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REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Your shed should have now received an emailed invitation to send up to two delegates (at this stage) to the VMSA Statewide Forum and AGM on 23 October at the Meadows.

The event is offered free to men's sheds in Victoria and we will provide \$100 to sheds located more than 100km from Melbourne to help them with their travel costs if they attend.

There will be a number of speakers and open forums to allow sheds to network and share information and ideas.

The Meadows is very generously sponsoring the whole event, including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. It should be an enjoyable and productive day and we look forward to seeing you there.

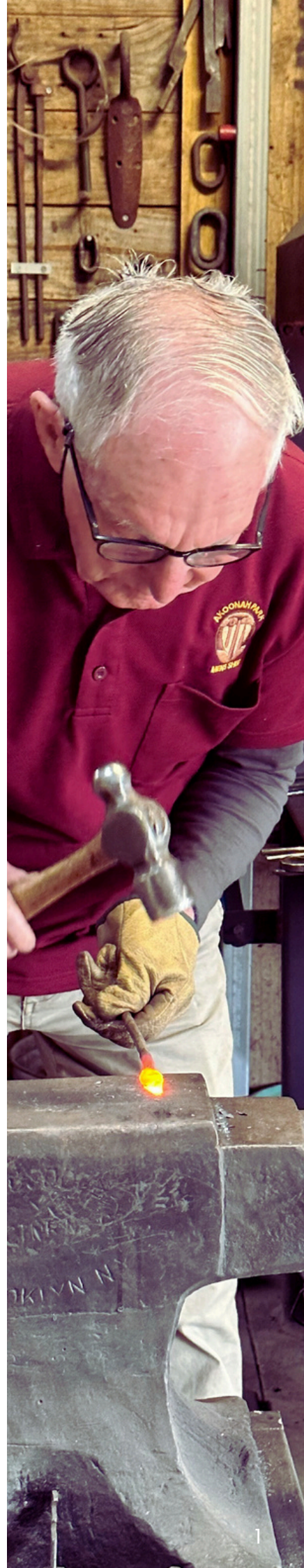
I am happy to report that the VMSA has a new board member. Greg Male has had 14 years' experience in the men's shed movement and is currently president of the Monash Men's Shed. He is a former mayor of Monash and has a wealth of experience in the finance, community service and local government fields.

We've been twisting his arm for a year or two and I am pleased to announce he has finally given in! Greg will assist the board in a number of areas including succession planning for our future. The next state government men's shed funding round is expected to be announced soon and we'll let you know as soon as the date is announced.

In closing, I thought it important to mention that I have had several enquiries from men's sheds about incorporating. These sheds are currently auspiced by a council, health body or Neighbourhood House and have decided to cut their apron strings and become independent. A major benefit of incorporation is that it provides an opportunity for control of the shed to transfer to the men's shed and its committee. The shed can then be fully utilised for its purpose to support men's health, mental health, connectivity and wellbeing under the control of its own members.

Whilst we recognise that some sheds are happy being auspiced or don't have the resources to become independent there are significant benefits in incorporating your men's shed and realising the goal of self-determination. Men's Sheds wishing to enquire about incorporating their shed should contact our General Manager Jim Kane or VMSA Board Vice-Chair Colin Prowd for advice.

TREVOR DOBBYN
VMSA Chair





REPORT FROM THE **GENERAL MANAGER**

Hello Shedders,

This past month has been quite a busy one at the VMSA as we continue to engage with regions of Victoria that haven't had a visit from us for a while. I had the pleasure of meeting with six great sheds in the north west of our state, including Ouyen, Sunraysia, Donald, Boort, Cahuna and Barham-Koondrook, while Mark has been roving the various corners of Gippsland. Most sheds were going well with strong committees and were stable, although a couple mentioned to me that they would like to attract new members.

It can sometimes be difficult to get new faces through the door, particularly in small towns, but this is where the benefit of being in a shed network can come in handy. There's a number of regional networks that promote their sheds as a group and the VMSA are in the process of collating their promotional documents as we develop our capacity to advise you in this area.

Speaking of networks, we're continuing to map what's happening across the state, and have identified at least nine regions that are currently active. The first priority of our network pilot program will be to identify and support areas where there are gaps, so if your shed wants to find out more about starting or joining a network don't hesitate to get in touch. You can find more detailed information about this on page 13 of this edition of Shed Talk.

