

NUTS & BOLTS



*'Every man needs
a shed'*

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Message from the Editor

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I have just realised this is my 9th edition of Nuts & Bolts and in a month or so I will be starting my fifth year with the shed. I would like to acknowledge the support I have had since joining the shed and the contributions of articles and jokes for the newsletter.

Please enjoy this first Nuts & Bolts for 2019, the Chinese Year of the Pig.

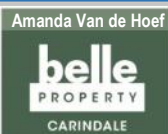
*"The trouble ain't that there is too many fools,
but that the lightning ain't distributed right".
Mark Twain*



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Member's News



Shed Christmas Lunch 2018 Friday 14 December 2018

The breezy back deck of Carina Bowls Club was the best place to be, to enjoy another excellent Christmas lunch and while away a few hours with our mates on a very hot December afternoon. Invited guests attending the lunch included shed patron Dr. Bill Glasson, Sgt. Dave Beard from Carindale PCYC, and former shed member Gordon Ekin. As always, another great day out organized by Brian O'Rourke.

Member's News

Carina Leagues Club Christmas Charity Raffle

The Carina Leagues Club Christmas Raffle (a box-trailer loaded with over \$2000 worth of goodies) was drawn on Sunday 16th December, no one from the shed held the winning ticket, but Roger Appleby would like to give a big thankyou to everyone who helped make the Trailer Raffle a great success , we raised \$1280 in funds for the shed. Many thanks also to Carina Leagues Club for providing this great fund raising opportunity for local community groups each year.

Shed Breakup BBQ **Friday 21 December 2018**

Many thanks go to Eddie for organizing and cooking up a storm, for the Shed Breakup BBQ.



Australia Day BBQ Lunch

Friday 25 January 2019

Our shed enjoyed another great Aussie Day lunch, this year. Dennis Beck recited some Banjo Paterson, Noel Hohenhaus read a bush yarn and the Corrugated Shedders debuted their soon to be recorded first single. Culinary excellence as always, from the catering team, of John Abbott, Peter Carter, Adrian McDonnell, Roger Appleby, Eddie Haselich, Freddy Butler. Ross Allan's home baked apple-pie topped-off a great day.



Member's News



BCC Carindale Library Visit 04 February 2019

Sonia Parker from the Carindale Library outlined some of the services available from the Brisbane City Council's, 33 libraries:

- borrow books , music downloads, video etc
- computer training, using social media, iPad
- free hire of meeting rooms for non-profit community groups
- children activities particularly in holiday periods
- reading groups, gardening workshops, craft workshops
- library staff can source materials from any of the 33 council libraries

Thanks again Sonia.

Carina Police Station Visit 11 February 2019

Sen Sgt Brendan Jorgensen from Carina Police visited the shed to talk about the things you can do to improve your home security and safety:

- External doors should be solid and fitted with deadlocks
- Install a door viewer to see the person before you open door
- Do not leave keys in widow locks as intruders will break the glass to unlock your windows
- Ensure trees and shrubs are trimmed to allow visibility
- Secure garden tools and ladders
- Install security lighting and sensor lights
- Install smoke detectors and have a fire escape plan.

Thanks again Brendan for providing such useful advice.



Mystery Shed Member?

Can you recognise our mystery shed member?

This picture was taken around 1955 when he was about 8 years old. The model boat he is holding may give you a clue.

Answer: Puzzles, Jokes & Trivia page

Member's News

Shed News from the Nuts & Bolts Archive - July 2015

How do you cut a Lawn Bowl in Half?

Our shed was recently asked to assist in making some trophies for the Belmont Bowls Club. These trophies are for the junior bowlers. We took on the task, which presented some challengers. How do you cut a lawn bowl in half?

The challenge was solved by turning two wooden plates to replicate the shape of the lawn bowl and then sticking the bowl to these plates with double sided sticky tape. The bowls were then able to be safely held while cutting through the middle on the band saw. These half bowls were then mounted on wooden stands. When these were complete the trophies looked a treat and were proudly accepted by the Bowls Club and the junior bowlers.



Some important dates leading up to Men's Health Week 2019

Keep an eye on the notice board for upcoming guest speakers. Executive Committee meetings will be held on first Wednesday of the month and a new fundraiser the Meat Tray Raffle, will be held on last Monday of each month.

