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# Bad Shed Chatter.

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## Burpengary and district Men's Shed.

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## *Editor's note.*

The response I received from issue number 3, my first, was overwhelming. I am now prepared to undertake producing future editions, so here is number 4.

I once again urge all members to submit a profile on themselves for publication in future, as yet I do not have many. Please include a photo, or I could take one.

I have included a section on Tips and Tricks (near the end), I would also like members to supply more of these.

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Ronald H. Tew.

## *Presidents Report.*

A community organisation's growth, success and prosperity depends greatly on it's working committee. More so, it also depends greatly on its actual members.

Like a car the committee can steer the club in the direction it needs to go, and make sure it gets to that destination safely, but much more the members are the engine that powers the club and gives the man power needed to achieve what needs to be done.

This has been high-lighted over the last few months when our Shed has been contacted by other community groups to help them out. Local groups like the Asphalt Demons that asked us to help out recently at their Hot Rod and Bike day at Old Petrie Town. Or Caboolture Rotary Club that needed some help with the Chaplin's Fun Run that was held at the Caboolture Lakes complex early one Sunday

morning recently. Our Shed had a good showing of men, all keen to help, dressed in our shed colours. This helped these local groups that were lacking in numbers on the day and in turn gave us some great advertising in the community.

These type of community events that we are regularly asked to assist with and are keen to be involved in combined with our own regular fund-raising appearances around the area put us in good standing in our community. Anyone that has never put their hand up to help out on any of these ventures is missing out on an outing with mates that turns into an experience. ***Everyone is welcome.***

We have fund raising sausage sizzles somewhere every week, Charity market days in the local shopping centre, days at the Caboolture Markets and regular social outings on top of our regular Shed days.

Our Christmas Raffle is underway.

On Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October at the Shed we will have guest speakers from Centrelink to do a presentation and discuss any entitlements members may be able to access and answer any questions or problems you may have. This at 9:30 am.

On Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October our members are visiting White Brick Brewing at North lakes. We will be all meeting at the Shed at 11:30am for coffee and a sandwich before heading over to North lakes for the tour and tasting. Please let John Merryweather know if your available.

Following a visit earlier in the year, John Simpson from the Circle of Men is going to do another presentation later in the year /early in the

New Year. He will be accompanied by some of his helpers to offer training to any of our members that are interested in joining this wonderful organisation. For those that missed John's last visit you missed out on a great talk on the Circle of Men organisation. The Circle of Men visit, support and nurture men living in aged care [www.circleofmenqld.com](http://www.circleofmenqld.com)

Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of November our Shed is having a visit, talk and presentation from Queensland Hearing. They will also do hearing tests for any interested members and answer any questions.

Also, we are in the process of updating all our members medical records. These are for your benefit and are kept securely on file. If you have not done so already, can you please attend to this and give the paperwork to Pedro.

All members now should also have a Shed membership card and number. If you don't yet have one can you also let us know.

This has been a busy month at your Shed. A lot is happening and will continue to happen in the drive to get both Sheds to a fully operational stage.

Any suggestions and thoughts are welcomed by the committee, and thankyou to all for the help in getting this far.

Rodney Hansen

President

Burpengary and District Men's Shed Inc.

## *Shed Activities (events).*

### *Wills and Estates Presentation.*

We had a Wills and Estates presentation on Thursday 27 September by Eddie Fraser from Russo. There were not a great many in attendance, so most must think this sort of thing is already organised. For those who did attend, I am sure they obtained some benefit from it.

### *More vandalism.*

Somewhere before the 27<sup>th</sup> September some smart individual(s) decided that we wanted one of our shed roller doors marked with graffiti, but it wasn't there for long, and would you believe *cooking oil* was used to remove the paint. In fact, it was removed that quickly I didn't get a chance to take a photo. As a result of this the Committee are now discussing the installation of security cameras.

## *New Committee.*

For those who may not be familiar with all our new 2018/19 committee members I have left this article for this reason. 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.

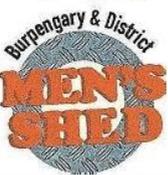
The Shed have been asking for donations from members to go toward a drought relief appeal by placing an additional \$2.00 when paying cuppa fees, and the shed will match all that is raised, or even more. The result was a raising of approximately \$400.00 and a total of \$1000.00 will be sent to CWA Queensland for distribution.

