



HOBSONS BAY MEN'S SHED

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A big newsletter this month with plenty of contributors,

Happy New Year to all Members we hope that it was a safe one.

We are still looking for members that are interested in becoming a First Aider for the Shed. You need to be prepared to attend a two day training program and when you are qualified to be prepared to be available to be a nominated First Aider on agreed days.

The CoM has recently updated our AED (defibrillator) and thank to John Stupak for installing it.

Truganina Explosives Reserve Exhibition - Williamstown Library

You may recall that Hobsons Bay Library hosted an Exhibition about the Truganina Explosives Reserve in February 2020, unfortunately, that event was cut short by COVID-19 restrictions.

The Library has asked the HBMS Restoration Group (TERPS) to undertake the Exhibition again in 2020 and the Restoration Group has agreed. The display will be set up in the Williamstown Library from **Tuesday 2 February to Monday 8 March, and can be viewed during Library hours**. There will be an interesting display of documents, photos, artefacts and an interactive touch screen display.

Regards,
Meredith

I must congratulate the TERPS group for their fantastic work they are doing not just with the building restoration but the gardens as well. I will get there on the 7th February on their open day.

Bunnings BBQ, we require more volunteers for our next one. Alf will be setting up for us and will then leave to come back later in the afternoon, we have 300 members and only the usual people attend on the day. Suggestion is that each group do possibly one BBQ in two years.

Ken Jupp is doing a great job on updating our current web site with new information and photos.

Danny Civitico is now managing the Face Book page.

It has been noted that some members are driving too fast on the grounds of the shed can I please ask that you slow down and remember that there are pedestrians in the area.

Ken Inglis

President

HOBSONS BAY MENS SHED MUSIC GROUP

Australia Day Performance

Congratulations to the members of the Music Group (World's Biggest Garage Band) on your performance at the Hobsons Bay Australia Day Celebration, held at Sea Works in Williamstown. The Band, led by Clive Pattie, worked very hard in the lead up to the performance and by all accounts put on a great show on the day.



Notice of Meeting of the Music Group Friday 12th February 2021 - 11am

The HBMS Committee of Management has requested that all the HBMS Groups form a structured Sub-committee to manage the running of that Group. As Clive is unwell at the moment the CoM wants to assist the Music Group to establish the Music Group Sub-committee.

Notice is therefore given that there will be a meeting of all members of the Music Group on Friday 12th February 2021 at 11.00am. Due to Covid19 social distancing requirements and depending on numbers attending the meeting it will be held outside at the back of the Shed. The purpose of the meeting is to establish a leadership structure for the group - President, Vice-President, Secretary etc.

Please consider how you can support and assist with the running of the Group.

Article for Hobsons Bay Men's Shed Newsletter 16 January 2021.

RESTORATION AND GARDEN GROUPS

Did you know that the Men's Shed has a Restoration Group and a Garden Group? These two groups were established in 2017 to recognise the work being done by HBMS members at the Truganina Explosives Reserve.

The work commenced in June 2015, initially to do a modest restoration of the brick Keeper's Quarters, which was built in 1897. HBMS became involved in this through

former Councillor Sandra Wilson, a HBMS member, who was then on the Council's Advisory Committee for the Reserve. Also on that Committee were Virginia and Ralph Coghill, who represented the National Trust. The Committee was keen for the building to be restored so it could be used by the community of Hobsons Bay. A number of people who knew Virginia and Ralph from other organisations expressed interest in volunteering.

Cr Wilson facilitated Men's Shed involvement to satisfy Council's requirement that volunteers working on this type of activity had appropriate insurance. The HBMS Woodwork Group was also interested in participating, so the team was formed and had its first working bee on 16 June 2015.

Tuesday working bees have been held regularly since that time, and funding for the restoration has come from public donations and Council grants.

Volunteer numbers steadily grew, and a number of them became interested in restoring and improving the heritage gardens. This led to the development of a demonstration vegetable garden.

The Men's Shed formally recognised the volunteers as groups in their own right in September 2017. Two groups were established – the restoration Group and the Garden Group. The Restoration Group received a grant from the Shed to purchase tools. Prior to that many members brought their own tools to working bees.

What have we done?

From starting with a plan to do modest restoration such as painting and minor repair work, the Groups have acquired a broad range of skills which have enabled us to broaden our horizons. Today we have people with qualifications and skills in building, carpentry, metalwork, bricklaying, patternmaking, engineering, chemistry, horticulture and much more. This has allowed us to take on more and more.

