



JANUARY 2026

## NEWSLETTER



### EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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### BIRTHDAYS

Jim G  
Bob P  
Tim C  
Ian L  
Ian A

### CALENDAR - January

Tuesday	6th	commence taking & making orders	
Sunday	11th	Bunnings BBQ need 4 people for morning & 4 people for afternoon shifts	
Tuesday	13th	10 am	Management M/ting
Thursday	15th	10 am	Members Meeting
Monday	19th	new roof structure is scheduled to start. Be mindful of extra vehicles onsite during this construction.	
Sunday	25th	10 am	Glenburnie Race gates minimum of 8 people required
Thursday	29th	11 am	BBQ lunch

### FROM THE EDITORS DESK -

Thanks to John K who has offered to take photos for the newsletter and to Paul E who often provides photos as well. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to contribute information or an article to your newsletter, talk to Editor David N or email

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### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are due to be paid for or arrangement made by the end of January to ensure financial membership status for the upcoming AGM in March. Non-payment of membership fees will make members not financial and not able to have a valid vote in the elections of the management committee.

\$50.00 per member.

Payments for the Annual Membership Fees can be paid via the following methods:

1. Cash (Handed to either Tim Clarke or Mark Payne in the office.
2. Electronic Bank Transfer
3. By EFTPOS

(this service attracts a 1.9% surcharge that is charged to the cardholder. This makes the fees \$51.00 per member for this service).



Dave L & Peter He at the Bunnings Christmas family night

### Thanks to Geoff Hart

Geoff has recently relocated to Keith and plans to visit Mount Gambier occasionally.

Thanks for the many talents, tasks and contributions he made to the Mens Shed in particular the stories he told when presenting individual birthday cakes to members at the shed.







On a very busy night at the South Easter hotel, we were lucky to have our own quiet space for the monthly partners meal. The hotel decorated the table for Christmas with a runner, serviettes & bon bons. Some of the bon bon riddles below -

- 1 What gives milk and has only one horn?
- 2 How do you make a cream puff?
- 3 Why did the owl say 'tweet, tweet'?
- 4 What has more lives than a cat?
- 5 What did one mathematics book say to the other?
- 6 Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?'
- 7 Why can't a bike stand up by itself?
- 8 Why do fish live in salt water?
- 9 What has four legs but only one foot?

Find the answers on the last page.



Dick P making a coffee table



Above  
Paul E taking a photo  
of Dick P with the  
coffee table  
finished in time for  
Christmas



Trevor A with his latest garden art  
(not the broom!)







