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THE SHEDITORIAL

Hello Shedders,

Welcome to the Dec/Jan 2026 newsletter. There is a lot to fit in.

The Sheditor

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From the Editor

Please note that the following dates and events are subject to change. In general we have:

- A muster (around 10.00) and sausage sizzle to follow every Tuesday
- Darts competition after the muster.
- A committee meeting is held monthly
- Trivia and Music Quiz the last Wednesday of each month
- "Galloping Gourmet" on the 3rd Wednesday of every second month

February/March 2026

Day	Date/Month	Special Events
Tuesday	3 February	Josh, Warragul Computers
Saturday	21 February	Drouin Market
Tuesday	10 March	History of Victoria Police - John Merrett
Tuesday	17 March	Free pie and pasty day
		Regular Events
Wednesday		Photo group 1st and 3rd Wednesday
Tuesday	weekly	Muster/Darts



Coffee and biscuits

Please remember to pay your \$2 on entry. If you use your own cup - please take it home to wash it.



What kind of shoes do frogs wear?

Open toad sandals!

Darts

Darts results from Tuesday Dec 9. Graeme was back showing us why he is one of our best dead eye dicks at the Shed. His final throw at the double 16



Darts results for Tuesday Jan 13. After 8 attempts to get the double 1, the sausage finally went the way for Arend, well done young fella.



Darts results Tuesday Jan 6. Another win for Warrick, he was just too good today. .

Darts results for Tuesday Jan 20. Another win for Arend who cleaned up a big field of eager beavers.



Ross' stable in use over Christmas.
Photo courtesy of Stuart.

THE COOKS REVENGE By Ian Potter

At shearing time some years ago, we had a cook so rough
That we got him sacked, he had to go, us blokes had had enough.
We saw the boss take him aside and tell old cook that he,
Could pack his gear and roll his swag and finish after tea.
But hindsight's gonna show us that the boss had made a blue,
And he should have sacked him on the spot and made him shoot
straight through
Because old cook was rather devious and with revenge in mind,
Had found a way to pay us back that none of us would find.
Now he was as well as devious, a master of disguise,
And for his farewell tea knocked up a nice big bunch of pies.
Though he knew we'd be suspicious and we checked the pies for
faults,
We wouldn't see, when we had tea, he added Epsom salts.
So when cook served all the pies up and packed and left really quiet,
He knew he'd get a victory and probably cause a riot.
The riot started quietly. I felt a stirring first,
When I meant to fart a little bit but then the bubble burst.
As ten men in their quarters got a message from their bowel,
And the sound of farts grew louder, and the air grew rather foul.
And then ten belts unbuckled as we hit the dunny track,
Why do they build the thunderbox way down the bloody back?
And dreams of lots of paper unrolled before our eyes.
Please God let me get there first, ten men undone their flies.
We had a jackeroo there, Goanna Guts Treloar,
Who claimed the pies were bloody good and then lined up for more.
Well, he could eat a rotten rabbit and not get crook and die,
And he followed through while fartin' and he couldn't work out why.
Well, our boss stood there astounded as ten men staggered past,
With their soggy shirt tails flying, and their trousers at half mast.
And none of us looked elegant as we gathered round the door,
As we all read a note pinned there that wasn't there before,
That said, revenge is sweet you mongrels, and I hope your feelin'
crook,
The key in me pocket, she's locked, I've gone, signed cook.

Kevin Snake Lovis

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Thanks to Andy for this article.

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This video provides a visual guide on how to create a Facebook account:

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We use our *private* FB group to exchange ideas, learn about upcoming activities or achievements by our fellow Shedders. To view this group you must be given permission to join by an administrator – either Peter Gribben or Andy Dyka. Only financial DMS members are eligible to join. We have a *public* FB page which anyone can see, but its content is different to the Group page.

The public page: www.facebook.com/drouinmensshed www.facebook.com/drouinmensshed

If you already have a Facebook account and wish to join our DMS group, you can surf to our page and send a request to join the group. We are here: <https://bit.ly/4pvNsPO> <https://bit.ly/4pvNsPO>

Either Peter or Andy will approve your request and you'll receive an email to confirm your membership.

Sounds of Summer

Drouin High School put on a special music event in the park. DMS was asked to do a bbq.



Extending my heartfelt thanks to all our bands, vendors, staff, and volunteers for your incredible efforts in making Sounds of Summer such an overwhelming success!

Your hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm created a memorable and meaningful experience for our young people, their families and the community - with an estimated attendance of around 500 people!!

From the planning stages and rehearsals throughout the year, to the final performance on the big day, every contribution mattered - and it truly showed on the day. We couldn't have done it without you!

