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MEMBER NEWS

The Big "A"

As the sun sinks in the west we say farewell to the Mens Shed Carina Big A .To all members involved in the project, well done!!!



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David Spillane and his band of likely lads entertained our members with an excellent selection of songs on 23 February 15. So successful was the performance that it has inspired a number of our members to form a singing interest group at the shed.





QMSA Meeting 3 February 2015.

Mal Weier chaired a meeting of QMSA sheds at our shed on 3 February 15 and by all accounts it was a great success. It also proved to be an opportunity to showcase our excellent facility.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 8 March 2015.

Thanks to all the members who contributed to the successful sausage sizzle on 8 March 15. Apparently it was a great day.

PCYC/Mens Shed Carina Initiative

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Blue Gum Activity Board

Bevan Guttormsen and Robert Tritchler handed over the finished board to a very happy and impressed lady from Blue Care recently. Well done lads.



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Author Diane Lonergan's Visit 30 March 15

Diane Lonergan visited our shed to give a talk about her book "Mavis the Amazing Tugboat". "Mavis the Amazing Tugboat" is a children's book written and published by Dianne Lonergan and her team of amazing volunteers at Mater Private Hospital Redland. It is a story of a brave river man and his tugboat Mavis who won the hearts of Australia during the Brisbane 2011 floods.

Lord Mayor's Visit

The Lord Mayor Graham Quirk and Councillor for the Doboy Ward, Ryan Murphy, visited our shed recently to show their support for what we are doing in the region.



Dennis Beck chats with the Lord Mayor



Mal chatting with the Lord Mayor and Ryan Murphy

Andrew Giblin's Visit 20 April 15

Andrew visited our shed and gave a very informative presentation on cybercrime, specifically, related to internet security. If you are after any more information on this subject you can contact Andrew or one of his colleagues at www.antifraudintl.org

Thanks Andrew and thanks to Bob for bringing Andrew along to the shed.

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Introduction of Leatherwork to the Shed

Leatherwork has been added to the list of interests available to our members at the shed.

Leather workers are meeting on Saturday mornings under the guidance of Rod so if you are interested come along.

Bridge News

New members, experienced and beginners, are invited to join the shed bridge players every Thursday morning at 9am to 12 noon at the shed.

Bridge is a card game. You are required to play your cards, and at times your partner's cards, to maximise the number of tricks

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

There is a lot of interesting stuff in this edition. The success of a newsletter/magazine depends on member input so keep it coming please. Rumour has it that Volume 1 Issue 1 of "Nuts & Bolts" sold recently for an undisclosed sum on EBay!!!

It is this time of the year that we pause to reflect on those that have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country...........LEST WE FORGET.

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taken, a skill that will stimulate your brain and your memory. The benefits include a sharper brain, greater memory function, social interaction and many pleasant hours together with other shed members. If you are a beginner, you will have the opportunity to take advantage of the bridge lessons being offered every Thursday morning.

Playing Bridge can be addictive. It has been said; that once you play bridge you will lose all interest in other card games. Becoming a master bridge player may take a lifetime but the focus with the shed bridge players is enjoyment, maintaining an active brain and developing a good memory.

Want to know more?

Speak to one the guys who have already been hooked: Julian Collis, Darryl Timms, Peter Carter, Graeme Fraser, Murray Frampton, John Carmody.

Alternately just turn up at the shed on a Thursday morning to play, to learn or to just find out what it is about.

Executive News

The donated Gazebo from Rotary will arrive soon; ideally it should have the MSC logo and name.

Upgrades within the shed workshop are nearing completion; members are encouraged to return to project work.

The Buderim Shed Expo was successful, worth attending and excellent speakers.

As the shed membership grows, there is a planning need and a review of the current procedures and processes.

Ross Weaver has verbally resigned his position as Safety Advisor. Executive approval was given to appoint Ross Foster as the shed's Safety Advisor.

Maintaining safety compliance is a constant issue requiring the attention of all shed members.

An invitation to have a MSC stall at the Carina State School Carnival has been received and accepted. A MSC stall will be at the carnival Saturday 20 June.

MSC should be represented at the AMSA conference in Newcastle, 17-20 October 2015.

Harry Dalziel Victoria Cross (article provided by Steve Dalziel)

THE life of Atherton Tableland-born soldier Sgt Henry Dalziel V.C. was nothing short of extraordinary. It is worth reading some of his life's experiences as we approach 100 year anniversary celebration in April for Gallipoli.

During World War I Dalziel captured and killed 40 Germans and was shot no less than 32 times.

