

# SHED TALK

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MT. GRAVATT MEN'S SHED

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Note: Special General Meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August



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The Goodwill Bridge (centre) is a dedicated footbridge that links the Brisbane River's north and south banks, connecting the Queensland Maritime Museum at South Bank with the city at Gardens Point. It is just under 500 metres long but a brief walk along this architecturally impressive structure gives you a whole new perspective on South Bank, the Brisbane River and Central Business District. It was built in 2001 and takes its name from the Goodwill Games, which took place in Brisbane the same year.

Photography member, Neil McPhail captured the image using a Canon EOS 7D, 1/250 s at f 9.0 - ISO 100. For the next photo shoot, photographers will meet at the entrance to GOMA 9:00 am 7 August. All welcome.

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## Vision

*To provide a facility where men of all ages can feel comfortable and gather together to spend time socially, as well as in a practical manner, by participating in constructive endeavours that develop self esteem.*

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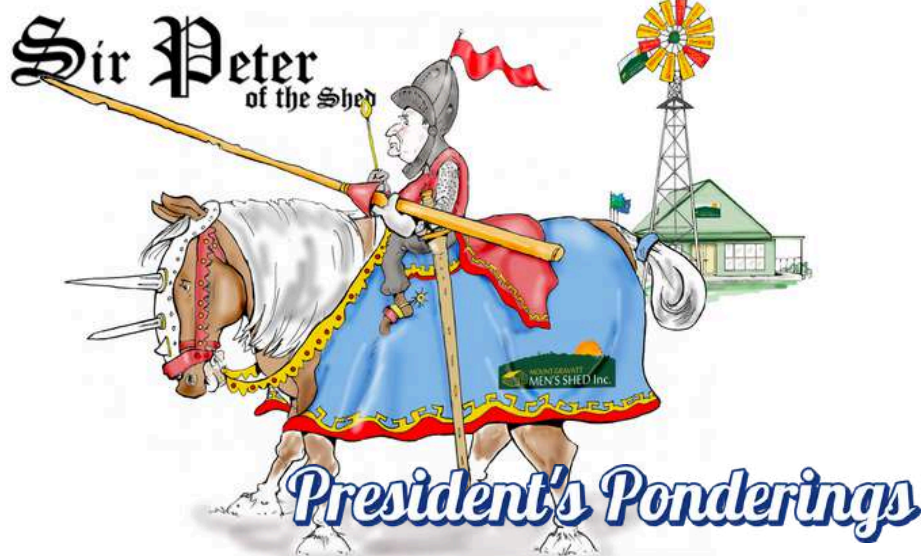
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Well, shedders.

It's that time again. I've got the newsletter editor trying to hassle me into giving him my Ponderings. There's not a great deal of news. The new planned extension will be put to a vote at our SGM. I personally think it will be accepted, and we should then be able to proceed. I don't know if all of you know that we have been gazetted the \$1,000,000. But it is true. We have a subcommittee now looking at the way to go forward with the planned extension. Which I think is great news.

The caravan cubby house is nearly completed, and we will move it up for the Mt Gravatt show where we will be selling tickets. The boys have done a great job in renovating the cubby house. Thank you very much. Greg Self is busily making items for the Mt Gravatt show and is also taking the mobile laser engraver up there. Hopefully we should be able to get a few gold coin donations.

After The Mount Gravatt Show, we will be holding a special general meeting where we will be able to vote on the model rules. Also, members will vote on whether or not the Secretary is elected by the Members or the Management Committee.

At one of our forthcoming sausage sizzles we will have a guest speaker, Kara Cook. Kara is the local Federal member for Bonner and I believe she is bringing Corinne McMillan, our local State member, as a guest.

If you give a Pessimist I shovel. He'll grumble about having to clean the horse manure. Give an optimist the shovel and he'll shovel gladly thinking there's a pony under all of the manure.

*Peter Tyley*

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## Letters to the editor

"STRICK ME...I DIDN'T KNOW THAT BEFORE..."



Letter to the Editor – Re Daniel James letter

Hi Wayne,

I read with interest Daniel James' letter to the Editor (June 2025 Shed Talk) and would like to comment as follows: Firstly, I do understand where Daniel is coming from; however, there are a few issues he apparently is unaware of.

**Noise** – We need to keep our residential neighbours happy. That is the main reason we keep the hours we do.

**Security** – We must always have someone man the office or be in the Shed. This is to ensure the building is secure when everyone departs. We cannot issue keys to everyone.

We also need someone to manage the office to collect the daily fees. These fees cover not only the biscuits, tea, and coffee but also contribute to the daily expenses of running the shed, such as maintenance, power, repairs, cleaning, etc.

Million-dollar operation? We are currently turning over less than \$100,000 per year, so we are quite a way from a \$1M operation.

Hours – We operate from 8am to 3pm, not 8:30am to 2pm.

