

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Introduction

Good afternoon folks. Once again I thank members for their positive feedback about our Newsletters - and particularly those of you who can take the time to write about an activity or send some photos to include. I think we all like to know what is going on with our Men's Shed activities and the more contributors, the merrier.

As a reminder to members who want to keep up to date with what's happening around the traps, don't forget we have other options for you than just relying on the monthly Newsletter and those intermediary Urgent ones we send out as reminders for booking for activities. There are opportunities for you to meet members on almost every day of the week.

- *The Website - regular updates on group activities, events, activities in general - www.sorrentoms.mpmsn.com.au*
- *Tuesday afternoons at The Shed at Stringers Reserve*
- *Tuesday nights 500 Cards at The Hangar*
- *Wednesday afternoons band rehearsals at The Hangar*
- *Thursday catchups - a chance to discuss activities amongst members. Every Thursday morning from 9.00.*
- *Friday socials - another chance to discuss activities amongst members. Every Friday afternoon from about 5.00*

On our website, there is a "Member Login" only section, not open to the general public. Financial members have been assigned a login and password to access the following:-

- *Exec Committee minutes - once approved as an accurate report*
- *Project Committee listings - all projects under review or completed*
- *A "Useful Information" page*
- *AGM history*
- *etc.*

I know many of you have booked for a fantastic evening next Friday at the Portsea Surf Lifesaving Club - thanks to our intrepid organizing group - and I look forward to including some photos in our August Newsletter.

I am reliably informed the Card Group has been braving the cool nights every Tuesday evening for much serious (hmm - maybe) playing 500 - get in touch with Malcolm if you want to learn more about this weekly activity.

The Shed Men musos meet every Wednesday afternoon for rehearsals, a chat - maybe an occasional trip across the road to Hotel Sorrento to discuss serious artistic matters (not!). The boys are more than happy if you want to call in for a listen - or if you are thinking about joining in - all welcome. The band usually is there from about

2.30 - 5.00. Get in touch with Warren if you want more information.

The Shed at Stringer Reserve is regularly open every Tuesday afternoon (and other times if needed). Have chat with the boys down there for more information.

The Car Group has had a recent outing and more of that later - but if you want more information about this Group, have a chat with Rob.

Graham



~Join the Bluey Brigade~ Volunteer drivers wanted!

Love driving?
Want to be part of something awesome in Sorrento?

The Rotary Club of Sorrento needs rockstar volunteer drivers for our incredible 25-seater bus, 'Bluey', a manual 6-speed Mitsubishi Rosa.

Buckle up for an adventure and become a certified driver for Sorrento Rotary Club while helping the local community!

About Bluey and your Role:

Bluey is more than just a bus, it's our community's new lifeline! We provide safe rides to primary school children and offer the bus to local organisations that are part of the Spirit of Sorrento on non-school days.



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Free Hearing Tests - with a free coffee as well!!

You will remember that Terry arranged for members and friends to have free hearing tests back in June. Well about 25 took advantage of this service - and maybe a couple will have improved hearing as a result. Thanks Terry!



Lunches and Functions

You may have already booked for our fantastic mid year Cocktail party at Portsea Surf Life Saving Club on 28 July. Hope the sunset is beautiful!

First Aid Course

Many thanks to Malcolm for organizing our recent First Aid Course held at The Hangar. We had 8 participants and by all accounts it was extremely useful and there are plans to hold another session later in the year.



Thank you members from the Portsea Camp

A number of our members gave a great deal of time and effort to support this Master Chef function. Their efforts were much appreciated - well done lads! See below a letter of thanks.

Hi James and all Spirit of Sorrento members

On behalf of myself and the Portsea camp, I wish to say how grateful we are for the support we received on the Master Chef Luncheon. We certainly needed our community to pull together on this one given the circumstances, but that they did. All of the support throughout the networks was incredible and made for a great event. The room was filled with guests who had a wonderful time, raving about the food and how much enjoyment they got out of the day. So many people worked very hard on this event to ensure it continued for the camp and stepped up even further on the day, assisting with the raffle.

My special thanks to you James for facilitating anything that was necessary to ensure the success of the event. Marg McInnes for all her help with volunteers and the support of the RSL, Sharks for their overwhelming support, with sales of tables, raffle tickets and the selling of them,

Items borrowed from the club and to Jenny and Mike Bissenger for their incredible support throughout the planning process.

The room looked spectacular and that was due to the amazing work of the Men's Shed, the team were fabulous and nothing was ever too much, they are such a giving and hardworking group for our community, thank you.

Brian Stacey and the team at Rotary, once again managing the car parking and ushering guests on arrival. You do a wonderful job in our community and are a strong advocate for the camp, thank you. The surf lifesaving club, Sailing Club and Portsea Golf Club, for spreading the word and supporting table sales.

Rob Tucker for coordinating the raffle and organising volunteers on the day to assist with selling.

The success of this event ensures that the camp can bring 80 sponsored disadvantaged children to the making a difference camps in September, which is an incredible result and would not have been possible without the incredible support of Spirit of Sorrento.

Thank you.

Regards,
Marita

Report from our Treasurer

Please note, Richard is stepping down after 3 years of dedicated work for our Men's Shed. We are extremely grateful for your work Richard and I know you are very happy to discuss the role with any prospective nominees. The Treasurer is also a member of Committee.

