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President's Report

"By the time you read this, I will be..." not on holiday, but back in town and back at 'work'. Thanks to all of you who kept the ship afloat. The Annual General Meeting has, also like that distant memory of a holiday, come and gone.

Fortunately, for the well-being of our shed, the Executive team, of Pat, Dennis, Alex and myself, has remained unchanged. As I have said before, it's the solid foundation of a team that is dedicated to keeping the doors open. That foundation is bolstered by a 'new look' member group, comprising one 'old hand' in the shape of John Webster, and three new faces to the Committee: Bill Wallace, Terry Flanagan and Peter Rodda. Many thanks to all.

As a team we will do our best to not only keep the doors open but lead the Shed into the future. We have some plans to expand the activities that we offer, and possibly extend the hours that we are open, all designed to potentially attract more members, and just as importantly, younger members.

But, as I have also said numerous times, the Shed isn't the men on the committee, the shed is YOU. Your continued membership, involvement and

help in running the day-to-day activities is vital to the collective health of the Shed and all our members.

Speaking of involvement, I'm super pleased to see various members being prepared to put together a presentation and then stand there in front of you at lunch time and go through their paces. They need to be given the kudos they deserve:

John Jenkins – Comedy ½ hour videos
Alex Zvarguis – Me and my guitars
Peter Rodda – Kokoda, then and now
Pat Smith – mining in the Gobi desert, Mongolia

I missed all of these, and those presented by Brad Butt, our one-time local pharmacist, and Major (ret) Norm Beckett from the Salvation Army. I hear they were both excellent. Thanks to all the people who support us.

I also missed the Fathers' Day Night activity at Bunnings, which I have enjoyed greatly in the past, and of course I wasn't there to sample the soup at the super soup soirée. Or was it an après-midiée? It was delicious, I'm sure.

Dennis, Allan, Bill and Pat represented our Shed at the Annual AMSA Shedfest in the grounds of Parliament House. This is an annual opportunity for ACT Shedders to meet some interested and interesting politicians and keep Men's Sheds in their focus. The formal name of the group is the Parliamentary Friends of Men's Sheds, and its premise is that, *"It is intended this group will provide a non-partisan forum for parliamentarians to meet and interact with the Australian Men's Shed Association and other organisations on matters relating to Men's Sheds"*. Thanks gentlemen.

Anyhow, I've rambled on enough. Don't forget to check the Coming Events calendar and plan your week around it. Better still, send me an email with things you would like to do or people you'd like to hear. It's in your hands.

Cheers,
Brian Black
President

Coming Events

October

- 1st -Thursday – Committee Meeting 10am
- 8th Thursday – Guest Speaker. Dr Sabrina Rahman Shanto, Red Cross, ACT Resilience
- 15th Thursday – Pres. Brian Black on Corner Country Tour
- 22nd Thursday – Speaker, Michael Irvine, Physiotherapist
- 29th Thursday – program tba

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!)
- 26th 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

Spring has sprung; the grass has riz, I wonder how the vegies is, the old saying goes. And sprung it has. Garden wise, it's turf the lot out and start afresh. In go the leafy greens 🌿🌿🌿, in go some tomatoes 🍅🍅🍅. What? Out goes the lone potato from two seasons ago that has stuck its head up. And of course, in go the herbs and spices and the precious chillies 🌶️🌶️🌶️ for John and Warren. Would love to see them have a hot-chilli-off one day.



Thanks Graham

Quarterly Highlights in Images



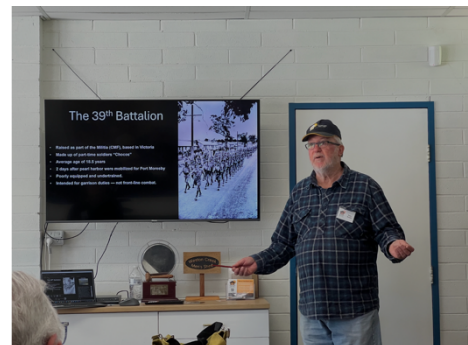
'Souper Soup day,' brought to you by Bill Wallace, Graham Lacey, Mick Warke and Pat Smith.

John Jenkins doing an intro to one of his *Only Fools and Horses* Comedy ½ hours. This one was *Long Legs of the Law*. What a hoot, as they say.



Alex proudly showing off his latest guitar building efforts

Peter Rodda telling us about the exploits of the 39th Division in New Guinea, and his observations of the country from his visits over the years.



Allan, Bill, Mick and Danny helping out at the Bunnings Fathers' Day Night.



Bill and Dennis with Beth Gow from AMSA HQ



Triptych of men-in-the-shed doing what they do.

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