



Channel Mens Shed News

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of all members is called for 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 25 next to work out what activities our members will be undertaking in the Shed. Elsewhere you will see the sort of things that are already in train and there have been more suggested. As but one example, the restoration of a 21' clinker built boat, under, we hope, the supervision of a skilled boatbuilder. Now there is an opportunity to develop some skills. What else can you think of that will get you involved in the Shed.

Oh, and there will be a BBQ after the meeting.

OFFICIAL OPENING

Our Grand Opening Ceremony passed off very smoothly thanks to the efforts of committee and volunteers. Our Chairman's address was enthusiastically received by some two or three hundred guests. As was Premier's response and introduction of our newly appointed patron Mr Don Hazell MBE. That he, with his strong interest and support of the community (and of the Shed) jovially drew Mayor Bury's attention to the condition of the car parking arrangements and recommended improvement was, perhaps, not entirely unexpected.

Of course just getting the Shed up and running to its present standard has been a notable achievement but, now we have the venue, we need to get down to the real business of a Men's Shed to justify all of the hard work and generosity it took to get us to this stage.

FURNITURE CONSTRUCTION

Part of the growing collection of fixtures and fittings is pictured here. Thanks to the leadership displayed by the foundation members of the CMS Home Brewers Association we have a maturation store to add to the warming cabinet and brewing tuns. More brewers (experienced and new, are welcome so come on in and ask about brewing cooperatively with friends. And, of course, the Shed exists to pass along the skill required to make furniture such as this.



SMALL ENGINE RESTORATION

Thanks to a donation by Lyndley Chopping our Small Engine section is up and running its first project. The engine pictured is a



Ronaldson Tippet 2 HP dating from 1934. Not vintage but like many of us, approaching early middle age. Since the formal opening ceremony it has been re-housed on a mobile engine stand and work bench.

This was done, in a flurry of activity, on Monday last. The workbench, in a former life, a super-market display unit, had not been in the shed 24 hours before being conscripted into its new role and modified to handle its new duties.

Something, it seems, to be said for being on the spot when deliveries are made.

Under the capable guidance of Rex and Roger, the Small Engine section will be offering maintenance and tuning training for a wide variety of two and four stroke engines. What do you have at home that needs a touch of TLC?

Looking to get a fork lift license? Expression of interest sought. Costs have yet to be worked out but should be reasonable and you get to play with the Shed's forklift... officially.