Frank McA & Stan B preparing truck mud guards to make a raised garden bed



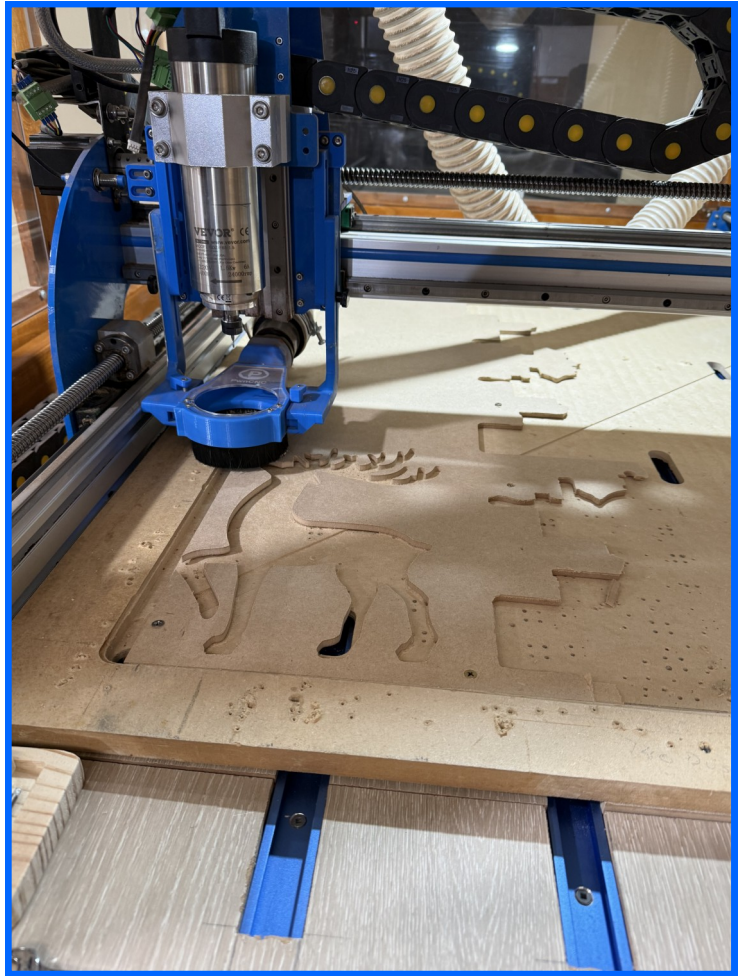
Finished garden bed

### Australia Day

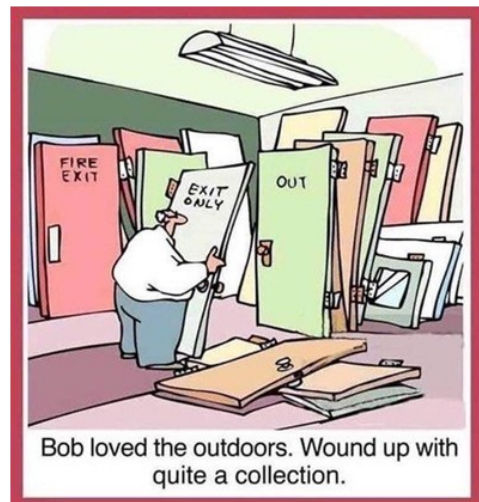
Australians all love kangaroos,  
 Four minus one are three.  
 With olive oil and sweat and toil,  
 Our land is dirt by sea.  
 Barossa booze at barbeques,  
 With language rich and rare,  
 In shorts and thongs, we sing this song,  
 Advance Australia Fair.



Steve M & Frank McA bending iron to make corners for raised garden beds



A reindeer being carved on the CNC machine







It started it's life as a treadle sewing machine



Ian A turned it into a Singer motorbike



Ron P putting finishing touches to a window frame

*The tool currently in your hand is the one you were looking for 20 minutes ago and couldn't find, why you wanted it, is now a complete mystery.*



Graham T 'supervising' Jim T on the metal lathe



John McC, Don L & Steve M checking the print quality of Don's \$20 note

*Always try to be modest, and be proud of it!*





Russell S assisting Jeff R making raised pot stands



Above  
Jeff R with a finished pot stand



Left  
3 pots stands installed so Peter K can enjoy seeing the plants from the inside while in his wheelchair

## CARPENTER

*A person who makes guesswork based on unreliable data provided by those of questionable knowledge*





Ian A preparing to weld a job for Paul E



Rob B & Grant S starting another Jack & Jill seat



Russell S & Jeff R changing a saw blade



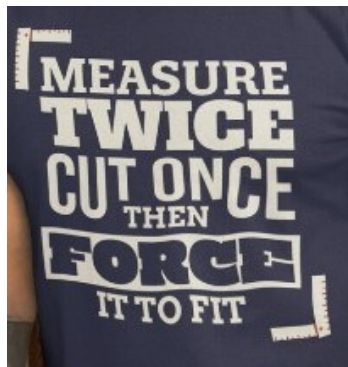
BBQ helpers Steve M, John McC & Stan G

## 10 LIFE IMPROVING NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS YOU CAN STEAL FROM YOUR DOG

1. Run outside and yell more
2. Be nice to nice people
3. Love unconditionally
4. Take more naps
5. Accept all life's treats with gratitude
6. Worry less about things you can't have
7. Kick grass over that s\*\*t and move on
8. Follow your instincts
9. Keep digging until you find what you want
10. Be loyal, faithful & forgive.

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Shane S measuring up for two children's chairs

*Using only one tape measure on a project will keep from introducing dimensional errors, but you need at least a dozen so that you can find one.*



Gary A painting his Koala & Turtle ornaments



David H sorting CNC cutting tools



Our youngest member Stuart P having a 'phone' cuppa



# Riddles answers

- 1 A milk truck
- 2 Chase it around the block
- 3 Because she didn't give a hoot
- 4 A frog. It croaks every night
- 5 I have a lot of problems
- 6 The first replies "Yes, I'm positive"
- 7 Because it is two-tired!
- 8 Because pepper makes them sneeze!
- 9 A bed



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