*John Wild*



Hi Wayne,

Once again I'd like to congratulate you on another outstanding production of the MGMS monthly newsletter, a newsletter that all members can be proud of, a newsletter unrivalled in any other Men's Shed club. To produce this each and every month is an enormous task and I hope you are recognised for the outstanding work you do. Of course it would not be what it is without the contributions of your fellow members and full marks to those men for their interesting and sometimes humorous articles.

Thank you Wayne and thank you to all for an excellent effort.

Best wishes - Sandra Hillery

## A supernatural experience

On my retirement in 2016 I bought a Pajero Sport; nice SUV except that the Android Auto that links maps to the car's screen has never, ever worked reliably. It would usually take multiple cable connects and reconnects to maybe, sometimes get it to work. Yet my phone links every time to my wife's KIA. Eventually, after reading every blog and trying out every fix that I could find online, I finally gave up on using Android Auto and instead just use the phone maps to get directions. I did this recently as I had to drive to Fairfield to pick up my just deceased brother, Patrick's, ashes from Tony Hollands Funerals. I picked up his ashes and placed the container on the passenger floor and said a few brotherly words to his remains. Next I had to find my way back home through the busy morning traffic. I entered my destination into my phone and was quickly instructed by the confident voice of the google lady to turn right onto Fairfield Rd. I had travelled no more than 5 metres before Android Auto flashed up on the car screen and continued to give to give directions to get home. This was right when I needed it, in the middle of the morning peak hour on Fairfield Rd.

And it has not stopped working since, after so many years of frustration!

Is there a simple logical explanation for this? Well, maybe something dull and boring.

I even searched the internet later that day looking for a Pajero/Android Auto updates/fixes etc, but I could find nothing recent.

Still, I am quite content to accept that my brother had something to do with this. A metaphysical helping hand for me while his soul is still in the floating about phase. Thanks, brother.

*John Raines*

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# ***Around the Shed***

*Please note: Special General Meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August*



*Phil, Alf, Ted & Aban - small engines*



*Michael Hayes*

Always remember the decimal point when ordering a 7.5mm Drill bit



*Good mates - Bart & Kevin*



*Manning the office - Paul & Ron*



*New members for July*





*Tim & Dave - small engines*



*Photography Group - Michael, Lionel, Ron, Baska, Steve, Neil, Alan & Wayne*



*Ken Simpkins & Greg Self*



*Brian (Trump) Clarke*



*Tim, Patrick, Greg and Dennis, making boomerangs for painting, celebrating NAIDOC week*



*Samples of ceramic tiles engraved with the laser for the show.*



*Skinny and Ross apply new colour scheme to Cubby House for Xmas. Wedgewood blue with traditional Cream.*



*John, Mark, Paul, Jim, Jeff & Bruce - Carpet Bowlers*



# Photography

*Southbank - July 2025*



*Richard Roxborough*



*Alan Sanders*



*Keith Cordwell*



*Lionel Armitstead*



*Richard Morse*



*Baska Desha*

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Wayne Hansen



Baska Desha



Keith Cordwell



Neil McPhail



Lionel Armitstead

## Chess Group

Alan Highman



We have had a new shed member join our chess group. With no knowledge of the game, I have coached him along over the last few weeks and then he played a full game on his fourth week. This is quite an achievement and I hope that this will encourage more shedders to take up or renew old skills playing chess. It's such a great game and helps to keep your mind active. One of our regular chess players is selling up and moving to Victoria. We wish him well and thank him for coming along and playing chess with us. We enjoyed his company and his sportsmanship.

Hope you liked last month's opening trap, here is another:

1. P-e4 P-e5
2. N-f3 N-c6
3. B-c4 P-d6
4. N-c3 B-g4
5. P-h3 B-h5
6. Nxe5 Bxd1
7. Bxf7 K-e7
8. N-d5#



This month's puzzle is white to move and mate in 3. Good luck!



**Solution on Lindeberg Cartoon Corner page**





Photo above shows “the guys in the girl guides hut”, “(The GGG’s)” on Tuesday morning, doing the thing they do best which is playing music and singing songs. From the left are Mike Clarke who had migrated from the four string ukulele to the six string classical guitar, Bert Savage playing guitar, Rudi Materne standing and pumping out the notes on his electric bass guitar, Brian Power introducing the many songs and the suggested strumming pattern and tempo while operating the android tablet and projector. He does this plus playing his six string guitar all at the same time. Next is John Raines playing rhythm guitar, Nicholas Eory keeping the tempo playing the snare drum, and Gavin Taylor strumming his steel string guitar. The group played with enthusiasm “Dirty Old Town” a song by The Pogues, “Heartbreak Hotel” a song by Elvis Presley, “North to Alaska” and many more. After morning tea Brian introduced the group to some “Guitar Techniques” that included bass runs, alternate bass note picking and varying strumming patterns.



Photo above shows some members of the original learner group of 2015, still going strongly, on Tuesday morning in the meeting room playing music and singing songs. From the left are Brian Landford, Peter Novak (with hat), John Urane and Denis Malouf. John guided the group and they played the Brooks and Dunn song “Boot Scootin Boogie”, “Then I Kissed Her” by the Beach Boys, “Help Me Make it Through the Night”, “Be Bop a Lula” and many more songs plus some theory on chord fingering shapes and positions.





