



# BAD Shed Chatter.

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## *Editor's note.*

The upcoming AGM will be calling for some fresh blood for the committee. Some current committee members will be stepping down so we will be needing a secretary, possibly a Treasurer and several general committee members.

As we are a very much growing business, we will also be asking for a couple of general members to assist with office duties to ease the load and spread the knowledge between more people.

If interested in the above, see a committee member or present to the office.

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## *Presidents Report.* (Or as sometimes called 'Rodney's Ramblings')

Welcome to the May edition of the BAD Shed Chatter. I am very pleased to present my presidents report to Shed members for issue number 66 of your Shed magazine.

I can report that your Shed is in a wonderful position with funds in the bank, a strong and growing membership with plenty of projects to keep everyone busy.

This has been a very busy month for our Shed with a lot happening up front as well as behind the scenes. Visitors continue to roll in with a lot even deciding to join us. As our membership continues to grow, I am constantly asked about our expansion plans. The following is the state of play – So far.

A plan for Shed 4 has been drawn up and submitted to various companies for a quote. We received 3 quotes and have chosen one. Our Strategic Draft Plan has been updated with this plan added and submitted to council.

All levels of government have been contacted and supplied with a copy of this Draft Plan to keep this inching forward. Local council is sick of hearing from us, as it seems we are too advanced for them at this stage. They also get a little confused, confusing us with the Artisans complex up the road. The premier declined an offer for a morning tea proposing someone else come along in his place. Possibly being frightened of being asked for money, I guess. I have managed to get the local Labour state member along for a tour and chat as well as the LNP shadow minister for Seniors, Communities and Disability Services coming for morning tea and tour. Councils Sport and Recreation is constantly contacted as well as Community Leasing. If the ladies from council's call centre don't know where we are yet – they soon will. The original 2015/2025 Community Draft Plan that we

originally pushed our plans through in 2015 to build our first Shed has now been replaced by the 2025/2035 Community Draught Plan. As you might imagine the increased paperwork and red tape is unbelievable.

So that's the state of play so far. I will keep all members informed of any news. I know everyone is looking for more room -We are in the process of changing or have changed a few work areas trying to squeeze some extra space here and there. It's ongoing.

It seems our reputation for quality and reliability has spread far and wide with Bunning's at North Lakes asking us for help with a project, and Bunning's Rothwell calling us on short notice to do a sausage sizzle. We also finished a long-term project of building some storage units for the C and K Kindy at Deception Bay and some garden borders and seating at Dakabin State School. Thanks to Peter Rocca, Frank, Bob Hansen, Wes and Bob Halliday who helped out with some of these projects and gave up time outside of normal Shed hours.

Since the last newsletter I can inform you of the following - The Men's drop in night is going well. Some nights are better than others though. To help promote this as well as any other shed activities I have been offered a slot on Morning Magazine on local radio 101.5 FM once a month. This of a Thursday morning. As well as this they are hoping to put together a program of a Saturday morning highlighting what's happening in Men's Sheds around our area - Men's Shed Round Up.

The Men's Drop in Night is the first Tuesday of the month from 6pm. Even if you don't need it, someone you know may.

Leah from Dementia Awareness gave a wonderful presentation to our members. For those that missed this she offered to come back and do a slightly longer presentation covering more topics. I have not accepted this as yet, but if our members would like Leah to come back please let me know.

We also had a visit from Robert who gave a talk on How to Build a Flight Simulator. This had some interest from members with some taking paperwork that Robert had on hand. If any members are interested in Robert coming back for a follow up talk, please let me know.

Burpengary Meadows State School asked us to attend an Anzac ceremony the Wednesday before Anzac Day. This was a humbling morning. The students made us feel most welcome and proceeded to deliver a warming tribute to our Anzacs. Pedro, Dave Tozer and I were happy to attend on behalf of our Shed.

