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Newstead House was once the most prestigious residence in the Moreton Bay colony, famous for extravagant gatherings and its role at the centre of Brisbane's social life. Built in 1846, it remains Brisbane's oldest surviving European home and offers a fascinating glimpse into the lives of those who lived and entertained here in the early days of the city.

Today, Newstead House is a welcoming House Museum that continues to share its stories with visitors.

Nestled at the meeting point of Breakfast Creek and the Brisbane River (Maiwar), the headland now known as Newstead Point has long been a place of gathering, sustenance, and cultural significance. Known as Garranbinbilla, the name reflects the Indigenous fibres harvested from local vines, traditionally used to craft shelters.

Wayne Hansen captured the image with a Canon EOS 7D camera, 18-200 mm lens, ISO 100, f 8, 1/200 sec.

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President's Ponderings



Allan Wallace, Kara Cook & President Peter Tyley at the Show

As President of the Mt Gravatt Men's Shed, I've come to believe that life's journey isn't just about the miles we travel or the places we've been. It's about the people we meet, the challenges we overcome, and the friendships we build along the way.

Like many of you, I've had my share of ups and downs. Life has taught me that no one has all the answers, and none of us should have to face life's challenges alone. That's one of the reasons the Men's Shed means so much to me.

When people first walk through our doors, they often think it's just a place to work with timber, repair tools, or make something useful. Those things are important, but they're only part of what we do. What we really build here is friendship, trust, confidence, and a sense of belonging.

Every member has a story worth telling and skills worth sharing. Whether you've spent a lifetime in a trade, worked in an office, served your community, or are simply looking for a place where you're accepted, you have something valuable to offer. We learn from one another every day.

For me, the greatest achievement of our Shed isn't measured by the projects on the shelves. It's measured by the smiles, the laughter over a cuppa, the helping hand offered without being asked, and the knowledge that someone cares enough to ask, "How are you going?" If you're joining us for the first time, I hope you'll soon feel what so many of us have found—a place where you're welcomed, respected, and never judged. A place where mates become lifelong friends. Thank you for becoming part of the Mt Gravatt Men's Shed family. I look forward to getting to know you, working alongside you, and sharing this journey together.

After all, life's journey is always a little easier—and a lot more rewarding—when you have good mates walking beside you.

Cubby Van Raffle

Tickets \$2:00

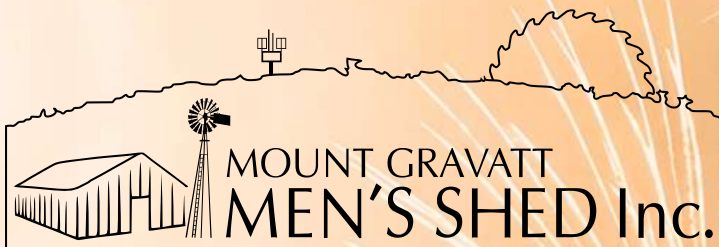


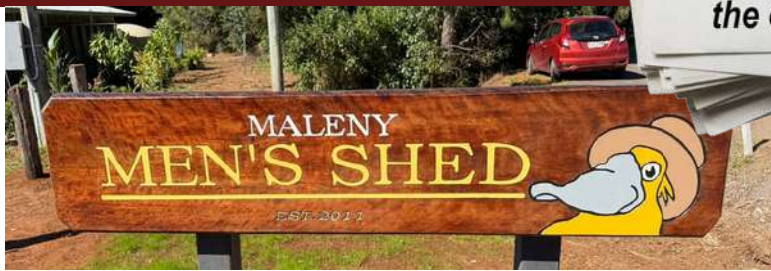
1st Prize - Cubby Van

2nd Prize - Original Oil Painting

3rd Prize - \$100 Bunnings Voucher

Drawn 7th December '26





Something similar would be nice above our front door

Stamps engraved recently.