We'd also like to thank all those who have paid their 24-25 VMSA membership dues. I've had a few requests to list the many benefits that membership of our association offers so we've summarised these on page 14.

Finally, I'd like to share a recent anecdote from my travels. On a very cold morning earlier this month I was sitting around a fire with about six other blokes. I decided to break the ice by asking the group how shed life was going for them. There was about a five second pause before one guy looked up and said 'well it's saved my life'. It's moments like these that remind me that I'm working for the right organisation.

As always, if you have any questions about any of the topics mentioned or any other VMSA matters feel free to contact me on 0448015554 or gm@vmsa.org.au,

Happy shedding,

JIM KANE
VMSA General Manager



NEW BOARD MEMBER

GREG MALE



The VMSA is excited to introduce Greg Male as the newest member of our board! Greg brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our team, and we are confident that his contributions will help us continue to grow our shedding community.

Born in Jordaville in the late 1950's he has lived in the City of Monash for over 60 years, Greg has carved out an impressive career in the Finance Sector, Community Services and Local Government.

His growing list of accomplishments and experience includes;

- President at the Monash Men's Shed, an organisation that he assisted in creating in 2008 in partnership with the Lions and Rotary clubs of Monash. Up until 2016 Greg was the Patron of the shed and has been the Shed's President since 2017. Through this work, he is fast becoming known as a leading advocate for Men's Health in Victoria.
- Councillor Development Officer for the Victorian Local Government Association before joining the Monash Men's shed.
- Elected as Councillor for the Glen Waverley Ward for Monash Council in 2008. Then endorsed by his peers when elected as Mayor of the City in 2011. A key achievement, as well as the establishment of the Monash Men's shed, was the declaration of the Glen Waverley precinct alcohol-free (outside designated areas) in partnership with the Victorian Police.
- An approved Lobbyist with the Australian Government providing pro-bono services to the Not-for-Profit sector. A role he has undertaken since 2013.
- Tertiary Qualifications in Community Development, Disability Services and Training and Assessment.
- Honorary Justice for the State of Victoria, appointed in 2003
- Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management
- Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Member of the Australian Institute of Credit Management.
- A tireless and influential community leader he commenced volunteering in his community in 1970.
- Past Chairman of Wavlink Inc, a community learning centre for adults with a disability, for five years.
- Holding numerous Community Directorships over the years and is regularly sought for his input into community development matters in Monash and beyond.
- Chairman of the ONE in 5000 Foundation a Health Promotions Charity since 2017.
- Appointed to the Victorian Government Precinct Reference Group for the Suburban Rail Loop Authority in 2021.

STATEWIDE FORUM & AGM

The VMSA cordially invites two members from each registered shed to our annual forum and AGM

- Guest speakers include: Minister Ros Spence, AMSA President Luke Clifton, Monash Shed President Greg Male
- Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea provided
- \$100 transport voucher for sheds travelling over 100km
- Numerous door prizes and raffles
- Four break-out rooms for discussion and 'show and tell'

 **Wednesday 23rd October, 2024**

 **10:00am - 4:30pm**

 **THE MEADOWS CONFERENCE AND
EVENTS CENTRE
80 NORTHCORP BOULEVARD
BROADMEADOWS VIC 3047**

 **RSVP BY 1 OCT
JIM KANE 0448 015 554
gm@vmsa.org.au**





CALLING ALL SHED MUSICIANS!

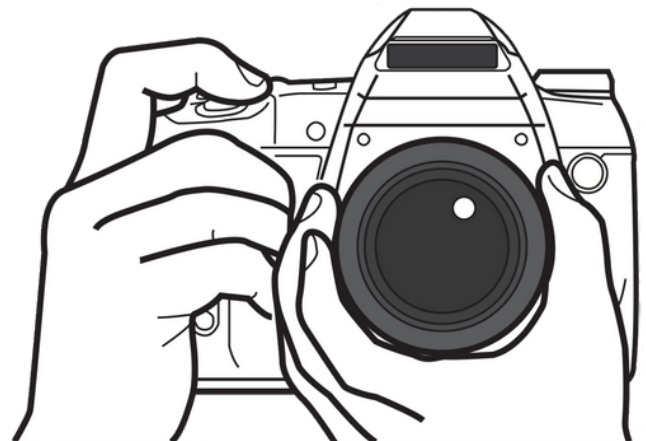
There will be an opportunity for shed musicians and bands to showcase their talents during the lunch break at the Statewide Forum & AGM.

