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IF YOU ARE NOT WELL, YOU ARE NOT WELCOME AT THE SHED!

EGM CHART

At the recent Extraordinary General Meeting the future of the Shed was the subject of discussion.

The future of the Shed requires all members to be proactive in some way, the various opportunities of how and where you may be able to assist in going forward are set out on the brain storming Chart on the right.

So, now is the time for you to give consideration of where you fit into this Chart, it may well be in more than one column, and in more than one subject. Where does your name fit in?



**WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE,
PLEASE HELP**

Uniting

Uniting War Memorial Hospital

invites you to a face-to-face seminar on

HEART HEALTH

Monday 1st September, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

War Memorial Hospital Day Centre, 125 Birrell St Waverley

- How to maintain a healthy heart
- Updated information on treatments
- Cardiac specialists from St Vincent's Hospital and Prince of Wales Hospital

Entry from 12.00pm, light lunch will be provided.

Bookings essential: Catriona 93690215

or catriona.beaumont@health.nsw.gov.au



**SAFETY IS
NO ACCIDENT**



WELCOME MARISSA

We welcome **Marissa Ely** to the WCMS Team as our **Social Media guru** to manage our Facebook and Instagram accounts..

Marissa has ten years experience as she owns her own business called Maroubra Community and has a large following on these platforms too. She has also communicated with the Australian Men's Shed Association to get information and articles to share.

In order for us to get the word out about our Men's Shed we ask that if you use social media to please follow our accounts.

Instagram: www.instagram.com/waverleymensshed

Facebook: www.facebook.com/WaverleyCommunityMensShed

Please like, comment and share our posts or tag others who may be interested.

The more you engage on posts the better it is for spreading awareness about the shed.

If you take any photos please email marissaely@gmail.com and please ensure the photos are not blurry and are accompanied with a few sentences of shedders names or what the photo is about. Always take a photo with the light behind you. One of her good tips!

Editor's Note: As requested before, please also continue to send photos and some text to the Scuttlebutt Editor (tom@aces.net.au).



At one of her attendances at the Shed, **Marissa snapped a few photos of members** enjoying the happy and relaxed atmosphere of the Waverley Shed:



There I was, riding a horse at breakneck speed with a giraffe right next to me and a lion snapping at my heels, I didn't know what to do ...

until my wife told me to get off the merry-go-round and to sober up!!



SHED GOINGS-ON (CURRENT PROJECTS ETC.)



Tom Wolf is nearing completion of his 1:350 scale model of "**HMT Dunera**" being made for display at the **Dunera Museum in Hay**. He is actually making 2 more models of this famous ship, one is already on display at the Tribute Museum at Jones Bay Wharf (left)



Peter Black is making an **entertainment unit** for his grandson (right)



Alan Rubel is busy turning a **bowl** on the lathe (left)



Gad Kainer in making a **chess-board** (right)



Harry Jacobs is making **4 vases**. Following his trip to Japan, Harry was so impressed with some vases that he saw on his holiday that he has decided to turn the vases that also feature counterweights on the underside (right)



Graham Ely is restoring an **old side-table**, first he is scraping back (right)

Sid Lewinsky's daughter commented to Sid that rather than making things for the grandchildren, he should make something for her, so he making her a **jewellery box**, helped by **Kenny Lazarus** (below left and centre)). **Sid** is also seen putting on the finishing **a pen**, closely watched by **Mo Dhanoya** (below right))



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The Shed was asked to restore a mirror with a **broken fancy frame**. **William Honeyball** was asked to do the project, **Graham Ely** is discussing the job with William (left)



Nick Tyrrell is making another speciality **charcuterie board** (left)

Kenny Lazarus has made a sled for the router, now he is helping **Peter Charlton** to make a **violin shaped charcuterie board**. (right)



Craig Rubenstein is making an **inlay table** (left)



and **Craig** has made a **backgammon box** for his wife **Helena** (right).



Peter Black is managing a team of Sheddors making **native bee boxes** for Waverley Council (left). To complete these hives, they will be filled with bamboo stalks the bees like to make their home.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE PARTY ORGANISER

I want to emphasize my gratitude to all members who contributed to all members who contributed to the success of our 12th Birthday lunch celebration.

The efficiency displayed in converting the workshop to a Restaurant and back to workshop was remarkable.