Photo above left shows only a few members of the JAM group, still coming in and doing their musical thing while carefully stepping over leads and cables on the floor, every Tuesday morning in the recreation room. From the left are Hugh Smith singing into the microphone and playing amped up guitar, Bruce Boyce playing guitar, Ed Fernando with his electric rhythm guitar, Dave Williamson playing his electric bass guitar, Sebastian Alyarez singing and operating the computer while Basil Wood is attempting to keep control of the proceedings and playing the electric keyboard.



Shayne Crawford concentrating whilst playing electric guitar and still standing while moving the bow across the strings of his restored 17th century violin is Kornel Banvolgyi. The group played and sang with feeling and gusto "A Hard Day's Night", "How Can I Tell Her", "The Midnight Special", "Ghost Riders in the Sky", "Beautiful Sunday" and "Are You Lonesome Tonight" plus many more songs to an appreciative audience of shedders in the background. Great session!

### Original Song Competition

Some of the "Shed Tones" music group band namely Sebastian Alyarez, Hugh Smith, Jim Anderson, Jack Files, Dave Richardson and Terry Thomson, got together in the last few weeks of June to play and record some music. It was for the song called "Never Change" that Sebastian has written and is entering into the Maroochy Men's Shed original song competition. The times and venues were, late Friday afternoon sessions at the shed and Sunday afternoon sessions at a residence in Wishart. It was an interesting number of sessions as you would imagine with some people suggesting ideas on intros and outros and much more. Hope the song does well. Go Seb!

From Terry Thomson: 'Maybe I'm amazed'





# Car accessories to keep you out of trouble

Daniel Gardner, [whichcar.com.au](http://whichcar.com.au)

A few simple and inexpensive items that live in your car can prevent a minor inconvenience from turning into a serious situation. Think of it as a bug out bag for your car. Here's our essential car kit list that allows you to expect the best but plan for the worst.

## 1. UMBRELLA

As the saying goes – if you don't like the weather in Melbourne, wait 10 minutes, but Victoria isn't the only state with unpredictable conditions, and there's nothing worse than getting caught outdoors in nasty weather.

Keep an umbrella or emergency poncho in stowage for those times when you must leave the comfort of the cabin in harsh weather. Pro tip – a small stash-away type can live in a small plastic shopping bag, giving you somewhere to stash said umbrella when it's wet. But don't forget to dry it.

## 2. HI-VIZ VESTS

Some European countries like France require by law that cars have enough high-visibility vests on board for every occupant. That's just how important these simple safety devices are regarded.

If you have to get out of the car for any reason in unexpected circumstances, it makes a lot of sense to make yourself as noticeable as possible to other road users.

And, like life-jackets in a boat, it's best if you have enough for more than just the captain.

They're, cheap, compact and readily available so make sure you have this simple item with you at all times.

## 3. SPARE TYRE/ TYRE REPAIR KIT

Every car should carry a method of moving the car to a safe place in the event of a puncture. In some cases, this is a full-size spare wheel or smaller space-saver type.

Either way, make sure it's pumped up and roadworthy, otherwise it's nothing more than dead weight, like that troublesome ex or your deadbeat boss.

A warning triangle is also a great idea. Most European cars have them stashed in with the jack, so see if yours has one – otherwise, they are around \$15 from a main street automotive parts supplier.

As well, throw a pair of gardening gloves or cheap mechanic's gloves in the wheel well, because wheels get really grotty.

Alternatively, some modern cars are supplied with a mobility kit, which attaches to the valve of your tyre and pumps in goo to seal minor punctures and re-inflate the tyre, allowing you to at least drive the car to a safer place than the roadside.

Aftermarket versions are available and can be a wise addition to your car kit, especially if you frequently venture into remote areas.

Be warned, though, they can be messy to use, so stash it in another plastic bag with an old rag. You'll thank us later.

## 4. OWNER'S MANUAL

An owner's manual is an essential item to have in your car. It contains vital information about servicing, emergency procedures, parts, fluid capacities, and countless other important facts and figures.

Increasingly, car manufacturers are electronically incorporating the owner's manual into the information and entertainment systems – and there's always Google – but it's a good idea to make note of a few specific functions just in case the on-board systems are unavailable. Knowing how to charge a flat battery is one good example, or resetting the tyre pressure indicator light.

## 5. Fire extinguisher

Yes, we know, you're not trained to be a fire fighter. However, with very decent extinguishers popping up on sale at stores like Aldi and Anaconda with amazing regularity, the addition of a small extinguisher in your car boot is not the silliest idea in the world.



For as little as \$30-40, an extinguisher can... well, extinguish a small fire before it becomes big and ugly and impossible to put out without the help of pros.

And if you think fires are a rarity, park on top of long grass on a hot day and see what happens... just make sure the extinguisher is firmly secured, though, and that you know how to use it.