Contact vmsa@vmsa.org.au to apply for a slot.

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

The VMSA is seeking a talented photographer to capture the highlights of the upcoming Statewide Forum.

If you're interested, please get in touch at vmsa@vmsa.org.au.



8 Hewlett-Packard computers to be won!

The VMSA has **8 new HP laptops to give away** to sheds at the Statewide Forum & AGM. In order to be eligible to win one of these a shed will need to:

In 250 words or less let us know why you think a new laptop computer will be useful for your shed. (email to vmsa@vmsa.org.au)

Have at least one representative from your shed attend the VMSA Forum.

The 8 winners will be announced at the Forum.





BEAUFORT MENS SHED

AGM 2024

With almost a full complement of members in attendance, the Beaufort Mens Shed held their Annual General Meeting last week at the Beeripmo Centre. Achievements of the 2023/24 year were highlighted by Clarrie Johnston who completed his first full year as President including:

- Completed raised garden beds.
- Made a very solid bridge and noodle race and the balloon busting game for the local Pony Club.
- Built photo display easels for the Beaufort Agricultural Society.
- Undertook repairs to the Trawalla Hall.
- Cut 500 house shapes for the Pyrenees Community House
- Built a storage box for the Library alleyway.
- Made several garden display stands for private orders.
- Framed paintings
- 30 crosses for Lexton RSL.
- Fitted six Perspex doors and backing to two sets of shelving.

President Clarrie reported to the members that the 2022 floods were a disaster for the club. They caused significant damage to their shed and some materials, causing the insurance company to declare that sections of the shed were not tenatable. This resulted in a move to the current premises. The social element of the Mens Shed is important and the enjoyment of soup days and barbeques continue to be well received.

After a presentation by Pyrenees Shire Positive Ageing Coordinator Sheena Brown, the members and visitors enjoyed a delightful supper.

Office bearers elected for 2024-25 on the evening are:

President	Clarrie Johnston
Secretary	James Jeffries
Treasurer	Stuart Quixley
Committee:	John McLinden, Ken Readwin and Carmine Zerella.

A BUSY MONTH FOR DROUIN

The Drouin Men's Shed welcomed Gemma Smith for a fantastic Health and Wellbeing presentation. Gemma's insights into maintaining mental and physical health sparked lively discussions among our members, highlighting the importance of self-care in our daily lives.

In their woodworking corner, Rob has been diligently working on his latest project. His dedication and craftsmanship continue to impress, showcasing the skills of our members and the great work being done in the Shed.

The engineering workshop has been buzzing with activity. Members have worked on several exciting projects, including a delightful dog sculpture made from U-bolts and other recycled materials. They've also designed a wildlife trap that we plan to sell at the Drouin Market soon!

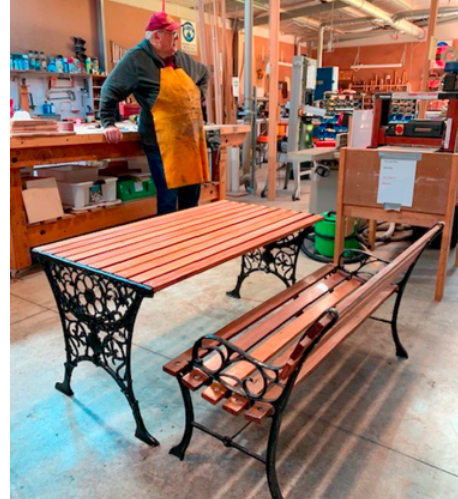
In an effort to improve resources, they sold a small lathe that had been donated and was surplus to the shed requirements. The lathe was shipped to Queensland, and the funds generated from the sale were used to purchase a much-needed TIG welder. This new equipment will enhance our metalworking capabilities and benefit various upcoming projects.

Additionally, they're thrilled to announce the completion of our trailer project, which will be registered by the end of the month. This trailer will allow us to transport our handcrafted items to local markets, helping us raise much-needed funds for the Shed.