We have completed restoration work on the Keeper's Quarters (brick house), built a replica of the historic was house (now the public toilet facilities), restored outbuildings, stabilised the stables and a historic workman's hut, beautified and improved the heritage gardens and orchard and established the demonstration vegetable garden.

Volunteers built a full-size replica of an explosives transport wagon in conjunction with the Woodwork Group, and then built a shed over it in its display location.

Currently we are restoring the c1915 Under Keeper's Quarters (weatherboard house) and will shortly commence restoration work on the two laboratory buildings.

As part of this work the volunteers have restored antique furniture, built replicas of antique kitchen cupboards and dressers, built mantelpieces, opened up bricked-in fireplaces and installed cat iron grates.

To date we have contributed over \$350,000 worth of labour for grants totalling \$35,000 – a ten-fold leverage on Council's investment!

Seeing the contribution, we have made and the community's positive reception, Council has carried out capital works which we were not permitted to do – a new slate roof on the Keeper's Quarters, heritage galvanised iron roofs on the outbuildings, and a heritage galvanised iron roof about to go on the Under Keeper's. They have also supplied items such as topsoil, toppings, bluestone pavers, and made machinery available to us when needed.

We welcome new volunteers, whatever your skill level. If you are interested, come to the reserve any Tuesday after 9.00 am and we will be happy to show you around!



Keeper's Quarters, March 2015



Keeper's Quarters, October 2020



Under Keeper's, November 2014



Under Keeper's, December 2020



Painting the hallway, October 2015



New kitchen, February 2016



Building back veranda, August 2017



Building Wash House and vegetable garden beds, October 2018



Paving at rear of Keeper's Quarters, May 2019



New fireplace and mantelpiece, June 2020



Windmill restoration, January 2021



Installing new windows, January 2021.



Restoration and Garden Groups, December 2019

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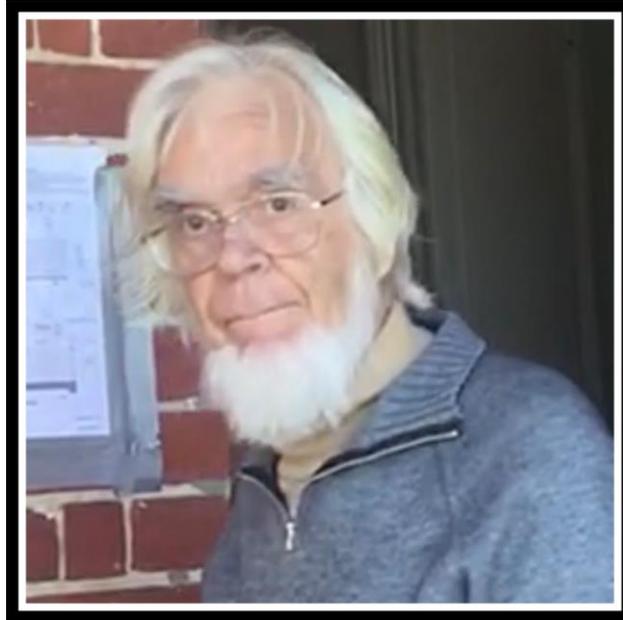
Last year's event attracted quite a bit of community interest, so hopefully we can repeat that achievement.

Kind regards,
Ralph Coghill.

In Memorial

John Burnet

8th July 1939 - 11th January 2021



John leaves behind his loving wife Eleanor
He also leaves his 6 daughters and their extended families.
He enjoyed participating and socialising within HBMS
A Shed member since May 2010
His main interests were in Woodwork and
Restoration @ the 2 houses on the Explosives Reserve
He will be greatly missed by his large family and many friends.
May John

REST IN PEACE

Sickies for the Month Clive Pattie illness unknown at this stage, Bob Guest had a fall and broke his hip. Speedy relief to your suffering.

Birthday wishes to those having a Birthday in February.

Coming Events

Committee of Management Meeting – Friday 5th February 2021

Car Torque – Sunday 7th February 2021

TERPS open day 7th February 1pm to 4pm

Wings and Wheels Bacchus Marsh 7th February Car Run.

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

Saying of the Month:

The human body has been designed to resist an infinite number of changes and attacks brought about by its environment. The secret of good health lies in successful adjustment to changing stresses on the body.

Harry J. Johnson