We've received so much positive feedback about the amazing vibe and strong sense of community at the event - something we hope to replicate every year! It's a true reflection of the passion and teamwork that went into making the day special.

We're already looking forward to building on this success and making next year's event even bigger and better again! Stay tuned for updates as we start planning for 2026.

Thank you once again for your commitment and support. Wishing you all a happy and safe festive season!



Warm regards,
Kaylie Pert
Youth Officer
Baw Baw Shire





Quiz time



Charlie and Gordon ran a fun-day trivia quiz on 17 December. The winner was Peter Broughan from Peter Gribben with Nev Byrne 3rd. Booby prizes collected by Tony, John and Ian. Peter B was unavailable to join in for the photo but Ian was quick to pretend he had won.



Thanks again to Charlie and Gordon for their work in preparing all the questions for December and January.

Quiz results from Wednesday January 21. The biggest attendance of players ever with 22 eager men trying to become quiz champion for the month. A dead heat of 41 between 3 members, Charlie gave out a playing card to the 3 and then it was the luck of the draw to decide who won. Taking home the winners purse was Robert from Steve and then Bill. Booby prizes were picked up by Ian and Tony. A great day it was and enjoyed by all. The Feb quiz is on the 3rd Wed of the month, the 18th.



The Shed is in morning.
Sadly we advise of the passing of Dirk van Leeuwen on 27 January.
Funeral arrangements are not known yet.

Wood Shop

November was the start of the vehicle display case that looks like a semi trailer.



Dennis making Book Boxes for the early learning department of the Baw Baw Shire

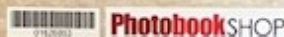


Nev Byrne has produced a 2026 calendar featuring the shed murals creation and presented the Shed with 3 free copies.

Drouin Men's Shed 2026

Murals by by Simon White Art- Loch Sport.

Photography by Neville Byrne - DMS



Cup Day

Darts results, Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday November 4th.



Len won darts and had to help Keith cook the sausages. Mr Neat (Steve) did a very good job with the scoring. Tony was not present today as he was trying to win some big bucks on the punt at home.



My First Car - Ted Bradley

This Here it is, my first car. A 1948 ?



Group photo with visiting Federal Member for Monash, Mary Aldred, Tuesday 16 December.

CHARLIE'S HAVE A LAUGH SEGMENT



SUBJECT: Late Christmas Jokes



What do you call Santa when he's on the beach in Australia? Sandy Claus!



What happened when Santa tried stand-up comedy? He sleighed them.



What do you call an elf who won't share? Elfish.



Why did the gingerbread man go to the doctor? He was feeling crummy.



What did one Christmas tree say to another? Lighten up!



What's the best Christmas present to receive? A broken drum—you can't beat it!



Why was Frosty the Snowman looking through the carrots? He was picking his nose!



What's Forrest Gump's Christmas advice? "Christmas is like a box of chocolates—you never know if you're

getting socks or candy

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Australia Day

Many thanks from this attendee and my daughter Fiona all the way from Ballarat, who was sharing the day. Her comment " What a lovely friendly group of people we are". Gordon Shaw.

Steve Bone

I wanted to send a quick note to celebrate the fantastic turnout we had for our Australia Day BBQ at the Drouin Men's Shed this past Monday. It was truly a day to remember, filled with great food, even better company, and a wonderful community spirit.

The atmosphere was spot on—relaxed, welcoming, and full of energy. It was especially encouraging to see so many new faces joining us this year. Welcoming fresh members into the Shed is what it's all about, and I hope you all felt right at home.

A Huge Thank You

Events like this don't just happen on their own, and we owe a massive thanks to the crew who made it look easy:

- John Merritt: Your hard work with both the setup and the final cleanup ensured everything ran like clockwork.
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- Greg Hazel: Our master of the grill. Thank you for manning the BBQ all day and keeping everyone well-fed with perfectly cooked tucker.
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- Gordon Shaw: For providing the soundtrack to our afternoon. Your music really set the tone and kept the "Great Atmosphere" going from start to finish.
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Whether you helped move a table, brought a salad, or simply showed up to have a yarn, thank you for making Australia Day on the 26th January 2026 such a success for the Drouin Men's Shed.

Let's keep this momentum going as we head into the rest of the year! and we look forward to Australia Day next year in 2027.

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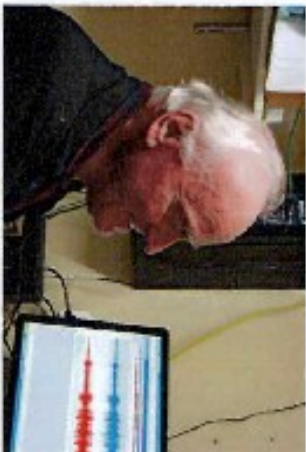
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