



Shed Torque

The Official Newsletter of the Mount Beauty & District Men's Shed

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Lest we forget.

Greetings all

It's been a busy time with lots of work conducted and the inclusion of ANZAC Day, a very special day on our calendar. Our thanks to *Vinnie and Reg* who placed a

wreath at the Cenotaph on our behalf.. A great turnout for both the dawn service and the march down Hollonds St to the Cenotaph.



Committee Corner



The Committee have confirmed a **recommendation that the shed vary its opening hours** so that certain projects may be worked on outside the normal Tuesday/Wednesday work times in order to expedite completion. The normal Shed OH&S

protocols must be met before this can be approved, just talk to a committee member to confirm the details.

The next **Shed monthly "BBQ Lunch"** is to be held Friday 13th of May (yes I am aware of the connotations of that date) and we thought we'd have a **casserole day** with the members bringing along their favourite casserole for all to share. The meal will start with a mug of home-made soup followed by the casseroles and rice.

If you would like to make one, please contact me, *Mark*: mobile: 0407549651 or email <maurk01@bigpond.com> so that we can have a variety and not just all "tuna casserole."

The **VMSA April Newsletter** is just out. It was not sent to all subscribers i.e. all our members this time because the guy who knows how to use the mailchimp system is in hospital. They have just sent the link to the newsletter for distribution as follows;

<https://www.vmsa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/MENS-SHED-NEWSLETTER-7-APR-2022-Final.pdf>

After the **recent floods in NSW and Qld**, your committee decided it would be appropriate to offer a small donation from our Shed to help a few of our fellow shedders in need. A **donation of \$500** was forwarded to each of the *Ipswich Men and Community Shed*, *Lismore Men's Shed Inc* and *Pottsville & District Men's Shed*.

These were gratefully **received and letters of appreciation** sent back. Refer as follows;

From: Don Abrahams <donabrahams52@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Mount Beauty & District Men's Shed – Flood donation
Date: 18 April 2022 at 6:23:14 am AEST

To all you members we extend a gratitude, after being flooded twice in a month we are a bit shell shocked however the support we have been getting from Men Sheds across Australia has been heart warming. Please extend a big thank you to all your members.

Regards
Don Abrahams
President
Lismore Men & Community Shed.

Secretary,
MtB.Men's Shed.
On 11 Apr 2022, at 7:50 pm, "Ipswich Men's shed" <ipswichmensshed@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Paul,

As President I pass on our sincere thanks for your generous donation to our flood recovery, it is donations like yours that give us heart to keep working to get our shed back on track.

We are progressing well and this is our seventh week of hard work to get all our machines and facilities repaired. In the future we hope to be able to visit donors and thank you personally,

In the meantime please pass on our thanks to all your members and know the funds are appreciated and will be used to benefit all our members.

Regards
Terry Carter
President
Ipswich Men's Shed Inc

Secretary,
MtB.Men's Shed.
On 12 Apr 2022, at 8:15 am, PADMS Secretary <padmssecretary@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Paul.

Many thanks for the donation. We appreciate your support.

Regards.
John Wells.
Secretary,
Pottsville & District Men's Shed.

Chuckle Time

A soldier ran up to a nun. Out of breath he asked, "Please, may I hide under your skirt, I'll explain later."

The nun agreed. A moment later two military police ran up and asked, "Sister, have you seen a soldier?"

The nun replied, "He went that way."

After the military police ran off, the soldier crawled out from under her skirt and said, "I can't thank you enough Sister. You see, I don't want to go to Ukraine."

The nun said, "I understand completely." The soldier added, "I hope I'm not rude, but you have a great pair of legs!"

The nun replied, "If you had looked a little higher, you would've seen a great pair of balls. I don't want to go to Ukraine either."

Extension Open!!

The Shed has finally had a formal opening of our Shed extension. It was a low key event held over morning tea on Tuesday 26 April. Members were in attendance as was Maureen Ryland and her offsider, Catherine from Alpine Health, Trish from the NHC and Faye Mason from the Alpine Observer. Due to her long involvement and support of our Shed, Maureen was given the honour of "cutting the ribbon" to open the Extension.





Personal

All the best to *Barry Hinson* with his ongoing treatment for a health issue. Good to see you back in the Shed mate.

Committee member *Phil Armitage and his wife Margaret* are currently sailing up the east coast of Australia on their yacht. They are currently north of Sydney and are progressing "...as well as can be expected."