In 1918, on American Independence Day (4th July), he became the 1000th Victoria Cross recipient after being shot in the head during the 'Battle of Hamel' in France.



HENRY (HARRY) DALZIEL (18 FEB 1893 - 24 JULY 1965)

Henry (or Harry as he liked to be called) Dalziel was born and educated in Irvinebank. He moved to Atherton where he was a fireman working on the Cairns to Atherton railway line when World War I broke out.

At 22, he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force on 16 January 1915. It may have been a sense of duty to the Empire, a sense of adventure, or something else that made him enlist.

Harry travelled to Brisbane by boat. In Brisbane, with reinforcements for the 15th Battalion, he embarked on the HMAT *Kyarraa A55* on 16 April 1915.

The 15th Battalion AIF was raised from late September 1914, six weeks after the outbreak of WWI.

Three quarters of the battalion were recruited as volunteers from Queensland, the

rest came from Tasmania. With the 13th, 14th and 16th Battalions, it formed the 4th Brigade commanded by Colonel John Monash.

The 4th Brigade landed at Gallipoli on 25 April. Harry joined his unit at Gallipoli in July. He served in the battle of Sari Bair in August and was eventually evacuated with his battalion to Egypt between 18-20 December. By that time 7,594 Australians had been killed and another 19,500 wounded.

On 31 May 1916, Harry sailed for France and the Western Front. Much has been made of the skill and bravery of the troops at Gallipoli, but it was on the Western Front that Australian soldiers came into their own. By then they were much more skilled in the art of warfare and their leaders were more experienced.

From then until 1918, the 15th Battalion of which Harry was a member, took part in bloody trench warfare including the Somme, at Pozieres and Mouquet Farm.



Left Harry Dalziel VC Above Harry Dalziel's Medals

In 1917 Harry saw action at Gueudecourt, Lagnicourt, Bullecourt and Messines before being wounded by shrapnel at Polygon Wood on 16 October. He resumed duty on 7 June 1918, first as a driver and then as a gunner.

It was during the Battle of Hamel on 4 July 1918, when the battalion had the important task of capturing and securing a vital position known as Pear Trench, that Harry was awarded the 15th Battalion's only Victoria Cross for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty.

When his battalion's advance met with strong resistance from a heavily armed enemy garrison at Pear Trench, Harry, as second member of a Lewis-gun team, helped his partner to silence machine-gun fire.

When fire opened up from another post, he dashed forward and, with his revolver, killed or captured the crew and gun, thus allowing the advance to proceed. During his action the tip of his trigger finger was shot away. He was ordered to the rear, but instead continued to serve his gun in the final storming of Pear Trench.

Although again ordered back to the aid post, he began taking ammunition up to the front line, continuing to do so until he was shot in the head.

Harry's citation concluded with "His magnificent bravery and devotion to duty was an inspiring example to all his comrades, and his dash and unselfish courage at a most critical time undoubtedly saved many lives, and turned what could have been a severe check into a splendid success." Harry's VC was one of two awarded at Hamel.

Harry's wound was so severe that his skull was smashed and brain exposed. He was sent to England where he was given extensive treatment.

When he was well enough, he returned to Australia aboard the *Kanowna* at the beginning of 1919. Harry returned to Brisbane for medical treatment, in April 1920.

During long periods of hospitalisation, Harry developed an interest in song writing and some of his songs including *A Song of the Tableland* and *Love Time*, *Merry Love Time* were published in the 1930s.

Harry died of a stroke on 24 July 1965 at Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital. He was cremated with full military honours. The hospital where he died now has a Harry Dalziel VC Dialysis Centre that opened in 2004.

Harry's VC was the 4th won by a Queenslander during WWI. A group of six of Dalziel's medals, including the VC, was purchased by Kerry Stokes in 2010 and donated to the War Memorial, Canberra.

Remembrance Day (poem provided by Dante Ballarino) Remember Me (the voice of the dead)

Remember me Duty called and I went to war Though I'd never fired a gun before I paid the price for your new day As all my dreams were blown away.

Remember me

We all stood true as whistles blew And faced the shell and stench of Hell Now battle's done, there is no sound Our bones decay beneath the ground We cannot see, or smell, or hear There is no death, or hope or fear

Remember me

Once we, like you, would laugh and talk And run and walk and do the things that you all do But now we lie in rows so neat Beneath the soil, beneath your feet

Remember me

In mud and gore and the blood of war We fought and fell and move no more Remember me, I am not dead I'm just a voice within your head.

