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NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR - August

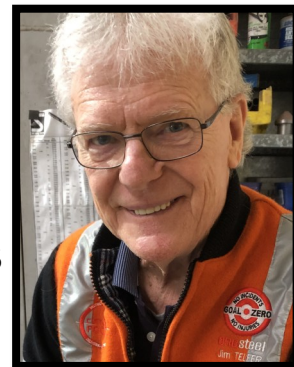
Tuesday	11th	10 am	Management M/ting
Wednesday	12th	6 pm	Shedder and partners tea at Macs Hotel, corner Bay Road & Sturt Street
Thursday	13th	10 am	Members Meeting
Thursday	27th	11 am	BBQ lunch

If you would like to contribute information or an article to your newsletter, talk to Editor David N or email mgmensshed@gmail.com



VALE – JIM TELFER

27 July 1949 – 15 July 2026



It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our mate, Mark James "Jim" Telfer, who passed away peacefully on 15 July 2026, just days short of his 77th birthday.

Jim became a member of the Mount Gambier Men's Shed on 21 February 2017 after transferring from the Whyalla Men's Shed when he and his wife, Mary, moved to Mount Gambier. A qualified Fitter and Turner, Jim spent many years working for BHP, including time offshore on drilling rigs. Following illness, he returned to shore-based workshop operations, where he continued to apply his skills and experience.

Jim joined our Shed to work on personal projects, maintain and develop his workshop skills, use the machinery, share a cuppa and a chat, and, most importantly, pass on his knowledge and expertise to others. He embodied the true spirit of what a Men's Shed is all about.

Jim will be remembered for his ability to brighten a room, even when he wasn't feeling his best. He loved sharing a good joke, often with his trademark dry humour, and many members will fondly remember his favourite saying, *"I'll put you out with the chooks."* Despite living with significant physical and psychological challenges, Jim faced life with determination and never allowed them to define him.

Jim's passing leaves a significant void within our Shed community. He will be remembered not only for his skills and willingness to help others, but also for his friendship, humour, resilience, and the genuine camaraderie he shared with everyone around him. Our sincere condolences are extended to Mary and the entire Telfer family. Jim will be deeply missed, fondly remembered, and will forever remain a valued part of

the Mount Gambier Men's Shed family.

Vale Jim



Mark Payne
Secretary



Member for Mount Gambier Visits the Men's Shed

On Tuesday, 21 July, the Member for Mount Gambier, Travis Fatchen MP, took the time to visit our Shed to learn more about what we offer our members and the wider community.

During his visit, Travis met with members, enjoyed a cuppa and a scone over morning tea, and took the opportunity to chat with the "troops" about the Important role the Men's Shed plays within our community. Members spoke with Travis about how the Shed operates financially, our current membership, and how we have adapted our workshop to safely accommodate both ongoing projects and our growing number of members. A key topic of discussion was the importance of the Men's Shed remaining a male-only space. Members explained that this provides a safe and supportive environment where men can openly discuss issues affecting their lives, contributing positively to their mental health and wellbeing.

Travis was also interested to learn that the Mount Gambier Men's Shed receives no ongoing state or federal government funding. Instead, the Shed operates entirely through self-generated income, including the manufacture and sale of our raised garden beds and outdoor furniture, along with undertaking community projects for local organisations, businesses and residents.

Sharing a little of his own background, Travis spoke about his trade as a diesel mechanic and his enjoyment of spending time in his own shed whenever possible. He acknowledged that since becoming the Member for Mount Gambier, those opportunities have become much less frequent. Having experienced the value of working in a shed environment himself, Travis expressed his appreciation for the important role Men's Sheds play in supporting the health, wellbeing and social connectedness of men throughout communities such as Mount Gambier.

We thank Travis for taking the time to visit our Shed and for showing a genuine interest in the work we do and the positive difference the Men's Shed continues to make in the lives of our members and the wider community.





Members of the U3A photography group visited the Shed



Emily Ellis visiting from Resthaven inspecting a raised garden bed with John McC & Jeff R



Don C on the wood lathe



Peter Ha chainsaw fault finding



Hermann R with the start of a balsawood duck



Jeff R cutting pointed tops on fence posts



Ilan aA repairing a generator with Jeff R assisting



Russell S demolishing pallets for kindling



Ross A & Russell S cutting kindling



Richard D, Grant S & Rob B discussing table plans



'Junior shedder' Sylvanna visiting for the day with father Mark P



Spannerman doing weight lifting created by Ian A



Serving board repaired by Don C

*Duct tape is like the force,
it has a light side and a dark side . . .
and it holds the universe together.*



Trevor A making a foot roller

As soon as your shop is clean and organized with everything in its place, you will need something that you will not be able to find.



Ian A instructing Glen B on the miniature lathe

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.



Peter Ha making a ball on the lathe



Peter Ha has installed the ball in the ankle strengthening rocking board



Stan B, John McC, Russell S & Frank McA cutting iron



Jeff R cutting timber for the trolley, see below

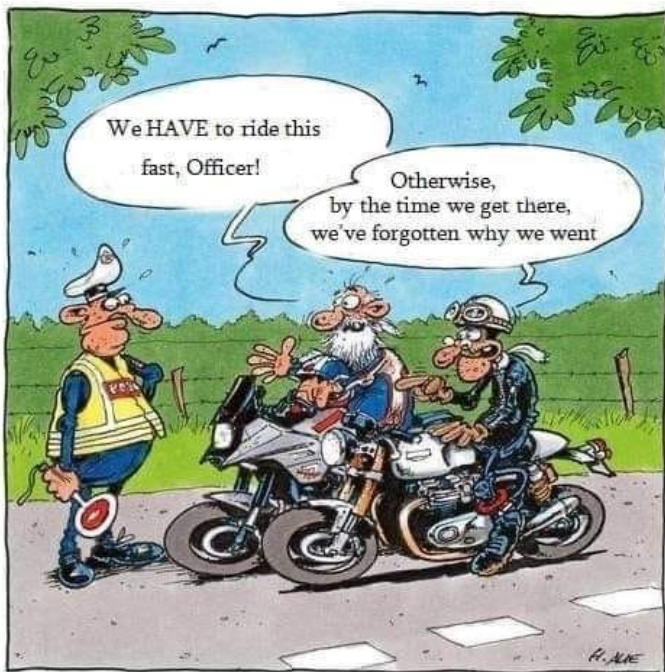


Stan B & Frank McA training newby Paul in the art of cutting corrugated iron



Constructing a kerbside pot plant display in the trolley
Jeff R, Richard D and Jacko





We got pulled over by the police today.

We were apparently his first speeders because he said,

"I've been waiting all day for you."

We said "We got here as fast as we could"

He let us go.

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