Tickets in our Mothers Day raffle also went on sale with our men doing morning and afternoon shifts at Burpengary Central on various days. These are normally good days for us with our men having a good time with a mate and occasionally even selling some tickets. I can report at the time of writing this that tickets have been selling extremely well - Far better than previous raffles. Also, the interest in our Shed is amazing. Any paperwork we take to these events is always well received with high praise for the president's report.

We also commenced our classes with some of the boys from grades 4, 5 and 6 of Burpengary Meadows State School. Following the success of last years classes they have asked to increase the number of boys attending. This is a wonderful exercise, not only for the boys but also for the men involved. This the first Tuesday of the month at the school from 9am till approx. 9.45 am. If you're interested in being a part of this, you MUST have a Blue Card and be willing to do an induction at the school. This only takes about 10 minutes.

Events and Visitors to our Shed so far for May, we have John Paul Langbroek on Tuesday the 14th of May. Amanda from RACQ travel on Thursday the 16th of May. Amanda always gives a great presentation on travel and what special trips are coming up for seniors.

There are fund raising sizzles at Bunnings Morayfield on Saturday the 4th of May, Saturday the 11th of May and a sizzle at the Family Fun Day at the Burpengary Sports Ground on Sunday the 19th of May. If your interested in being involved see Dave Redfern to get your name on the roster. If the rosters are full, please still put your name down as a reserve. Sometimes some one pulls a hamstring or something.

Ellen Leahy and family are holding a wake at their home for Tony who passed away a few weeks ago. This at 10 am on Sunday the 26th of May. If you want to attend, please RSVP to Ellen before the 14th of May. Please see Dave Redfern, or me, for the address.

The memorial bench seat for the late Geoff Reynolds [member 116] is nearly finished. This was ordered by the Reynolds family and will be donated to our Shed as a memorial to Geoff at an upcoming morning tea.

As in all the previous newsletters I can still report that machinery is still being broken and not reported. Blades are being broken and just left in the machine for the next person to find. Batteries are changed over and not put on charge. This does not only apply to the work areas though, as I recently found out. When looking for the microphone for a guest speaker recently I was stunned to find that it was not working. The young lady had to YELL! I have since passed this on for some one to have a look at.

So, I am as guilty as anyone - We all know accidents happen – If you break something “REPORT IT”.

Training on machinery is done on every second Monday. If you wish to be trained and accredited on any machine, please put your name on the white board in the social room so as the trainers can fit you in. Currently, all of our new members have been accredited on the machines they want to work on.

If you ever find yourself at a loose end and can't find something to get involved with at Shed, please talk to me or one of the committee members. We have some little projects on the board near the office that are pretty easy to do and will keep you occupied for a short time.

Also, as we seem to have an abundance of puzzles, some Shed members have even asked about the possibility of doing some Jig-Saw puzzles, so over the next few weeks we will make up a small puzzle table so members can commence doing puzzles. This will probably keep some minds active for about 10 minutes.

In finishing this report, I can advise members that the auditor picked up our financial statements recently meaning that our AGM will be coming up - Possibly July, depending on when we get our books back.

Please remember that your Shed committee are all volunteers and give what ever time they can - Some more than others. At the AGM all positions will be up for election. We have a committee of 9. Four on the executive and 5 regular committee members. There are some committee members not seeking re-election at this AGM after many years of service. They want to be able to sit back and enjoy what we have created over the years. If you want to be a part of your Shed committee, you have a bit of time to think about it. Unlike previous years where a few on the committee are doing a lot, some jobs will be delegated to committee members after the AGM according to their talents and experience. As you know our Shed is growing rapidly and we will need to delegate a few roles to keep on top. This may mean the president, secretary and treasurer passing a few things on to make their jobs a little easier.

The roles of committee members currently consist of SOME of the following -\*President – To listen to members and their viewpoints. To set policies and direction for the organisation's future growth. To chair meetings. To make sure our mission statement is followed, policies

and procedures are in place, and most of all - that we are financial. The president is the figure head of the organisation and will attend functions and any meetings as required to enhance the standing of the organisation, to oversee social media postings, choose guest speakers, social outings, raffles and fund-raising events. Look for any suitable grants. The president will delegate when and if required and may shuffle committee members to cover various roles. The president has the final decision if needed.