Harry Riley

Building Phoenix 111 (the third in a series of articles by Roy Gellweiler

Now in the last instalment, I had just finished making all the components and was ready to start building the hull. While there are different methods of building the hull, this particular boat is built upside down on a mould. The mould is disposable, and can be made out of various materials, but I chose to make mine out

of MDF. Photo 1

I had such success with having the plywood parts cut on the CNC machine, I decided to go down that route again with the mould. I used 2 sheets of 25mm and 4 sheets of 16mm MDF for the mould, and again drew up all the parts in Sketchup, and then produced the required files for the router. My mould design uses interlocking parts, (Pic) and because of the stability of MDF compared to most other types of timber or



ply, the tolerances can be fairly tight. The CNC operators gave me advice that an allowance of 0.3mm would give a good tight fit and they were pretty right. If I did it again, I might make

the allowance slightly bigger, but it all worked pretty well.

I designed the mould so that it was easy to get underneath to clean up, as you can see in Photo 2

Now the thing is, when you already have a piece of MDF sitting on the CNC router table, it really makes little difference to what parts you cut, so I decided to use the waste spaces to make





some clip on shelves to hold things, as horizontal space is always at a premium. I made some that allowed me to store long pieces, like the spars, on the side of the mould, and some that I could put tools and glue etc. on. I also made pieces to support the hull once it is turned over. Photos 3 & 4

The trouble is, where do you stop!

This all worked fantastically, and in this Pic you can see the mould fully assembled, with the inner stem also in place. You can see the MDF moulds with black plastic tape over the outer edges to stop the planks sticking to the mould, and also the permanent ply bulkheads, which have no tape, as in this case, the planks do need to be glued to the bulkheads. Photo 5





The way the boat is designed, the edge of each plank lines up with the facets on the moulds and bulkheads, and one problem I hadn't anticipated was that because there was no marking out lines on the moulds, it was quite difficult to determine accurately where the actual corner was. It was OK where there was a sharp angle between facets, but where the angle is shallow, it proved very difficult. I therefore had to take off all that black tape and accurately mark the

exact corners with a chisel mark, using measurements from the CAD program.

At this stage, I was so happy with the results from the CAD/CNC stuff that I decided to take it one step further. It is impractical to actually cut the planks on a CNC router for two reasons. One is that ply only comes in 2.4m lengths, so you need to join two pieces of ply end to end, and the other is that the CNC router bed where I have them cut cannot cut parts that long. I decided I would make paper patterns for the planks, glue them to the plywood, and cut them out with a jigsaw. **Photo 6**

Now this probably goes against the tradition of centuries of boat-building, but I ploughed on regardless. The usual method of making a pattern for the planks is a method called spiling. There are different ways you can do this, but they all involve taking measurements from the actual mould, and producing a wooden pattern, which is then used to mark out the actual ply.

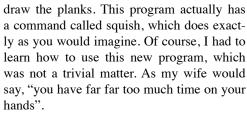
First however, I had to join the sheets lengthwise, and this requires the end of the sheets be cut at a 6:1 ratio angle. While Ross recommended that this be done with a handplane, I made a jig to do it with a router, and this worked OK.

You can see the sloping side on the jig, and I had a cross piece (not shown) which the router attached to, and this did the trick. You need to make the cross slide quite robust, and if I did it again, I would use steel, as the cross piece did sag a little bit in the middle.

The shape of the plank needs to be transformed from the 3D shape on the boat to a 2D shape on the ply, and this means that the plywood has to deform. Bending the ply means that one side has to compress and the other side expand, or some combination of both. I did some research, and this indicated that plywood basically cannot stretch at all, and nearly all the deformation takes place by compression. Now this is where I ran up against the limitations of Sketchup, as while it is a 3D program, curves are not its strong point. I therefore got a free 30day trial of a much more sophisticated CAD program, and used this to







The squish command is sophisticated enough that you can specify whether the deformation takes place via compression or stretching, or some combination, and I figured that as I was modelling it in the compressed position, then when it was squished, it should deform by stretching. **Photo 7**

I drew up the paper patterns, and had them printed at a bureau for a couple of bucks. I was also conscious that paper is not that stiff, so to help with alignment, so I also had a straight line printed down the middle of the pattern, and I used a stringline to align it on the plywood sheet.

