What about the AGM?:
Bet you all are having sleepless nights worrying about the Shed’s AGM, but don’t stress it is all OK. The Shed has 2 external reporting requirements for each year and both are due on 30th June. First is the Qld Govt’s Office of Fair Trading which has already offered an existing provision in the Act to allow an extension to an association for holding its AGM. In the current circumstances, a grace period is offered of a further 6 months, without the need to make a written application. In effect, this may result in a management committee’s term being longer than is described in the rules, but, given the current circumstances, we hope members will be accepting of this and the current committee member are prepared to continue in their roles.

The other is the Australian Charities and Non-Profits Commission, so far they have extended the deadline to 31st August. As it is purely a reporting requirement they should be lenient if the current situation does not change.

We do not need to have a physical meeting and could conduct a meeting electronically, but our preference is to wait due to the effort involved in a different style of meeting and the desire to get it right the first time on the actions required at the AGM:

1) receiving and adopting the financial statements
2) electing members of the management committee
3) appointing an auditor for the current year

There is one other legislative matter delayed by Covid19 and that is the Federal Government were going to change the rules to allow Men Sheds to obtain Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status with the Tax Office. This change would allow us to apply for a greater range of tax deductible donations and grants, but we need another small change to the Constitution and wait for parliament to resume and more important business to be considered first.

In the Workshop (Or on the Net):
Each week we have been alternating something different between workshop activities or general interest items. This week is a mixture of both and you may find it interesting to watch a large boat being built on a very large 3D printer: 3D Boat Building
Here is a further link to appreciate the quality and size of the finished product and be reminded that it was made in just over 2 days, you can certainly understand how everything from spare machinery parts to human body parts to household items and toys can now be made on a 3D printer and of course kids are now learning this at school: Finished 3D Boat
Don’t forget just to Ctrl-Click on the above links and maybe this article has wet your boat appetite to have a 3D printer in the Gladstone Men’s Shed.

Remember When?
Decisions, decisions – don’t know whether to have a tin of sardines or open a tin of corned beef for lunch now.
Member Profile:
So far all the contributors have migrated to Gladstone in search of the good life, but we have found a member who has done time in Mt Morgan and they tell me that is as good as being a Gladstonite, so over to Jim McBryde’s story:

Starting at the beginning I was born on 14 November 1934 in Rockhampton, being the eldest of seven siblings. By the age of 15 I commenced an apprenticeship of patternmaking in the foundry at Burns & Twigg Engineering, working with cast iron, brass and aluminium production. This was 1949 and the machine workshop and our woodshop were powered by steam engines to counter shafts down to each machine, using flat leather belts. I had to start our engine twice a day and the only power tool in the workshop was an electric drill. Timber used was kauri pine from New Zealand, in many sizes.

In July 1957, I married Joyce in Rockhampton and set up home in the Port Curtis area. A change in late 1957 with my new work at the pattern shop in the Mount Morgan foundry making spares for their maintenance program, we had electric power but again with flat belt drives. By the end of 1958 had moved the family which now included two children to live in Mount Morgan.

Foundries were starting to close down in Queensland by 1964 so by the end of the year, I was convinced to start a six year part time tertiary course for a Certificate in Engineering Drafting. January 1965 it was time to commence night classes with Queensland Institute of Technology in Rockhampton, attending two to three nights a week. Travel was sometimes with other students and many nights on my own. My log book totalled 23,000 miles (37,010km) to Rocky and back to Mount Morgan. All classes completed with full passes in October 1970 and it was a proud achievement to be in the first graduation ceremony in Rockhampton on 12 June 1971. At these times the only official recognised Uni was in Brisbane, CQ University was acknowledged about 1974 and I enjoyed being a small part of those early times to establish the overall concept of a new campus.

June 1965, I moved from the foundry to the mine Mechanical Drawing Office, working on mechanical and structural improvements to the mine processing equipment including copper smelter equipment additions. April 1971, I moved to Queensland Alumina Limited to work in the Mechanical Engineering Drawing Office, initially using ink, on vertical boards, with the change to AutoCAD in 1982.

By October 1973, we now had two more children in family. At QAL I worked on many civil, mechanical and structural projects for plant alterations and additions. Maintenance work included plant machinery, conveyors, with marine wharf repairs and replacements. About 1984, I moved to the Engineering Consultants Group, where I recorded in a database, all plant pressure vessels data, all pressure relief valves (844 of them). All plant pressure hoses with specifications for each, every belt conveyor also had maintenance details recorded to cover replacement spares. During this time I accessed every corner of the plant site to inspect each item covered.

After 1980, three of our children married and commenced their own families and by July 1998, I retired from QAL. A little later I returned to patternmaking projects with a local non-ferrous foundry and engineering works. The business covered the high voltage cable couplings, as used on heavy mining machinery, e.g. draglines, u/ground miners, shovels.

Early 2000, I stopped this work and commenced building my own special projects for my sons. Equipment included belt sanders, portable bandsaw mill, portable circular saw bench, wood lathes and other wood working machines, using my own design setouts for construction. As well as the wood shop, I have a metal lathe, drill press, welding gear for fabrication work on many units. The wood shop is used for many family and friends projects, coffee tables and small furniture items using coloured timbers in a mosaic style for the colour contrasts.

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Anzac Day:  
As a result of restrictions to this year's formal Anzac Day commemorations, the RSL encourages people to light up the dawn and remember and pay respects from home, this can take several forms including from the end of your driveway or anywhere within your home, with a candle, torch or even the light on your mobile phone. You can download a virtual candle to display on your phone (or iPad or computer) from www.anzalive.com.au/  

Shed Online:  
Recently we have talked about AMSA's Shed Online, but this week we can advise you about the QMSA Shed Chatter newsletter being received and you can find it under the "Newsletter" tab at www.gladstonemensshed.org and it is always worth a read.  

Hopefully as the threat of the pandemic lessens in Queensland and Australia, it may be not too far away when we can all meet in the Shed once again. Please be assured that we will be ready to go and will broadcast the notice when the Shed is known to be reopening. Until then, stay safe and healthy and please send in a few more member profiles to be published in these newsletters for the interest of all.  

Member Benefits:  
As the Gladstone Men’s Shed pays annual fees to affiliate with each the Australian Men’s Shed Assoc (AMSA) and the Queensland Men’s Shed Assoc (QMSA), it is good to know that some benefits flow back to individual members. Just received after Easter is the latest news that QMSA have negotiated a favourable fleet vehicle price arrangement with the north coast dealer, Cricks. The deal includes a delivery service and your scribe has been to their large, modern facility at Nambour and it is just off the highway, but they are also in Maroochydore, Caloundra and Noosa. Cricks have multiple brands as per the flyer on the next page, but including Honda, Kia, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Subaru and Volkswagon.  

It may be rare for a member to take opportunity of this particular deal and some of the AMSA/QMSA deals are not very useful to us in a Queensland regional city, but as we are aware of Carbatec and Ocean Tyres offering discounts to the Gladstone Men's Shed, we will list them on the notice board as the quantity and variety continues to grow.
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