Please pass this on to any shedder who volunteers with children or is coming up for renewal.





OH&S HUB

WE'RE LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SHED TALK'S NEW HEALTH AND SAFETY SHARING PAGE

Last edition we launched this page to encourage sheds across Victoria to share their health and safety experiences, tips and policies with the broader network. The idea is simple. Rather than every shed working through the same challenges in isolation, we can draw on each other's knowledge and experiences to improve health and safety standards across the whole Men's Shed movement. So far we have had no submissions and we would love to change that!

We want to hear from sheds about anything health and safety related that you think would be useful to share with the network. This could be test and tag tips, shedder induction policies, near miss experiences and the lessons learned, how your shed manages hazardous materials, first aid procedures, or any other approach or initiative that has made your shed a safer place. Submissions can be made anonymously if preferred.

No contribution is too small. If it has made a difference in your shed it could make a difference in another. Send your emails to vmsa@vmsa.org.au and let us build something useful together.

HOST YOUR NEXT MEN'S SHED EVENT IN OURS



WE CONFESS, OUR 'MEADOWS SHED' PROBABLY LOOKS A LOT DIFFERENT TO YOURS. HOWEVER, IT SHARES THE SAME VISION, MISSION & ROLE.

Here at **The Meadows Conference and Events Centre** we too believe in empowering communities. Our mission, like just every Men's Shed, is to offer a place for people to connect. We are dedicated to providing our venue to groups who require a unique and great space to host a function at a very reasonable cost. It goes in hand in hand with being a not-for-profit organisation, just like the VMSA.

As a proud sponsor of the VMSA, our shed door is always open should your shed members need a space to gather. This October we will again be hosting the **VMSA Annual Conference**. If you plan to head along, our hospitality team will be available to show you around our venue. We've seven sensational indoor and outdoor spaces to entertain you. If you'd like more immediate information about our venue and hospitality packages you can jump on our website or call on (03) 9355 5222.

And don't forget, our venue doubles as a Australia's premier greyhounds race track. We can also host you on a Wednesday or Saturday race night. Visit melbournegreyhounds.org.au to learn more.



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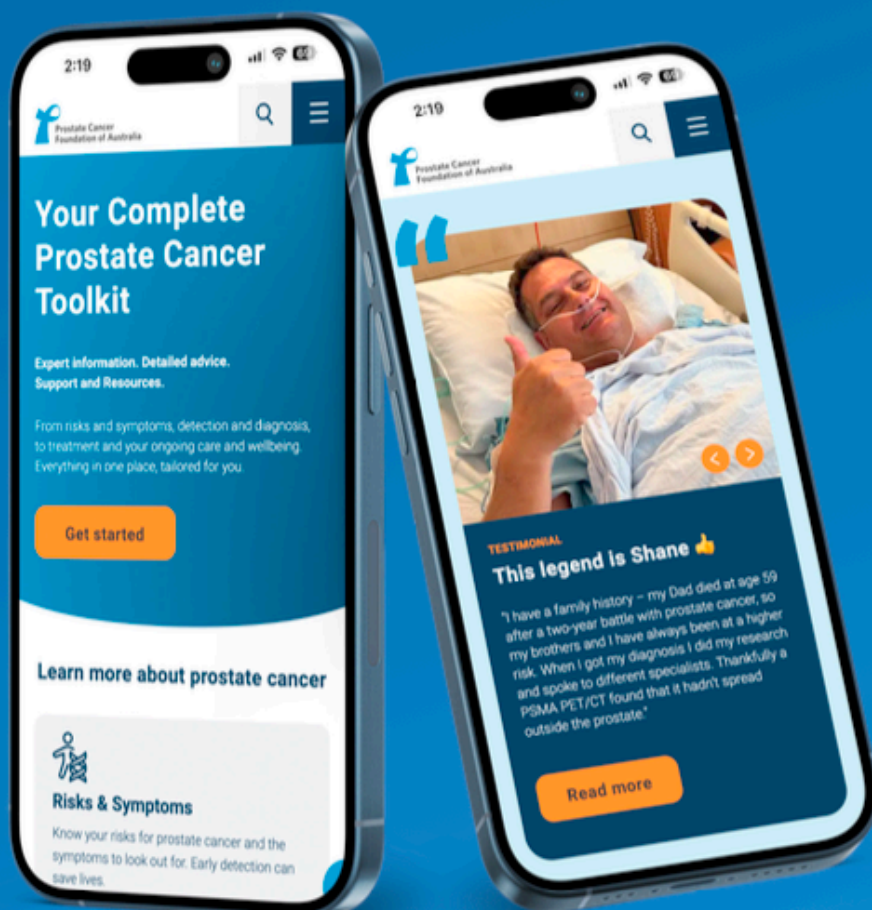
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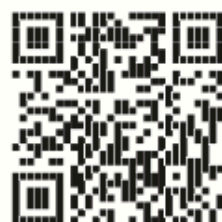
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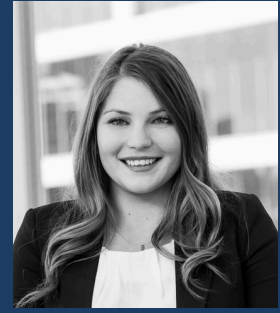


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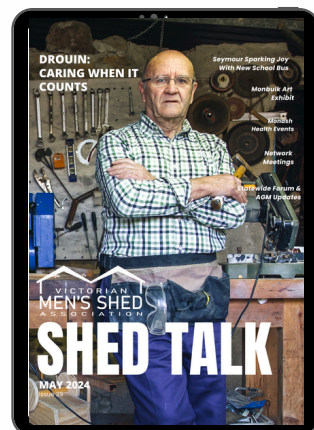


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