## 6. TORCH

Whether it's your phone's flash, a high-quality LED flood light or a cheap torch, this vital tool can shine a light on a plethora of predicaments.

Whether it's a tricky night-time breakdown, a twilight puncture or a lost contact lens, you'll be happy this gadget is in the car. It's a good idea to keep some spare batteries with it, too.

Torches are not just useful to see with but also allow you to be seen easier at night. If you're trying to attract attention after dark, a torch is very effective.

Snap-light sticks are a variation on the same theme with similar advantages. While these chemical sources of light are not as bright or directional as torches, they are cheap, need no batteries, have no electrics/electronics to fail, are completely waterproof and will remain active for many years.

Squirrel one away in a storage pocket and you'll be delighted if you're ever caught in a dark fix.

## 7. FIRST-AID KIT

One of the most important things to store in a car, a first-aid kit is also a legal requirement in some countries.

Some manufacturers provide these in new cars, some don't. If you don't have a first-aid kit, get one, because having the essentials on-hand to provide basic medical assistance can go a long way, particularly if you're on the road a lot.

## 8. WATER

Most four-wheel drivers will never go out bush without plenty of spare water for engine problems or to drink if you're stranded miles from anywhere, but this addition doesn't just apply to off-road vehicles.

Even something as small as a 2.0-litre bottle thrown in with the spare wheel can be the difference between life and death in serious situations. And if you do go bush, make sure your washer bottle contains only water, and not screen-cleaning soap.

## 9. USB CABLE/POWER BANK

Smartphones aren't very smart with a dead battery. Keeping a dedicated charge cable in the car is not just convenient day-to-day, it also means your phone will have power in an emergency. Keeping a small power bank charged and in the vehicle is also smart.

If the car suddenly loses its electrics, you'll still be able to power phones and other electrical items.

## 10. SOMETHING TO WRITE WITH

How many times have you been in a situation where you've desperately needed a pen or pencil? The details of people involved in an accident, the number plate of a vehicle involved in something suspicious, or just the web address of an ad you've heard on the radio... keep a good pen in the glovebox and it'll save you from using your good lipstick to write on your hand.

Hey, we've all been there.

## WHAT NOT TO KEEP IN THE CAR

Spare keys kept anywhere in the car are not only useless when you really need them, but also one of the most common ways cars are stolen. Spares should be kept securely away from the car but not so securely that you can't remember where.

Mobile phones are the modern day Swiss army knives but never rely exclusively on a phone as your only lifeline. You can be sure that when you need it most, the battery will be low or worse, flat. Make sure you have alternatives to all your essential phone functions such as emergency numbers, maps and addresses.

Whatever you choose to keep in your car, make sure every item has a place. Don't leave any item that even looks vaguely valuable on display to opportunistic criminals and large or heavy objects should be secured to prevent them from becoming a hazard in the event of a crash.



*Follow these instructions and you and your car will be happy.*





# The Members' Shed

## a series on association governance

Phil Vardy

### The vocabulary of meetings

A **motion** is a proposition put to a meeting. A **resolution** is a decision of a meeting. Apologies are **accepted**. Minutes are **confirmed**. Inwards correspondence is **received**. To move that a piece of correspondence be not received is to officially ignore it. Outwards correspondence is **endorsed**. Accounts are **passed** for payment.

Reports may be **received** or **adopted** or **endorsed**. If one seeks to (merely) place a report before a meeting, the traditional motion is: *I move that the report be received*. If one seeks to recommend a report to a meeting, the traditional motion is: *I move that the report be adopted*. If one seeks to recommend a report to a third party, the traditional motion is: *I move that the report be endorsed*.

The language of motions sounds a bit arcane.<sup>1</sup> If an attendee at a meeting is uncomfortable with such language, it's perfectly OK to say, I move that the report is adopted or, indeed (just), *Let's adopt this*. What really matters is that the chairman understands the mover.

The Model Rules frequently refer to the **business** of meetings. Business is a broad term encompassing agenda, debate, decision etc. Business is **transacted** or **conducted**. Rule 35(6) states that notice (advance warning) of a general meeting must state the business to be conducted at that meeting.<sup>2</sup>

Notice gives members the opportunity to attend a meeting at which particular business will be transacted e.g. a member might choose to attend a meeting at which the constitution is discussed. But the same member might choose not to attend a meeting at which membership fees are discussed.

The business of a general meeting must not stray beyond the **scope** of the meeting e.g. a meeting called to consider the constitution must not consider membership fees. Conversely, it's a mistake to define the scope of a meeting too narrowly e.g. notice to adopt a particular motion would be inappropriate – because resolutions would be restricted to that motion alone i.e. the motion could be either **carried**, or **not carried**; it could not be **amended**.

The method of voting at a general meeting is determined by the management committee: Rule 38(4). For most associations, voting is by show-of-hands. But if 20% of attendees demand a secret ballot, voting must be secret: Rule 38(5). The Model Rules give no power to attendees to insist on a show-of-hands. The management committee must therefore exercise caution in distributing voting slips ahead of time. Such action might be interpreted as an attempt to manipulate the outcome of a meeting.