Frank Pearce, CEO of QMSA collects and mails them to the respective sheds



Hello Wayne,

I was recently in need of a plumber as our bath was leaking. We hadn't noticed the leak before as the bath is only used when grandchildren, all 3 and under, are visiting. Now they are getting bigger.

Not knowing a plumber, I recalled seeing Braith Garner's details in the "Trusted Tradies" section of the Shed newsletter.

Based on what transpired, I am happy to recommend Bucket Plumbing, his plumbing service, to Sheddors.

Website: <https://www.bucketplumbing.net.au/>

I couldn't have asked for a more decent or friendlier tradie. He turned up on time with his apprentice in tow. Happy to talk me through what he was doing and why. His communication was excellent. Never complained about my presence when he was working! Site was left clean and tidy.

Events

I contacted Braith on Tuesday 7 July on M 0405 609 879. He told me his minimum fee was \$266 which covered a call out charge plus the first 40 minutes work on site. But for Sheddors, the minimum fee is \$200. He arrived on Thursday 9 July and worked until the job was done, about 4+ hours. He came back on Monday 13 July to check it was working and to seal the gap between the bath and the tiled floor which had never been done before. He offered 12 months warranty on his work.

He took a while using his probe camera to find the source of the leak. Then he had to lift the bath so he could work underneath. Not easy tasks. It turned out that the bath drainage hadn't been installed correctly (over-reliance on excessive silicone) when we renovated in 2021.

Braith quoted me \$530 to fix everything and that included the \$200 fee mentioned earlier, and travel to Reece at Brown Plains, then another Reece store, for parts.

Since then I have since spoken to another Shedder who was charged a \$400 call out fee for a plumber to visit him to tell him nothing was wrong and he couldn't fix the problem!

Tom #952



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Just happy to look around

The Showman - Bart McKnight



Ticket sales of \$2580 for the weekend



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Crime Prevention Officers



Barry White (Left) with some of his inventions



Wood Carving



Vietnam Veterans' Day



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Armoured Personnel Carrier Commander, Lance Corporal Rex Warren, watches for Vietcong as he moves through the rubber plantation searching for the enemy, the day after the Battle of Long Tan.

The Battle of Long Tan

Because of a catchy jingle, most of us remember 14 February 1966 (Decimalisation). Fewer of us remember the Battle of Long Tan fought later that year. And while Australia might regret its involvement in Vietnam, the nation should honour the men it sent to fight there. On the 60th anniversary of Long Tan, it's entirely appropriate that the newsletter of Mt Gravatt Men's Shed dedicates a page to the memory of the 18 Australians and 800 Vietnamese who died in the battle.

Long Tan has passed into legend like Gallipoli, Fromelles, Bersheeba, Tobruk and Kokoda. To some degree, the 2019 feature film *Danger Close* revives the legend. Worth seeing.

The following notes about the Australian Army might assist anyone seeking to read more elsewhere.

- A section consists of 8-9 soldiers commanded by a corporal.
- A platoon consists of 30-40 soldiers commanded by a lieutenant.
- A company consists of 100-225 soldiers commanded by a major.
- A battalion consists of 550-1000 soldiers commanded by a lieutenant-colonel.
- A brigade consists of 2500-4000 soldiers commanded by a brigadier.
- A division consists of 10,000-20,000 soldiers commanded by a major general.

The Viet Cong (VC) and North Vietnamese Army (NVA) were organised similarly to the above although units were generally smaller in size. The term 'regiment' was used for a VC or NVA brigade.

The 1st Australian Task Force was a brigade-sized military formation deployed to Vietnam between 1966 and 1972. During the Battle of Long Tan, D company (commanded by Major Harry Smith) was engaged by the 275th Regiment and the 445th Battalion of the Viet Cong (commanded by Senior Captain Nguyen Thoi Bung). For Smith, recognition was delayed. Although the Military Cross was awarded to him in 1967, the Star of Gallantry (SG) was not awarded until 2011. The SG ranks second only to the Victoria Cross. Smith died in 2023 at the age of 90.