Exciting news: the trailer project is now complete and will be registered by the end of the month. They're eager to use it to transport their handcrafted items to local markets, helping them raise funds to support the Shed's activities.

The Shed was thrilled to have local MP Wayne Farnham join them for a sausage after his meeting with the Shed's committee. It was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen their community connections and share the work being done.

Congratulations to Steve Bone, Shedder of the Month! His commitment and contributions have made a significant impact, and his "Steve Bone Roast" was something to behold.



EXPLORING THE SHEDS OF VICTORIA

VMSA's Regional Coordinator Mark Tyrrell continues to rack up the km's visiting sheds across the state. Here's the latest instalment of 'Tyrrell on Tour'...

It's been a pretty huge month on the road North, South, East and now West, of Victoria, from Hopetoun to Rosebud and Paynesville to Mount Gambier I've been welcomed at a bucketful of sheds. I believe I have been to every shed in East Gippsland, South Gippsland and Bass, 2 great networks one in Hopetoun and the other in Cardinia.

The networks have been great, getting a group of sheds together has meant we can share the magic that a shed can create, the assistance and idea sharing is great to see. We had some brilliant health promotions in the Mallee and learned about 3D printing in Koo Wee Rup. We will be exploring network development more over the next few months, a massive shout out to those sheds who have offered to host an upcoming network.

I continue to be amazed at the variety of activities that sheds provide their members and how impactful sheds are to their communities. All up since my first report I have been to 43 sheds and clocked up just over 7000 kms (that's 37 trips between Dublin and Galway). It might be considered a small state in Australian terms but it's big and beautiful to these smiling Irish eyes.

I look forward to visiting more sheds in August.

Slan go Foill
Mark"

If your shed is hosting an event, please reach out to Mark via email mark@vmsa.org.au or call 0413 353 819.



2024 National Men's Shed Awards nominations now open

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AMSA's National Men's Shed Awards give the Men's Shed community an opportunity to recognise the outstanding work of Men's Sheds around Australia. Supported by AMSA's major partner [Fair Dinkum Builds](#), the Awards look for Sheds and efforts of all sizes to celebrate the simple greatness of Men's Sheds from all over the country.

In 2024, the Awards fall under four categories:

- Innovation – a unique or unusual fundraising activity
- Sustainability – a unique or interesting recycling activity
- Men's health – promoting men's health and wellbeing
- Shed of the Year – a Shed doing great things, inside and out

Award winners are announced alongside the recipient of the Ted Donnelly Lifetime Contribution Award at the AMSA National Gathering every two years.

Nominations are now open for the 2024 Awards. For more information, download the [Information Sheet](#) and [Nomination Form](#).

Recipients will be announced at the [10th National Men's Shed Gathering Shed Mates Shedder's Dinner](#) on Thursday 5 September 2024.



**FIND YOUR LOCAL
MEN'S SHED**

Camaraderie, connectivity,
and engagement for men
of all backgrounds.



INSIDE THE WORKSHOP SHED SHOWCASE

NEWBOROUGH YALLUM

Garden and vegetation projects are making great progress! Members have been diligently planting and maintaining their green spaces, creating a vibrant and flourishing environment. Stay tuned for more updates as the garden continues to thrive!



UPWEY MENS SHED

Great to have Aaron Violi MP visit the stall and offer his support. Thank you, Aaron! The shed is applying to lease the old Angling Club Building at the Upwey Community Precinct to make it their new base.

They enjoyed chatting with everyone and collecting signatures for the Letter of Support petition. Thanks to all for the laughs and support!



BAIRNSDALE MENS SHED

The Bairnsdale Men's Shed enjoyed their monthly social lunch, sharing great food and conversation. It's a valued time for members to catch up.

INGLEWOOD & BRIDGEWATER

The Inglewood & Bridgewater Men's Shed recently made a new place to hang some tools, enhancing organisation and accessibility in the workshop. This improvement has been a great addition, making it easier for members to work on their projects efficiently.



NEWSTEAD MEN'S SHED

Delivered some picnic tables to what might be the most scenic spot yet—the Mountain Bike Park at Harcourt!

