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Photography Group shoot - Meadowlands and Minnippi Parklands

Brisbane City Council purchased the former farm and a portion has been developed with walking tracks, natural bush, lakes and BBQs. Other areas are used by the MG Car Club, Brisbane Gun Club and Tingalpa Model Aero club. Churchie Grammar used the area for bush camps in the early part of the century.

Members of the photography group met there for a morning shoot on 10 April. The group meets at 12:30 pm on the third Thursday of the month in the shed's meeting room. Advanced photographers have conducted training sessions to assist in raising the quality of our captured images. All visitors are welcome.

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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President's Ponderings



So hello to all my fellow shedders.

Thank you Wayne, for putting out a great *Shed Talk*. Many of our readers compliment you on the excellence of the variety of information in the pages as well as the humour. We all get a great laugh.

So time to take out the velvet whip. Shedders, some of you guys are enjoying the benefits of our shed but not putting back. I'm not talking about our older shedders. They have invested a lot of time and energy building this shed to what we have today.

I realise a lot of our elder members can't be expected to do a lot but surely some younger members can step up and help. Just remember being involved increases satisfaction and enjoyment.

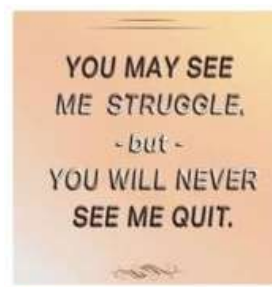


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Sir,

Recognition of First People

In 1770, Lieutenant[1] James Cook named Moreton Bay after Lord Morton,[2] president of the Royal Society. It was another 55 years before Surveyor-General John Oxley named part of the river that flows into Moreton Bay after Major-General Sir Thomas Brisbane, the sixth governor of New South Wales. The Moreton Bay Penal Settlement was subsequently established on the banks of the Brisbane River (1824).

In 1830, Captain Patrick Logan, commandant of the penal settlement was killed by aboriginals. The *Sydney Gazette* reported the killing (16 November 1830), describing Logan positively. The Australian folk song *Moreton Bay*, however, is highly critical of Logan. And what of aboriginal deaths?

The term 'frontier wars' is now used to describe the armed conflicts that arose from the displacement and dispossession of indigenous Australians by European settlers. The settlers sought to claim land traditionally owned by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

In 1840, Surveyor Robert Dixon named Mount Gravatt after Lieutenant George Gravatt, then commandant of the Moreton Bay Penal Settlement. Prior to this, the Turrbal and Yuggera people had occupied the Mt Gravatt area for thousands of years. One can imagine these people camped near the land on which the Mount Gravatt Men's Shed is now built.

It remains controversial whether recognition of the frontier wars should be part of ANZAC Day ceremonies. But surely it would not be controversial for MGMS to place a small plaque on the shed acknowledging the fact that Mt Gravatt was once called (something like[3]) *kagarr-mabul*, 'the place of echidnas'.

Phil Vardy

[1] Cook was promoted commander in 1771 and captain in 1775.

[2] The name changed from Morton's Bay to Moreton Bay.

[3] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Gravatt,_Queensland

Hi Wayne,

Fantastic newsletter as always—you guys really hit it out of the park! I often learn something useful and always get a good laugh.

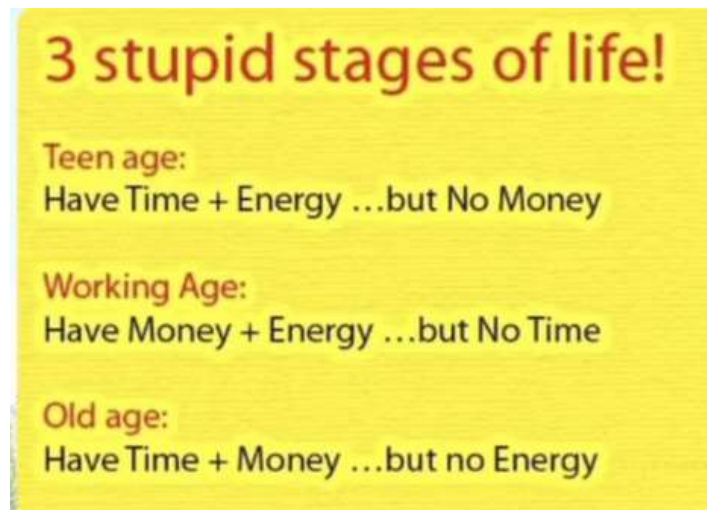
Just a quick, friendly note to potentially save you trouble down the line: sending bulk emails with all recipients in the 'To' field (where addresses are visible to everyone) can accidentally share personal information, or make their email addresses available for scammers if any of your shed members have less than stellar security. Under Australian privacy laws (Privacy Act 1988), it's preferable to use the 'BCC' (Blind Carbon Copy) field instead, which keeps recipients' email addresses hidden from each other. Hope that's helpful. Let us know if we can assist in any way.

Frank Pearce
Regional Coordinator
Queensland Men's Shed Association

*Thanks Frank,
The reason for using the "To" field was to provide the contact details of other sheds as I believe most sheds work in isolation. My intention was an attempt to open communication channels between groups. Future newsletters will be BCC'ed.*

Wayne.

Cover



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Congratulations to the newly elected Management Committee Members

Bruce Conmee & Skinny Burke

3 April 2025



Bruce Conmee joined MGMS about 14 months ago (member 920). The son of a cabinet-maker, Bruce trained and worked as an auto-electrician for some nine years before studying information technology at TAFE and SCU (Dip.I.T). He then worked in IT for 30 years, initially for Defence and subsequently for various departments of the Queensland Government. Bruce's most recent appointment was as director of a team of IT specialists for the premier and cabinet ministers. He adds, 'I'm not telling anyone I'm retired; I just tell everyone that I'm not working at the moment.'

During his career, Bruce gained considerable knowledge of the operations of government. He has wide experience with committees, budgets, grants, interdepartmental interaction and, of course, IT.