Phil Vardy

Vietnam Veterans Day, 2026

Sources vary concerning casualties. Wikipedia records 245 Vietnamese dead. Citing Smith, the Australian Department of Defence records far more: <https://www.defence.gov.au/news-events/news/2023-09-06/true-hero-vietnam-war-farewelled>



Christmas in July



Thirty-four Men's Shed members and partners boarded the Transit Care bus for Mount Tamborine and a Christmas in July lunch at St Bernard's Hotel. En route, the group stopped at the Gallery Walk in Tamborine Village for the obligatory coffee. At the hotel, we were seated in one of their charming vintage rooms, complete with fireplace and all the trimmings. As the photos attest, everyone embraced the festive spirit and enjoyed a wonderful meal and plenty of good conversation.



In keeping with hotel tradition, the resident St Bernard dog made a welcome appearance—much to the delight of the dog lovers among us. On the homeward journey, the bus driver pulled in at the Yatala bakery, where an assortment of pastry treats was eagerly snapped up. Another successful outing by the travel group—keep an eye out for the next trip, which will be announced soon.

Kevin Schneidewin



Around the Shed



Holder for leather gear



Leather Coasters



Bridge Players: Nev, Brian, Bern and Phil



Phillip Davey and David Roseneder with horse shoe designs



Bob Nunn with beautiful leather bag



Ian McKenzie



Fred Darvill cutting circles for a client

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New Inductees for August in no particular order:

Richard Muller, Paul Flanders, Seamus Ryan, Peter Shilton, Jimmy Liu and Mark Gillespie (Mitchell Finger not in photo)



Neil Mortensen and Paul Semmier - Leather belts



Ilan, Greg & Barry - Sausage Sizzle hands



Griffith University Occupational Therapy students - Sarah, Maddy and Wilson in the shed on Wednesdays and Thursdays. They are observing how the shed operates and will provide a report on their findings.



Dennis Bauer with the black snake



The photo above shows an older image of the “Shed Tones” music group of talented musicians amplified up and getting ready to play. They are not a ‘big band’ in the true sense of the word, but it has a large number of musicians, as shown in the photograph, even if at the time when the picture was taken some people were absent. Some of the group shown, a fine body of men indeed, have left the shed, but the majority are still playing. The group look splendid in their shed shirt, black long pants, polished black shoes and optional bow ties always perform well, put in an exceptionally huge effort, smile and fly the MGMS flag with pride.

Good News: The Karaoke activity has with the ‘endorsement of myself and the President’ been relaunched. The sessions under the guidance of Ed Fernando will take place on Tuesday afternoons in the meeting room starting at 12.30 pm and running for two hours. All welcome. Come along and sing some of your favourite tunes. It could be fun.

We have been approached by Frank Pearce, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the QMSA, to supply a judge for the once-a-year songwriting competition. Because we are a prominent shed with a well-known, large and established music program, it was expected that we participate in some form or another. Hugh Anthony Smith was so excited to be asked to participate in the judging that he snapped up the opportunity immediately when I asked him if he was interested. Hugh is an excellent, competent musician and is familiar with all types of music from different eras and this covers many styles from pop, rock, country and so on. He will do a fantastic job.

One of our members, singer-songwriter Sebastian Alvarez, once again has an entry in this year’s competition, and we wish him all the best. Go for it, Seb!! The “Open Mic” activity, which occurs only once a year and was due to take place on Tuesday 18th August in the Recreation Room from 9.00 am until 12 noon, has had to be postponed due to illness. This is unfortunate, but it will happen soon. There are several musicians who have teamed up and are ‘champing at the bit’ and ‘keen as mustard’ to participate in this fantastic event, which is a highlight of the music activity’s yearly calendar.

The ‘Shed Tones’ have an upcoming gig at the Carina Senior Citizens Club on Friday 23rd October, starting at 10.30am and finishing at 11.45am. The song list, which will suit the male and female audience of various ages, is still being finalised. However, it has been suggested that the Dr Hook song “Baby Makes Her Blue Jeans Talk” may not be included. Don’t know why?? The group is looking forward to this event.