Mon-Fri 25 - 29 March	Glamper's Trip to Esk
Saturday 30 March	1 st Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Cannon Hill
Friday 19 April	Good Friday
Monday 22 April	Easter Monday
Thursday 25 April	Anzac Day
<i>Sunday 28 April</i>	<i>Morningside Art Market - potentially</i>
Monday 6 May	Labour Day (QLD)
10 th -16 th June	Men's Health Week – Expo & shed open days Sat 15 th Sun 16 th

Yarns & Bush Poetry

The updated version of "Clancy of the Overflow" and "A Bush Christening", both Banjo Paterson classics, got such a good response from the audience at the Australia Day Lunch when recited by Dennis Beck, I have provided the words for anyone who may have missed the lunch.

CLANCY OF THE OVERFLOW (Updated)

I had written him a text which I'd sent, hoping the next time
He came in mobile coverage, he'd have time to say hello.
But I'd heard he'd lost his iPhone, so I emailed him from my smart phone,
Just addressed, on spec, as follows: clancy@theoverflow.

And the answer redirected wasn't quite what I'd expected
And it wasn't from the shearing mate who'd answered once before.
His ISP provider wrote it and verbatim I will quote it:
'This account has been suspended: You won't hear from him anymore.'

In my wild erratic fancy, visions come to me of Clancy:
Out of reach of mobile coverage where the Western rivers flow.
Instead of tapping on the small screen, he'd be camping,
by the tall green river gums, a pleasure that the town folk never know.

Well, the bush has friends to meet him, but the rest of us can't greet him:
Out there, even Telstra's network doesn't give you any bars.
He can't blog the vision splendid of the sunlit plains extended
Or tweet the wondrous glory of the everlasting stars.

I am sitting at the keyboard, I'm too stressed out to be bored
As I answer all the emails by the deadlines they contain.
While my screen fills with promotions for 'Viagra' and strange potions
And announcements of the million-dollar Prizes I can claim.

But the looming deadlines haunt me and their harassing senders taunt me
That they need response this evening for tomorrow is too late!
But their texts, too quickly ended, often can't be comprehended
For their writers have no time to think they have no time to wait.

And I sometimes rather fancy that I'd like to trade with Clancy:
Just set up an email bouncer Saying 'Sorry, had to go.'
While he faced an inbox jamming up with deadlines and with spamming
As he signed off every message: clancy@theoverflow.

-with apologies to A.B. ("Banjo") Paterson

Poems of A. B. ("Banjo") Paterson - continued

A Bush Christening

On the outer Barcoo where the churches are few,
 And men of religion are scanty,
 On a road never cross'd 'cept by folk that are lost
 One Michael Magee had a shanty.

Now this Mike was the dad of a ten-year-old lad,
 Plump, healthy, and stoutly conditioned;
 He was strong as the best, but poor Mike had no rest
 For the youngster had never been christened.

And his wife used to cry, "If the darlin' should die
 Saint Peter would not recognize him."
 But by luck he survived till a preacher arrived,
 Who agreed straightaway to baptize him.

Now the artful young rogue, while they held their colloque
 With his ear to the keyhole was listenin';
 And he muttered in fright, while his features turned white,
 "What the devil and all is this christenin'?"

He was none of your dolts -he had seen them brand colts.
 And it seemed to his small understanding,
 If the man in the frock made him one of the flock,
 It must mean something very like branding.

So away with a rush he set off for the bush,
 While the tears in his eyelids they glistened-
 "Tis outrageous," says he, "to brand youngsters like me;
 I'll be dashed if I'll stop to be christened!"

Like a young native dog he ran into a log,
 And his father with language uncivil,
 Never heeding the "praste", cried aloud in his haste
 "Come out and be christened, you divil!"

But he lay there as snug as a bug in a rug,
 And his parents in vain might reprove him,
 Till his reverence spoke (he was fond of a joke)
 "I've a notion," says he, "that'll move him.

"Poke a stick up the log, give the spaleen a prog;
 Poke him aisy-don't hurt him or maim him;
 'Tis not long that he'll stand, I've the water at hand,
 As he rushes out this end I'll name him.