1. Motions are usually phrased in the subjunctive mood, a linguistic form traditionally used for wishes, suggestions, demands etc. (See the underlined words in the text). Some grammarians argue that use of the subjunctive is dying in English.

2. The Model Rules do not state that notice must refer to a motion.



## Shed's new Container

The Shed's new container arrived on Friday 18/07. This container is for storing all our aids to members who require assistance with beds, wheelchairs, walkers etc. Container acquisition organised by Bart McKnight, John Wild with assistance from Stephen Ord for location and unloading.



## Medical Aids

Below is a list of items available for use by members and their immediate family



**1 x Over toilet chair**

*Note: These aids are free of charge to members*



**1 x Commode**



**1 x Shower stool**

**1 x Bed pole**



**1 x Wheel Chair**



**Crutches**

**3 x Canadian**

**3 x Underarm**



**1 x Shower Chair**

**1 x Arm Chair**



**2 x Shower leg protectors**



**4 x Walking Sticks**

Note: Page 2 of equipment will appear in next month's newsletter





# Sausage Sizzle Guest Speaker

## Frances Whiting

21st July 2025



Lionel, Frances & Richard



Gifts from the Laser Engraver, Greg

Lionel, Frances, Peter & Greg

Frances Whiting works with Lionel's daughter Jane who is a feature writer with QWeekend magazine hence we were very lucky to be entertained by a journalist with such a formidable reputation.

Frances commenced work as a school teacher but she completed a journalism degree and got a job in a regional paper before moving to the city.

She wrote a one off column about the Ekka and that lead to 26 years of writing a column for the Sunday Mail.

Frances related many funny stories from her faithful readers and some sad like the Sophie De Lazio's incidents.

She loved going to regional Queensland and she once did a job on fracking. A female photographer and Frances went to several properties and they were with a wizend old cattle farmer. To get a really good shot of him with the cows the photographer decided to clamber on top of a fence and as she did, she quite loudly passed wind.

She was absolutely motified, she went bright red and kept apologising. The old cow cocky looked up at her from beneath his hat and said, "Don't worry about it love. It's a sad arse that can't rejoice."

Members were treated to a very enjoyable afternoon and we thank Frances for sharing her very valuable time.

### Social Meeting Guest Speaker 4 August - Kerry-Lee Goekel.



Kerry-Lee has an amazing story. She was born with the effects of Thalidomide. We will hear how she overcame and managed the significant difficulties she faced and had a successful career. When you speak with 'The Wingless Warrior', Kerry-Lee Gockel, you don't get a sense of any of the feistiness suggested by her nickname. In conversation she is engaging and warm. Currently, her busy life includes preparing for her second 10km ocean swim to **raise money for Sunshine Coast Special Schools**, speaking at events to promote her passionate belief that disability is not inability, and taking an active role as aunt to her nieces and nephews. Kerry-Lee and husband Paul are in the middle of planning to explore Australia by caravan. "From a practical point of view, of course having arms would have been helpful, but that wasn't the case," Kerry-Lee explains. "We quickly focussed on what I could do rather than what I couldn't, and to make sure I was as self-supporting as possible."

### Sausage Sizzle Guest Speaker 18<sup>th</sup> August - Kara Cook



#### New Federal Member for Bonner

Kara Cook is a proud Queenslander, raised in Yeppoon in Central Queensland, and now calls Brisbane's Eastern suburbs home, where she lives with her husband, Josh and three children.

Kara's life has been shaped by a passion for service – whether as a lawyer advocating for those experiencing hardship.

She has seen firsthand the challenges families in Bonner face – the rising cost of living, access to quality healthcare and education or the need for affordable housing. Kara put her hand up this election because only Labor will deliver more cost of living relief, strengthen Medicare and build more homes.

Kara is a fighter and will fight for what this community deserves – a strong voice in Canberra who puts you first.