“And I don’t mind at all if you call me a Mallee Boy”.
J. W.

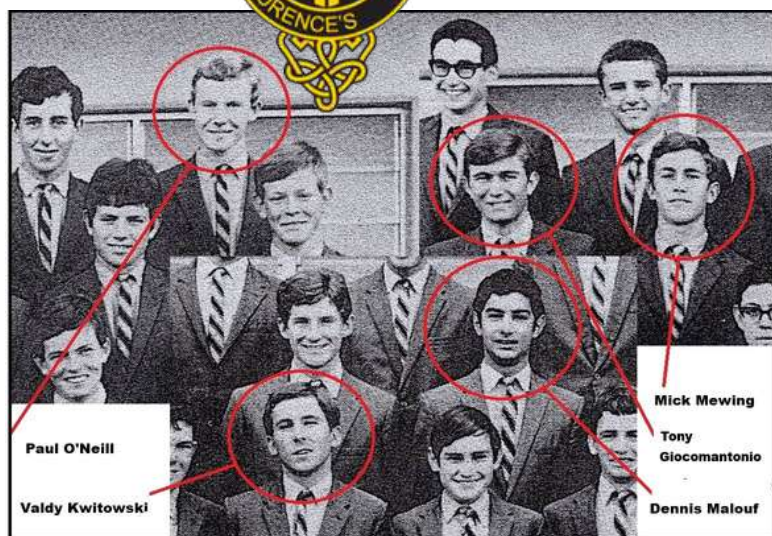


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The Shed SLOBS



Valdy K. Paul O'Neill, Tony G., Mick Mewing, Dennis Malouf.

The Shed SLOBS

It was 1969, man had landed on the moon, Brisbane trams were off the road, John Gorton was Prime Minister and the Beatles played their last concert on the rooftop the Apple studios on Abbey Road. Rod Laver won the US Open and Balmain defeated South Sydney in the Rugby League Grand Final.

At Saint Laurence's College, South Brisbane, five fine young men, Tony Giacomantonio, Valdy Kwitowski, Denis Malouf, Michael (Mick) Mewing and Paul O'Neill, completed their Senior year and strode out to make their mark on the world. They married, raised families and followed a variety of careers through to retirement. Today they are reunited as members of the Mount Gravatt Men's Shed.

Tony Giacomantonio

The transition from farming and a one teacher primary school to inner Brisbane, attending SLC with 1200 boys was a culture shock. Tony enjoyed SLC study and mateship, along with work in Hardware retail and training in Industrial Electronics. Through good fortune, he joined the PMG 1974 as a Professional Engineer. Various diverse roles followed in Manufacturing, Networks, Planning and Finance. Tony retired from the now Telstra in 2012 and joined MGMS in 2013.

Valdy Kwitowski

I refused to join any men's shed that would have me as a member.
(paraphrasing Groucho Marx)
Then I heard about the HeartFIT classes at the Mount Gravatt Men's Shed.
And now I'm marking my eighth year of membership, No. 620.

Denis Malouf

After graduating, Dennis travelled to Sydney for a family wedding. He was offered the opportunity to work in the family Menswear business. That was the beginning of a long career in fashion. Dennis moved from Sydney to Newcastle where he opened ten stores. After 32 years in the business and because of ill health Dennis moved back to Brisbane with his wife and three children. He now enjoys his time in Men's Shed where he reconnected with the other SLOBS.

Mick Mewing

Mick accepted a teaching scholarship at Kedron Park Teachers College, graduating in 1972. During that time, he played Rugby League for Wests Juniors. He then taught briefly at Kenmore State School. Mick began playing senior Rugby League, making his 1st Grade debut in 1973. He played until 1976 when he had to retire due to injury. After a short period at Leichardt SS, he resigned from the Education Department and started a 10 year stint at his alma mater until 1984, when he started and ran Greg Ritchie Indoor Cricket for a number of years before returning to teach at St Laurence's until his retirement in 2013. Mick keeps active with kitesurfing, travelling OS and Oz. In 1976 he married Ann Maree and 50 years later they have 4 sons, 4 daughters in law, 6 grandsons and 6 granddaughters.