"Here he comes, and for shame! ye've forgotten the name-
 Is it Patsy or Michael or Dinnis?"
 Here the youngster ran out, and the priest gave a shout-
 "Take your chance, anyhow, wid 'Maginnis!' "

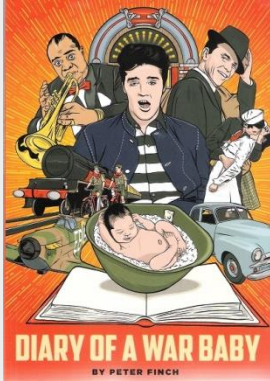
As the howling young cub ran away to the scrub
 Where he knew that pursuit would be risky,
 The priest, as he fled, flung a flask at his head
 That was labelled "Maginnis's Whisky!"

Now Maginnis Magee has been made a J.P.,
 And the one thing he hates more than sin is
 To be asked by the folk, who have heard of the joke,
 How he came to be christened Maginnis!

Diary of a War Baby

Shed member Peter Finch has kindly provided me with a copy of his self-published life story titled "Diary of a War Baby". As Peter was born in England in 1940, this book provides first-hand experience of growing up in war time and the post war shortages. It also highlights his experiences in Australia after he migrated to Australia with his newly-wed wife in 1963. I will provide a few extracts over the next few issues.

Preface



I am writing this for several reasons, and to leave something of my life behind.

When my brother Alan, cousins Chris and Grieg started researching our family trees, we all realised we should have done this whilst more of our parents, aunts & uncles were still alive.

Then there are the times I have visited England with my three daughter's. My cousins children, at least when they were all younger, seemed to me to look at them as if they were from another planet, I know some of you would say we are!!.

Lastly I have a need to put in writing my life, the life of a war baby as my generation has been overlooked by the interest in "baby boomers" a much exaggerated group of people

I started my life in a war, was bombed, evacuated to Aylesbury early 1944, moved to Glasgow early 1946 and in 1963 was a £10 pom, that's what Aussies called us migrants.

My dad Walter Charles Finch was born on the 9th October 1915 at Laindon Essex. My mum Joan Patricia Finch (nee Newby) was born on the 19th October 1915 at Highgate Islington London.

They were born in the middle of World War 1, and whilst generations were not given generational names then, they were war babies as well. They were married on the 31st July 1938 in Ashingdon Church.

Whilst I remembered many things from my early life often these are specific events or things I did, just before I migrated to Australia Mum filled in some of the gaps, but in this book I have recorded them as I remembered them with Mum's explanation not shown separately.

If you do not know about any historical events I suggest you look them up on the web.

Health & Welfare Corner

Words of Wisdom about how to approach Old Age.

Keep a healthy life, without great physical effort. Do moderate exercise (like walking every day), eat well and get your sleep. It's easy to become sick, and it gets harder to remain healthy. That is why you need to keep yourself in good shape and be aware of your medical and physical needs. Keep in touch with your doctor, do tests even when you're feeling well. Stay informed.

Always buy the best, most beautiful items for your significant other. The key goal is to enjoy your money with your partner. One day one of you will miss the other, and the money will not provide any comfort then, enjoy it together.

Don't stress over the little things. You've already overcome so much in your life. You have good memories and bad ones, but the important thing is the present. Don't let the past drag you down and don't let the future frighten you. Feel good in the now. Small issues will soon be forgotten.

Never use the phrase: "In my time." Your time is now. As long as you're alive, you are part of this time. You may have been younger, but you are still you now, having fun and enjoying life.

Extracts from "Fifty Sheds of Grey"

Author Colin Grey has written "Fifty Sheds of Grey", a parody of the run-away best seller "Fifty Shades of Grey", here are some extracts