Msg from *Yvonne*: Hi, Reg's long suffering wife here,
Didn't know he was so good at cutting trees down.
God bless him and he still has a good sense of humour (me too).

Priority		Project Schedule					Date
#	Rec'd	Start	For	Description	Leader	Finish	
	15/6/19	Yes	Shed	Kindling splitter	Mal D.	Yes	
	4/1/20		"	Canopy trailer reno's	Dick P.	Reg H.	
	1/8/20		Shed	Christmas Santas/Elves	Henry Z.		
	7/7		M. MILLS	#9 YDUSE NO Cooper St 0455 173 442	Barry H.		
	12/21		Saloon	ANKLUNG STAND	H		
	13/2/22		Sec. College Jenny Einriksen	8X Cornhole Boards	Henry Z. Mal D.	Wardle M.	
	25/4/22	27/2/22	NH Centre	Refurbish Table Top.	Paul L.H.		
	1/1/21		Williamson's Gap Alpines Centre	Wooden Signs x7 (Park V.I. type)	Dick P.		
	1/1/22		Ian Colton	Repair Ram Pump	Barry H.		
	1/2/22		Friends of Arboretum	Deer Guards x3	Reg/Barry		
	1/2/22		Keith Sparks	Table	Dick		
	1/2/22		Linda Barter	Deer Guards x2	?		
	1/1/22		Shed	Extractor Shed re-lining	?		

Projects

Our Workshop Project Board is filling up fast (see attached photo). If any members would like to offer assistance with some tasks please come to Shed to discuss. Morning tea at 10:30 am is a good time.



Birthday Greetings

Happy 88th Birthday to our oldest Shed Member Committee Member, barrow operator and resident poet, Vinnie! Keep up the fantastic work Mate!



Trailer Stories

The Sheds Canopy Trailer which is now finished has been sold to a keen buyer. The smiles on the faces of *Reg*, *Dick* and *Shane* show how pleased (and relieved) they are to see it go. A job well done blokes and to all others who gave a hand.



Kindling

It's hard keeping up with the demand for kindling at this time of year and as soon as we can bag it, it flies out of the Shed (28 bags sold in two weeks). Thank goodness we have *Paul*, our treasurer, resident painter and now "Kindling Kid" bagging up supplies using our new, pat pending, kindling machine. It provides a steady work rhythm which constantly fills the Shed. What a top machine!

New Mower

The Shed and Neighbourhood Centre have purchased a Makita Cordless Lawn Mower and have gone 50/50 with the purchase price. It's easy to use so if you'd like to try your hand at cutting some grass, give it a go although you'll have to beat the lady gardeners from the NHC first as they're very keen to try it.

Deer Guards

Once again there is a demand for deer guards so the jigs have been set up and the steel has arrived. If anyone would like to learn or practice their welding skills, this is the ideal job for you under the expert instruction of our resident "gun" welders Reg, Les and Barry.



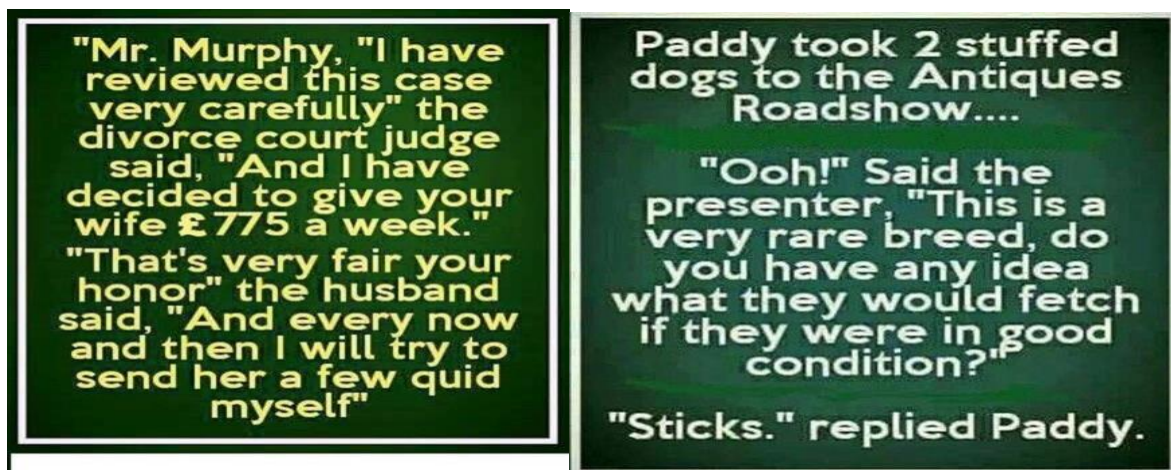
Bike Rack

After realising that he already had a kitchen sink fitted, our intrepid Paul now wanted to fit some more bikes. Alas, his current towbar could not efficiently cope with the supplied rack so the day was saved with a double decker tow hitch supplied and fitted by Henry & Reg.