Paul O'Neill

After trying his hand as a taxi driver, barman and factory hand, Paul commenced teaching at the Home Hill High School in North Queensland, then at Mansfield State High School. He left teaching in 1984, to work in a variety of adult education, training and Human Resources roles in the Departments of Education, Corrective Services and finally Child Safety. Paul retired in 2007. He joined the shed in 2019. Paul Married Janita in 1974, they have three children and four grandchildren.

The rise of Stanley tools and the fall of the British Empire



A significant anniversary passed quietly last month – 80 years since the USA loaned Britain enough to pay off the lend-lease debt of WWII. I can hear the groans of readers: 'So what?' But the 1946 Anglo-American Loan brought down an empire, and that affected every member of the shed.

At the end of WWII, Britain faced a 'financial Dunkirk'. British economist John Maynard Keynes travelled to Washington to negotiate the transition of Britain to a post-war economy. Keynes hoped for a grant from the US. But negotiations were brutal: the US refused a grant and offered a loan.^[1]

Among the terms of the loan was that Britain's currency be freely convertible to the US dollar. This requirement caused a run on the pound.^[2] The British treasury haemorrhaged money at an unprecedented rate. Convertibility was suspended, demonstrating that the pound was not strong enough to survive in an open market. The pound ceased to be creditable as an international reserve currency.

In 1948, the US launched the Marshall plan, a scheme involving massive financial aid to Europe without the punitive conditions attached to the 1946 loan to Britain. The nation that had enslaved most of Europe received grants, but the nation that fought alone against Germany from 1939 to 1941 was forced to pay crippling interest. To the British, it seemed better to be a defeated enemy than a loyal ally. But what has any of this to do with tools?

Once, the name Sheffield was synonymous with superb edge tools. Brands like Ward, Sorby and Mathieson built the British empire. But following WWII, American firms gained dominance. The Stanley tool company acquired many Australian tool manufacturers and closed them down. As a result, the Titan chisels, Pope planes and Turner screwdrivers of our youth are no more. Victory had a cost.

Phil Vardy

[1] The US loaned Britain 3.75 billion dollars at 2% interest for 50 years with repayments starting in 1951, The loan, along with a \$1.25 billion loan from Canada, was paid off on the last day of 2006.

[2] In 1949, the pound fell in value from US\$4.03 to \$2.80, a drop of 30%.

Photography Group

Newstead House

7th August 2026



Lunch at the Breakfast Creek Hotel



[Link to Website](#)



Chess Group

Alan Highman

Hi Sheddars,

This month we welcomed a new player, which is a good sign for the future.

Chess Trivia for this month: the first known recorded game was in 1475. It was contested between Francesc de Castellvi and Narcis Vinyoles. The game lasted for 21 moves with White delivering checkmate. The rules were the same as modern-day chess, with the exception of castling, which was not permitted.

In the rec room with chess: mahjong, backgammon and cards will be on offer.

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

Solution on page 16.

PS: The roll-up on Monday 24/8.

Chess, Backgammon, Mahjong, Cards. Rec room was full.



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Trusted Tradies:

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Catalyst for Trusted Tradies

Recently an elderly woman visited the shed office, requesting assistance in assembling a flat-pack shelf unit. Unfortunately, she was turned away due to several safety concerns that prevented our members from working at her home. I noticed she was quite disappointed and upset.

Finding a reliable tradesperson online can be challenging, especially for seniors, as many of our members belong to this demographic. The table left features tradespeople recommended by our newsletter readers, offering a diverse range of skills to help address various tasks.

Ed.