Bruce decided to join MGMS because its wide variety of activities provided an opportunity for social interaction, something that was lacking when he stopped working. He says, 'One of the things I've realised... is that it's important to stay mentally active. I've seen people who don't have social interaction... their mental health starts to decline... it's important to keep your brain active.'

At the shed, Bruce enjoys 'working under the expert tutelage of Greg Self to see the amazing variety of things that can be done on the laser machine.' At home he likes fishing, dabbling with guitar and camping with family

Bruce was recently appointed MGMS IT coordinator. He sees the current IT system as 'in good shape' He also sees 'huge potential'.

Glen Burke joined MGMS about 14 months ago (member 926). An active swimmer in his youth, Glen was called 'Skinny'. The epithet persists. The son of a butcher, Skinny studied economics (B.Bus), marketing (Grad.Dip) and business (M.Bus) at QUT. He subsequently bought and sold small businesses. After nine years working for himself, Skinny joined Meat & Livestock Australia, and worked in this country and overseas (mostly the Middle East) for 18 years. He then became general manager of a Singapore-based beef company and later an Australia-based fruit and vegetable processing company. He ceased paid employment at the age of 61.

Skinny Burke and Steven Doyle married sisters. In retirement, the brothers-in-law searched for a men's shed through which they 'could get involved in the community'. The pair joined MGMS because 'everyone seemed to think that... [it] was the best shed around.'

At the shed, Skinny has helped at sausage sizzles and with traffic control. As a woodworker, he and others tackle 'any project that Fred gives us'. Skinny particularly likes 'having coffee and toast with... fellow shedders.' He aims to try wood-turning, 3D printing, cartooning and toy making.

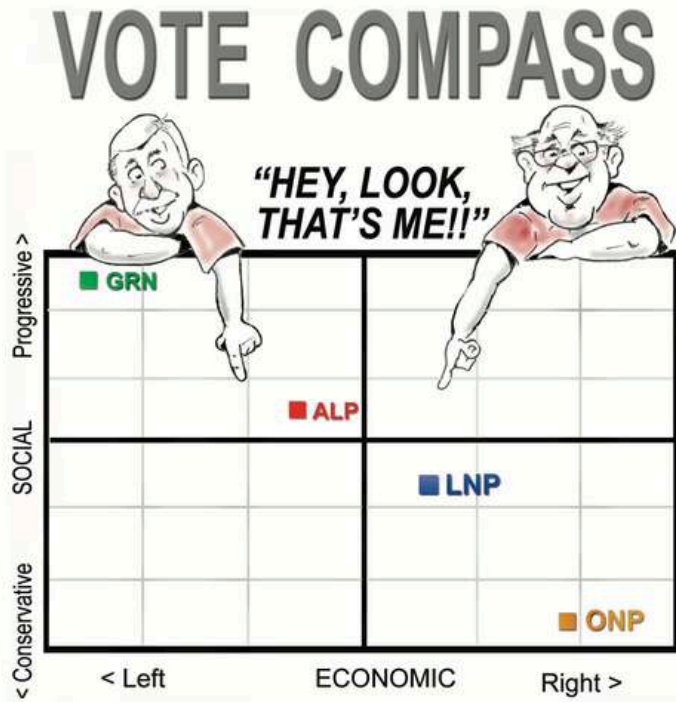
Skinny was recently appointed MGMS grants officer, a role that his background with tenders should enable him to fulfill well. A letter from Skinny concerning his role will be published in the next edition of the newsletter.

Skinny's modus operandi is: Go with what works; adjust the things that don't.



Voter rollup for the election

ABC Vote Compass



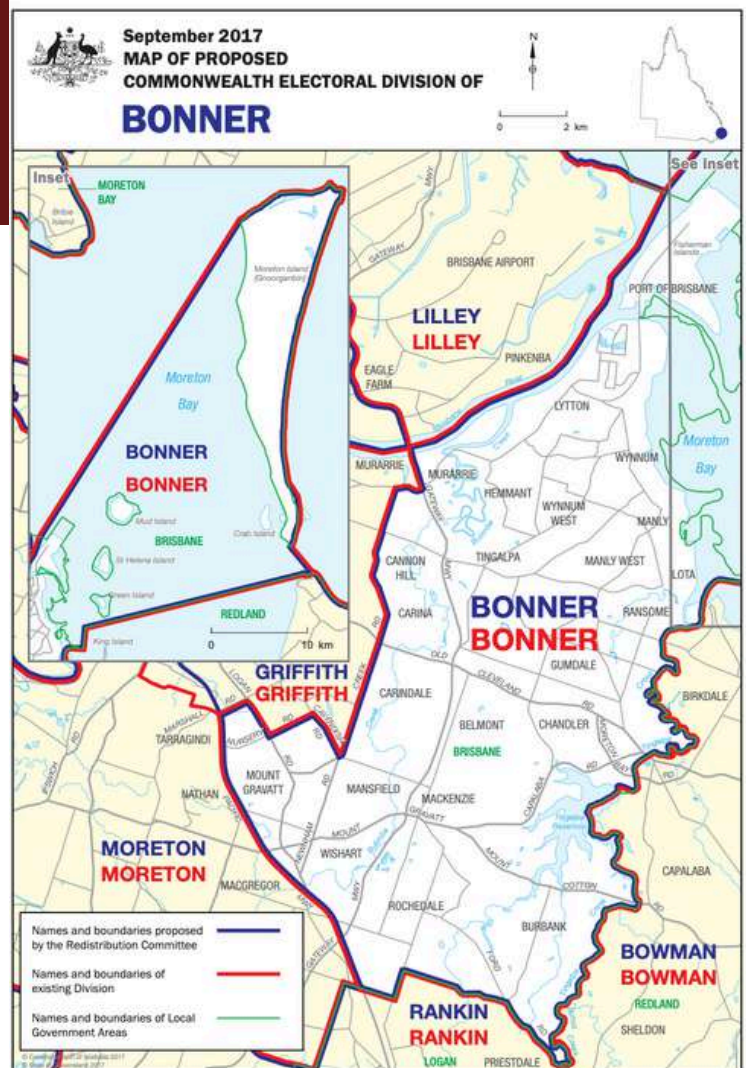
Most electors can be placed somewhere on an economic continuum extending from left to right. They can also be placed on a social continuum extending from progressive to conservative.