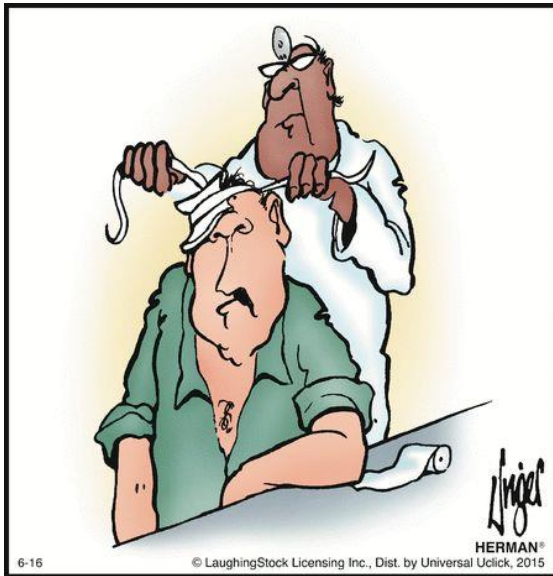


*She stood before me, trembling in my shed.
"I'm yours for the night," she gasped,
"You can do whatever you want with me."
So I took her to Bunning's.*

*We tried various positions – round the back,
on the side, up against a wall. But in the end
we came to the conclusion the bottom of the
garden was the only good place for a shed.*



Puzzles, Jokes & Trivia



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“So I said to her, ‘How about giving me something to remember you by?’”

A guy is 72years old and loves to fish. He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, 'Pick me up.' He looked around and couldn't see anyone. He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again, 'Pick me up.' He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog. The man said, 'Are you talking to me?'

The frog said, 'Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up, then kiss me; and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous, because I will be your bride!'

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully and placed it in his shirt pocket. The frog said,

'What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said?' 'Kiss me, and I will be your beautiful bride.'

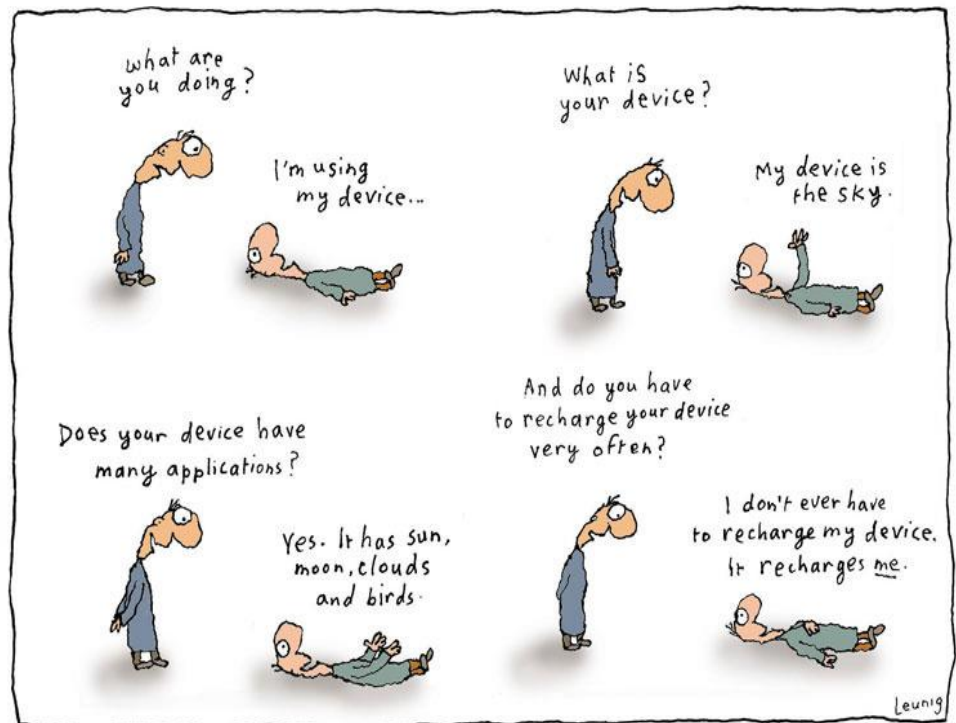
He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, 'Nah. At my age, I'd rather have a talking frog.'

With age comes wisdom

Submitted by Peter Finch



“Well, if you'd pay attention to me once in a while, I wouldn't need a cattle prod.”



A quiz for people who know everything!

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
3. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh

Puzzles, Jokes & Trivia



Mystery Shed Member
Congratulations if you worked out , it was our master model boat builder, Bevan Guttormsen.

Answers to Quiz

1. The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends: **Boxing.**
2. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: **Asparagus and rhubarb.**
8. The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh: **Lettuce.**