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President's Report

By the time you read this, I will be on holiday, somewhere 'out there'. So, first up, a big thankyou to Pat who is 'acting-up', in Public Service parlance, for the duration. I hope he doesn't have big plans to spend the extra pay....

It's been a busy quarter with regards to visitors, starting with David Hurley who came and regaled us with the size of his continuing workload, and his hopes to become more involved with the shed in the future, when he has a bit more time. His pièce de resistance was to start waving his ceremonial sword about. A truly beautiful object made by the finest craftsman in the world and adorned with finely etched insignia, awards and heraldry to mark his time as Governor General of Australia.

Our own Terry Flanagan gave us his fascinating and quirky take on the things one would see if one travelled directly North, South, East and West from his home coupled with tales of latitude and longitude and all things geographical. Thanks Terry, we really appreciate your getting involved. Not to forget that Graeme Lacey organised for his mate Gary to come and tell us about his time as the Chief Engineer in Afghanistan, working with the Air Force to build the infrastructure need to support our military. Thanks gentlemen, this sort of involvement makes my job a whole lot easier and the result is that our shed isn't just a 'shed', it's a *great* shed and a credit to everyone.

We had a daytrip out of town to the winery at Murrumbateman where we taste-tested a few wines which were interesting, but we all had our eyes on the platter of fresh scones and jam and cream. As if we still needed feeding after this, we all trooped into the pub and devoured a full selection of pizzas.

And as you know, we did a few BBQs at Bunnings, one of them a freebie for their Trades Night. From that night we were invited to do a similar BBQ out at the Master Builders Association's training yard for their Open Day. From this we have secured a good source of timber and a few great contacts which will help our shed enormously in the future.

Also, we now have our fully signed and executed Licence (lease by any other name) for our premises for the next five years, so that's one worry we can forget about for a good while.

And in closing, I would like to say that I'm truly impressed and pleased with the number of men who turn up on a Thursday, even if we are having a 'quiet' day, and those that help out in lots of different ways. I'm even more impressed with the number of members who have not hesitated to sign up again for next year.

All of these things give me a clear indication that our shed is fulfilling its purpose in reaching out into the community and enabling all men to come and socialize with other men, and I like to think that we are helping someone, somewhere.

Well done all of you,

Cheers,
Brian Black
President

Coming Events

July

- 13th Monday 1000, Committee Meeting
- 16th Thursday 1200, Sooper Soup Day. Volunteer cooks wanted! Bill is doing Potato 'n Leak, Graham Lacey is providing Pumpkin, Mick Warke, Dutch soup surprise and Pat is on Pea 'n Ham.
- 23rd Thursday, 1200 BBQ Lunch, 1230 Member Speaker: Terry, "Cars took me there."
- 30th Thursday, John Jenkins Presents: Best of British comedy half-hour

August

- 1st Saturday Bunnings BBQ
- 6th Thursday, 1200 BBQ Lunch, 1230 Member Speaker: Alex Zvargulis, My latest guitar project.
- 13th Thursday, 1200, Guest speaker, Robert Smith, Men's Health Downunder (one time from Coolo Pharmacy): Prostate, ED, mental health, being a bloke....
- 27th Thursday, John Jenkins Presents: Best of British comedy half-hour

September

- 24th Thursday 1300, Annual General Meeting

October

- Any ideas, anyone? Outing? Show and tell? Speaker? Have-a-go hero and present something or organise something yourself?

November

- 7th Saturday Bunnings BBQ
- 19th Thursday 0930. Trip to Canberra Reptile Zoo. Bus trip, entry and show free to members, Café Injoy for lunch at members' expense (NOTE: the date may change - the Snakeman is getting married!)
- 29th Thursday 1200. Christmas Lunch at the shed.

December

- 17/18th Thursday / Friday 900 – 1600. Annual Christmas stall at Cooleman Court
- 24th Thursday 2pm. Shed Closed for Christmas, reopens Monday 4th January 2027

Garden Report

The brassicas have gone. The broad-leafed vegetables have gone. The Strawberries have gone. Only the poor old chives left all alone in that big bed. Maybe even they have been moved / tossed out by now as just before I wrote this Graeme had a pile of bags-o-poo ready to dig in. I thought his soil

was A++ Excellent already but he reminded me that to grow food takes food from the soil, so during winter is a great time to dig a whole pile of new nutrients back into the garden.

Thanks Graeme.

Quarterly Highlights in Images



David Hurley waving his sword about all over the place. He has plans to join us in the future and make a suitable timber stand to show it off.



Danny, seaman, painter, chef extraordinaire, doing his stuff at a recent Bunnings BBQ. Thanks Danny



Nine good men and true enjoying the wine-tasting at Murrumbateman Winery.



Ah, you boys. Great to see you tucking into these delicious fresh scones slathered with jam and cream.



Dedication and a willingness to help, even when the fog is as thick as pea-soup, the temperature below zero and the sun reluctant to come out and play. Thanks men, well done!



And this is one of the many things that makes our shed great, John delivering the latest of his fabulous garden chairs to its grateful owners, and they certainly were grateful, making a considerable donation. Good on you Johnno, thanks.

Anyhow, that's all I've got to say for now, except...

See you at **your** Shed,

Brian Black.

President, WCMS
Weston Creek Men's Shed