



Bad Shed Chatter.

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Editor's note.

You may have noted that this newsletter is numbered 'three', this is due to others being published in early years. It is with thanks to the early editor, John Hulme I believe, for giving me the idea for the title and some of the front-page layout.

I do not profess to be any good at producing newsletters, but am obviously giving it a go, so if you think you have an interesting story for the 'Shed Chatter' please do not hesitate to put it forward to give me a hand.

Ronald H. Tew.

Presidents Report.

Hello Fellow Shedders,

This newsletter is the first of what I hope will be a regular monthly issue and will give a roundup of Shed activities, past, present and future.

As our new Shed year is well and truly underway it is good to reflect on where we have come from to where we are now.

My personal hope for our shed in the future, and the reason for our shed as always has been to provide a place for men that will enable social interaction and activities to maintain the health and wellbeing of those men.

To build a culture in our shed where men, of all ages are welcome and where mutual respect and trust are paramount.

To become a focal point in the community for the identification of men's health issues and actions to resolve those issues.

To ease the transition of men from full time employment to other activities in retirement.

I believe that the men we have involved in our shed at present are able to deliver on all these ideals.

Our 2018 Shed year ended on a high.

We finished the year off with the election of the new committee.

I personally would like to congratulate and sincerely thank my fellow committee members for coming on board and having a go and thank the members of the previous committee that have stood down. They have all done an excellent job in moving our Shed forward.

An organisations success or failure comes down to the strength and guidance of its committee, and I believe that our committee has the strength and passion to guide and build our shed well into the future.

We must always remember that no one in the Shed is paid for what they do.

We all do what we do because we value what we have achieved in such a short time and all take a personal pride in that achievement.

Rodney Hansen

President

Burpengary and District Men's Shed.

Where it all Started

Below is a letter Rodney Hansen sent to the Caboolture Herald on Saturday, May 30, 2015 8:58 PM and had published, so I guess that was the beginning, and the rest is history.

The Men's Shed organisation has been established for a range of reasons. At the heart lies a common interest that is shared, and often involves activities built around crafts, technical skills and art. The kind of things that men do in their own backyard sheds.

Rather than work on these projects alone, a community shed introduces a social interaction among the members that is an important part of their wellbeing. The interest of the group develops from that very common interest and normally what follows over many cups of coffee are ideas to expand the range of things for the men to do.

Men's Sheds are not a franchise. They are all different and reflect the character and operations of the particular shed. They are, in fact a reflection of their niche in the community.

I am looking into the possibility of getting a “Men’s Shed” built at Burpengary, and am calling on interested people to contact me with the aim of forming a working committee.

Rodney Hansen 54 986995

Shed Activities.

We have built three picnic tables for Thunderbox Industries, Crestmead, Northern Brisbane, for their workers to use in the back yard, see picture. They are to be picked up by Thunderbox sometime in the near future, and we are sure they will be put to good use.



New Committee.

Our AGM was held on the 30 August and a new committee was formed of the following members, some of whom are carry over committee members. Members are from left: - Maurie Walsh, Geoffrey Grebert, Ronald Tew, John Beard (sitting), John Ross, Kevin Blanch, President Rodney Hansen, Vice President Peter (Pedro) Gill, Secretary Peter Rocca, Ken Slater, and Mal Aland is absent.



Drought Relief.

The Shed have been asking for donations from members to go toward a drought relief appeal by placing an additional \$2.00 when paying cuppa fees, and the shed will match all that is raised, or even more, and send it to an organization yet to be decided for distribution.

Best Wishes.

We had some sad news last week with the passing of Win, wife of our activity organiser, John Merryweather. Win had been ill for some time and will be sadly missed by her family. Our deepest sympathy goes out to John and family.

Raffle Draw.

The Shed ran a Father's Day raffle with the following prizes,



a screw
driver tool
set and a
bottle of



wine. A new electronic raffle draw software made the job a little easier, and the winners were: -

Tool Set, Tick 441, Jim Mann (Member).

Bottle of wine, Tick 505, Carrolyn Reiter.

Upcoming Events

The newsletter might be a little late, but we have a request to field six Marshals between 6:00am and 8:30am at the fun run to be held at Centenary Lakes on Sunday 16th September.

Sausage Sizzles, (Fundraising)

Here is a look at our fund-raising activities. During this year of 2018 we have carried out many sausage sizzles and other means of raising money. Since January we have done a total of 35 Sausage Sizzles at Dakabin Trash and Treasure Market. At Bunnings we have done 16 Sausage Sizzles. Office Works another 2 Sausage Sizzles. We had a site on 8 days at Caboolture Markets as well as Charity days and help with other events. In all this required about 234 men which relates to 357 hours. What a great effort from all those involved. This has been the reason for our success and has created a great comradery of all the members involved.

Thanks, Pedro.

Shed one Progress

Now that shed two is built and most of the material has been removed and stored in shed two, work has been able to commence on rearranging things and fitting out for future use. Most of the shelves, and onion cutting station, have been moved, and some sheet cladding has been fitted to

most of the walls. The cladding is to be multi-purpose, as after being broken into earlier this year one purpose is intended to make it harder to do so in future. It can also be used for shadow boards for tools etc. More power work has been done to enable more machinery to be placed and used in the designated location. Let it be noted that now some semblance of organisation has been established, safety issues will now have to be enforced to a greater degree, such as ear muffs and glasses.

Shed two Progress

It was no surprise when the new shed was complete to see it fill rather quickly, with all that came out of shed one, it makes one wonder where it all comes from. A lot more of it was also donated or collected from member's garages after being stored.

Lighting and some power points have been fitted so we can start to undertake work in the shed and see what we are doing.

We have finally set up a lunch room of sorts in the clean room, and members can now sit inside for a cuppa and a chat, or whatever one wishes.

A public address system has been purchased for talks and or meetings so those who normally have trouble, will now be able to hear.

Measuring and marking has been undertaken to commence the construction of an office just inside the main front door, which should commence very soon.



One thing that caused a great deal of conversation and throwing around of ideas was the method in which we could

adopt to open the windows in the roof, being too many to mention here. After a suggestion I took it upon myself to use a swimming pool aluminium rod I had at home, and place a small hook on the end, and it worked wonders.



We have had several members working at building a new security door for the front door to the clean room to provide extra security.

Member Profile.

The shed is asking for members to compile a profile of themselves, so we can publish one in each of the following 'Shed Chatter' editions. We consider this will give other members a better knowledge of their fellow members. Don't be shy in coming forward!

This issue Member Profile.

Ronald H. Tew



Born: New Norfolk, Tasmania 1949.

Resided in George Town, North East Tamar River, during child-hood.

Started work with PMG in 1966 and worked there building Telephone Exchanges of many a technology, and other fields, until 2000.

Met my wife at Beaconsfield, West Tamar, thanks to her father being the crane driver building the Batman Bridge over the Tamar, which enabled easy access across the river.

Moved to Launceston after getting married and remained there working for Telstra until given a package, so we sold our house, bought a caravan and spent 16 years touring the country. I have a web site www.wanderingtews.com with memoirs of our travels, which was created by our son, so we could let people know where we were at any given time.

We settled in Caboolture in 2015 and almost immediately joined the newly formed BAD Men's Shed and have since

met quite a few other people and might say made friends with most of them.

My main interest is in electronics, electrics and computers, working with them not building them, as this was a must in my latter working life. I am prepared to have a go at almost anything in the process of assisting other members to build their projects, and in the fit-out of the sheds.