Australian political parties can be rated according to economic and social continua e.g. the Greens are considered to be left and liberal,[1] while One Nation is considered to be right and conservative (Fig). Other parties (Labor and the Coalition) lie along a relatively straight line between the Greens and One Nation. And you, the voter?

The ABC Vote Compass is a confidential on-line tool that enables electors to determine their alignment with political parties that they do and do not support. By answering a few quick questions, Vote Compass indicates how your views compare with the Greens or Labor or the LNP or One Nation. The result appears as a plot. Worth ten minutes.

[1] The word 'liberal' can be confusing in the Australian political landscape. Australians differentiate between 'small l liberal' and the Liberal Party.

[Click link for Vote Compass](#)



A federal election is scheduled for 3 May this year. Mt Gravatt Men's Shed (MGMS) is located in the SW corner of the division (electorate) of Bonner, roughly in the centre of the (mainland) area containing Bonner,[1] Griffiths[2] and Moreton.[3]

Since 2010, Bonner has been held by Ross Vasta (Liberal National Party, LNP). The division is classified as marginal. After preferences, the 2022 election result was LNP 53.4%, ALP 46.6%[4] i.e. a swing of 4% would result in the division changing colour.

[1] Named after Neville Bonner, the first aboriginal member of federal parliament.

[2] Named after Samuel Griffiths, premier of Queensland and inaugural chief justice of the High Court of Australia. The division has been held by Max Chandler-Mather (Greens) since 2022.

[3] Named after Moreton Bay, itself named by Cook (1770) after the then president of the Royal Society. The division has been held by Graham Perrett (Australian Labor Party, ALP) since 2007..

[4] Bonner (Key Seat) - Federal Electorate, Candidates, Results - ABC News

Anzac Day



Gallipoli Landing - (National Museum of Australia)

Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as Anzacs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany.

The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915 the allied forces were evacuated from the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died in the campaign. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war.

Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the actions of Australian and New Zealand forces during the campaign left a powerful legacy. What became known as the "Anzac legend" became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways in which they viewed both their past and their future. During the 1920s



Australian Soldiers - (RSL)

Anzac Day became established as a national day of commemoration for the more than 60,000 Australians who had died during the war. In 1927, for the first time, every state observed some form of public holiday on Anzac Day. By the mid-1930s all the rituals we now associate with the day – dawn vigils, marches, memorial services, reunions, two-up games – were firmly established as part of Anzac Day culture.

Later, Anzac Day also served to commemorate the lives of Australians who died in the Second World War, and in subsequent years the meaning of the day has been further broadened to include those who lost their lives in all the military and peacekeeping operations in which Australia has been involved.

Anzac Day was first commemorated at the Memorial in 1942. At the time, government orders prohibited large public gatherings in case of a Japanese air attack, so it was a small occasion with neither a march nor a memorial service. Since then, Anzac Day has been commemorated at the Memorial every year.

Australians recognise 25 April as a day of national remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative services are held across the nation at dawn – the time of the original landing, while later in the day, former servicemen and servicewomen meet to take part in marches through the country's major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal, and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, Anzac Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

Victory in Europe Day is the day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on Tuesday, 8 May 1945; it marked the official surrender of all German military operations.



Military decorations

The Members' Shed a series on association governance

As boys, we were familiar with the imperial decorations of our relatives: the 1939-45 Star, the Africa Star, the Pacific Star etc. As teenagers, we recognised the decorations of later conflicts: Korea, Malaya, Vietnam... But as adults, many of us are less familiar with Australian decorations, especially those introduced after the 1975 reforms. On ANZAC Day, we recognise the purple/white Military Cross (MC) of former Chief-of-Defence General Peter Cosgrove, and the blue/yellow Order of Australia of the current Chief-of-Defence Admiral David Johnson. But what of other decorations e.g. the red/white Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) of the former Chief-of-Defence General Angus Campbell.

The status of military decorations is determined by the Order-of-Wearing (Order of Wear in the UK). This list sets out the sequence in which decorations must be fastened to a uniform. The highest decoration is worn closest to the midline. For ribbon bars, the order is mid-to-lateral and top-to-bottom. An imperial or Australian ribbon bar consists of four decorations. An American ribbon bar consists of three decorations, which is one reason why American servicemen and women appear so (how to say this?) decorous.

It is believed that the highest decoration awarded to an MGMS member is the Bravery Medal (BM). The awardee wishes to remain anonymous. The next highest decoration is the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). With the death of Jim Pollock, it is believed that the number of OAM awardees in the shed is reduced to two. While military equivalents of the Order of Australia may be issued to military personnel, the BM is issued only to members of the community.

In later editions of the newsletter, other Australian decorations will be described.



Who may attend meetings of the management committee?

Almost all men's sheds are incorporated associations. Because constitutions (rules) differ among associations, it's impossible to generalise about attendance at meetings of a management committee (MC). The following commentary, therefore, is based on the model rules.

Subject to the law and the will of a general meeting, the MC may exercise all the powers of an association. Specifically, the MC has 'general control and management of the administration of the affairs, property and funds of an association.[1] i.e. the MC is 'in charge'.

The model rules state that an MC 'may meet and conduct its proceedings as it considers appropriate.'[2] This means that the MC may meet how, when and where it chooses. The model rules are silent about the attendance of non-committee members at meetings of the MC. This means that non-committee members have no right to attend MC meetings. If non-committee members attend an MC meeting, they do so as guests.

The model rules are specific about voting at MC meetings: only members of the MC may vote.[3] Committee members however, should be sensitive to the wishes of ordinary members.