# Art Group



Ken baked banana cake for smoko

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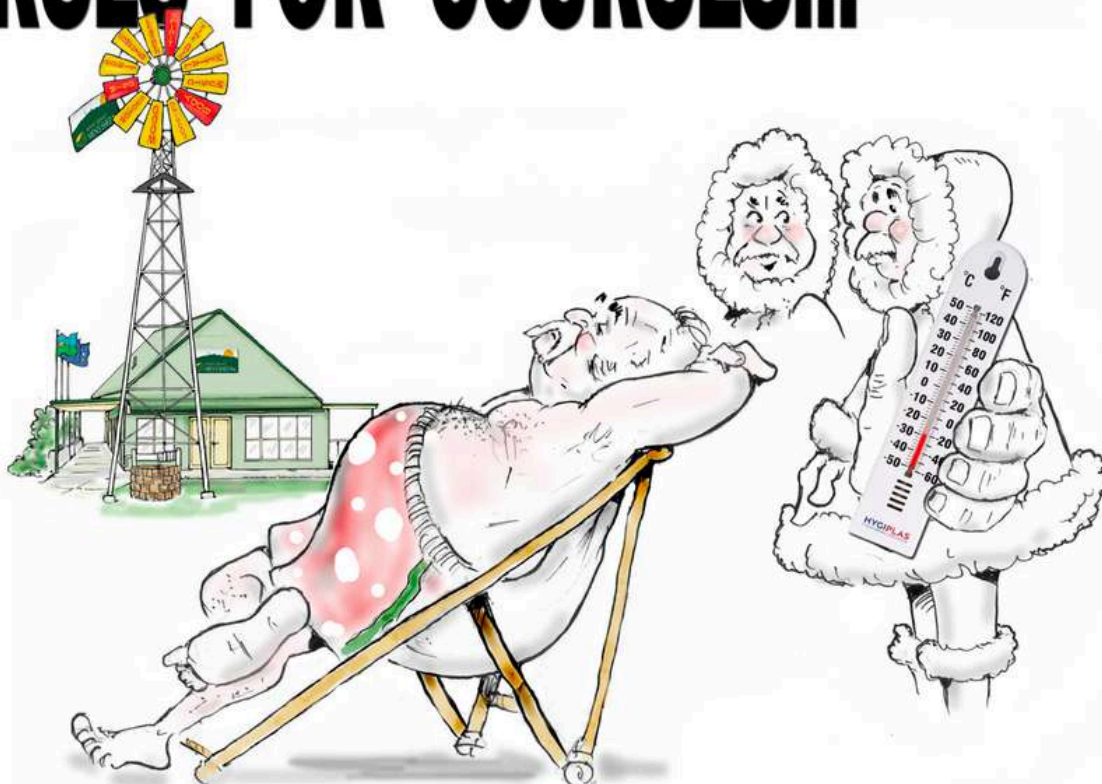






**LINDBERG**  
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# HORSES FOR COURSES...



***"Strike me, it does pay to be the size of a walrus in times like these..."***

**Solution:**

1. Rxd5 PxR
2. B-d7+ K-g5
3. P-f4#



**I asked my cousin why he calls his wife 12. He said because she dozen cook, dozen clean, dozen do anything.**



**How to cook crack and clean a crab.**

**Step one: use commas.**





# Social Meeting Minutes



Please note: Special General Meeting on Monday 4th August

## Financial Report – John Wild Treasurer

The tabled Income & Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet Report are the reports for the July – June 2025 period. These reports will be tabled and ratified at the Management Committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The data will then be subject to the normal end of year audit in readiness for the AGM.

The result of \$4,609 (Budget \$81) (Year to Date & before Grant Income & Expenditure) is a good result and has mainly come about due to:

1. Membership Renewal funds received of \$16,854. This is down on this time last year (\$17,205) with new memberships of \$3,436 also down on this time last year (\$3,550).
2. Other Income earners were excellent sales of Cubby House & other raffle tickets \$7,820, other excellent revenue from the Workshop (\$2,029), Emerging Technology (\$1,315) Bunnings Sausage Sizzles etc (\$3,096) sales of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand equipment (\$2,520) and Bank Interest (\$5,037) have assisted greatly in this result.
3. The net Equity of the MGMS is \$837,091 including \$197,734 in Cash & Cash Equivalents.

Some of the other matters I am currently working through are as follows:

- The Asset Depreciation schedule for the year has been completed and the effects of that are shown in these tabled accounts however still subject to audit.
- A revised Asset By-Law has been written, and I appreciate the input from Stephen Spinks on that document as well as the work we have done together on the Asset Register. That document will now go to the By-Law sub-committee for finalising before the MC are requested to approve it.
- The work on the 2025/2026 Budget has been completed and approved by the MC. I appreciate the input from the various co-ordinators assisting me in preparing that document.

## Building & Grounds: Tony G

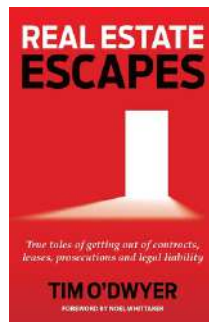
A condition for our lease is to maintain the buildings to a certain standard. The big doors need painting. A council arborist has deemed the large gum must remain although falling branches have damaged parked cars.

## Community Projects: Bart McKnight

Container purchased to house medical equipment. It will be stored on the extra 6 metres of land west of existing shed. Showgrounds Trust has extended our lease and footprint.

Thanks to Skinny and Ross for repairs to the cubby caravan. First outing will be the Mt Gravatt show 26-27 July where a free site is available. Volunteers required to man the stall. Articles such as toys, leatherwork, art, woodturners' bowls etc needed for sale.

As time passes it is more difficult to get volunteers. Soon it will be very difficult to operate as members are very contented to do nothing.



Tim & David Stubbs



On Monday 7 July, the shedders who attended the Social Meeting were treated to an entertaining talk from Tim O'Dwyer, a well-known and highly respected lawyer who specializes in property law. Tim has appeared on A Current Affair on numerous occasions, he lectures at University of Queensland and his wise advice has appeared in magazines such as the Property Investment Magazine, newspapers and other publications.

