



Shed Torque

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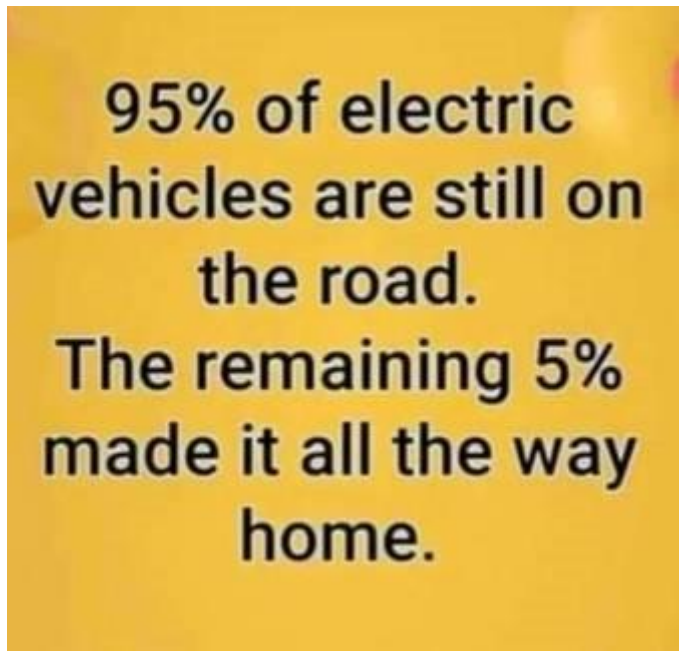
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Greetings

Greetings Fellow MB&DMS Members. Due to some email gremlins, it has taken a lot more time to complete the May Newsletter so apologies for the lateness.

Road report: The past month has shown a significant reduction in the number of "Rough Surface Ahead" and "Roadworks" signposting on the KVH. Has this meant that the road has been repaired? No! This means that they have slapped some "mix" into the existing holes which has already disappeared into the disrepair. I recently watched a video clip of road travel between Melbourne and Sydney from the 1950's. It showed how damaged surfaces were repaired back then, you know, pour a little bitumen onto the damaged section then shovel screenings over it and, sometimes, even compact it. All the time the narration was saying new and wonderful present day techniques and machinery had made this process obsolete. It hasn't! Today the only difference is the bitumen and screenings are pre-mixed and the process remains the same.

Last word in electric vehicles



Australian Taxation Office

Whether you are an Aussie or not, I think you will find this one amusing and oh so true.

The Australian Tax Office actually commented on this one, emphasising the importance of accuracy in tax returns.

The ATO has returned the Tax Return to a man in Townsville after he apparently answered one of the questions. In response to the question, "Do you have anyone dependent on you?" The man wrote,

"2.1 million illegal immigrants,

1.1 million crackheads,

4.4 million unemployable scroungers,

80,000 criminals in over 85 prisons plus

450 idiots in Parliament, thousands of 'retired politicians' and an entire group that call themselves 'Senators'

The ATO stated that the response he gave was "unacceptable."

The man responded by asking ATO, "Who did I leave out?"

Work Around The Shed



Warwick is justifiably proud of his sign installed at the Tennis Club.



Les and Mal are progressing with their forge and it should be completed soon. We look forward to their "Blacksmith" classes.

Note to Self:

Do not sit on the floor
without a plan on how to
get back up.



Shed Classes



Warwick has just passed his "Glue – and it's applications" class and is putting it to good use repairing his pencil. Times are financially tight in The Shed when we can't afford a new pencil. Well done Warwick!

Kindling Report



Peter D, Larry G, Doug H (& Paul L'H not pictured) did a great job sourcing new timber for our kindling supplies. We still need volunteers to cut, split and bag it. Contact Peter D if you can help.

How things have changed.....