The stunning views and vibrant surroundings make it the perfect location for everyone to enjoy a break after a ride. The Shed is proud to contribute to such a beautiful community space!

**DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE?
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
WHETHER IT'S A PROJECT SUCCESS,
A MEMBER'S ACHIEVEMENT, OR A
COMMUNITY INITIATIVE, WE'D LOVE
TO FEATURE IT IN SHED TALK.**

Send us your photos and stories to **vmsa@vmsa.org.au** and let us showcase the amazing work happening in your shed.

Don't miss this opportunity to share your journey with the wider Men's Shed community!



UPCOMING NETWORK MEETINGS

The VMSA have been putting in some groundwork to establish two networks in the Gippsland Region:

- East Gippsland - 3 potential sheds/locations to host a network including Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance and Paynesville.
- South/West Gippsland and Bass area - We have identified 3 potential sites for network by end of the year, Leongatha have volunteered for the first meeting, with Inverloch and Korumburra interested to host next.

Rebooting of historical Networks - The VMSA have been in touch with Shedders who are looking to re-activate networks including the following regions (leading shed or Council in brackets):

- Mornington Peninsula (Colin, Mornington Shire),
- Central Highlands (Maryborough, Ballarat East)
- Greater Geelong Network (Ocean Grove MS)
- Warrnambool (Warrnambool MS)
- Maldon-Castlemaine-Marong

If you are seeking information about regional shed networks or are interested in attending/starting one, please contact us on vmsa@vmsa.org.au



HEYWOOD NETWORK MEETING

 **September 11**

 **9am - 3pm**

 **Heywood Men's Shed
21 BARCLAY STREET, HEYWOOD**

 **RSVP SANDRA 0438 336 589 or
TERRY SPARROW: 0437 653 720
EMAIL: mensshedheywood2011@gmail.com**

MORNINGTON NETWORK MEETING

 **August 14**

 **9am - 3pm**

 **Mornington Men's Shed**

 **RSVP**

SHED MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The VMSA would like to thank the 200 plus sheds that have paid their 2024-25 membership dues thus far. A gentle reminder to the other sheds that by retaining your membership of the association you will be entitled to the following benefits:

- VMSA provides practical advice, assistance, support, and guidance to Victorian Men's Sheds.
- Representation and advocacy for the interests of your shed to government, business and community organisations.
- Assist with promoting your shed to the wider Victorian community.
- Face-to-face support for Victorian Sheds including field visits.
- An invitation to our annual VMSA Forum and AGM on the 23rd of October which is fully catered, free of charge and includes a \$100 travel voucher for all sheds located more than 100km from the location. (The Meadows Racetrack, Broadmeadows)
- Help with local and regional shed networks, including network visits and network establishment.
- A Victorian-based Regional Coordinator who supports Victorian Men's sheds with local health-related resources and timely information on the National Shed Development Program Grants.
- Information and guidance regarding the annual Victorian State Gov MS grants - up to \$840k for Victorian Sheds.
- Subscribe to the VMSA Shed Talk Newsletter and access to our Facebook page keeping sheds updated with information and news about shed activities across Victoria.
- Information provision on other available local grants, governance, shed promotion and community engagement.
- Enjoy the benefits forged by VMSA's partnerships with corporations and other organisations for the distribution of equipment and materials and equipment to sheds.

In an inflationary environment, we have kept our fees at the low cost of \$55.00. If you have not received an invoice, have any questions or would like more information please contact us at vmsa@vmsa.org.au.



A reminder

Member fees of \$55
are due

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ACC: 144688181



Follow Us on Social Media



Don't miss out on the latest updates, events, and community initiatives from the Men's Shed!

Follow our Facebook page **Victorian Men's Shed Association** for all the news, photos, and stories straight from Sheds.

Plus, join our Facebook group **VMSA - Public Notices** to connect with fellow members, share ideas, and stay in the loop with discussions on topics that matter to you.

Stay connected, stay engaged, and be a part of our vibrant online community!

Follow us today!

SHED TO TABLE

TABLE

TEX MEX PASTA BAKE

INGREDIENTS

2 cups Uncooked spiral pasta
500g Mince beef
375g jar salsa
1 can Condensed Cream of Chicken soup, undiluted
1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend, divide in half

METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 180°. Cook pasta according to package directions and drain once cooked.
2. Meanwhile, cook the beef in a Dutch oven over medium heat until no longer pink; Stir in the salsa, soup and 1/2 cup cheese; heat through.
3. Add pasta; stir into meat mixture. Transfer to a greased 27x18cm baking dish. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Cover and bake until cheese is melted, 15-20 minutes.