It's important to emphasise that the above restrictions do not apply at general meetings. All financial members have the right to attend and vote at general meetings of the association.[4] Indeed, it's highly desirable that members attend and vote at general meetings.[5]

Phil Vardy

1. Rule 22(1)
2. Rule 23
3. A question arising at an MC meeting is to be decided by a majority vote of MC members present at the meeting and, if votes are equal, the question is to be decided in the negative': Rule 23(7)
4. Rule 37(1)
5. The following is well worth reading. Renton, N.E. (2005) Guide for Meetings and Organisations 8th edn. Volume 2 Appendix 9 Should committee meetings be open or closed?

Around the Shed



Frank, Tim & Allan



Hanging the wallpaper



Alf, Ron, Hay & Colin



Greg sanding table tops



Patrick & Andrew



Skinny Burke & Stephen Doyle



Geoff & Tim



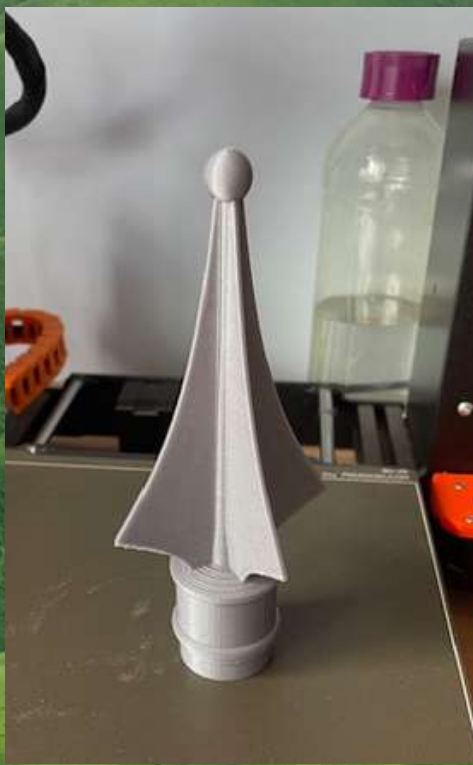
Barry, Bruce & grumpy Neville



Geoff, Lloyd, Ron & Geoff



Peter Lindsay & Phil Vardy



3d printed finials for the gate



Tim spray painting the gates



Our resident cartoonist Kevin Lindeberg & grandson Brady, a budding artist



The finished gates for Matilda stage play L-R: Fred, Greg & Peter



Fred sanding the last of the honour boards



Laser engravings for the Anzac memorial in the Showgrounds

Niagara Therapy -

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Social Meeting Guest Speaker

Michelle Ryan

Monday 12 May 2025

Death of Pope Francis



Stop Press

As this edition goes to press, we learn that Pope Francis has died.

In a world of 8.2 billion people, 1.4 billion are catholic. Of an Australian population of nearly 27 million, more than five million are catholic.[1] One might therefore assume that about 20% (one in five) members of Mt Gravatt Men's Shed are or were catholic. But whether catholic or not, christian or not, believer or not, the papacy of Jorge Mario Bergoglio is worthy of note.

The first pope from the Southern Hemisphere and the first Jesuit pope, Francis changed the papacy. He brought humility and a focus on social values to a highly conservative institution. One might have expected Francis' first overseas visit to be to a populous catholic country. But his first overseas visit was to Lampedusa, an island in the Mediterranean to which African refugees flee. He was deeply ashamed of the abuse of children by the clergy.

Francis never came to Australia. But if he had visited MGMS, one might imagine that he would have enjoyed a chat with members among the smell of sawdust, the sound of guitars, and the taste of terrible coffee.

The death of Francis at the age of 88 reminds us that a similar end awaits us all. How good it has been to belong to this shed.

[1] All data from Google.



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NBN New Building News

NBN news

The MGMS Management committee has asked Kevin Schneidewin to head up a sub-committee of senior shed members and coordinators to establish what is best for the shed long term.

Things like do we need a new shed extension?
Do we need additional storage area?

Kevin to advise time and date for the first of these meetings

Dave Tate

Bus Trip to the Ginger Factory - Yandina

29 March 2025



COAL

MUSIC GUITAR GROUP

Terry Thomson - Leader



Photos above show the members of the Tuesday morning "JAM Group", in full swing, pumping out the notes and really getting into it, with an appreciative audience in the back ground standing and sitting at the tables in the recreation room. From the left in the top left photo back row is Jack Files singing into the microphone and playing guitar, Hugh Smith playing acoustic guitar and providing the lead vocals, David Richardson keeping the beat on drums, Peter Novak playing guitar, Dave Williamson playing electric bass guitar, Kornel Banvolgyi (the violin man) is obscured and from the left in the front row is Shayne Crawford playing lead electric guitar, Ed Fernando operating the computer to keep the music image up on the screen and Basil Wood conducting proceedings, keeping everyone in order and playing the electric piano. The second photo above from the left shows Leo Bayer standing and playing the saxophone, Laurie O'Brien playing the mouthorgan, Sebastian Alyarez playing his new black guitar next is Jack and Hugh. The boys played very well the songs "Way Out West", "Country Roads", "Stumblin In" and "Brown Eyed Girl" among many others.



Photo above shows the members of the Tuesday morning "Girl Guides Hut Group" well under way and in a performance mode. From the left is on guitar is Nick Tedesco, Mike Clarke playing ukulele, Charles Trevor, with hat on, playing acoustic guitar, Gavin Taylor singing and playing guitar, Bert Savage strumming the chords, Denis Malouf playing acoustic guitar, Don....., John Raines and Brian Power are all playing acoustic six string guitars and singing. Brian lead the group and they played "Can't Help Falling in Love", "North to Alaska", "Cover of the Rolling Stone", "Help Me Rhonda" and "Get back" as well as many others and they were fantastic.

The 2024 guitar class which had been running on Tuesday afternoons from 12.30pm – 2.00pm was suspended due to lack of numbers. However there has been some inquiries and interest from three people asking when it will recommence. I will start again after the Easter break but need some more participants to make this a viable activity. So if people are interested please leave your name, phone number and e-mail address on the activity sheet on the notice board opposite the shed office and I will take it from there.