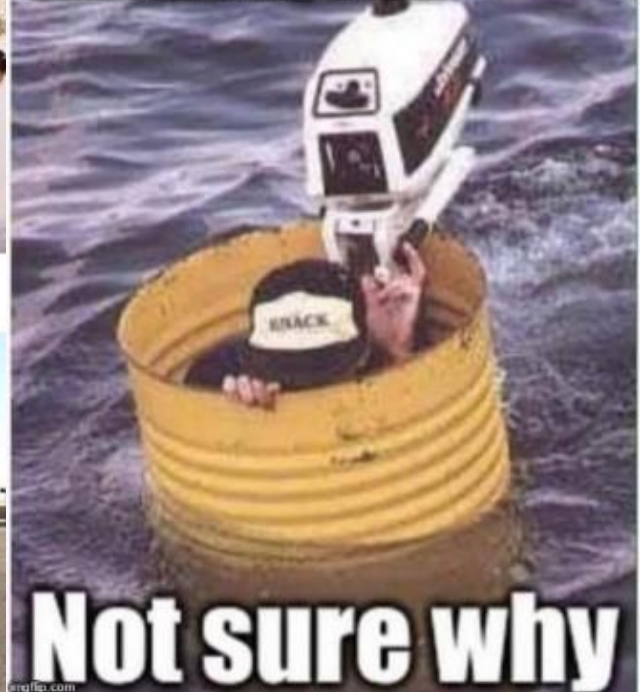
Men 1973



Men 2023



Instructions said to
test run in a barrel
before installing on boat



Not sure why

New shed projects



A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel
An OPTIMIST sees light at the end
of the tunnel
A REALIST sees a freight train
The TRAIN driver sees 3
idiots standing on the tracks.

**My kids say they
want a cat for
Christmas.**

**Normally I do a
turkey but hey, if
it'll make 'em
happy...**

Subject: The post turtle

While stitching a cut on the hand of a 75 year old farmer, whose hand was caught in the squeeze gate while working cattle, the doctor struck up a conversation with the old man.

Eventually the topic got around to politicians and their role as our leaders.

The old cockie said, "Well, as I see it, most politicians are 'Post Turtles'."

Not being familiar with the term, the doctor asked him what a 'post turtle' was.

The old farmer said, "When you're driving down a country road and you come across a fence post with a turtle balanced on top, that's a post turtle."

The old farmer saw the puzzled look on the doctor's face so he continued to explain. "You know he didn't get up there by himself, he doesn't belong up there, he doesn't know what to do while he's up there, he's elevated beyond his ability to function, and you just wonder what kind of half-wit put him up there to begin with."

Best explanation of a politician I've heard.

Blairs Hut Expedition

On Thursday 11 May 2023 the Shed planned a four wheel drive day trip to Blairs Hut in the Upper West Kiewa Valley. The idea is that those members with suitable vehicles will transport other members who are interested in the day trip of around 80 km.

The Shed has some experienced members who have made the trip previously. The request is to get access right to Blairs Hut as a number of our members would have difficulty walking the 2km from the Diamantina Stockyard Campground to the hut.

As an aside some of our members were responsible for producing a number of Park Vic Wooden Signs as directed by Kevin Cosgriff a couple of years back. Some of these signs were located near Blairs Hut and the boys would like to see them in place.

The month of May saw the long planned expedition to Blairs Hut get underway. Led and planned by our own intrepid "Mountain Man" *Paul L'H* the following group drove or hitched a ride up into the hills. *Dick Puttyfoot, John Hunt, Noel McDougall, Henry Ziemnicki, Karin Ziemnicki, Ken Halse, Duncan Robertson, Peter Donnan, Eileen Johnson, Alasdair Macdonald and Yvonne Honey.*



Morning tea at the Diamantina Stockyards (2km from the Hut)

As shown below, gates posed no problem for the expedition Leader. The new battery powered angle grinder certainly came in handy!



Left Peter Donnan & Paul L'Huillier



Yvonne, Karin & Eileen at the hut enjoying a bite to eat and a cuppa



Our new "Chef de Shed" in action - Henry Ziernicki



It was a great day out in the high country



The West Kiewa River crossing – Not a problem



John H has his water wings and showed how it was done.

The weather was perfect and the company great with everybody having a good time. A big thankyou to *Paul L'H* for all his efforts in planning the day and organising access to the hut. Where to for the next one?

I threw 5 shoes , 3 broom whacks
And Half a can of Raid extra power
Turns out it's a hair clip



Leatherwork Introduction

Gill Spark (local resident) works with Leather and is prepared to give an introductory talk on the subject for members who might have an interest in having a go at it.

Gill is originally trained as a jeweller while living in the UK. Made the switch to leather after renting some workshop space in a leatherworkers studio and ended up working for him for about three years. Now mostly focused on leather with a little bit of silversmithing on the side. Been in the Kiewa valley about six years now operating out of my home workshop.

