



**SIMPSON MEN'S SHED
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NEWSLETTER**

2017 has come and gone and we are now into the New Year 2018. The past 12 months has been a very productive year for our Simpson Men's Shed with a number of projects having been completed.

The Simpson Men's Shed now in its 10th of operation, over that time we have achieved much to the satisfaction of members. Throughout the past six months our Shed has undertaken all costs associated with the running of the Shed and members can be proud of what has been achieved. Funds have been raised by sale of projects and Bunning's BBQ's.

December saw another very successful Christmas dinner with members, wives, partners and friends of the Shed present on the day. We were restricted with our numbers for the dinner, but we catered for 42. Our thanks to all who were able to assist in the preparation of the meal.

Members can look forward to another very productive year of working together, friendship and fellowship. We will be kept busy in the first months of the year with a number of projects. We have received notice from the Mount Duneed Pony Club that they will require approximately 15 cross country jumps built to various designs.

A big welcome to our newest Shed member in Merv Holloway. Merv enjoyed his first two days he spent with us and is looking forward to 2018. We must over the year ahead look to recruiting more new members if possible.

The building of a room to house the dust extractor and compressor will be built and planning and fitting of pipes will take place shortly.

We have been asked to do repairs and maintenance on the horse stalls for the Lakes & Craters Pony Club at Camperdown. Ian Laursen has visited the site and listed what has to be done and has submitted the recommendations for the committee meeting in early February. Last year we spent nearly 3 days repairing and maintenance to the yards that total over 240.

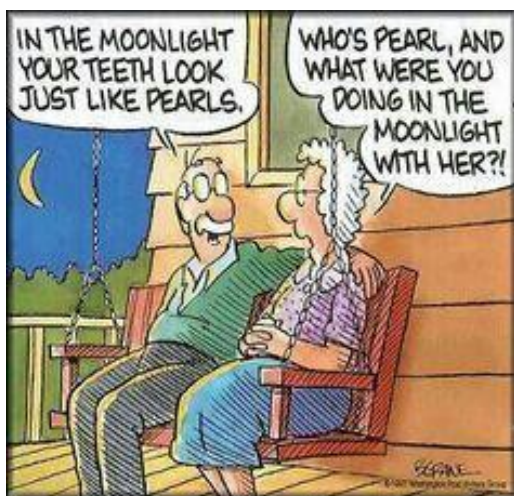
Another "Cubby House" is to be constructed. The Simpson Kindergarten were interested in purchasing one of the two that we had for sale prior to Christmas. If the Kindergarten is still interested then it will go next door, if they are not interested then we will put it on the internet for sale.



Construction of another two children's table and chairs has commenced with a few design alterations. These are required for the Heytesbury Agricultural Show. A Marquee Gazebo has been purchased to replace the old unit for this year's show. A few interesting moments were enjoyed when it was put together for the first time.

Three ceiling fans have been purchased for the work shop and will be installed as soon as possible. The Shed has purchased a new Gazebo for use at this year's Heytesbury Agricultural Show where we here we will again have a stand.

The Community Garden has been very productive with peas, beans, red beet, parsnips & potatoes doing well. Follow up crops are being planted and getting them established. In early February Bunning's will have two of their garden staff bring out plants for the Kindergarten to plant in the garden. Prior to Christmas the Kindergarten pupils planted some corn, lettuce, potatoes and pumpkins. These are now producing and when Kinder restarts we hope to have the children back to pick their corn and dig up some potatoes to take home.



We will be looking at in the year ahead, arranging visits to some of our neighbouring Men's Sheds, such as Timboon, Cobden & Colac. Another visit would be to the Colac Woodworkers group who now have a new shed at the Colac Show grounds.

Over the pre- Christmas period, members were attending the BBQ's at Camp Corremungle for the dairy days. Weather conditions were fine and the kids enjoyed all the activities that were available on the day. Thanks again to all those who were able to assist on the day.



Simpson Men's Shed members, Ken Unwin, Gavan Crole, Ian Laurenson and Eliza Baudinette (Activities Organiser) on duty representing the Shed at the Bunning's Colac Community Fun Day on Saturday 20th January 2018.

Eliza will be leaving her position in mid-February and will be going casual at Bunning's as she will be commencing studies at the Gordon Institute. We wish Eliza all the very best in her studies and wish her all the very best in her chosen field, it has been a pleasure working with her.

We have our next Bunning's Colac BBQ coming up on Saturday 10th February, we will be looking for another crew for the day. We have monthly bookings up to the month of June, all Saturday bookings with the following dates: March Saturday 17th – April Saturday 7th – May Saturday 13th – June Saturday 9th.