*Point Nepean Men's Shed
Financial Report for Non-Accountants 30 June 2023*

Financially speaking, the June quarter is the quietest part of the year – not much happening and many people away escaping the bleak peninsula winter.

However, 30 June is the end of the financial year, and I am pleased to report that it has been successful. Membership subscriptions were much the same as last year which is a good sign, and the income highlights were \$1,000 from the Rye house clearance and \$2,500 from the sale of a donated motor car. We also received \$2,000 for our efforts at the Rotary Motor Show, which we donated to the Bayview Care charity who supports abandoned women on the Peninsula. Our major expenses included depreciation, insurance and Stringer Road expenses. In all, we wound up with a surplus of \$7,880.

There were also a number of grants we received as a result of Terry Pippen's excellent efforts.

If anybody would like a copy of the accounts, please let me know.

New Treasurer.

I will not be renominating for the treasurer's position at the coming AGM. This is largely because I have done the job for the last three years and I believe that it is time to let somebody else have a go; we will therefore be looking for a new treasurer. One does not have to be a chartered accountant or CPA to do the job, we just need a person who is comfortable with numbers and is reasonably methodical. It largely involves tracking income and expenses and producing monthly reports, which are generated from the accounting system.

If anyone is interested, please contact me.

Richard Fyffe

Treasurer

Bird Boxes at St Joes in Sorrento

Well done gents - another great community project!





Sorrento Community Centre Project

Marcus reports that The Sorrento Community Centre Early Learning Centre playground cubby houses, mud station and furniture were refurbished this month and a couple of cable spools donated by MIDDY'S were transformed into two small kinder sized tables to complete the outdoor furniture setting.

Darrell Mackay and Doug McLaine headed up this project and many of our members pitched in to help with this project. There is always some project to support in our community across the southern peninsula - great opportunities for you to join in if you wish.

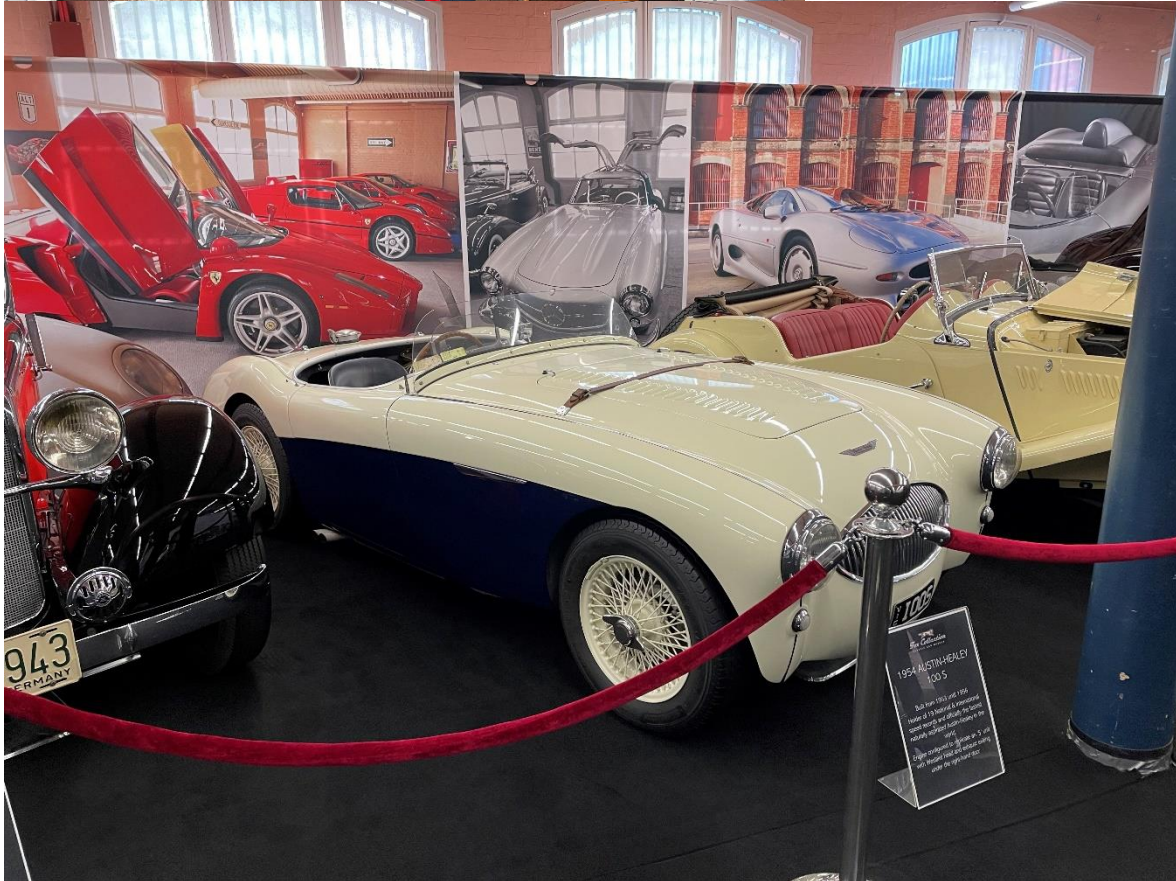




What a great job from all involved.

PNMS Car Club

Members involved with our Car Club group recently visited Lindsay Fox's historical collection of cars - below a couple of photos supplied by Rob. What a wonderful collection.





Well, I don't know about you, but that's enough for me on a Sunday afternoon. That's all for now folks.

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