\*-Vice President - To assist the president, to stand in for the president when required, attend to visitors and possible new members. To attend meetings as required. To make up rosters and timetables.

\*-Secretary- The secretary is responsible for receiving, replying to and forwarding any emails to other committee members. To present all inwards and outwards correspondence to the committee. To submit any annual returns as required. To schedule meetings. To call and organise the annual AGM. To call for agenda items for these meetings. To take minutes of these meetings, compile and forward onto the committee. To maintain a register of members. He must have some computer skills.

\*-Treasurer - Record all monies from memberships, daily takings, sales and fund raisers. Banking of funds. Invoicing. Reports to the ATO re GST. Keep a record of purchases and donations. Present a treasurer's report at committee meetings and AGM. Must have some computer skills.

The 5 remaining committee members will be allocated roles that hopefully will suit their talents and lighten the load of the executive team if required. Some jobs may be even passed on to people not even on the committee, such is the workload. Let me know if you're interested.



Our organisation is growing rapidly, and it is important that every committee member shares all the responsibilities, as do general members of our Shed.

We are all members of a wonderful organisation. As our numbers continue to grow, we must all remember that we are not as good as we once thought we were. Please leave your EGO at the front door.

Please check on your mates – Ask R U O K!

Rodney Hansen.

president

Burpengary and District Men's Shed Inc.

### *Office assistants.*

As mentioned in the President's report, we are a growing business, and as the work in the office is growing, we would ask if any general members would volunteer for a position to assist in any work in the office. We do have one interested party already, but another would be a bonus. If interested see a committee member or just present yourself to the office.

### *Upcoming AGM.*

Also mentioned by Rodney is the upcoming AGM to be held somewhere around July, depending on circumstances. We will be looking for some new applicants for committee positions as some members of the committee will be standing down and some 'NEW BLOOD' will be welcome.

Keep an eye out for nomination forms somewhere in June.

## *Birthdays.*

Birthdays soon.

These are the birthdays for May 2024, some have already occurred as this newsletter is published into the month, they are all being: – **Terry Darmody, aged 75**; Peter (Pedro) Gill, aged 84; Lood De Jager, aged 81; Vernon Peters, aged 79; Wayne Back; aged 46; **Christopher Eaton, aged 80**; Glenn Hart, aged 46; Garry Colling, aged 73; Samual White, aged 26; Bill Mace, aged 73; Geoffrey Smallbone, aged 82.

If you wish to know the actual date, check the list outside the office.

## *New Members.*

New members since last newsletter.

Listed below are the new members joining recently, so when you bump into them give them a big welcome. They are as follows: - **Christopher Berry, Keith Dean, Ross Hogden, John Bonnicks, Jesse Harvey, David Marshall, Rick Wendt and Warwick Wecker.**

## *Membership Renewal.*

It is getting close to that time again; membership renewal is due at the end of June for the year 24/25. The fee for this year is unchanged at \$40.00 and can be paid by cash, EFTPOS or direct transfer. For direct transfer see office staff for bank details. We will accept payment as from now.

## *Shed 4.*

See the President report for all the news.

## *Mother's Day Raffle.*

Our Mother's Day raffle was drawn on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, and the winners are as follows: -

1<sup>st</sup>. Basket of goodies valued at approximately \$300.00.

Won by Marge, Ticket number 33.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Bunning gift voucher to the value of \$100.00.

Won by Matt Maclean, Ticket number 991.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Bunning gift voucher to the value of \$50.00.

Won by Sandy, Ticket number 397.

## *New TV Shed 2.*

The new TV has been installed in the clean room in the newly created section. It is a large 70-inch TV with the main purpose of showing presentations etc. The bookshelves were moved to the Northern wall to make room for it as this is the best position for all in the room being able to see. It is unfortunate that some will have to turn their chairs around to be able to see, but this will be the case no matter where it was placed, some sacrifices have to be made.