Social Meeting Minutes

3rd August 2026



Singing the National Anthem

Workshop Projects - Fred Darvill

Plaques for Griffith University

Table sanded & painted

Table Sanding

Possum boxes to be made

Compactus being reorganised

Grants received from BCC and Southside club

for 18V AEG tools, Grinders, Scanner and laser tube

Donations - steel

Repairs - sander, CNC, Laser.

Missing items- please return

New building ideas

Resignation from all roles, including workshop coordinator and project coordinator until March next

Music Groups Social — Terry Thomson

1. Group Growth

Attendance: Numbers have grown from 3 in 2014 to 44 in total. Days: Tuesday + Friday.

2. Karaoke Re-launch Schedule: Tuesdays at 12:30 PM (starting 18 August). Location: Meeting Room.

Contact Person: Ed Fernando.

3. Songwriting Competition Request: Frank Pearce (QMSA CEO) would like a judge from our music group.

Status: We currently have one entry.

4. Open Mic Event Schedule: 18 August, starting at 9:00 AM. Location: Recreation Room.

Contact Person: Paul O'Neill.

Cubby Van: Bart McKnight

A huge thank you to the ticket sellers, in particular at the show. \$2580 worth of tickets sold during the two days of the show.

Guest Speaker for 7th September Meeting

Aiden Turner - Wesley Hyperbaric



Lionel Armitstead, Allan Grice, Chris Grice & Kevin Lindeberg

If there's one word that describes Allan Grice, it's character. Over the many years we've known each other, he's never failed to make me laugh with his one-liners and turns of phrase.

I've always held Allan in high esteem for the fact he was willing to bite the bullet and have a go at racing in Europe and America. It takes a lot of commitment to do that. His plan to tackle the European Touring Car Championship in 1986 with a Commodore run under the Australian National Motor Racing Team banner was ambitious. I was one of the drivers listed on the initial roster, though I don't recall knowing about it before it was announced. Allan is a bit of a believer in 'don't ask permission, seek forgiveness afterwards!'

We were teammates during my time in V8s with Glenn Seton Racing. Allan was recruited to co-drive at Sandown and Bathurst with Glenn in 1995, but during the weekend at Bathurst, Glenn decided to switch Allan into my car. There was a lot of politics involved, and I don't recall all the details, but it worked out well for Allan. Seto's car blew up when he was leading with only a few laps to go, and ours soldiered on to finish second.

The next year I started my own team, and it was only natural that I wanted Allan to be a part of it. We had a great car there, and we were leading early when it caught fire. It still amazes me today when top-level drivers say the car didn't suit them and all the rest of it. Maybe some cars don't suit you as much as others, but if you're a racing driver, you adapt to it. Allan was good at that.

No matter what car he was in, he'd drive very hard. He was aggressive but calculated, and he gave a lot more thought to what was going on than people credit him with. You don't achieve what Allan did in motor racing without being a very good operator.

Alan Jones MBE

1980 Formula 1 World Champion



LIFE'S ABOUT SETTING PRIORITIES...



"...For goodness sake Henry, forget about the state of my hemorrhoids, and think about us!!"

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Wellbeing WRAP UP



Sleeping Soundly

It is a common experience that a problem difficult at night is resolved in the morning after the committee of sleep has worked on it. (Steinbeck)

Sleep is critical for physical and mental wellness, yet many struggle for the quality and quantity to maintain wellbeing. Inadequate sleep is linked to diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity, alcohol/drug use, anxiety and depression. Poor sleep impacts memory, concentration, driving, and work. A poor sleep cycle starts for various reasons, and might be maintained if efforts aren't made to change. It is frustrating trying to resume a sleep routine, but it is worth the effort for you and others around you.

Going to bed and rising at regular times, every day, strengthens the circadian rhythm and leads to improved sleep and alertness. Correct light and dark reinforces a sleep schedule; natural light during the day, and a very dark room for sleep. Caffeine, alcohol, chocolate, spicy foods, and nicotine interrupt sleep. If after 30 minutes of being awake you feel frustrated because you can't sleep, get out of bed, do something boring until tired, then go back to bed.