SAUSAGE PASTA WITH VEGGIES

INGREDIENTS

2 cups uncooked whole wheat penne pasta
500g Pork sausages, casings removed
2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
400g diced tomatoes with garlic, tinned
150g fresh baby spinach
1/4 cup shredded mozzarella

METHOD

1. In a 5L stockpot, cook pasta according to package directions; drain and return to pot.
2. Meanwhile, in a large fry pan, cook and crumble sausage with mushrooms over medium-high heat until no longer pink, 5-7 minutes. Stir in tinned tomatoes; bring to a boil. Stir in spinach until wilted.
3. Add to pasta; heat through. Sprinkle with cheese; remove from heat. Let stand, covered, until cheese is melted.





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ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Free help with your energy bills

We have a new team ready to help you with your electricity and gas bills.
We can help you:



Talk to your energy retailer and get help if you have debt



Access extra financial support



Check you are getting your Government energy concessions and ensure the concessions are applied to your bill



Find and move to an affordable energy plan



Understand your bill and fix any possible errors



Save money by changing the way you use energy around the home



Understand what other supports are available

All you need is a copy of your most recent bill.

Call Anglicare Victoria's Energy Team on 1800 531 741

(between 8am and 7pm, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays)

Or email energy@anglicarevic.org.au

We can also organise to meet you in-person at one of our outreach locations across Victoria. Call us to find out more or book an appointment.



Scan here to find out more.



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beyondblue.org.au
- 13YARN**
13 92 76
13yarn.org.au
- Suicide Call Back Service**
1300 659 467

Swipe →

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disasterassist.gov.au
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recovery.gov.au/

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Managing stress and coping with uncertainty isn't something you have to do on your own. Swipe to see and save a list of mental health and emergency support services that can help before, during, and long after a natural disaster.

Visit our Support Toolkit to discover more services and learn wellbeing tips for coping with extreme weather.

A Lifeline and NRMA Insurance Help Nation initiative



LiveUp: Your Free Guide to Healthy Aging, supported by the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care, empowers you to maintain independence and social connections as you age.

Discover helpful assistive products for everyday use with the guide below. From simple home modifications to assistive gadgets, you'll find solutions to enhance your daily life.

Explore a variety of recommended products from reputable retailers and online stores, with clickable links provided as you navigate through the guide. Plus, benefit from valuable tips and insights shared by occupational therapists.

Click the image below to open the guide and flip through to learn more.

Making Choices, Finding Solutions

A guide to independence and wellbeing



Supports and Tools for Elder Abuse Prevention (STEAP)

2024 Outreach Calendar

Generate awareness and foster action to end elder abuse!

There are many opportunities throughout the year to bring your community together and build awareness of elder abuse.



January

National Stalking Awareness Month

Identity Theft Awareness Week

January 29 – February 2

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD)

Tuesday, January 9

February

Black History Month

World Day of Social Justice

Tuesday, February 20

March

National Nutrition Month

Social Work Month

Women's History Month

National Consumer Protection Week

March 3-9

Slam the Scam Day

Thursday, March 7

April

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Social Security Month

National Public Health Week

April 1-7

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 21-27

National Volunteer Week

April 21-27

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

Day of Action

Tuesday, April 2

May

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Older Americans Month

Mental Health Awareness Month

June

Alzheimer's & Brain Health Awareness Month

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Saturday, June 15

Olmstead Anniversary (1999)

Saturday, June 22

July

Older Americans Act Anniversary (1965)

Sunday, July 14

Medicare & Medicaid Anniversary (1965)

Tuesday, July 30

August

Social Security Anniversary (1935)

Wednesday, August 14

September

Healthy Aging Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 – October 15

National Senior Center Month

World Alzheimer's Month

National Medicare Education Week

Grandparents Day

Sunday, September 8

October

Crime Prevention Month

Cyber Security Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Guardianship Awareness Month

LGBT History Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 14 – October 15

Residents' Rights Month

International Day of Older Persons

Tuesday, October 1

Ageism Awareness Day

Monday, October 7

November

National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

National Family Caregivers Month

Native American Heritage Month

Veterans Day

Monday, November 11

December

Home for the Holidays – Encourage families and friends to use holiday gatherings to discuss crucial health and safety issues with older loved ones and their caregivers.