## *Visit by Chris Whiting.*

On Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April we were honoured by the visit from the local state political representative Chris Whiting. Chris was escorted through the shed once again, not being his first visit, and was quite impressed by our growth since the previous visits by himself. We naturally had ulterior motives for welcoming him as we are in need of funds for shed 4.

**Atheists are just modern versions of religious fundamentalists: they both take religion too literally.**

## *Burpengary Meadows State School.*

24<sup>th</sup> of April.

The Burpengary Meadows State School, the school we have regular visits to, held a special Anzac ceremony on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April and we were invited for



several of our representatives to attend. Rodney, Pedro and Dave Tozer were our representatives.

## *Dakabin School Benches.*



Some of our members have been working at Dakabin School to build some bench seats around a garden area. This project was courtesy of Bunnings North-Lakes who approached us to undertake the project.

Pictured is a shot at the beginning, and one when finished. Another demonstration of the capabilities of our members.

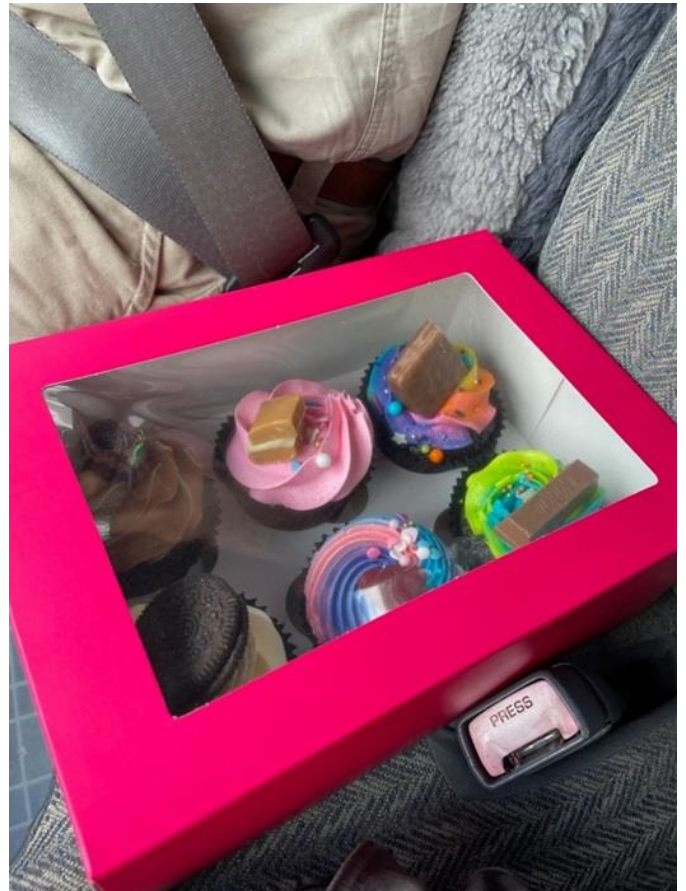


## *Deception Bay Kindergarten.*

27<sup>th</sup> of April.



After working on them for a while we fitted some bag and shoe units at the Deception Bay kindergarten. I had featured them before during the build process, but thanks to Rodney I managed to download some pics he placed on Facebook of the completed



units installed at the Kindy. I also noted a box of cakes, must have been payment for a good job well done. Another masterpiece by the behind-the-scenes men Frank, Bob and Peter.

**The results of a survey recently revealed that the average Australian male between 50 and 75 years old actually have sex once or even twice a week, where Japanese men of the same age group only have sex once a year. When this was revealed at the shed it was surprising to find the number of members that realised that they are actually Japanese.**

## *Story of the month.*

### **American wrestler.**

There was an American wrestler from Texas named John, who throughout his high school career had never lost a match. As he went on into college, he continued undefeated. He became a national icon and symbol of American strength.