The quantity, quality and variety of dishes provided by members were of a standard that any Restaurant would be happy with.



The variety of sausages, perfectly cooked, completed a great range of food options. The team effort was very much appreciated.

Mike





OUR 12TH BIRTHDAY BASH

Report by Tom Wolf, photos by Marissa Ely

The **12th Shed birthday** celebration happened on **Wednesday, 23 July**, approximately 40 Shedders attended, and we welcomed our patron Dr Marjorie O'Neill together with representatives of the Bendigo Bank and Randwick Council. all supporters of our Shed.

Thanks to everybody who helped in setting up, and cleaning up, and a special mention must go to Mike Barker as organiser and Dave Colwell, our masterchef.

We also thank Marissa Ely, who has taken on the role of Social Media guru and welcomed all our visitors..

The quality of the food contributed by members was incredible and has never been better, Here are some photos:



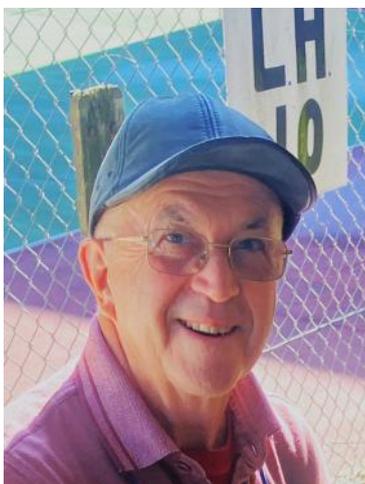
THANKS DAVE!

Photos by Tom Wolf

For the record, we appreciate **Dave Colwell** doing our cooking at the annual (mid-year) birthday parties and the Christmas parties for so many years that we have stopped counting.

Really, we have no records that indicate how long Dave has been doing the job!!

THAT'S WHAT WE CALL DEDICATION!!





GREAT WOODWORK!!

By Frank Fay

During my recent trip to the United States, I transited through the **Portland International Airport** (airport code: PDX). PDX is completing a major remodel that cost about 2 billion USD. The Port of Portland managers wanted the remodelling to reflect the people of Portland and the character of the Pacific Northwest. The highlight of the remodel is the dome-like roof over the central hub. The roof creates an expanse of nine-acres (3.6 hectares) **made entirely of wood**. 3.5 million board feet of Douglas-fir (often called Oregon pine in Australia) were used. The wood is plantation grown and locally-sourced. Much of the timber was produced by the Coquille Indian Tribe. The structure features glued laminated (glulam) beams that are more than 2 meters thick (stronger than steel, pound-per-pound). Mass plywood panels and a timber lattice are also featured. The timber lattice is intended to evoke traditional indigenous weaving. The floor is tiled with finger-joined Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) boards.



The structure is designed to withstand a 9.0 magnitude earthquake. The resulting project is now the world's largest mass-timber structure project. Wood is good! Almost any google search will give you more good pics and data, otherwise, here's a link for more info: <https://www.portofportland.com/About/Pdx>



A VISIT BY OUR BANKER

On 5th August we were pleased to welcome **Nicola Powell**, the Community Partnership Manager of the **Clovelly Community Bank**.

Nicole told the gathered Shedders about the relationship between the community and the Bank, which provides the banking services of the Bendigo Bank, but is otherwise independent and shares its profits with the Eastern Suburbs community by providing grants and funding to local groups and association. The Waverley Shed has had a special relationship with the Clovelly Bank, who have continued to be our bankers since the Shed opened in 2013.



The Clovelly Bank provided funding to establish the Shed all those many years ago, and fresh funding for \$20,000 has now been approved to assist the Waverley Shed in the move which must inevitably occur sometime very soon.

It's so beautiful, I'm left without words!



Perfect!! We'll camp here!



THE SHEDDERS AT THE FOOTY

Waverley Council kindly provided tickets for WCMS members to attend the **Roosters v. Storm** game at Alliance Stadium on 24 July 2025.

Kenny Lazarus and Tom Wolf took up the offer and were entertained by an exciting game with 11 tries scored and the margin being one unconverted try.

In the end the Storm showed why they were higher on the ladder than the Roosters scoring twice in the last 10 minutes. Kenny and Tom were joined by their wives and friends, and had an enjoyable evening (despite the scoreline).



