



melbourne men's shed inc.

30 April 2015

Dear All,

The fit-out at Federation Square is now pretty much complete and I think looks great. This has been due in no small part to the great effort put in by MMS volunteers. Tasks like installing plywood panels, tiling kitchen walls, painting, cleaning up, organising the workshop, etc have been no match for these guys. They have greatly exceeded the number of volunteer hours that were a requirement of our grant from DHS. On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank each and every one of you who helped create this great space.

We have had some very complementary words from staff from both DHS and the City of Melbourne about what we did with the funds they provided. Understandably they are keen to see us arrange a formal Opening, which we will do.

The next challenge will be to learn how to make the best of all the new gear. This will take time while we set up training in the safe use of new workshop equipment, establish security arrangements, recruit volunteers to coordinate an additional open day each week, set up cooking classes, etc.

In closing on a personal note it has been a privilege to work with a talented bunch of people in creating an asset that the City of Melbourne and Federation Square can be proud of.

Thanks again,

Alan Seale
MMS Chairman (on holidays!)