Tim began his talk with what he regards as his three unchanging rules of real estate.

- Rule 1: Sales people move fast.
- Rule 2: Conveyancing solicitors move slowly.
- Rule 3: People often change their minds about apparently binding property deals.

During his talk, Tim added two more rules of real estate:

- Rule 4: People often don't read contracts.
- Rule 5: Courts are good places to stay out of, (adding, "just like hospitals").

Referring to his book, Real Estate Escapes Tim recounted some humorous examples of how he was involved in killing contracts when either buyers or sellers have a change of heart. Tim cautioned that while some attempts to escape contracts were successful, others failed miserably — and often expensively.

From my vantage point, I could see that all the Shedders were paying close attention to what Tim was saying. Tim was providing good advice, for free.

For the second part of his talk, Tim opened up for questions from the floor. One of the first questions was relevant to most Shedders and related to either downsizing or buying a residence in an aged care complex.

For almost all of the questions, Tim's advice had a common refrain, two pieces of advice.

- "Seek advice from a solicitor before signing anything because some of the contracts were up to 60 pages in length, or even longer",
- "Don't use the solicitor recommended by the owners of the aged care complex, seek independent advice."

If you would like to purchase a copy of Tim's book, The Art of Contract Killing, contact David Stubbs or leave a message in the office.

"Tim kindly donated an autographed copy of his best selling book as part of the raffle. The lucky winner was Skinny Bourke. Congratulations, Skinny."



# HUMOUR



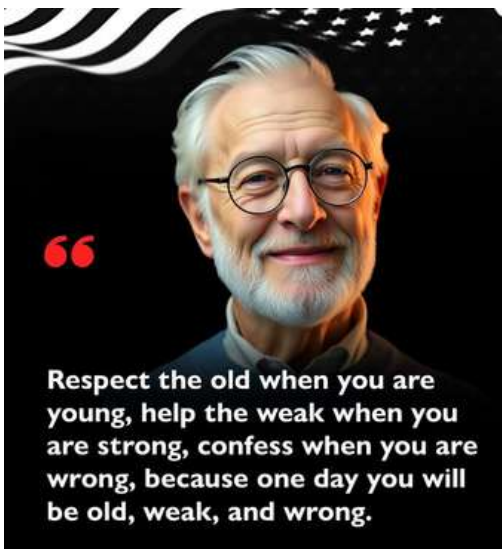
**"A SMOOTH  
SEA NEVER  
MADE A  
SKILFUL  
SAILOR."**

**ALWAYS LOOK  
FORWARD TO A  
BETTER DAY.  
LOOK FOR THE  
SILVER LINING  
IN EVERY CLOUD**

The rose patterned  
bed sheets that I bought  
didn't quite turn out  
as I had hoped.



A NEW DAY BRINGS  
A NEW OUTLOOK.  
NEW POSSIBILITIES.  
NEW HOPE AND VITALITY.  
THAT MEANS WE CAN  
ALL START A-FRESH.



“  
Respect the old when you are  
young, help the weak when you  
are strong, confess when you are  
wrong, because one day you will  
be old, weak, and wrong.

**If you think there's  
nothing better than  
sex, you've never  
had a cop turn on  
his lights behind  
you then pull over  
someone else.**

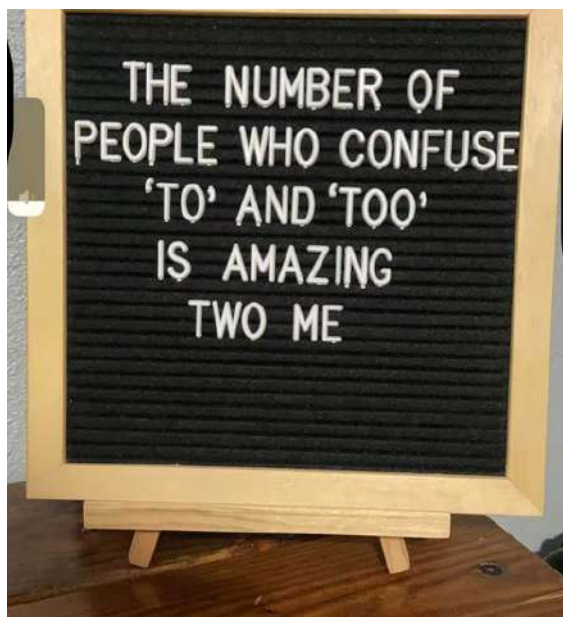


**My buddy asked if he  
could crash on my  
couch tonight. I had to  
explain to him I'm  
married now, and that's  
where I sleep. 🤔**