GIRL GUIDE CAMP SIGN

Richard Cortis was asked by the **Girl Guides** to cut a steel sign for one of their campgrounds, Richard went ahead. The sign now reads:

**"BROUGH'S WAY
or the highway".**

Nice job, Richard.



BIRD OF THE MONTH (4)

Plumed Whistling Duck - *Dendrocygna eytoni*

Report and photos by Ian Dawes

Handsome duck with its upswept plumes. They are distributed fairly widely across eastern and northern Australia, and are usually found on ground next to water.

They are gregarious birds and can be present in huge numbers.



The photos left and below right were taken at Bamurru Plains, a resort located on a water buffalo farm and wetlands next to Kakadu National Park.

A prize if you can guess how many birds there are in the photo on the right. They are called whistling ducks, not because of their call, but from the noise the flock makes when they take off. .





GRAHAM ELY, O.B.E. (OVER BL__DY 80)

A cake suddenly appeared at the Waverley Shed to celebrate **Graham Ely's 80th**, the cake was large enough to satisfy the 23 Shedders who happened to attend at lunchtime on the day.



WILLIAM VISITS NARROMINE

As we know, **William Honeyball's** son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren live in Dubbo, and William visits them as often as he can. Apart from his family, Dubbo has many attractions and William often goes on excursions in the town and the surrounding area, including the small town of Narromine located a mere 40km west of Dubbo. William reports that he has visited Narromine a few times and has sought out the Narromine mens' Shed, but has not yet found it open. Maybe next time?



Every marriage has two people: usually the woman who wants to throw everything out... 🗑️ And a garbage-loving chaos goblin of a man who wants to save a piece of wood in the shed for 20 years "just in case." 🪵 😂



TRAVELLING NORTH WITH RICHARD CORTIS - Part 1

I am writing to you from **Mitchell**, QLD, where it is bright and sunny but still only five degrees outside.

After leaving Sydney, we travelled up the highway, spending the first night in **Gunnedah** where we have stayed before. We moved on to **Narrabri** and then headed west through **Wee Waa to Pilliga** where we free camped (not connected to power or water) at the **Pilliga Bore Baths**, and where we had a very relaxing soak in the natural mineral water.

Next day we moved a bit northwest to **Burren Junction** where we had another very relaxing dip. But we only stopped for another good soaking before moving on to Walgett for fuel before travelling north and west to **Goodooga**. We passed the turnoff to Lightning Ridge without visiting as we have been there a few times before. However, it remains a quirky town with lots to offer the first time visitor.

We free camped again at **Goodooga**, having another soaking in the artesian bore baths. It rained a bit in the night and more rain was forecast so we decided to move further north to sunny Queensland



which was only thirty kilometres away and a bit over forty kilometres to **Hebel**, the first habitation on entering Queensland. **Hebel** is at a road junction and has a store and coffee shop on one side of the road and the pub on the other side. The general store, apparently owned by the pub owner has expanded to include a coffee shop where, it appears, you can also buy a beer to wash it down. Recently, the back yard of the shop has been expanded into a tourist caravan park to cater for the rapidly increasing tourist trade. The pub, on the

other side of the road also doubles as the fuel stop. You pay for your fuel at the bar. The pub is probably about a hundred years old and sports a bit of historic character, making it worth a stop and look whilst you refresh with a lemon squash or perhaps a beer if you are staying overnight.

Our expectation of sunny Queensland turned out to be cold and windy with occasional rain showers so we moved on to **Dirranbandi**, a bit further into the Sunshine State where we had an early lunch at the Dirranbandi Bakery which would beat most city patisseries for range and quality. Locals call it the Russian bakery in Dirran as it is operated by a Russian couple who have imported some diverse food culture to the town. The place was very busy when we visited and the main street was full of parked caravans. When I filled with fuel, I noticed I had lost my fuel cap. Carelessness at the last place! I tried the hardware store to no avail as it has morphed into a junk shop and second hand furniture shop. Okay if you want one of those old valve radios from the early 1950s. I was directed to the Ag Store (big farm machinery parts shop) which had about an acre of every conceivable farm machinery part, including a new Diesel fuel cap.

