



March 2017

A Busy Month at the Shed



Cooking for one or two has been a great success. While the group was limited in numbers by design, those who took up the opportunity to learn some cooking skills and try a few recipes suitable for those living alone or perhaps just as a couple, really enjoyed the sessions held each Monday morning. Ian Dell, Frank Olmos, Stewart Neuss and Geoff McDonough are keen to learn, they worked together, and they had the bonus of sharing their prepared meal together at the end of the lesson.

Branch Manager of **Bendigo Bank in Tewantin** Wayne Hoens and the branch Financial Planner Peter Burke addressed our members about investing and managing their finances in retirement.



Tess Alexandroff and 20 members of **Noosa Rotary** joined us for morning tea recently. While Rotary has been a constant supporter of our shed since the beginning, it was a chance for some of the Rotary members to see our shed for the first time and to meet some of our members. Thank you to Rotary for bringing the morning tea



Our Building program goes on

A covered area at the back of the **Woodwork Shed**. This area will be for cutting up large sheet material and for our steam bending wood



The **Metal Shop** is also getting a covered area at the rear where long lengths of metal can be stored as well as cut into manageable lengths

Artist at Work

Phillip Morgan has been working just outside the Studio for weeks on his sculpture . It is nearing completion and we look forward to seeing the finished piece.



Recycling

Rod and Nev are working hard to recycle some pallets into useful items for sale. Stewart and John are making sure they are doing it correctly

Activities in the planning Stages

Leatherwork— we are in the process of acquiring some tools and equipment for leatherwork. One side of the old kitchen—now called the Hobby Shed, will be the future home for leatherwork. David Nivala will lead leatherwork so please contact him at the shed if you can offer him any assistance

Electronics— the other half of the Hobby Shed will be the home for electronics. Laurie has already acquired a number of old computers and some equipment to recycle some of the parts and turn them into other electronic devices. Please see Laurie Kelly for further information about what is likely to happen in this area.

Fishing — Ray McEwan has been keen to get this activity going for a long time now and this group of 15 or so fellows has already met and have had some exciting discussion about river, beach, deep sea charter trips and even weekends away in the fresh waters of the hinterland. If you would like to be part of all or any of this, please talk to Ray at the shed.

Remember—this is your shed. If you can assist with the leadership of any of our activities, please step forward and offer your experience or expertise. You don't have to be an expert, just have a willingness to be part of a team to keep these areas functioning from week to week. We all have personal lives as well as our shed lives and keeping them in balance is important to all of us.

Cleaning out your Workshop

A precautionary tale by Stephen Carruth

My garage/workshop was full of collected items and half-finished projects; a minor treasure trove. My good wife could only see an "awful mess" and the inability to park a car inside. While having to step carefully across the item-strewn floor one day, I decided that a clean-up was perhaps needed.

Knowing the lag that can develop between one of my intended actions and its performance, wife offered some kick-start assistance. I was very wary of the potential outcome but recognised my 'action lag'. Miraculously, we found enough items that I had difficulty justifying ongoing retention of to fill the Shed trailer and take to the recycling depot. A second part-load of combustible items was loaded and I dropped these off in and beside our MS fire pit when returning the trailer.

A few days later Vice-president Paul arrived in the Wood Shed carrying a Disston hand saw and asked Tony if anyone had lost it. Tony called out, asking if I had. "Not me", I responded with certainty. At that point, Tony turned the saw upside down and found my surname printed neatly across the base of the handle. It had been found beside the fire pit.

That saw had been passed down from my grandfather to my father to me. Either my wife or I had placed it on the trailer. My wife is precious to me, so let's just say that it remains an unresolved mystery as to how the vintage Disston Saw was loaded onto the trailer.

Tidying up your workshop or having a dung-out are clearly activities that should be undertaken by one person – I'll leave it to you to figure out who...



Some important dates for April

Monday April 3 - Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

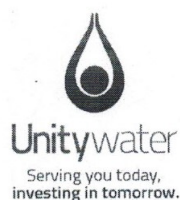
Wednesday April 5 - Pool, Darts, Discussion afternoon 1pm—3pm at the Long Shed

Wednesday April 19 - Men's Health Talk 12:30 Long Shed Topic: Prostate Cancer

Open Day at the Shed Saturday, April 1, 2017

Our first Open Day to the public resulted in a good crowd, and lots of good will among members and the public. The day was an example of a successful event through the efforts of many.

A collage of some of the activity follows.



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