Notice: Well just come along, to the 'sing-a-long' with the MGMS big band

You can't go wrong, it won't take long they're the best band in the land

It's on Thursday evening, in the shed recreation room on 22 May. So we'll see you there and hey, hey, hey, what more can I say.

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Matthew Tarrant



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Noel & Snow

Cover



Chess

Alan Highman

Another month gone. They seem to go by so quickly!! We had a couple of new faces this month which is encouraging. It was also nice to see some familiar faces back on board. Please come along and have a game even if you are only a beginner, we are happy to coach you along. Remember, in the words of one of the great chess masters Irving Chernev "Every chess master was once a beginner".

I would like to know if any of the shedders do the puzzle each month. If you could get word to me either in person or by leaving a note at the front desk that would be great.

Last month's puzzle solution:

1. Q-h4 QxQ
2. N-f4 K-g5
3. N-h7

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

Good luck and look forward to seeing some new faces.



Solution is on Lindeberg Cartoon page.

Buying a Retirement Village Unit

For general enquiries, feedback, complaints and compliments:

☎ 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

📘 /QueenslandGovernment

[Link to Website](#)

Steps to buying a unit in a retirement village

If your home has become too large for you or no longer meets your needs, you may wish to consider moving to a retirement village.

There are a lot of things to consider when making your decision to live in a retirement village.

Before you start looking at units, it's vital that you work out what you want and do your research. You may also consider discussing your retirement living options with trusted family and friends.

The Compare retirement villages website makes it easy for Queenslanders to find a retirement village that suits their needs. The site allows you to search for and compare villages based on location, services, facilities and entry price range.

Before you buy, you should:

1. Think about where you want to live and what you want from your accommodation.
2. Talk to your family and friends and do your research. Visit the Compare retirement villages website to find and compare villages based on location and facilities. When you have shortlisted villages, review their Village Comparison Documents, available on the comparison website or each village's website.
3. Decide on your budget. Speak to your accountant about what you can afford now and into the future.
4. Shop around, talk to existing residents and compare the costs and facilities. Make sure you know the entry, ongoing and leaving costs. Ask for a Prospective Costs Document.
5. Understand your rights and responsibilities as a resident. Get all the paperwork from the village.
6. Appoint a solicitor who specialises in retirement villages. Call the Queensland Law Society on 1300 367 757 or visit qls.com.au.
7. Don't feel rushed into a decision. Take the time you need and go through the contract with your solicitor.
8. Sign the contract. You have a short cooling-off period if you change your mind.

Know the risks of retirement units as investments

Buying into a retirement village is not the same as buying an investment property.

You may face substantial costs when leaving a village. Buying into a retirement village is a lifestyle decision, not an investment to make money.

Living in a retirement village is not the same as owning your own home or renting. In most cases, you do not purchase the property title to the unit. Instead, you purchase a right to live in the unit and the right to benefit from the lifestyle facilities the village offers.

The cost of providing the unit and lifestyle generally exceeds the amount you pay when you move in to a retirement village. The village operator recovers the balance through an exit fee payable after you leave the village. This amount, together with other fees and charges agreed to when you moved in, are deducted from your refund when your unit is 'sold' to the next resident.

As a general rule, the deduction of the exit fee and other charges means the amount paid when you moved in is significantly reduced at final settlement, even though the market value of the unit may have increased.

The Compare retirement villages website provides example scenarios showing the potential effect of different village contracts and fee structures. It does not constitute advice, but shows some of the financial aspects you should consider.

Retirement Villages in Queensland are required to have a website and a Village Comparison Document (VCD) for prospective residents to review. This document will enable you to view and compare features of different villages.

The VCD gives general information about the retirement village accommodation, facilities and services, including the general costs of moving into, living in and leaving the retirement village. This form replaces the Public Information Document that was used for residents prior to the 1 February 2019.

When you find a village that you are interested in living in, you can ask the scheme operator for a Prospective Costs Document (PCD) (DOCX, 240 KB). This document must be provided to you at least 21 days before you decide to enter into a contract. The PCD refers to a specific unit in the retirement village and gives details about:

- the costs of entering village
- the current ongoing costs of living in the village
- the estimated costs when you will leave your unit after 1, 2, 5 and 10 years
- the estimated exit entitlement you will receive if you leave this unit after 1, 2, 5 and 10 years.

You may be asked for further information by the scheme operator to assist in the completion of the PCD. By law, you must have a copy of your residence contract, VCD and PCD, the village by-laws and any other required documents for at least 21 days before you and the operator enter into the residence contract.

This gives you time to read these documents carefully and seek professional advice about your legal and financial interests. It is important that you understand the information in the PCD. Please note that the PCD is not a substitute for the full terms of your contract and it is strongly recommended that you seek independent legal advice.

Residence contracts

A residence contract is a legal agreement between you and the retirement village operator. It gives you information about your rights and responsibilities to live in the retirement village as well as those of the operator. The contract gives you information about using the shared facilities and access services of the village, and also explains the process on how your place in the retirement village can be sold or transferred.

Retirement villages entry condition report

You will need to accompany the operator when they complete an inspection and an entry condition report of the unit you intend to purchase. The operator needs to complete the report to the best of their knowledge.

The operator must provide the entry condition report to you within 7 days of occupancy. You have 14 days to complete your section of the form and return a signed copy to the operator.

Get legal advice

You should get legal advice before buying into a retirement village. Additionally, it is strongly recommended you get advice from a solicitor with expertise in retirement villages before you sign anything. The solicitor will help you understand your financial and legal obligations and whether the residence contract is fair.

Consider appointing a solicitor who has expertise both in retirement village law and, if needed, general property conveyancing to assist with the sale of your home. Caxton Legal Centre provides information on the Queensland Retirement Village and Park Advice Service (QRVPAS). QRVPAS is a free legal service that can help you:

- understand your rights and responsibilities
- have increased access to appropriate legal information and advice.

