



# Bad Shed Chatter.

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## Burpengary and district Men's Shed.

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## *Editor's note.*

I would like to stress that this news letter can only continue if I have input from other members. I have managed to compile my first three, but I will need help in future. I still have not received many profiles from members, let alone committee members, so I once again urge all members to submit a profile on themselves for publication in future. 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. I have had one member submit some wood working tips, but there must be many others out there.

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Ronald H. Tew.

## *Presidents Report.*

I believe this is what Men's Shed is all about. The opportunity to give all men, irrespective of age the opportunity to improve and maintain their health and wellbeing by participating in the Men's Shed movement.

I am very pleased to share part of a note that I received recently from Anglicare: -

“Hi Rodney, I just wanted to touch base regarding J's attendance at the Burpengary Men's Shed. His youth worker B has reported that J is really enjoying his time there and benefitting greatly from it. You and your members have done an amazing job of making J feel

comfortable, and both B and J are now keen to get to know as many of the members as possible”.

The note also goes on to say that many men went out of their way to welcome our newest and youngest member, J to our Shed.

This is why I am so proud to be a part of our Men’s Shed and to be a witness to the mateship that has grown within our shed. There are many men that were complete strangers when they first joined. They now have lifelong Shed mates. The constant laughter and chatter found in our Shed on Shed days is a real testament to the positive culture we have in our Shed.

In the last month, at a glance we have donated \$1,000 to the CWA Drought Appeal.

We have attended many fund-raising sausage sizzles.

We have attended the Caboolture Markets.

We have had a guest speaker from Centre link.

We have had a well-attended social jaunt to the “White Brick Brewery” at North Lakes organised by John Merryweather.

Our Christmas raffle has been launched.

We have been approached by local primary schools requesting some of our men to be mentors for some of their young troubled male students.

We have submitted our paperwork to council for our toilets.

We have finished the lining of our work shed 1 and machinery is being reinstalled.

Security grills have been made and installed.

We have commenced the lining of our main shed.

The excitement carries on over to the month ahead.

On Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November we have a Charity Day at the Morayfield shopping centre and a sausage sizzle at Bunnings.

Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> is our Melbourne Cup day luncheon. We will have plenty of sweeps running on the day.

Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> Queensland Hearing is paying us a visit and will be conducting free hearing tests to our members.

Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> we have another sizzle at Bunnings.

Our Christmas break up dinner is at the Caboolture Lakes Bowls Club on Thursday night the 6<sup>th</sup> of December at 6pm.

Members will be paid for from the Shed social fund and their guests will be \$30 a head.

Please RSVP to John Merryweather by the 23rd of November.

Happy Shedding to All,

Rodney Hansen

President

Burpengary and District Men's Shed Inc.

## *Shed Activities (past events).*

### *More Zonta Figures.*

After building people figures for Zonta last year, we had a call for construction of more. We did some work for the new figures and sent them off and the Zonta people completed them. This photo was sent in reply.



### *Centrelink talk.*

We had a talk by a Centrelink Financial officer on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October, and I do believe that several members received some very worthwhile information from the talk, well judging by the number of questions, and the queue for personal talks afterward.

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

We had a sausage sizzle at the Burpengary hall for the Kids fun day, and although it was not a great success the three of us filled in the day quite nicely. I dare say that if they invite us again next year we would likely do it once again.

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

Rumour has it that all had a bonza time on the micro-brewery tour, once they found their way there. They must have had ample for lunch at the shed before they went, as there was plenty left over to feed the masses the next day at a normal meet.

## Drought Relief.

We have made a payment of \$1000.00 to CWA Brisbane office, these funds should now be distributed to those in actual need. If things do not improve in future, in regard to the drought, we may once again ask members to donate once more.

**Many thanks to all those who donated towards this worthy fund.**

## 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 a Woman's Hamper also containing a massage voucher. Below is a look at the



new ticket. The date of drawing the raffle will be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.

<b>\$5/book of 6</b> Ticket No. «Ticket or <b>\$1</b> each.	<b>\$5/book of 6, or \$1</b> each.	Ticket No. «Ticket
NAME	<b>Burpengary and District Mens Shed</b>	<b>Christmas Raffle 2018</b>
ADDRESS/PHONE		1st Prize:- Wooden Bi-Plane Rocker. (made by shed). 2nd Prize:- Bottle of Rum in Presentation Box. 3rd Prize:- Ladies Hamper, incl. Voucher for Massage.
<small>Burpengary and District Mens Shed Christmas Raffle 2018. Drawn 20th December.</small>		Winners notified by phone. Results Published in Gabourture Herald.
	<small>Drawn on Thursday 20th December 2018 At The Shed.</small>	

## *Upcoming Events*

### Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 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 that we run a sweep or two.

### Queensland Hearing, Thursday 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.

### Shed Christmas dinner, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Our 2018 Christmas dinner will be held on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> December at the Centenary Lakes Sports Club. The cost of members will be subsidised by the shed, but a charge of \$30.00 will apply to partners. The time of commencement will be 6:00PM.

## *Member Medical records.*

We are still 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.*

***The smallest deed is better than the greatest intention.*** (John Burrows)

## *Sausage Sizzles, (Fundraising)*

### ***Dakabin Tip Shop.***

I assume you have all heard about the debacle with the Department of Fair Trading clamping down on what can and can't be sold at second-hand shops at tips in Moreton Bay region. A result of this is that there is very little stock left for sale at the Tip Shops, therefore there are very few customers attending the Tip Shops, and if there are no customers there is nobody to buy sausages at a sizzle. Consequently, we have had to cancel the Dakabin sausage sizzles until further notice.