News began to circulate of a Russian wrestler who was fierce and unstoppable.

As each wrestlers' legends grew old, a match was set up between the two, America versus Russia. The match would be held in Texas. John, who is now an older man, began training immediately.

Every day his coach would tell him, "This Russian has a move called the Mongolian Death Grip. No one has ever escaped the Mongolian Death Grip. DO NOT let him get you in the Mongolian Death Grip".

The day of the match finally came. Just before each wrestler stepped onto the mat in front of the capacity crowd, the coach once again said, "Whatever you do, do not let him get you in the Mongolian death grip. No one has ever escaped the Mongolian death grip". Four seconds into the match, the Russian had the American in the Mongolian death grip. The coach buried his face into his hands and cursed John for not listening to his advice.

All of a sudden, he heard the crowd erupt in a chant of USA USA USA. He looked up and saw the Russian pinned by John. The coach ran out to meet John and embarrassingly told him, "I didn't see it... Once he had you in the Mongolian Death Grip I looked away. How in the world did you get out of the Mongolian death grip?"

With a heavy breath, John said, "Well, coach, that Russian grabbed me and twisted my body in ways I never imagined possible. I was wincing

in pain when I open my eyes and right in front of me were two testicles, so I bit them.”

“What???” Said the coach... “John I don’t think that is legal. You could be disqualified”.

“I don’t know about that coach. But I can tell you one thing. You ain’t got no idea how strong you are until you bite your own balls”.

## Upcoming Events.

### May 2024.

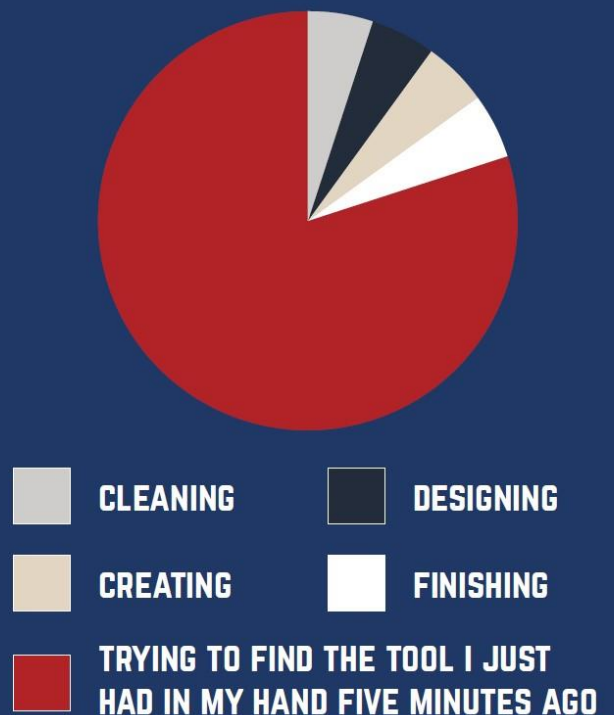
Various days.	Mothers’ Day raffle ticket selling.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> .	Shed sizzle Bunnings.
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> .	Shed sizzle Bunnings.
Tuesday the 14 <sup>th</sup> .	Visit from John Paul Langbroek. (politician)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> .	Amanda from RACQ with talk on travel.
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> .	Burpengary ‘Fun Day’.
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> .	(Late member) Tony Leahy Wake.

**I DON’T LOAN TOOLS...**



**BUT I’LL HELP YOU  
BUILD IT.**

**HOW I SPEND TIME IN MY SHOP**



## Projects & Activities

### Rocking Chair repair.



This rocking chair featured last month and shown here is it at the later stage of repair. It must be the top rail being repaired as it is the

part missing. Also pictured is Wayne with the completed unit.



### Toy Boys.



It has been a while since I featured the 'Toy Boys', but here they are with heads down, tails up, hard at it. They are getting ready for the end of year giveaway and are reported to be on schedule.