Caxton Legal Centre also provides a self-help kit (PDF, 783 KB) that contains an overview of some key issues that you should consider before buying into a retirement village.

Complex contractual arrangements

Retirement village legal and financial arrangements can vary from village to village. These arrangements can be complicated so we strongly recommended you seek legal advice from an expert with experience in retirement village contracts before you sign any residence agreement or contract.

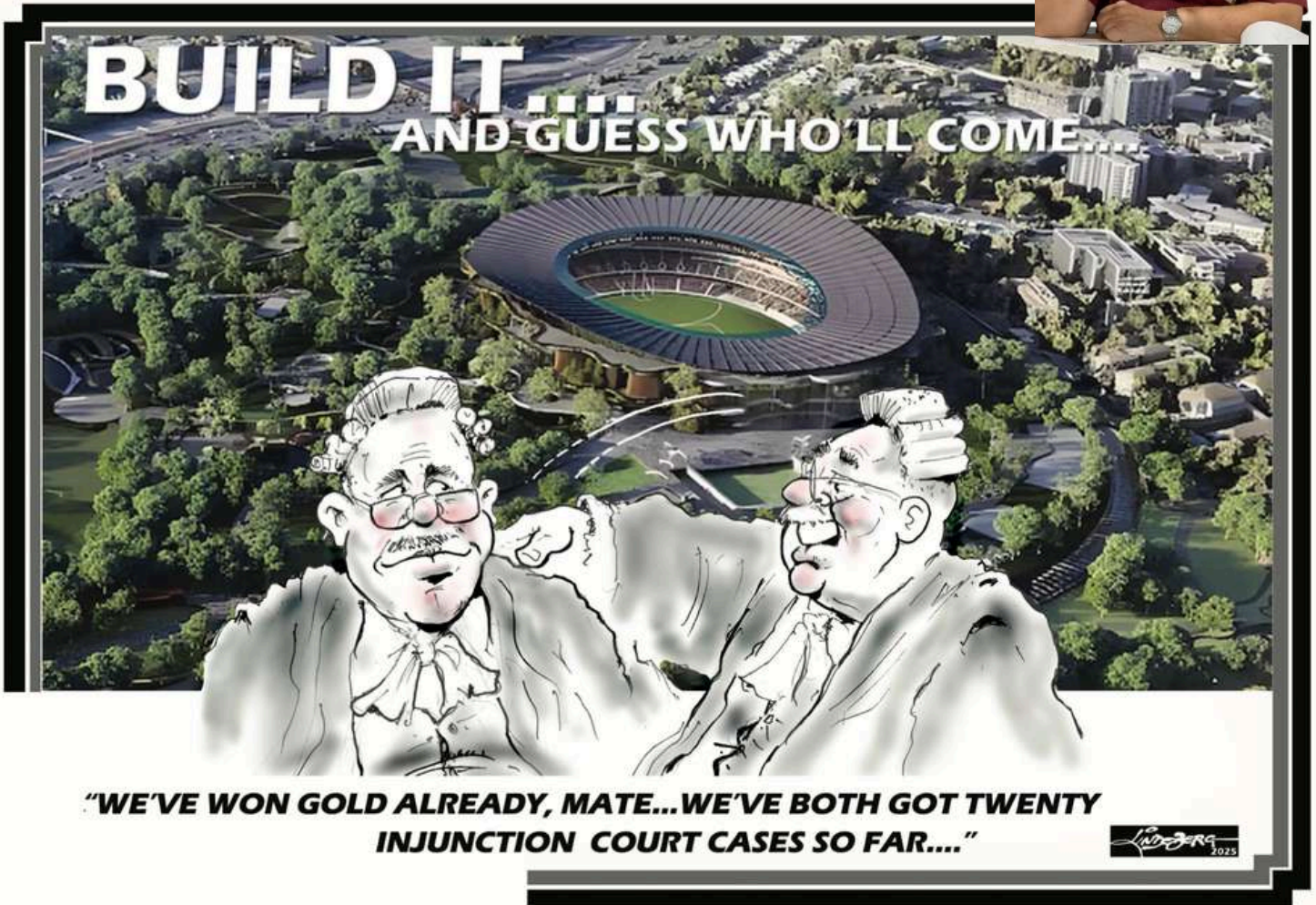
Find out the costs

It's very important to know how much you will need to pay to move into, and live in, a retirement village. You should also consider carefully the affordability of the ongoing fees and charges and how these could increase. You also need to think about how much you will need to pay if you wish to leave the village, and how much money you will have left to find alternative housing or care. The residence contract and public information document will include this information.

Consider preparing a budget. Doing a budget can help you understand what you can afford, including having enough money left to cover unexpected costs and emergencies. Read more about your consumer rights and responsibilities.

It is also recommended that you get financial advice from an accountant or financial advisor with expertise in retirement planning and who understands retirement village contracts. The Australian Securities and Investment Commission provides information to help you choose the right advisor.

The Compare retirement villages website provides example scenarios showing the potential effect of different village contracts and fee structures. It does not constitute advice, but shows some of the financial aspects you should consider.



Cover

A boy came home one afternoon and informed his mom that he had gone into the strip club. This made his mom angry! She asked her son, "Well, did you see anything that you weren't supposed to see?" The boy replied, "Yes, I saw dad!"

Pete the serial flasher was thinking of retiring, but he's gonna stick it out for another year...

I got pulled over by the police today. I was apparently his first speeder because when he got to my window he said, "I've been waiting all day for you." I said "I got here as fast as I could." He let me go.



Chess Puzzle solution
 1. Rb1~b7+ ,BxR
 2. N~e6+. K~c8
 3. R~d8#



Social Meeting Minutes

3rd March 2025



Welfare: Bruce Stafford & Steve Fluerty

Planning for this year's memorial are well and truly underway. We have six families eligible to participate in this year's service. All six families have been notified of the information day and the Memorial Day service. Five families are expected to take part in the program. Invitations for Memorial Day have been sent to our Patrons. So far Grant and Doug have accepted the invitation to attend.