Human Rights Day

Tuesday, December 10

Get started!

Awareness events and activities can help build relationships, strengthen partnerships, and bring recognition to various local and regional efforts to address elder abuse.

Here are some ideas:

- Organize a "Letter to the Editor" campaign to spotlight elder abuse and promote local resources from your agency or community partners.
- Reach isolated older adults through direct mailing, ads in local newspapers, and radio interviews. Include elder abuse prevention information in community and neighborhood association newsletters or e-Newsletters.
- Download STEAP Toolkit materials and distribute them at community events.
- Partner with local organizations, schools, and agencies and organize food, personal care, or cleaning supply collection drives. Assemble packages and include copies of elder abuse awareness brochures.
- Host a "shred-a-thon" shredding event for your community to safely destroy and dispose of sensitive documents.
- Offer or share information about volunteer service opportunities.

Victoria's container deposit scheme

Designed for all Victorians



Victoria's container deposit scheme (CDS) will:

- 🔄 increase recycling and reduce litter by up to half
- 🔄 be convenient and accessible with many types and locations of collection points
- 🔄 bring new jobs and economic opportunities for disadvantaged people, charity and community groups, and regional Victoria.

It's a new and accessible way for charities and community groups to raise money:

- collecting containers for refunds
- running container collection drives
- receiving donations – people will be able to donate their refunds to their favourite registered group
- running a refund collection point.



Purchase drinks

Recycling cost is included in the price.



Return empty containers

to a variety of locations across Victoria, including shops, reverse vending machines, depots, pop-ups and drop-off points. Run by recyclers, small business and charity, community and sports groups.



Container refunds

Ten-cent refund per container to person who returns it and/or charity, community and sports groups.



Recycle containers

reducing the need for new materials.

How it will work

Like all Australian container deposit schemes, beverage suppliers will fund the Victorian CDS.

To ensure an efficient, low-cost scheme and one that maximises container returns and recycling Victoria's CDS will adopt a split responsibility governance model with beverage industry having a strong role in administration and funding of the scheme.

The Victorian CDS will create new economic opportunities and jobs, with the responsibilities for running the scheme split between a scheme coordinator and network operators, appointed using a competitive tender process.

Coordinator role:

- manage finances and commercial viability
- audits to prevent fraud
- pay refund amounts and collection network costs to network operator/s
- report against government performance targets.

Network operator/s role:

- establish and maintain a network of refund points
- distribute refund amounts to consumers
- distribute payments to collection point operators
- report on participation and redemption rates.

Why are we doing it this way?

Our scheme adopts key elements from other schemes to maximise return of drink containers for recycling. By sharing responsibility for its operation, the scheme will have checks and balances so it is clear and accountable and ensure collection points are convenient and accessible, which is crucial for an effective CDS.

We meet regularly with our Community Organisations Reference Group, made up representatives from charity and community groups, to make sure the way we set up our CDS means they can take part and benefit.

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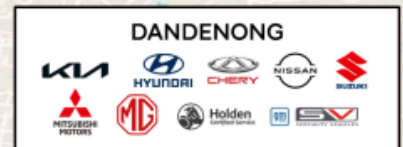
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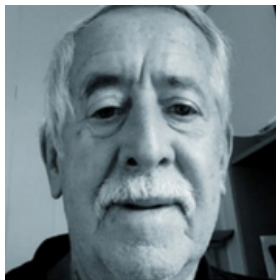
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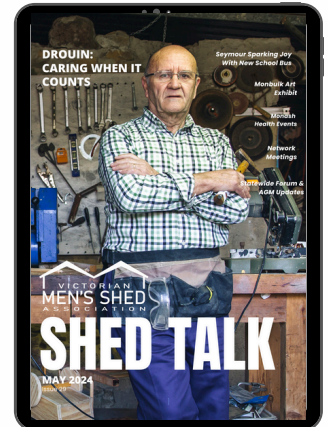


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