



HOBSONS BAY MEN'S SHED

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Presidents Report:

I have been putting this newsletter together for five years being edition No. 60. Time flies when you are having fun.

Congratulations to Alf for obtaining the Lions Club community volunteer of the year, could not have gone to a most deserving person. I hope the Lion Tamer did not tame you.

Tonight my dad was awarded the prestigious Lions Club Award for Volunteer of the Year in our local district !!!

Cherie



Alf Receiving his certificate

We have had a lot going on this month with the visit to Government House by Colin and Ted, a run up to Castlemaine with the Music Group, where they had a performance for the VMSA. Not to mention the two break ins we had also within two days of each.

Report of the visit Rita and I (together with Colin and Joan Dyall) made to Government House this evening.

From our perspective, it was such a surprise for us to be offered the opportunity to go and I should say, the alacrity of our acceptance at this opportunity might have seemed somewhat unseemly but I was not about to let it pass without making a grab for it.

Well, what a wonderful night!

We, that is, Joan and Colin Dyall, Rita and I travelled into the city by taxi making the trip in about twenty minutes flat. That was REALLY GOOD considering it was in the top of the peak hour! We all remarked that had 'we' driven we would all have been reaching for the blood pressure pills and also probably have got lost several times before getting anywhere near the Governor's Mansion and so it was wonderful to arrive in such a relaxed and optimistic state of mind.

We weren't disappointed. The main reception area was the Ballroom (with a small band playing for atmosphere) and I should say that as a lifetime ballroom dancer, I was astonished to find how large and beautifully appointed that room is.

A large number of people there, perhaps larger than expected but still plenty of room and a really good atmosphere with many spontaneous and friendly introductions from other 'Sheddies' and wives coming from near and far. One could not be excused from professing a thirst either as the drinks waiters passed freely amongst the crowd attending to every need.

The Governor's Aid De Camp opened the proceedings with the Formal Introductions and then presented the Governor, The Hon Linda Dessau, her husband "Tony" Howard and the Men's Shed President Lindsay Oats to the audience. The Governor spoke very positively and enthusiastically about the Men's Shed Association in Australia in general and about Victoria in particular. This acknowledged the ways in which the Association had created so many opportunities for men where few had previously existed and how these opportunities had made such a positive response to the general wellbeing and health of men "*and ladies too, for as we know, behind every Men's Shedder is a lady!*". The Governor's speech also acknowledged the enormous impact that Men's Sheds had made to their various local communities. All of this was enthusiastically received.

Men's Shed President Lindsay Oats then took up the response and spoke thoughtfully and humorously, also making a particular point about the unattached men who make up meaningful proportion of Men's Sheds membership. He ended his 'also well received' speech with the call to "give yourselves a clap and enjoy the night".

We did! The Mansion's ground floor rooms, Drawing, Main Hallway, Billiards, and Dining were then opened for us to visit and marvel. What an experience. "Tony" Howard stopped by and passed some time with us and somewhat later, we found ourselves in front of the Governor. Luckily, I was wearing my 'Hobson's Bay Men's Shed' name tag and after she read this aloud was told that "*you have the biggest shed in Victoria and quite probably Australia*". I then responded that "you are clearly very well informed your Excellency" to which she replied very humorously, "*Yes, I am*". We then conversed about the kind of interests and projects that went on at our shed and she also queried how the members actually got to learn how to use the various tools to make things. I said that from my perspective that if people were interested enough to 'want' to make things, they would generally find a way to make a start but that, luckily, we had a very large resource of skills and people to help others on their way with their projects. She then queried how I might suggest that 'she' learn which hand to use when taking up a tool. "Easy your Excellency, just remember the old adage about Ballroom Dancing, 'don't use the same foot twice'. Happily, this got a good laugh and she was then on her way to meet others.

A prompt taxi availability on leaving sealed the deal and twenty minutes later we were back in Williamstown. What a night!

A most memorable experience and our thanks to Hobson's Bay Men's Shed for this opportunity.



I thank Colin and Ted for representing the Hobsons Bay Men's Shed

The Music Group headed up to Castlemaine for a Victorian Men's Shed meeting where they performed, I was getting a little concerned that their GIG would not happen because of all the Speakers they had, but eventually they got their time of glory.



HBMS Garage Music Group



The team that attended Castlemaine

Clive informs me that the Music Group is full and cannot take any new members until further notice..

Our Annual General Meeting will be on 23rd of August 2019. 12.00 noon at the Laverton Bowling Club 50 Hall Street Altona Meadows.
Members who wish to attend please put their names on the list in the kitchen by 16//8/19

Ken Inglis

President

HBMS Sickies: Allan Blackstock is home, Allan came in on Thursday and is looking very well.

Birthdays: We wish all that have Birthdays in August a Happy Birthday.

- 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 2nd August 9:30am
- Car Torque Sunday 4th August 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. open to public. Egg and Bacon roll & BBQ
- Motoring Group Committee Meeting 4th August 9:30am.
- Motoring Group Committee Meeting 30th July 7:30pm to discuss Committee positions and outcome of the Federation for Australia Day 2020
- Motoring Group AGM Meeting 6th August 7:30pm
- AGM Friday 23rd August 12.00 noon Laverton Bowling Club 50 Hall St Altona Meadows

Other information.

Web pages you may like to surf. You may have to copy and paste the Facebook addresses directly into your search engine.

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Saying of the Month:

"There are two things a person should never be angry at, what they can help, and what they cannot." [Plato](#)