Brian Wheeler advised the MC after the 2023 service that the flags used in the ceremony were in poor condition, and replacements be considered. As we don't have an ice-cream cart [symbol for community projects] to use at this stage, I am looking for a replacement item. [suggestions welcomed].

We had two members receive cancer diagnosis recently, and they are currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments, and are looking forward to returning to the shed when they are feeling well enough to do so.

Hopefully the onsite container for storage of MC approved items only, is not far away. When in position all medical aid devices will be stored on site in the container, making it easier to borrow and return items, as well as returning the ladies and disabled toilet back to the intended use.

Flu shots are now available so be proactive.

Ex member John Macfarlane passed away 31 March.

Workshop Assets:

Process needs to be implemented regarding removal from the asset registry. Some are passed onto to other sheds, PNG, Fiji and other third world countries.

Building & Grounds: Steve Ord

Kitchen tap has been replaced.

A quote to clean air conditioners is sought.

The meeting room air con is to be replaced.

Bee hives are now stored in the garden shed

Community Projects: Bart McKnight

Garage sale raised \$900. Washed out.

Bunnings sausage sizzle raised \$1500 again in the rain.

Quilters BBQ is Wednesday 14 May.

Upcoming school fetes will be visited with the shed trailer for promotion purposes.



Choice of fish, chicken or beef burgers for lunch

Workshop Projects: Fred Darvill

- Made two sloping roofs for entry boxes with wheels for the showground markets
- Stage props for Rochedale South State School
- New guillotine WIP
- Drill press rearranged and cabinet
- Welding is offered one-on-one on Tuesdays

Emerging Technology: Fred Darvill

Software subscription for laser has expired. Lightburn II will be available soon.

Projects for stage props for high school plays. 3D printer has been used to produce intricate tops for gates.

C&C router has new dust extractor.

Delegation from Japan:

A small group will be visiting to investigate the possibility of setting up Men's Sheds in Japan.

Garden & Grounds: Ken Robson

Ken has replaced Phil Hillery to care for the gardens and lawns. Please do not park at the western end of the shed to allow the mowing of the grasses by the members.



Bruce Stafford & Neil McPhail - social meeting welcoming



Ian Young & grandson William - catering

The tabled Income & Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet Report July – March 2025: John Wild Treasurer

These reports will be tabled and ratified at the Management Committee meeting on 9th April 2025.

The result of \$26,741 (Budget \$22,653) (Year to Date & before Grant Income & Expenditure) has mainly come about due to:

1. Membership Renewal funds received of \$16,854 and new memberships of \$3,023.
2. Other Income earners such as sales & revenue of Cubby House & other raffle tickets \$7,593, Workshop (\$1,974), Emerging Technology (\$1,287) Bunnings Sausage Sizzles etc (\$2,785) sales of 2nd hand equipment (\$2,127) and Bank Interest (\$4,407).
3. The net Equity of the MGMS is \$856,363 including \$189,793 in Cash & Cash Equivalents

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

- Work on the Asset Register system together with Stephen Spinks continues.
- I am also on the By-laws subcommittee and as part of that I am working on the Management By-law which includes a section on Assets. This is also being updated, and a draft will be discussed with Stephen & others.
- We have received via the AMSA a proposed electricity rate offer which the MC are now reviewing. There could be savings of approx. 10% if we proceed with the offer.

Travel Group: Kev Schneidewin

Rockhampton rail trip is fully booked 14 - 19 September. Christmas in July. 24 July at the Fox & Hounds Hotel at the base of Tamborine Mountain.

Rock & roll concert at Woongoolba Hall - Stapylton Jacob Wells Road. List is outside the office.

Ipswich Historical Tour is under investigation.

Transit Care bus is free if you are registered. When registering you need to answer the question about driving with this response "I can drive but not for long distances". Seek help with registration from last month's guest speaker Anthony Power from Footprints Community. 07 3252 3488

Ukulele Group: John Wild

Ukulele Group: New projector, notepad & screen. This enables the music to be displayed on the screen rather

than each member of the group bringing a music stand and paper music.

Writers Group Report April 2025: Kim Tvede

At the April 2025 social meeting I was reminded of the many different activities, views and experiences that contribute to our shed and its offerings.

Not only that, the quality of the burgers, with a nominated choice of fish, chicken or beef meats, was presented as a good Aussie quality with beetroot and pineapple as well as the usual cheese and salad. I was transported back to my youth of coming out of the bush to get a quick top-up meal at a rural food and general store. Some things from our past are worth maintaining.

I got a bit caught out by the diverse questions when I only stood up to talk about the finalisation of the Writers Group 2020 grant funds and that \$500 was allocated to support the new higher quality shed printers for use by Writers Group in lieu of the previous Officeworks account.

Some members asked about voice-to-text. Microsoft's Word 365 has such a function. It improves accuracy as it works with a speaker over time. It is a bit less accurate when multiple users confuse the voice recognition software, but still workable. Many of the shed computers run Word 365 after George Parkinson arranged the licences to do so.

An alternative recording system is to use mobile phone voice recording or MP3 digital recorders. If this is to be transferred into text with MS Word 365, then experience shows it is best to record in 5-minute segments. Any longer and the computer memory has difficulty storing that recording before converting to text.

The Writers Group has evolved along with its participants. We have recently provided feedback on some interesting novels, short stories and family memoirs. We are no longer running memoir-writing workshops as the interests have diversified beyond this need. If this is an interest, various resources have been located to assist with this. We are still assisting members with their story-telling, some private, some for family and friends, and some public.

Our public memoir stories have also been provided to 18 local schools along with curriculum support documents on their use in teaching how to write this sort of narrative story-telling. Feedback suggests they are well-received.



Guest Speaker Clayton Roxborough and father Richard

Clayton Roxborough has over 40 years of experience in steel design, detailing and construction. During this time he has worked in a variety of roles and workplaces, from small fabrication workshops to large engineering and drawing offices throughout Australia and overseas.