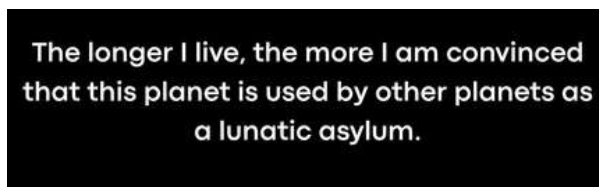
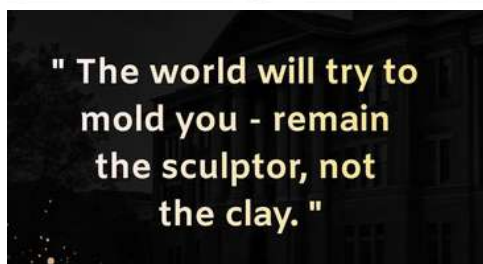
**My kids asked me what it was like  
growing up. So, I grabbed their  
phones, turned off the Wi-Fi, gave  
them some popsicles and a bike,  
and told them to stay outside until  
the street lights came on. Now they  
don't want to know anything about  
my past.**

**I asked my wife if  
I could touch her hair.  
She said yes. So I ran  
my finger across her  
top lip, and that's how  
the fight got started.**





Einstein married his cousin Elsa  
Even his marriage was relative 😂



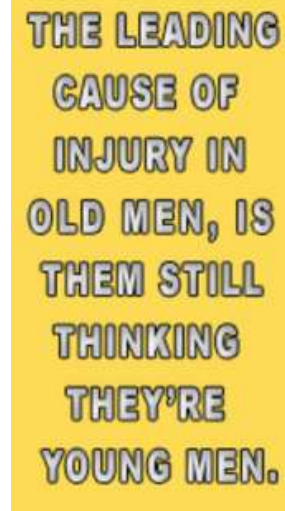
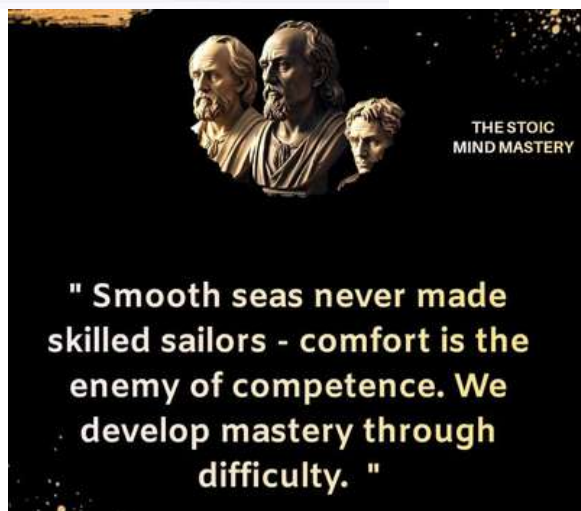
Would you mind wearing your  
Bikini? I need Hubby to mow our  
Lawn!



~ Finally found a good use for cauliflower



Just got my new German  
Shepherd. He's ugly as hell but  
he laughs at all my jokes, so... 🐕





## Note: Special General Meeting on Monday 4th August

August 2025

**Saturday 2 August NB# 2:45 for 3 pm: Arvo Entertainment Group** bring a plate of food to share if interested.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>July 28</b> 8:00 Woodturning 8:00 Own woodwork 8:30 Laser 9:00 Metal scrolling 9:00 Cards 9:00 Chess 12:00 Toy-making <b>12:30 Emerging Tech</b>	<b>29</b> 8:30 Leatherwork 8:00 Guitar lessons (2015/18/19/20) 8:00 Own woodwork 8:30 Guitar (2021-22) 10:30 Jam session 12:30 Woodcarving 12:30 Guitar (2024) 1:00 HeartFIT	<b>30</b> 8:00 Intermediate woodwork 8:30 Laser 9:00 Writers 9:30 Emerging technologies (Vcarve & CNC router) 10:30 Cooking 12:00 Woodturning	<b>31</b> 8:00 Woodturning learners 8:00 Woodworking Introduction 9:00 Cartooning 12:45 Carpet Bowls	<b>August 1</b> 8:00 Small engines 8:30 Laser 9:00 Art/painting 12:00 Ukulele Jam 1:00 Welding 1:00 HeartFIT (Shed Rec Rm)
<b>4</b> <b>SGM Special General Meeting and Social meeting</b> <i>Community hall</i> 10:00 SGM start, followed by Social Meeting \$8 for lunch	<b>5</b> 8:30 Leatherwork 8:00 Guitar lessons (2015/18/19/20) 8:00 Own woodwork 8:30 Guitar (2021-22) 10:00 Jam session 12:30 Woodcarving 12:30 Guitar (2024) 1:00 HeartFIT	<b>6</b> 8:00 Intermediate woodwork 8:30 Laser 9:00 Writers 9:30 Emerging technologies (Vcarve & CNC router) 12:00 Woodturning	<b>7</b> 8:00 Woodturning learners 8:00 Woodworking Introduction 9:00 Cartooning 12:45 Carpet Bowls	<b>8</b> 8:00 Small engines 8:30 Laser 9:00 Art/painting 12:00 Ukulele Jam 1:00 Welding 1:00 HeartFIT (Shed Rec Rm)
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“Introduction to Woodworking” 8.00 am to 12:00 noon on Thursdays. The wood-shop area is shared only with the wood-turning group. No other wood-shop activity currently