Keep the bedroom for sleep and sex, not for TV, phones or computers. Regular daily exercise early in the day may be useful, and some exercise in the late afternoon or early evening can deepen sleep. However, strenuous exercise just before bed can disturb sleep. A poor mattress, pillow, sheets or bed frame can result in discomfort, tossing and turning; also consider temperature control (approximately 20C to 25C is ideal for older adults).

Stress is the enemy of quality sleep. Writing notes and plans for the next day will clear your mind. Set aside worry time if necessary. Watching the clock increases anxiety and disturbs sleep. Put the clock on the floor out of sight; you will still hear the morning alarm.

Best wishes for your 8 hours of sleep, when you wake well-rested, have enough energy for the day, and don't need aides to sleep or stay alert, and an occasional afternoon nap is probably okay!

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HUMOUR

provided by Nev O'Brien



The people who make fitted sheets need to sit down with the people who make mattresses and get on the same page.

Making the bed shouldn't be like putting a swimming cap over a fridge.

The official sports drink when I was a kid



Whoever lost the iPhone 15 pro max outside the dollar store about a 30 mins ago please stop calling my new phone.



1978	2023
Long hair	Longing for hair
8 Tracks	Cataracts
KEGs	EKGs
Streaking	Leaking
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Seeds and stems	Fiber
Stayin' Alive (the song)	Stayin' Alive (the goal)
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Bell bottoms	Big bottoms
Disco	Costco
Whatever	Depends
Rock n' roll all night	Sleep through the night
Think you know everything	Think you know your name

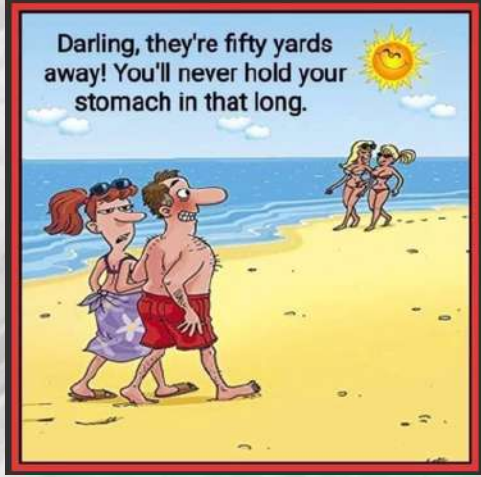
Wife: You'll be so proud of me. I saved \$9 at Costco.

Me: How much did you spend?

Wife: \$600

IT AMAZES ME
HOW MUCH EXERCISE
AND EXTRA FRIES
SOUND ALIKE





I finally realized it!



People are prisoners of their phones. That's Why they are called cell phones!



A college class was told they had to write a short story in as few words as possible. The instructions were: The short story had to contain the following three things:

- (1) Religion
- (2) Sexuality
- (3) Mystery

Below is the only A+ short story in the entire class.

"Good God, I'm pregnant; I wonder who did it."



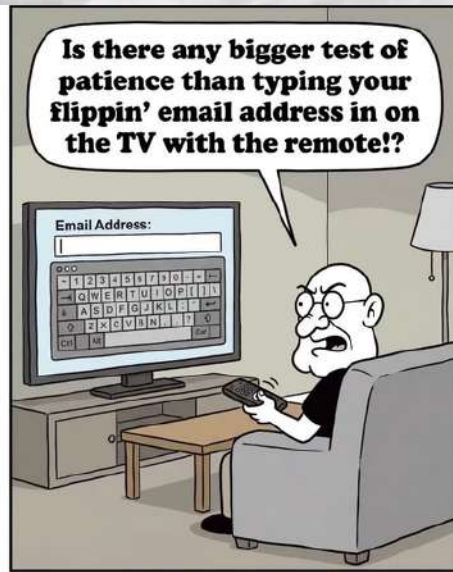
Special shout out to people at the laundromat using their new iPhone 15.

