



## HOBSONS BAY MEN'S SHED

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#### **Presidents Report:**

The Car Show Australia Day 2020 in conjunction with the Federation of Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs of Victoria is in progress the expression of Interest to the Council has been accepted and I have applied for a grant through the Council to help run the event.

A number of members attended the Wyndham Classic Car Club's first Show and Shine with one of members winning a trophy. BBQ went well but was in a very dusty place when the wind blew up or traffic went passed.

If you are interested in learning to play an Instrument, Clive Pattie is running a course on Wednesdays 11:00am to 12:15pm all welcome to attend. This group started with around eight members and now has thirty.

Ken Jupp has asked that I include the following:

#### **For all those receiving emails from google with subject - Save your Google+ content before 31 March 2019 - or similar.**

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Alf and I attended a Rotary Meeting last Monday where they thanked the Men's Shed of our kind donation of \$1200.00

Alf, Les and I attended the Altona Police Community Conversations Forum at the Civic Centre and it was a very interesting and active night regarding the various crimes around the Hobsons Bay area.

Expression of interest is required, Mike Elley is organising a run to visit the world's largest free-standing stick shed. September 2019 All members of the Shed are invited. There is an attendance sheet at the sign in book. We will be leaving the Saturday morning and returning on the Sunday.

## **Woodwork Group News**

It has been a busy period for the woodwork group over the past 3 months where a number of varied projects have been carried out by the members.

The 8 beach boxes installed on the esplanade at Altona beach proved to be a huge success. Feedback received from beachgoers was highly positive and the level of patronage demonstrated this.

The Point Cook shopping centre pop-up park is also proving to be very successful with the public and we have received much interest regarding the cubby houses we built.

The portable libraries joint venture involving ourselves and other groups in the building, finishing and installation of around 30 library boxes proved to be successful. These library boxes were installed around the Laverton area.

We have recently completed 200 wooden birds of various types and sizes which are to be used for education purposes in a program which include Hobsons Bay City Council and others.

We built and installed a chook pen at Somers Parade early learning centre and we have been advised that the chooks are happy and have stopped destroying the garden.

Discussions with Jennings Street school in Laverton have commenced after they were successful in the acquisition of a W class tramcar. The tram is to be converted into a multi media centre for the students and HBMS will be advising them through the pre-construction stage and carrying out the fit out. This is a large project and will keep a team of volunteers busy over long period.

Work has also commenced on building a number of screens, repair of the existing water wall and refurbishment of other items for Altona Early Learning Centre in Blyth Street.

Our members are continuing to work on refurbishment of the keeper's quarters, establishing and maintaining the garden and construction of the wash house at TERPS every Tuesday.

A special thank you is extended to all our members who continue to volunteer their time and effort which is expanding the services and reputation HBMS is providing to the wider community.

Many thanks for supporting my vision to create a Flock OZ with the people of Hobsons Bay.

The Flock OZ is a project that came to my attention after attending the Shore Bird Conference in Hobart in 2018. The purpose is to raise awareness for migratory and resident shorebirds.

The Flock OZ started in New Zealand and has spread to South Australia, Western Australia, NSW and now Victoria. In each place the wooden birds have been created by Men's Sheds.

With your help, and the help of local children and adults, we have created an initial Flock OZ of 50 birds for pop-up events in Hobsons Bay and other places if requested.

The first Flock OZ was painted on World Wetlands Day, an event organised by Hobson Bay Wetlands Centre (subsidised by the Conservation Rangers) 50 birds.

Flock painting activities coming up:

- World Migratory Bird Day @ Newport Hub (Rangers) 50 birds
- World Migratory Bird Day @ Louis Joel (Arts and Culture) 50
- World Environment Day @ Town Hall (Arts and Culture) 50
- Newport Folk Festival @ Substation (Newport Fiddle and Folk Club) 50

Pop-up installation only

- Anglesea Art Space
- Williamstown Literary Festival (maybe)

I co-ordinate The Flock voluntarily.

The Rangers, Arts and Culture and The Newport Fiddle and Folk Club have donated \$600 to the Shed to cover the materials to make 250 birds.

50 of birds stay with us for pop-up installations.

In the coming months, 200 birds will be painted (mostly by children) and these will migrate into the community where by their presence, they will continue to educate.

I have attached some photos that will give you an idea of The Flock OZ and the project so far.

I thank the men for their patience and support. Flock Oz people always acknowledge the Hobsons Bay Men's Shed when exhibiting the birds or running activities. If people are interested, The Flock OZ have a Facebook page where they post updates of the various Flocks and activities around Australia, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1590449354596238/>

Sincere thanks

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## **HBMS Sickies:**

I have not heard of any sickies this month, if you do please let me know.

- Every Wednesday, JP in attendance between the hours of 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Pelican Peddlers Bike Group. Every Tuesday of the month. See Face book page.
- Committee of Management meeting 5<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am
- 7<sup>th</sup> April End of Day Light Savings Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour
- Car Torque Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. open to public. Egg and Bacon BBQ
- Motoring Group Committee Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am.
- Just a reminder Day light savings ends 2<sup>nd</sup> April Please turn your clocks back one hour.
- Car run to Kerrisdale Railway Museum 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 more info to follow

## **Other information.**

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If you have any news for the Shed Focus please email to Les and we will add it in.

I thank the members that contributed to this months Shed Focus.

Ken