Royal Visit

We were honoured to have a visitor to our Shed, none other than Ian Kemp, Chairman (or is it Chairperson) from the award winning Wodonga Mens Shed. He and his wife were down here on holiday and decided to call in and say g'day. He was more than happy to have a tour of the Shed and was impressed by what we had achieved, especially as, unlike a lot of other Sheds, we have no regular sponsors.



Poets Prose

A very special observation from our resident balladeer, experienced during one of his many travels around Australia and managed to experience ANZAC day in a small country town..

Celebrations in the Bush.

It only happens rarely when you live out in the bush
 On some very special days, it all happens in a rush.
 It might be Christmas, Easter, ANZAC Day and such,
 But everyone from mile around, comes to keep in touch.

The town that's usually empty, suddenly comes to life,
 As cockies bring their families, they even bring the wife.
 All dressed up in their finery, akubras and best suits,
 And dogs of every sundry breed, all tied up in the utes.

Men folk bring the drinks along, the ladies bring the plates,

Set all up in the local hall, then start to chatter with their mates.
The call goes out, 'it's time to start, get the banners that were made.'
The piper or the band tunes up, and leads the big parade.

The kinder kids are all dressed up, the ballet girls so cute,
The senior cits are not forgot, they're piled up on the ute.
The headmaster walks hand in hand, with the barmaid from the pub.
The old heads on the sidewalk nod, they know where's the rub.

From the footy field they start, down the main street comes the throng,
Happy, shouting, waving, dancing and singing the pipers song.
And then it's time to all slow down, and pile into the hall,
For sandwiches and hot dogs, enough food for one and all.

The local Vicar counts the heads, he can't believe his eyes,
His Sunday congregation is not even half this size.
The local member makes his speech, but no one takes a note,
The only time they see him, is when it's time to vote.

The time goes by for country folk, they love to chew the cud,
Someone says 'we can't leave yet, let's all go to the pub.'
The publican welcomes all, says 'first round's on me.'
The reaps three times his profit, and claps his hands with glee.

But the locals all are happy, they've caught up with their friends,
And until the next Big Day, hope this one never ends.
It's a way of life out in the bush, for any celebration,
I say 'Good luck to them', they're the backbone of our nation.

End.

(by Vinnie for ANZAC Day)

Advertisements

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Corn Holes

Yes, our shed is making "Corn Holes" for the Secondary College. This is a fad game in the USA at the moment. The work is being done by a number of our Shedders, *Mal, Warwick, Derek, Henry* etc, etc. Quite a number have been made with more enquiries every day.



Theatre Next Door

The Shed was invited to install a big screen TV in the NHC next door, but

First, we had to remove the old wall mounted, external A/C unit. Then seal the hole in the wall behind where the TV had to go. I must say that I now realise I'm not built to sit precariously on top of a step ladder trying to unscrew wall brackets. That was the easy part! Watching the boys trying to decipher the wall mounting instructions for the TV was so much more fun.

Observations

Got invited to a party and was told to dress to kill. Apparently, a turban, beard and a backpack wasn't what they had in mind.

After a night of drink, drugs and wild sex, Jim woke up to find himself next to a really ugly woman. That's when he realized he had made it home safely. (yep, gonna go straight to hell for that one).

Seven wheelchair athletes have been banned from the Paralympics after they tested positive for WD40.

ITS A BOY" I shouted "A BOY, I DON'T BELIEVE IT, ITS A BOY". And with tears streaming down my face I swore I'd never visit another Thai Brothel!

Editor's Note

All for now. Please remember the casserole lunch for our Friday 13th May 😞 get together. Let me know what you're happy to bring.

If you have anything you would like to include in our newsletter, advertisements, social comments (nothing political please) send them to me <maurk01@bigpond.com> for publication.

Editor – **Shed Torque**

Mark Hardidge

..... And don't forget;