## Raffles.

### Christmas Raffle.

The Christmas raffle has started to get under way. I have produced the tickets, and Peter Rocca has commenced construction of what will be a first prize, which is a bi-plane rocker (pictured). Second prize is a bottle of Rum in a presentation box, and third prize is yet to be advised. Below is a look at the new ticket, but the prizes are not yet entered. The date of drawing the raffle will be likely to be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, but this will also be advised.



<b>\$5</b> /book of 6 Ticket No. 1 or <b>\$1</b> each.	<b>\$5</b> /book of 6, or <b>\$1</b> each. Ticket No. 1
NAME	<b>Burpengary and District Mens Shed</b> <b>Christmas Raffle 2018</b>
ADDRESS/PHONE	 1st Prize:- xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx 2nd Prize:- xxxxx xxxxx xxxxxxx Xx Drawn on 10th December 2018 at The Shed.
<small>Burpengary and District Mens Shed. Christmas Raffle 2018.</small>	 Winners notified by phone. Results Published in Calypulture Herald.

## *Upcoming Events*

Talk by Centrelink on 18<sup>th</sup> October, at 09:30am.

His name is Paul and will also be bringing a young lady to help answer questions that I know some of the old blokes will hit them with. This talk is mainly to do with any entitlements that members may be entitled to and maybe some extras that they are not aware of. These Centrelink talks can be very enlightening, even though you may think you may be getting all entitlements?

Burpengary Hall Sizzle Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Burpengary Hall have offered us to do a Sausage Sizzle at the hall again this year on the Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Will need volunteers, see Pedro.

Micro-Brewery tour, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

There will be a shed tour to the White Brick Brewing at 1/9 Flinders Parade North Lakes on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Gather at shed at about 11:30 for a small luncheon, then on to Brewery for a guided tour and tasting. If you wish to attend, please advise John Merryweather for catering purposes and tour numbers.

Melbourne Cup Day, 6<sup>th</sup> November.

The shed will hold a Melbourne Cup Day at the shed on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> November. A normal Tuesday meeting will take place, followed by a light luncheon provided by the shed, then have a showing of the cup on the large screen TV. It will be hoped to run a sweep or two.

## Queensland Hearing, 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of November our Shed is having a visit, talk and presentation from Queensland Hearing. They will also do hearing tests for any interested members and answer any questions.

## Member Medical records.

We are in the process of updating all our members medical records. There should have been a history of medical records filled out when joining the shed. These are for your benefit and are kept securely on file. These records will eventually become out of date, and a lot are already, so will need updating. If you have not done so already, can you please attend to this and give the paperwork to Pedro.

## Thought for the Month.

**“Failure isn’t Falling Down – It’s Staying Down”**

## Sausage Sizzles, (Fundraising)

### Sausage sizzles.

We regularly run sausage sizzles at Dakabin Tip, Bunnings and Office Works, which make up a great chunk of our income, without which we could not possibly survive, or even have gotten where we are. Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> October was a public holiday, so the sausage sizzle held at Bunnings was a great success as seen in Peter’s email.

As small as the Dakabin sizzle seems, it on its own raises enough funds to repay our council loan, so they are all as equally important.

## Burpengary Hall Sizzle Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

As mentioned earlier, Burpengary Hall have offered us to do a Sausage Sizzle at the hall again this year on the Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Will need volunteers, see Pedro.

## Market day.

We continue to run a stall at the Caboolture markets occasionally, and with the decrease in income from there I wonder how long Peter will last.

## Shed one Progress

### Painting.

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September a 'working bee' was called on to paint the newly lined walls. I wasn't in attendance, but I heard that everybody turned up except someone with a key to open the doors. Painting has since continued, and when finished, the shed will then be able to be organised properly to enable a decent workshop. A big thanks to John Ross and several others for the time they spent painting.

### Power.

More power work has been completed in the form of hanging power points to enable running of machines without cords laying on the floor, a much better idea for safety reasons.

