



WCMS NEWSLETTER

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Coming Events

January

- 6th Monday: Shed re-opens
- 9th Thursday: Committee Meeting, Lino Lunch
- 16th Thursday: Lino Lunch
- 23rd Thursday: Lino Lunch
- 27th Monday: Australia day breakfast for Members and family
- 30th Thursday: Lunch at Labor Club Stirling 12AM – Meet at club, PAYG

February

- 6th Thursday: Lino Lunch
- 13th Thursday: Committee Meeting 10AM, Lino Lunch, Guest Speaker: Ray Bak who is a firearms and ballistics expert.
- 20th Thursday: Lino Lunch
- 27th Thursday: Lino Lunch

March

- 6th Thursday: Lino Lunch
- 13th Thursday: Committee Meeting 10AM, Lino Lunch, Guest Speaker: Alan Castle: The Fairburn Air Crash
- 20th Thursday: Lino Lunch
- 22nd Saturday: Bunnings BBQ – please put you name on the whiteboard and come and help.
- 27th Thursday: Outing: Canberra Rail Museum, Lunch at Eastlakes Club

April

Nothing planned as yet.

May

- 3rd Saturday: Bunnings BBQ

President's Report

OK, so time to kick-off the new year. The calendar of events, as far as it has been organised so far, is published above. I encourage each and every one of you to come along, even for an hour on Thursday, and get involved. It's only with your involvement and support that the WCMS can continue to exist and do the good things that we have been doing, both for our own members (aka, you) and the wider community.

Sadly, we lost one of the founding members last year when John Burrowes passed away. John was instrumental in setting up the WCMS and I was thankful of his knowledge and wise advice over the last few years when it came to making changes to our Rules. RIP John.

I also know that a few other members are doing it tough at the moment, so spare a thought for your mates and give them a hand when you can. If you haven't seen "Fred" for a while, why not give him a call? Offer to pick him up one Thursday? Go to the pub and have a beer? Drop by and have a chat? As her-indoors says, "that phone works both ways, you know," when I moan about not hearing from my sisters.....

And who knows what this new year might bring? We have plans to build a large carport outside the workshop, which will give our workshop crew a bit more space and protection for those bigger jobs outside. The security lights will be upgraded and improved, they have been out of action for quite some time and having them restored will be great for our security and for anyone using the premises at night. We propose more social outings both local and a little distant: our funds now allow us the luxury of hiring one of the small buses so we can all go together as a team. Getting out to see how other sheds are operating has been interesting and fun. We will be inviting one or more of the local sheds to visit us over the next 12 months. We will also, maybe, finally, have our long-awaited garage sale. We have accumulated, acquired and accepted quite a pile of 'stuff' over the last year, and we desperately need to move it on.

Anyhow, It's a brand-new year and it's time to get the show back on the road.

See you at your Shed,



President, WCMS

Social Doings...

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Looking back over the last three months of last year, we were kinda busy!



Look at us go! Flat stick for three hours in stifling heat and 10,000 people milling around. Helping, showing, teaching kids how to make a 'beautiful' candle holder for mum or dad for Christmas. Tiring, hard work, exhausting, but loads of fun. A huge Thank You to Bunnings.

Here's the crew at Denman Prospect,



cooking up a storm for the Denman Prospect Company, who were putting on what has become the annual Christmas BBQ for the local residents.



Also a now annual event, our very own Christmas Lunch. It's so great to see so many members joining in with the cooking, cleaning and celebrating.

Another of our voluntary Community service efforts: cooking for the throng of happy fete

goers at the St John Vianney fete. Always a pleasure to be able to help out, putting something back into communities that have helped us, our children and our grandchildren.



First of the shed visits for the quarter, this is the Tarago men's Shed. They also went to the Women's Shed, so two visits for the price of one! And there was. Belconnen, which featured an "RUOK" presentation

and workshop. Hall Men's Shed also featured on our visit list. This visit was made all the more enjoyable by having our own personalised guided tour of the Hall Village School Museum, which made more than one old-boy weepy with nostalgia for the "good old days."





I totally failed to get a snap of our lads manning the Annual Coleman Court pop-up shop, once again a huge success due to the hard work that all concerned put in over the year making 'things' for sale, and of course a huge vote of thanks to Dennis for stepping up and running the show on short notice. One last snap to round the year out. One taken completely at random at the Shed where I snapped some of the men just hanging around doing the one thing, well doing several things really, that we are good at: telling lies, feeding our faces, and helping out when a

mate is indisposed. That's Bruce and Brian and John doing two of the three things, and Warren doing the other: cooking for us all while Lino is out of action with his broken wrist.

So as they say in show-biz...

That's all folks!

Brian Black
President
Weston Creek Men's Shed