### ***Bunnings Sausage sizzles.***

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October we were asked if we could do a sausage sizzle at Bunnings that day, and would you believe we had a team on site within an hour to set up for the day. This only demonstrates the dedication of many of our members to be able to drop everything and put all their efforts into making this situation a possibility. We earned another reasonable amount for the effort, which will add greatly to our finances. **THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED!**

It must be noted that with Dakabin sizzle being cancelled, Bunnings is now the only sizzle we are conducting at the moment, so I guess we must be hopeful that we get called out for more cancellations.

## Market day.

We continue to run a stall at the Caboolture markets occasionally, and with the decrease in income from there, and if the Tip shop incident effects the markets, I wonder how long Peter and Pedro will persist.

## *Shed one Progress*

### Painting.

The painting of the newly clad walls has been complete, so just another thanks to all that assisted with that job.

### Machine positioning.

Positioning of machines to their final working positions has commenced, and now that the shed is getting better organised, safety working conditions will be more enforced from now on.

## *Shed two Progress*

### WANTED.

We are wanting a large wall mount for the TV in the Clean room, preferably a swivel one. If someone has one they don't want, a donation to the shed would be greatly appreciated.

### Office.

Work on the construction of the walls for the office has begun. The area has been cleaned up somewhat, and the outer walls are being prepared, so hopefully more will be done soon.

## Toilets.

It seems we now have approval for what is required in the area of sewage disposal, so we should also be making a start on the toilets soon as well.

## Power.

There has been more power work done about both sheds as members are deciding the best place power points should be provided.

## Television.

An aerial has been installed on the roof of shed two to provide us with 'Free to Air' television reception and has been provided in time for the Melbourne Cup function.

## 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.

#### Doing Screws up in plastic.

When plastic devices are taken apart by undoing metal screws, or lids taken off, and then put back together, if the metal screw does not match the existing thread that it came out of, then a new thread could be forced into the plastic by the screw. If this happens on several occasions the plastic will fracture, and the stripping of the hole will occur. This can be prevented by the following method: -

When the screw is placed into the hole and a screw-driver placed on the screw ready to do up, ***first slowly turn the screw anticlockwise (backward) with a very small amount of weight on the screwdriver,***

by doing this you will feel, or hear, the screw falling into the original thread in the plastic, then do the screw up normally. If the screw hits the same original thread every time the hole should never strip.

Courtesy of Ronald H. Tew

### Second Tip.



### Sandpaper files.

Make sandpaper “files” for detail work by simply attaching strips of self-adhesive sandpaper to paint stir-sticks. Note that the sandpaper grade is written

on the sticks.

Courtesy of David Smallbone.

### 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.

Name: - PETER (Pedro) GILL.

## Peter Gill (Pedro)



I was born in Bendigo Victoria on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1940. My mom was a School Teacher and my dad was a Salesman / Truck Driver / Soldier. My dad was a P.O.W. from 1942 and died in Sandakan in 1945. I have two brothers and a

sister. I started school in 1944 and by August 1954, I had had enough so left school and got a job in a bicycle shop assembling and repairing bikes. In early 1955 I started work with a Holden Dealer in Bendigo and was signed as an apprentice in May 1955 on a 5-year Apprenticeship. In those days the working week was 44 hrs and my first year's pay was 4 pounds 5 shillings per week. At the end of my apprenticeship I went to work for a Mobile Quarry firm as a maintenance fitter operator at a dam site near Bendigo working 12hrs a day 7 days a week for 50 pounds a week. In 1962 I married Barbara and we moved to Shepparton to work for one of the Holden Dealers as a specialist truck mechanic. When they closed down in 1965, we moved back to Bendigo and I worked on Dodge Trucks for the Chrysler Dealer. In 1966 my ex-boss in Shepparton asked me to start up an Auto Brake Business with him, bonding brake shoes, turning drums, reconditioning hydraulic cylinders and converting semi-trailer brakes from vacuum to air systems. When the business failed in 1968 I applied for and got a job as Area Service Rep. for New Holland Farm Equipment, covering Northern Victoria and Southern NSW. By 1970 we had 4 kids and in 1974, NH offered me a position in WA working out of Bunbury or QLD working from Bundaberg, I took the Qld position which was Sales and Service Rep for an area from the Brisbane Valley to the Atherton Table Lands. I started in Bundaberg in January 1975 and was away from home 4 nights a week. In 1977, I decided to spend more time at home with the wife and 4 kids so parted company with New Holland and started selling cars in Bundaberg. The next 13 years I spent buying and selling cars for Holden, Ford and Hyundai Dealerships and Southside Auto Auctions Brisbane. In 1990 Barb and I started B&P Auto Detailers and

worked 7 days a week with no holidays. We employed 14 girls and were detailing for all the major franchise Dealers in town. In 1995 we decided to retire so sold the business in that December and started travelling. In 1997 we bought our first caravan and from then spent 6 months a year travelling and fossicking for Sapphires, Zircons, Garnets and Topaz. In 2007 we sold up in Bundaberg and spent the next 8 years travelling Australia in our 100 series turbo diesel Land Cruiser and 25ft Jayco Sterling caravan. In 2015 due to some health problems we quit travelling and settled down in Burpengary. So here I am 1km up the road from the SHED.

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By

**Ronald H. Tew**