Now I wish there was a happy ending to this story, but I have to report that it was a complete and utter failure. With the use of major force via clamps, I was able to get the plank on the mould, but it had wavy ripples along much of it, (Pic) and with great disappointment, I realised I would have to scrap it and start again. I still don't really know where the problem was, but when I eventually did produce a good plank and compared it to the pattern, it was about 70mm out, so I was not even close. I resolved not to be quite so adventurous in the future, and decided I would use Ross's recommended methods in future. **Photo 8**

His method of spiling uses battens which you tack along the top and bottom of the planks, and Ross uses a hot glue gun to glue little pieces of ply between the battens. You then remove the pattern and use this to cut out the ply. It works really well, as you first





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trim around the pattern roughly with a jigsaw, and then use a flush trim router bit to cut exactly to the pattern. No finishing required. I didn't have a hot glue gun, but I do have a small nail gun, so instead of gluing it, I nailed the ply cross pieces to the battens using nails. The resulting plank fitted very well, and after gluing this in place, I embarked on the second plank with renewed confidence, as supposedly this first plank is the hardest one to fit. **Photo 9**

My newfound confidence was misplaced however, because when I fitted the second plank, I found it didn't fit at all, and I was completely devastated. I realised what was wrong – the nails hadn't held the pattern firmly enough, and the pattern

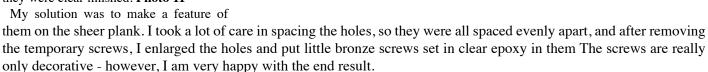
had "sprung" as I took it off the mould. I realised that this second plank would have to be redone too, and I was starting to lose confidence. I doubly resolved to follow instructions more closely.

After that, I used both glue and nails on the pattern, and had no further problems. I was running out of ply however, but I did manage (just) to make the third plank out of the remains of scrapped planks 1 & 2. Planks 4 and 5 went on with no more problems, and I managed to make all the planks without buying more ply. **Photo 10**

Making the pattern for each plank probably only takes an hour or two, and with all the time I spent

drawing up patterns, learning how to use the new CAD program, driving halfway across town to get the paper patterns printed, not to mention the time to make two new planks, countless hours had been wasted on this failed experiment.

With all the planks on, it was time to fit the gunwales, outer stem and outer keel and skeg, and at this stage the boat was ready for painting. I had decided I would paint most of the boat, but would have a clear finish on the sheer strake. The planks overlap each other by 15mm, and the method I used to clamp the edge of one plank to the previous one while the glue sets was to use temporary screws, as you need lots of special clamps if you don't want to have screw holes. These screw holes aren't a problem if you are painting the boat, as you just fill the holes with epoxy and paint over them, but they could look unsightly if they were clear finished. Photo 11



At this stage the boat is ready to be turned over to fit the deck etc., and that will be the subject of the next instalment. However, that could be a while off yet, as I have now "caught up" and as of Feb 14, that is the stage I am at. **Photo 12**









Member Profile - John Abbott

It all began with my paternal grandfather Albert who had a general store at Queen Camel in Somerset UK .and he heard the call to greater riches in Australia.



My grandfather's shop at Queen Camel UK, circa 1910.

He purchased a store at Caroona which is about 70Ks south west of Tamworth. It has about six houses in the village and an Aboriginal Mission nearby. This is a photo of the house they lived in with his wife, daughter and my father.

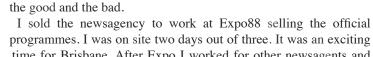
Dad trained as a foundry worker but continued operating the store and started a carrying business as well.

I was born in 1941 and have

many fond memories of country life. The family moved to Sydney in 1950 and after finishing school I worked in the insurance industry, where I met my wife Brenda. Our first four years of marriage were spent at Young in NSW and I was involved with the local Apex club. One of the residents of Young at that time was a person known to many as "Rabbit" Warren.

I left the insurance industry and returned to Sydney and in partnership with my brother started a building and real estate business. Following the financial mess of the early 70's we came to Brisbane and purchased a mixed business in Riding Rd. (How

that area has changed in the last 40 years). After four years we then purchased the Mater Hill News and for nine years visited the 'Mater' every day with the papers, magazines and sweets. I would suggest every person



should volunteer in a hospital to experience life's ups and downs,

time for Brisbane. After Expo I worked for other newsagents and then purchased a Licensed Post Office at Sunnybank Hills.

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Whilst there I came in contact with a Uni student and after selling the P.O. helped him to develop a business which is now Australia wide and known as Mail Plus.

My wife and I have two sons and a daughter and now eight grandchildren with another on the way.

My daughter wanted to travel and work in the UK so off she went, married a pom, and they are now living at Windsor 'L', with three children. We have travelled there several times and try to arrange other holiday destinations in the northern hemisphere at the same time.