We tried the pretty caravan park as it looked like a nice place to stay but it was booked out so we were forced to move on to **St George** which took most of the rest of the day. **St George** is a busy regional town, somewhat charmless, but there is a caravan park on the river near the



weir at one end of town and another tree shaded place at the other end, which is where we stayed and did some laundry and other essentials.

From **St. George** we moved on north in the morning, seeking warmth and that elusive sunshine, stopping in **Surat** for morning coffee. History tells us that Surat was once a Cobb & Co staging post. It is a neat and prosperous looking village

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Having just set off, we continued on northwards to **Roma** which is a big and dusty service town that serves significant local mining. We filled with fuel and moved on, turning left and heading west.

About half way to **Mitchell**, there was the village or hamlet of **Muckadilla** which had a fairly historic looking pub with a sign advertising overnight parking for caravans behind the pub.

When we arrived in **Mitchell**, QLD, we checked in to the caravan park and set up and did some laundry before having a relaxing afternoon. Mitchell has an attractive artesian pool and cafe adjacent to the main council swimming pool, so the next day, we walked across the bridge over the Maranoa River to have a soak in the pool. After soaking in the warm water for an hour or so, we had a nice kiosk lunch on the lawn beside the pool.

Sadly, the town appears to be dying with many vacant shops but a stop for a dip in the pool is highly recommended. In addition to the caravan park, just across the bridge, there is also a free camping area at the dam which is a short distance just out of town.

We moved on west to **Morven**, which has a large roadhouse with a truckies' bistro and parking for a couple of dozen road trains. We re-fuelled and had a coffee and turned north west towards **Augathella** where the road joins the highway going north from Charleville.

We did not stop but headed north to **Tambo**, a dot on the map a hundred kilometres south of Blackall. We had a great night out in Tambo where we attended the nightly *chicken races*.



Chicken races? Sometimes the outback needs to make its own fun. Every evening from 1 April to 31 October, **Ben's Chicken Racing** is held at the **Royal Carrangarra Hotel in Tambo**. The publican set up a small arena in the yard behind the pub where the races are held. There is one race daily at five o'clock. There are ten chickens, each dyed a different colour with food colouring. The publican then auctions off each chicken. The purchaser of the winning chicken gets portion of the purse and the remainder goes to support a bush children's charity. The chickens are encouraged to

race by a a toy electric car with a bucket of food on the back. Four loops of the track and the first chicken over the line behind the food car is pronounced the winner.

As soon as the race is over, people retire to the dining room to have dinner and perhaps a couple more beers. You may ask ... **Is the loser served for dinner?** The menu item read "Last night's loser", but I had fish and chips just in case!

The pub runs a courtesy bus to collect punters from the caravan park and the free camp out by the river with frequent return trips to take people home after dinner. The event is totally hilarious and is well worth the overnight stay. Tambo also has a couple of very nice cafés serving morning tea and lunch. Just as a note on local language differences, people in the bush typically call the mid day meal "Dinner", and call the evening meal "Tea" whereas city people tend to have lunch and then go home for dinner as the evening meal.

The next day we moved on to **Blackall** so we could soak up some more warm artesian spa water.

Blackall has a full size fifty metre swimming pool, widened at the turning end so you can walk in and out like you do at the beach. There is also a small spa pool that flows into the main pool and a separate, larger spa pool. At the time of our visit, the main pool was at a pleasant 35C and the big spa pool was a nice warm 34C.

Our visit coincided with an unseasonal cold snap for August with 13C air temperature accompanied by a strong wind, so we wore puffer jackets to the waters edge before taking the plunge. However, leaving the pool required substantial strength of character. We stayed in the local caravan park.

In Blackall, the town water supply is quite hot bore water but is quite soft with relatively low mineral content. The water has a slight odour which dissipated as the water cooled. So, when you go for a shower, just turn on the cold tap to enjoy a beautifully warm shower of several million year old water from the Great Artesian Basin. Tambo had a similar quality bore water supply. In other places that we visited further south, the water had a strong and persistent odour of hydrogen sulphide.

THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO COME!!



MORE TOOL & TRADIE T-SHIRTS

We have enjoyed seeing some interesting T-shirts over the years, we actually have a rule against wearing offensive garments at the Waverley Shed. It is hoped that seeing more of these will so offend you as to send us some more!!