### Machine positioning.

Positioning of machines to their final working positions has commenced, and safety working conditions will be more enforced

## *Shed two Progress*

### Front Door.

The new front door security gate was fitted on 19<sup>th</sup> September and now gives the shed a better feel of security. Tiling will eventually be placed on the concrete outside to door frame and formed into a ramp to the door.



### Power.

More power in the form of power points have been installed, and more will follow soon. This will enable getting rid of extension cords laying around the rooms, and we can now perhaps start rearranging the clean area room.

### Metal work.

Our metal welders have also been busy constructing a trolley for the purpose of carrying the wall sheeting from storage to installation, which should make that job so much easier. They have also constructed some brackets to mount a donated TV onto a portable trolley, so we can have a portable TV anywhere in any shed for presentations and such.

## *Tips and Tricks.*

If you have any tips and tricks such as follows, please send them to me to publish later.

### This issue's tip.

Have you ever had a remote control that didn't work and had no way to test it, try this, but on a working remote first to see what happens.



The end of the remote control has an Infra-Red transmitter that transmits the signal, which is invisible to the human eye, but if you pick up your 'smart phone' with a camera, turn on the camera and point the remote transmitter at the camera, push a button on the remote and see what happens. You should see the transmitter flash. You don't have to take a pic, just watch the screen.



## *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!

I was pleasantly surprised by the response from publishing my profile in the newsletter number 3, so try it for yourself.

### **This Issue Profile**

#### **Geoff Grebert.**

Where do we start? Born in Nambour Qld (ridgey-didge Maroon) in March 1954. Parents, Rex & Cath, lived at Maroochydore at the time. My first recollection, I guess, is living at Gumdale on the southside of Brisbane on 5 acres. Dad, as so many did at the time, cleared the land and built his own house. Life for me was a bit like being Tom Sawyer MkII.



I went to school at Wynnum Central Primary and Wynnum State High School I also spent time as a young fella in the Gumdale-Belmont Scout Group as a Cub, rising to become a "Sixer" and earning my Leaping Wolf badge (quite an achievement) and then, as a Scout

eventually becoming the Troop Leader and attaining the Scout Cord. By the time I turned 17 there were other things attracting my attention over Scouting (as one might imagine).

I left school at 15 years of age (enough was enough) and started work in the Queensland Public Service as a Clerk, after-hours studies lead me toward becoming a Real Estate Valuer, but various circumstances resulted in me not completing my cadetship or academic course – partly through lack of interest as well as other unexpected events that I found difficult to deal with at the time.

I married my wife, Heather, in 1978 and then in 1979 made the decision to leave the Public Service and enlist in the RAAF as a Telecommunications Operator. 20 years later, after attaining the rank of Warrant Officer and having postings (and “dragging” my dear wife around) to Williamtown (near Newcastle NSW), Townsville (Qld), Glenbrook (western Sydney), Amberley (Qld) and then doing all the same circle for a second time, I took my discharge in August 1999. I enjoyed my time in the RAAF and it holds many fond, sad, stressful and exciting memories for me. During this time, I also attended courses and undertook instructional roles at Wagga, Laverton (Melbourne), Canberra, Edinburgh RAAF Base (Adelaide) as well as a trip to Lae (PNG) to participate in a formal service funeral and to honour five WW2 servicemen who were lost in an aircraft crash in the Markham Valley toward the end of the war (50+ years earlier). To partake in assisting in placing their remains in a single coffin remains, in my mind, one of the greatest privileges I have ever been afforded.

After the RAAF, I “fell” into a job back in the Qld Public Service which led me to become the Senior Administration Officer in the Corporate

division of the Department of Primary Industries. A redundancy was offered in 2006 and, as my previous RAAF and earlier Public Service career time was recognised as “service” I took it. A few years working in administration for the, then, Pine Rivers Shire Council in the Parks Department followed by a great little job in the Mechanical Workshop at Petrie for Moreton Bay Regional Council saw me retire in 2011.

My thoughts on our Men’s Shed – it has been a tremendous benefit to me as I had lost my way after retirement. The value of this organisation, what it stands for and, most importantly, the manner in which OUR Shed is run, is immeasurable. It will mean different things to each member, it will impact the lives of each member in a different way but its ability to provide a welcoming, non-stressful and SAFE environment is something that, I have no doubt, is embraced by everyone. So, ends the epistle 😊

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