With our daughter working at Australia House she arranged for us to be invited by the Queen to attend her Garden Party at

Buckingham Palace in May 2012. What a way to celebrate our 45th Wedding Anniversary.

As you can see I have not had any culinary experience and do not deserve the title 'Cordon Bleu' chef. I do my best to make the membership of the CMS a pleasant experience for all.

In the background of this photo of John Abbott, taken 2011, is the house he lived in which his father built beside the old shop at Caroona.



The shop grandfather bought in Caroona NSW when he migrated in 1912, as per photo family history circa 1920.





Above: A family history photo, taken in 2013, of the Manor House built in the 1500's at Idbury UK at which Brenda's grandmother was born prior to the family emigrating in 1913.



John and Brenda Abbott at Buckingham Palace

AMSA News A 20-MINUTE WALK EVERY DAY COULD SAVE **YOUR LIFE**

3 Feb 2015

A lack of exercise may be twice as likely to lead you to an early death than being obese, a new study by University of Cambridge scientists suggests.

The researched looked at 334,161 Europeans with an average age of 50, and found that those who engaged in a little bit of exercise - even just a brisk 20-minute-walk daily - were 16 to 30 percent less likely to die prematurely than people who were sedentary.



"What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"

DO PEOPLE SHRINK WITH AGE? 13 Feb 2015

It turns out age-related shrinking isn't a myth: people do tend to get shorter with age, says Professor Barbara Workman, Director of the Monash Ageing Research Centre (MON-ARC). Workman says one of the main causes is that people can develop thinning of the intervertebral discs in their back - spongy structures that act as shock absorbers and aid mobility of the spine. They are slotted between the bones (vertebrae) in the spinal column.

Learn more about it at ABC Health and Wellbeing.

THE SHADY TRUTH ABOUT SHADE

16 Feb 2015

When it comes to choosing shade to protect you from UV, there's more to it than meets the eye. This is because ultraviolet radiation reaches your skin in two ways:

directly, as radiation from the sun,

indirectly, as radiation that's been reflected from the atmosphere above, and/or bounced back from surfaces such as sand, concrete or even grass.

Learn more about it at ABC Health and Wellbeing.

5 WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR MEMORY

19 Feb 2015

Losing keys, forgetting names and not remembering important information for work or study? For most of us, memory lapses aren't a sign of a serious illness but they are nonetheless frustrating.

There are strategies that we can all use to improve memory. Some include paying attention and avoiding distractions, write down new information and grouping things together.

Learn more at about improving your memory at ABC Health and Wellbeing

MEDICINES CAN MAKE SKIN MORE SENSITIVE TO THE SUN

25 Feb 2015

Many medicines can make skin sun-sensitive, even after only brief exposure to the sun. This is called photosensitivity and means that if you expose your skin to the sun while using one of these medicines, you could have an adverse skin reaction. An awareness of how your medicines affect your skin in important in the summer season.

For more information visit http://www.nps.org.au/medi-ntm. cines-and-sun-sensitivity

HEALTH AND WELFARE CORNER

(article provided by Kevin Searle)

Heart Foundation (Healthy Eating)

Healthy eating and drinking is an important part of looking after your health. Here are some easy tips to help you follow a healthy balanced diet.

Make plant base foods the main part of each meal. Include vegetables, wholegrains, lean meat, oily fish, fruit, low reduced or no fat dairy, vegetable and seed oils, nuts, seeds and legumes.

Include five serves of vegies and two serves of fruit per day.

Wholegrain breads, breakfast cereals, pasta noodles and rice.

Twice a week, baked beans, kidney beans, three bean mix, dried peas, chick peas and lintels.

Fats are important in your diet but choosing the healthier unsaturated fats and trans fats will reduce the risk of heart diseases.

Choose vegetable and seed oils such as canola, sunflower, soy bean, olive, sesame and peanut oils when preparing foods and also for salad dressings and mayonnaise.

Two or three serves per week of 250 grams of fish as well as fish oil capsules, omega3 enriched foods and drinks to assist omega3 intake.

Select lean meat and chicken and limit things like sausages, salami and other forms of deli meats, liver, kidney and pate.

Limit intake of foods such as pasties, pies, pizza, fried and battered fish, hamburgers, hot chips and creamy pasta dishes to once a week.

Healthier intake would include sushi, sashimi, Asian stir fries, tomato based pasta dishes and grilled fish. Eggs can also be included in a healthy balanced diet two or three times a week.