You could've bought a washer & dryer for the same price.



SENIOR CITIZEN TEXTING CODE

- TTYL** TALK TO YOU LOUDER
- FWIW** FORGOT WHERE I WAS
- BYOT** BRING YOUR OWN TEETH
- BFF** BEST FRIEND FELL
- OMSG** OH MY! SORRY, GAS
- TOT** TEXTING ON TOILET
- BTW** BRING THE WHEELCHAIR



Sometimes I shock myself with the smart stuff I say & do. Then, there are times when I try to get out of the car with my seatbelt on



September 2026

Saturday September 5 NB# 2:45 for 3 pm: Arvo Entertainment Group bring a plate of food to share if interested.

"Woodworking Introduction" 8.00 am to 12.00 pm on Thursdays. The wood-shop area is **shared only** with the **wood-turning** group at these times to limit noise during instruction.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
August 31 8:00 Woodturning 8:00 Own woodwork 8:30 Laser 9:00 Metal scrolling 9:00 Cards 9:00 Chess 12:00 Toy-making	September 1 8:00 Leatherwork 8:00 Welding training 8:00 Guitar lessons (2015/18/19/20) 8:00 Own woodwork 8:30 Guitar (2021/22/24) 10:30 Jam session 12:30 Woodcarving 12:30 Guitar 1:00 HeartFIT	2 8:00 Intermediate woodwork 8:00 Karaoke 8:30 Laser 9:00 Writers 9:30 Emerging technologies (Vcarve & CNC router) 12:00 Woodturning	3 8:00 Woodturning learners 8:00 Woodworking Introduction 8:00 Welding projects 9:00 Cartooning 12:45 Carpet Bowls	4 9:00 Small engines 8:30 Laser 9:00 Art/painting 12:00 Ukulele Jam 1:00 HeartFIT (Shed Rec Rm)
7 Social Meeting <i>Community hall</i> <i>10:15 for 10:30:</i> <i>\$8 for lunch</i> <i>Guest Speaker</i>	8 8:00 Leatherwork 8:00 Welding training 8:00 Guitar lessons (2015/18/19/20) 8:00 Own woodwork 8:30 Guitar (2021/22/24) 10:00 Jam session 12:30 Woodcarving 1:00 HeartFIT	8 8:00 Intermediate woodwork 8:00 Karaoke 8:30 Laser 9:00 Writers 9:30 Emerging technologies (Vcarve & CNC router) 12:00 Woodturning 12:30 MC meeting	10 8:00 Woodturning learners 8:00 Woodworking Introduction 8:00 Welding projects 9:00 Cartooning 10:30 Cooking 12:45 Carpet Bowls	11 9:00 Small engines 8:30 Laser 9:00 Art/painting 12:00 Ukulele Jam 1:00 HeartFIT (Shed Rec Rm)
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21 8:00 Induction 8:00 Woodturning 8:00 Own woodwork 8:30 Laser 9:00 Metal scrolling 9:00 Cards 9:00 Chess 10:30 Sausage sizzle guest speaker \$5 12:00 Toy-making	22 8:00 Leatherwork 8:00 Welding training 8:00 Guitar lessons (2015/18/19/20) 8:00 Own woodwork 8:30 Guitar (2021/22/24) 10:30 Jam session 12:30 Woodcarving 12:30 Guitar 1:00 HeartFIT	23 8:00 Intermediate woodwork 8:00 Karaoke 8:30 Laser 9:00 Writers 9:30 Emerging technologies (Vcarve & CNC router) 12:00 Woodturning 1:00 WOC meeting	24 8:00 Woodturning learners 8:00 Woodworking Introduction 8:00 Welding projects 9:00 Cartooning 10:00 Native Bees 10:30 Cooking 12:45 Carpet Bowls	25 9:00 Small engines 8:30 Laser 9:00 Art/painting 12:00 Ukulele Jam 1:00 HeartFIT (Shed Rec Rm)
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