Gill runs leatherwork courses where attendees: learn basic leather making techniques including types of leather, tools to get started, cutting and burnishing, basic hand stitching including saddle stitching and basic pattern making.

He does not do any tooling which is the traditional leather stamping/carving technique.

We need an Expression of interest — If interested in this **Leatherwork Introductory session** please let the secretary know **by Friday 16th June**.

- **Email** secretary@mountbeautymensshed.org.au or
- **Mobile:** 0419 479 850

It is planned to have the session following a Tuesday or Wednesday morning tea in the recreation room.

Examples of work that Gill has done.



Shelve Elves.

Recently, a call for assistance was received from the Historical Society to aid in the putting up of storage shelving. A team was dispatched immediately and the shelving erected and installed. A works invoice will be forwarded soon. 😊



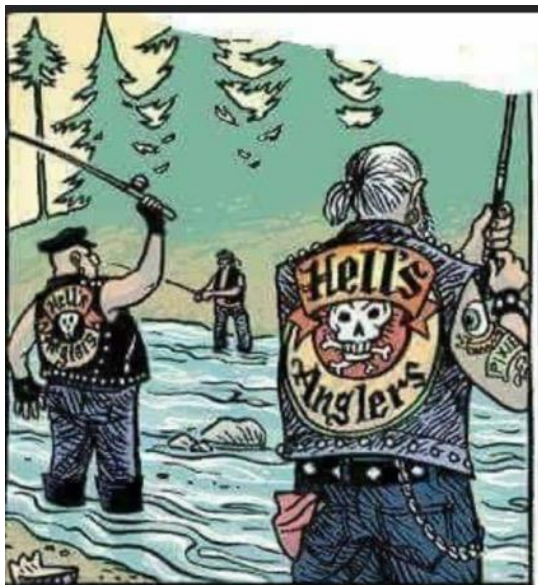
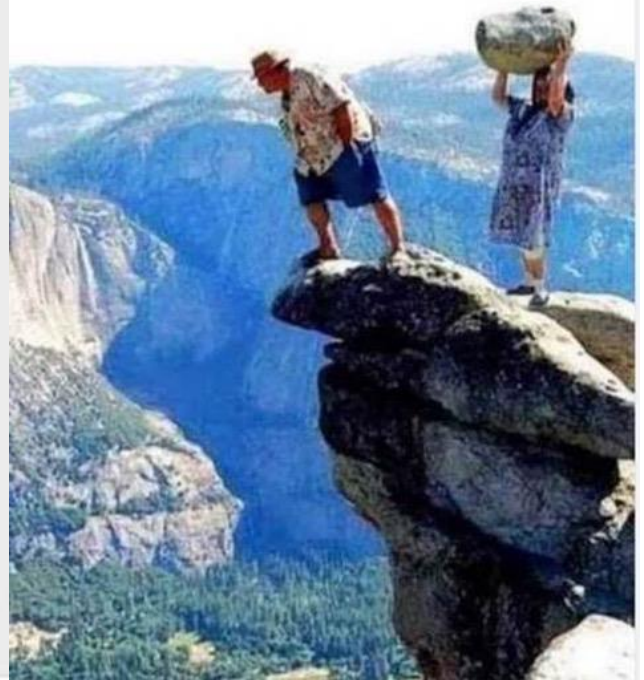
From left: Ian H, Peter D, Henry Z & Noel McD

WHILE LAYING IN BED WITH MY
HUSBAND LAST NIGHT, HE ASKED ME
WHAT I'D MOST LIKE TO DO TO HIS BODY.



"IDENTIFY IT"
APPARENTLY WASN'T THE
RIGHT ANSWER.

Behind every great man
there is a great woman 🤔



WHAT STARTED AS A
MISSPELLING, CHANGED
THE CLUB FOREVER

Instead of all the negative postings, here is
a pic of some topless chicks in short skirts



Editor's Note

That the May edition of Shed Torque finished. Hopefully our next edition will contain more in depth, hard hitting journalism and less humour. Maybe members would like to submit articles on recent trips and recommendations on accommodation etc.

The exodus to the northern climes has already begun with *Reg H* lying back on a beach at Yeppoon (QLD) slowly sipping coldies, Barry H has headed west and Paul L'H mobile in the outback and Sunshine Coast and others packing, preparing for their winter adventures.

Thanks again to *Paul L'H* for his assistance in putting our newsletter out.

Cheers.

Mark H