### Sewing Machine.

I am starting to cop some flack from the workers over this sewing machine as it was me that bought it in on behalf of others, and it is proving to be somewhat of a challenge, I have confidence that it will all turn out well. Pictured are some smaller parts that have been cleaned up.





## Book Swap Box. (Street Library)

This is also one that was shown last month and is now almost complete, just needs painting I believe. Grimmie presented the unit (also referred as a Street Library) to Aimee from Good Start Dakabin on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May.



## Table Extension.

Also, another of a project in progress to be seen is the extension piece being



fitted to the main body of



this table to extend its height. Also shown is the table almost complete with the top needing to be fitted.

## Go Cart.

I think I remember placing some photos of this go-cart when it was only a frame not knowing what the end result was going to be. This go-cart has been built for member Peter who intends presenting it to his grandson.



It's perfectly OK to talk to yourself, and it's perfectly OK to answer yourself. But it is totally sad that you have to repeat yourself because you weren't listening.

**I hate it when I see an old person and then realize that we went to high school together.**

## Park Benches.

Pictured here is one of the park benches that we have built for the Deception Bay State School. We have had these on the books for a while and have



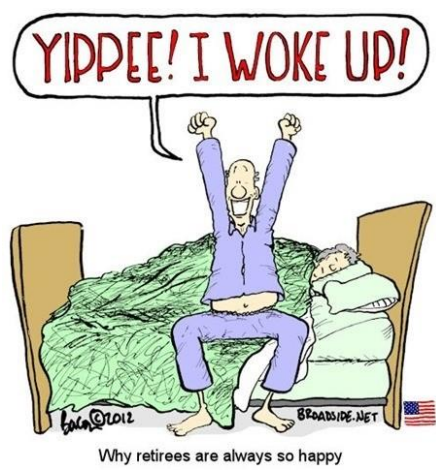
turned out a treat, note the signing on the top.

## Horse trophies.



Another project are these horse trophies for the Northern District Hack and Dressage Club. I had to look up the meaning of 'Hack', as in this situation, and it means non-competitive horse riding outside the arena. They provided the

horses, and we mounted them on stands. Also pictured is Dave making the presentation.



## More furniture repairs.

We have once again been donated some furniture for us to decide what to do with. The tables and chair will be refurbished and then a decision will be made as to their future use.



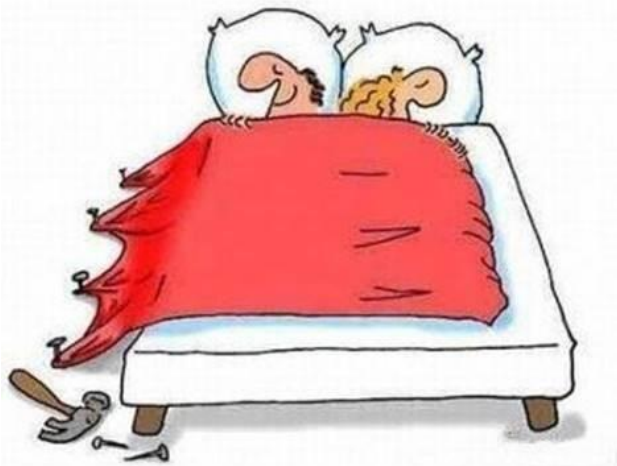
## Rocking Horse.



Here we have yet another rocking horse bought in for refurbishing. With all the past units having been done our members should now have plenty of experience.

## Butchers Block.

The latest project Lood has taken on is this butchers block. Still in its early stages, one can see it taking shape.



## Meat Safe.



This meat safe featured earlier in issue number 063 when it arrived at the shed. To see it now, it is almost unrecognisable, as is the workmanship of our men Graeme and Garry.

## Corn hole Boards.

Another project saw the production of these 'Corn hole Boards, to be used for a game of the same name where a small beanbag is thrown with the aim of getting it in the hole. Grimmie is again making the presentation, must like his pic taken.



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