Healthy snacks could include raw vegies, fresh fruit, unsalted nuts and rice cakes. Limit such things as crisps, cakes, pastries, biscuits, lollies and chocolate.

Choose mainly water to drink, cold if available as it is absorbed into the system more quickly. Limit drinks such as soft drink, sports drinks, fruit juice drinks and cordials. Drink coffee and tea in moderation and choose low or no fat milk if used.

Alcohol is meant to be enjoyed so drink responsibly and never to excess.

Exercise is a necessary part of a healthy lifestyle so if that is not a part of your lifestyle perhaps you could give thoughtful consideration to joining the shed exercise group which meets each Monday and Wednesday at 12 noon with a cost of \$5 per day.

GREY NOMADS COLUMN (article provided by Bob Ikin)

My wife and I went on a road trip from 16th March to 18th April 15. The trip took in a number of NSW towns and cities and we also spent a week in Canberra. I have an interest in history so I have always liked visiting Port Macquarie, not to mention its beaches. Also, if you like a drop of red, Mudgee and Orange have numerous wineries to visit and excellent produce to sample. On to Cowra with the main purpose to visit the Prisoner of War memorial site which is very well done and well worth the visit. Our main objective was to spend at least a week in Canberra and this was our next stop. I was stationed in Canberra in the late 70s/early 80s so we had a few old friends to catch up with and we wanted to spend a couple of days at the War Memorial which has had recent renovations to coincide with the World War 1 centenary. I have visited the Imperial War Museum in London a couple of times and in my opinion our war memorial is at least as good if not better than that museum. We also visited the National Art Gallery and visited the NASA Tidbinbilla space facility which was excellent. Finishing the journey we also spent time at Mittagong in the NSW Southern Highlands, Sydney and Inverell. Inverell is well worth a visit with an excellent pioneer village and transport museum.

I also took the opportunity to drop into the Kandos Men's Shed and met Fred Hoy the President. Fred made me most welcome and he gave me a bit of a rundown on their operation. Their shed is an old railway workers shed which is owned by NSW Rail, leased to the local council then leased to the men's shed.



Kandos has to pay all costs e.g. rates, electricity and lease costs. The shed is about 75% the size of our new shed and houses their total facility (workshop, smoko room and kitchen). I came away realising that we are extremely well off in our shed.

PUZZLES, JOKES AND TRIVIA

What's Your Age?

All these things end with "age"......GOOD LUCK!!

1.	A Dwelling	age
2.	A Vehicle Shelter	age
3.	A Shocking Measure	age
4.	A Holey Game	age
5.	Depends on the Grape	age

IQ Test

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Mystery Object



Did you hear about the thoughtful Scottish Husband?

He was putting his coat and hat on to make his way down to the local pub,

He turned to his wee wife before leaving and said, 'Maggie - put your hat and coat on, lassie.'

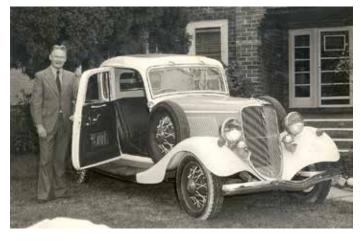
She replied, 'Awe Jock that's nice - are you taking me tae the pub with you?'

'Nay,' Jock replied 'I'm switching the heating off while I'm out.'



Believe it or Not

Did Australia really invent the ute? Was it really designed by Ford Australia's Lou Bandt in 1933? There is a school of thought that suggests it was imported from Canada.



Is Sex Work?

An Infantry Major was about to start the morning briefing to his staff.

While waiting for the coffee machine to finish its brewing, the Major decided to pose a question to all assembled.

He explained that his wife had been a bit frisky the night before and he failed to get his usual amount of sound sleep.

He posed the question of just how much of sex was "work" and how much of it was "pleasure?"

A Captain chimed in with 75-25% in favour of work.

A Lieutenant said it was 50-50%.

A 2nd Lieutenant responded with 25-75% in favour of pleasure, depending upon his state of inebriation at the time.

There being no consensus, the Major turned to the Private who was in charge of making the coffee.

What was his opinion?

Without any hesitation, the young Private responded, "Sir, it has to be 100% pleasure."

The Major was surprised and, as you might guess, asked why? "Well, sir, if there was any work involved, the officers would have me doing it for them"

The room fell silent.

God Bless the lower ranks.

Golf Caddy Jokes





Answer to Mystery Object

The type of shoe worn by German soldiers to reduce noise when tunnelling in World War 1. .