



## Profile Don Stringer.

Born in Coventry 1935.

(Not sure he wasn't sent to Coventry!)
1948 migrated with his family to Elwood.
1950 Apprenticed as a master butcher
and smallgoods maker.

1954 Conscripted into National Service.

1957: Went on a trip to England where he first met his future wife.

1960 they married and purchased a block in Mount Waverley, where he started his first business. They built a home in 1962. For the next 30 years he worked in Business Management and Property Investment. He and his wife were blessed with 4 children. (2 Boys and 2 Girls.) He retired in 1995. He spent the next 20 years as a volunteer for Red Cross, as a Purchasing Officer and Patient Transport co-ordinator. After the sad passing of his wife he retired from the Red Cross. This is when he needed to fill the void in his life by joining the Mount Eliza Men's Shed. This he has found to be most rewarding. (We in turn are

rewarded.)





## Newsletter Sep2019 The Captain's Call.

## "Projects progress"

Here is an update on where we stand with the various shed community projects:

- 1. The notice board extraordinaire for the <u>Community House</u> is almost complete thanks to the gallant efforts of "the usual few". Please speak to Adam or Barry if you feel you can assist.
- 2. Mt Eliza Primary School have asked us to construct a major outdoor project at the school over the forthcoming School holiday period. It will give us a substantial donation of around \$2000 towards our shed but will also require as much help from all members as we can gather. The estimate is it will take 80 to 100 man hours, so please put into this one. Details available in the shed.
- 3. <u>Kunyung Primary School</u> have confirmed they want us to go ahead with the outdoor classroom and blackboard. This will be done during October and is estimated to require around 30 man hours. It is a fairly simply project installing simple sleeper bench seats and construction of an easel and blackboard. Again we need members to put their name on the list for this project. Estimated donation \$650
- 4. Mt Eliza Chamber of Commerce have asked us to construct and install a few raised flower beds in the local park and to replant the existing flower beds. This will require Shire approval etc and so I cannot be sure of the final detail. Even asking for a few plants got the shire's knickers in a twist! We hasten slowly with this whist the C of C get the approvals etc. For now we just need to draw up some designs and cost estimates.

- Shed cleanout what a great job John Taylor has done in the shed, thanks so much John. We can now see the benches and almost have room to swing a very small cat! Please help by always "putting away, don't just put down"
- 6. Future projects our shed "punches way above its weight" when it comes to community projects, something to be proud of. At present we are committed to the end of the year almost with the approved projects. Please be aware that any requests for assistance with another project will likely be delayed until very late this year or even next year. Also remember it is absolutely required to get full shed approval before any project can proceed and that means "get the paperwork done" Thanks one and all John Drysdale .

We normally look at what we did **Last Month** . Some of that is in the Captain's Call.

Still in progress.
Have you guessed what it is?
No prize for those working on it.
Rod and Keith are working on the
Peninsula Network web Gallery.
Pictures are welcome.

John T has been hard at work clearing the benches so you can get on with your work. Well done to him and his helpers. "putting away, don't just put down" Maybe we could fit in new members!

Bunnning's market made about \$260. Thanks to the shedders for their help. Much stock for sale in November!



The cutting boards are done.



Members of our Committee popped-in to meet the shedders to say "Hi!" on a cold day.



We now look at the **Month THAT IS.** 

Some of this is in the Captain's Call in some detail.

A commitment is called for and we can do it.

In the foreground is the project.

In the background is the School Shed.



So pleased with his Centre finder. Learn to use it. Don has.

A defendant isn't happy with how things are going in court, so he gives the judge a hard time.

Judge: "Where do you work?"

Defendant: "Here and there."

Judge: "What do you do for a living?"

Defendant: "This and that."

**Judge**: "Take him away." **Defendant**: "Wait; when will I get out?"

Judge: "Sooner or later."