He established Steelcad Drafting in 1993 and that company is now one of the larger construction modelling and detailing firms in Queensland. Clayton has lectured in Engineering at the Queensland University of Technology, is on the technical committee of the Australian Steel Institute (ASI) and current Chairman of the Australian Institute of Steel Detailers.(AISD)



Kangaroo Point Bridge Brisbane

Heavy engineering and structural steel fabrication go together to create the bones of much of the industrial, commercial, mining, and public infrastructure across the nation, but before a single piece of steel can be cut or welded, the whole structure must be documented in detail by specialist draftsmen and women.

The presentation provided a behind-the-scenes look into the steel construction industry and introduce the niche practice of workshop detail drafting that allows the "Mechano set" to be brought together on site. From ink pens and blue-prints, to high-tech 3D modelling software with full colour graphic renderings and laser cutting equipment, the presentation illustrated how today's engineers, architects, builders and fabricators all work together to construct everything from underground train stations, to commercial high-rise buildings and towering bridges. The Kangaroo Point bridge is one of Clayton's projects where a 3D model of the steel work including all the bolts, nuts and washers required during the construction was provided to the construction teams.



Neil Hansen with social meeting raffle prizes and tickets



Paul & Phil - social meeting administrators

HUMOUR



I bought a little bag of air today. The company that made it was kind enough to put some potato chips in it as well.



My wife says I only have 3 faults.
1. I play too much golf.
2. I don't listen.
3. and something else.

This is why toys are important

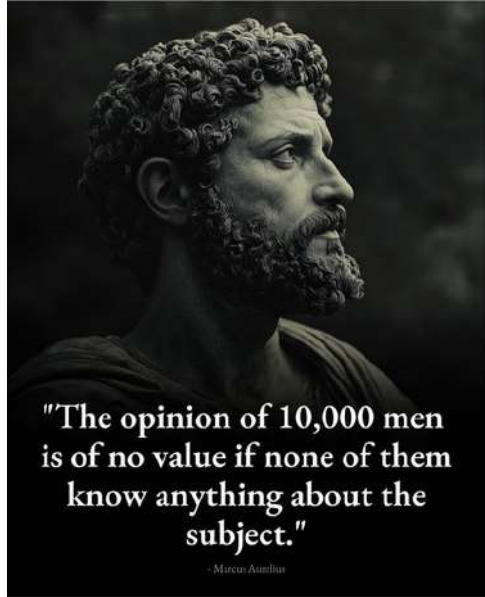
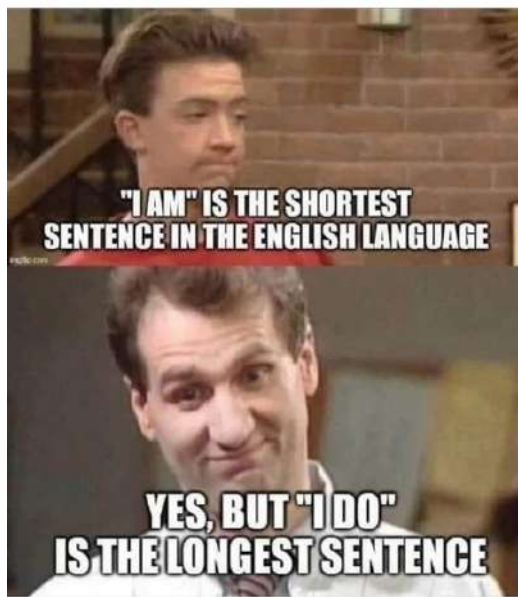


Chicken stuffed with smoked fish.
Follow me for more recipes.



Product reliability!
This 80 year old solar clothes dryer still works!

Things you know that aren't going to end well



"The opinion of 10,000 men is of no value if none of them know anything about the subject."
- Marcus Aurelius

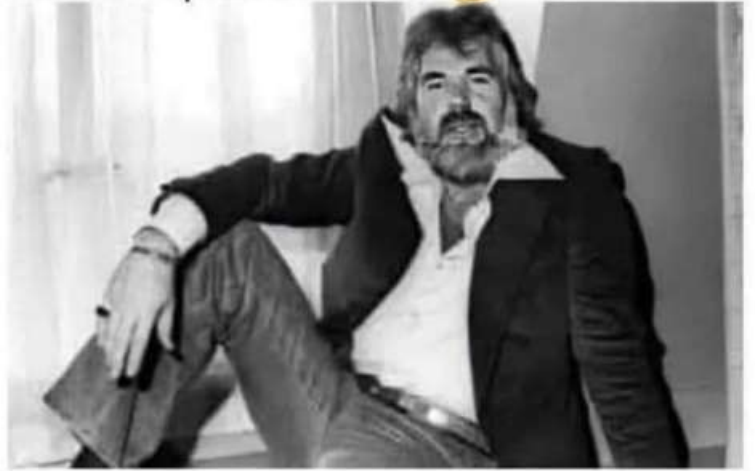


BAT SHIT & ROBBING

Stick a Turkey leg in a sneaker and let your dog patrol your yard.



We never did find out why Lucille left him with four hundred children and a cop in the field 🤔



Everything in this picture is now in your pocket



MEN in 1983



MEN in 2023



When your wife starts a sentence with "When you get a chance..." just go ahead and start putting your shoes on. She means now.

Hey parents with teenagers... The bottle of vodka in your liquor cabinet is water.

A neighbor suggested I put horse manure on my strawberries. Tried it. I'm going back to whipped cream.

Dog: "yeah I'm not sniffing that they can just stay lost"

I took a pic of my son getting an award with his teacher.



Sometimes I like to mess with my husband and hide his stuff where he can't find it.



Like I put his shoes in the shoe closet, his jacket on the hanger and his keys on the key hook.

May 2025

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

Sunday 18 May: Shed yearly Thanksgiving Service Time TBA, Broadwater Road Uniting Church (opposite Mansfield State High School)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Woodworking Introduction 8.00 am to 12.00 pm on Thursdays. The wood-shop area is shared only with the wood-turning group. No other wood-shop activity currently.