



# BAD Shed Chatter.

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## **Editor's note.**

I have been a bit busy the last few weeks with Secretary Dave being away and my doing some of his work. I hope it will be repaid soon when I take some time off. It has been brought to my attention lately that I have been a bit stressed so it will be a good idea to have some leave, I can't remember the last time I took time off.

I am once again calling for member profiles. By reading the historic newsletters lately one may have seen some of these, and you may be surprised that by providing one that you may find someone else in the shed has a lot in common.

Ronald Tew.

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## *Presidents Report.* (Or as sometimes called 'Rodney's Ramblings')

Welcome to the September edition of the BAD Shed Chatter. I'm pleased to present my President's Report to all Shed members for issue number 81 of your Shed magazine.

I can report that your Shed is in a sound position—with funds in the bank, a strong and growing membership, and plenty of projects on the board. If you can't find something to do, you're not looking!

It's been a busy time since our last newsletter, with plenty of visitors, guest speakers, fundraisers, and meetings. In case you blinked, here's what you may have missed:

- A group of our members visited the Arcare Aged Care facility at North Lakes to do a presentation to the male residents.
- We held six fundraising sausage sizzles, including one at the new Australia Post facility at Brisbane Airport. It was a real test of our resources—but turned out to be a rewarding and major success!
- For three weeks leading up to Father's Day, we've sold raffle tickets for what shaped up to be one of our best raffles yet.
- Our guest speaker this month was Dr. John, who gave an excellent presentation on men's health.
- We celebrated our 10th birthday with a wonderful morning tea, joined by past supporters of the Shed.
- We had a very positive meeting with council regarding Shed 4. We were advised to re submit our IWA and get things moving – Hopefully.



Looking to the months ahead, Flatty and I will be presenting trophies—crafted right here in our Shed—to winners of the Moreton Bay City Recycling Champions at The Good Start Early Learning Centre (North Lakes) and Kallangur State School.

Also, Chris from Financial Services Australia will be attending Shed on Thursday the 2nd of October to do his Centre Care update presentation. This is a very popular presentation so If you have any questions, please have them ready.

Our Christmas party has been booked in for Tuesday night the 16th of December at 6pm at the same venue as last year. This being the Caboolture Tavern which is opposite the Caboolture train station.

The Shed Christmas Toy Give Away and morning tea is scheduled for Thursday the 11th of December at 10 am. All the toys this year will be going to the children's hospital wards of the Caboolture /Kilcoy catchment area.

Other recent highlights include:

- The drawing of our Father's Day raffle.
- Ken Slater and I attending a community information night at Norths Leagues Club.
- A successful DIY night at Bunnings Morayfield.
- Dave Redfern and I attending a QMSA meeting at Samford Men's Shed.
- Multiple fundraising sizzles.
- Shed Ambassadors representing us at the annual Seniors Expo in Caboolture.

- Our Toy Boys running our monthly workshop at Burpengary Meadows State School.

### **Around the Shed:**

- No major safety issues to report- Other than band aids and splinters.
- First aid officers will be attending refresher classes on Friday 26th September at Shed.
- Refresher accreditation courses will also be available for members who don't regularly use machinery and need to brush up on their skills. Please see the Shed Captains to register.
- Breakages continue to go unreported, causing delays in repairs and machine downtime. If you break it—report it!
- There are issues with men walking away from some machines while there still running. We are looking at ways to address this.

### ***Men's Talk Night Returns — Because Every Man Has a Story that Deserves to Be Heard-***

Over the past few months, I've sat through funerals of men I thought I knew. Good blokes. Familiar faces. But as their stories played out on the screen—photos, memories, milestones—I realised how little I truly knew about them. Behind the quiet nods, tears and casual chats were rich, complex lives - careers that spanned decades, families they adored, battles they fought silently, and wisdom they never got the chance to share. It affected me. Too many men leave this world with their stories untold.

That's why *Men's Talk Night* is coming back next month. It's not just catch-up. It's a chance for men - Shed members, mates, visitors - to

stand up and speak their truth. Whether it's a tale of triumph, heartbreak, laughter, or loss, this is your moment to be heard. No filters. No judgement. Just real stories from real men.

We'll kick off with a BBQ supper, then settle in to listen. Not to eulogies, but to living legacies, I hope. Because your story matters. And it deserves to be told while you're still here to tell it.

The first Tuesday of the month, beginning October 7th from 6 pm till 8 pm.

Until next month- Check onya mates.

R U O K?

**Rodney Hansen**

**President, Burpengary and District Men's Shed Inc.**

### *Birthdays.*

Birthdays soon.

The following are the birthdays for August 2025: - David Muller, aged 77; David Leibich, aged 73; David Marshall, aged 78; Neil Clancy, aged 79; Edward Fisher, aged 58; **Matt Parsons; aged 50;** Ray Holzapfel, aged 73; Kevin Blanch, aged 62; Laurie Morrison, aged 82; Bill Watt, aged 73.

If you wish to know the actual date, check the list outside the office.

### *New Members.*

New members since last newsletter.

Listed below are the new members joining recently, so when you bump into them give them a big welcome. They are as follows: - Thomas Harrington, Keegan Barnes, Harry Phillips, Bruce Prichard and Rod Day.

## *In Memory*

### *Allan Morgan.*

The previous newsletter was printed a little too early for this story, so I am a little late.

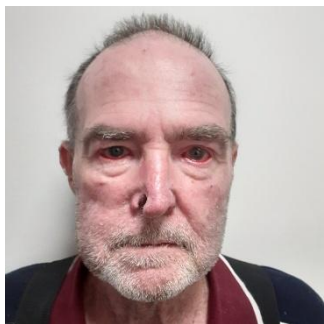


Allan Morgan passed on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2025 aged 83, Shed member No. 2.

From 2014, with the insight of the Burpengary Men's Shed happening, Allan was one of the original members with this idea. It was another member, Rodney Hansen, who placed an ad in the newspaper of the time, that sparked Allan, John Beard, Bob McLachlan, Peter Weiden and John Hulme to approach Rodney with the idea they shared. This was the foundation of the Burpengary and District Men's Shed forming. Allan had long suffered an illness, so consequently did not make many appearances at the shed. He was awarded 'Life Membership' in 2021, the first member to receive this honour.

***RIP ALLAN***

### *Stewart King*



Unfortunately, another of our members has passed on, being Stewart King, member number 328. Stewart was a member of the shed for a very short period joining in August 2024 and passed on 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2025.

Darlene King sent the advice email and stated that Stewart coming to the shed with his carer Alex was the highlight of the week.

***RIP Stewart***

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Morning Tea.

14<sup>th</sup> of August.

We had one of our best ever member turn-up on our morning-tea day, being 87, plus CWA ladies and several guests. The CWA ladies catered with an over abundance of foods and had even



considered packages, or 'Doggie Bags', for those wishing to take some home.

Rodney, as usual, gave a tremendous speech highlighting several of the extraordinary feat's we have achieved over the ten years since setup.

We awarded 'Honorary Membership' to Mark Ryan and Craig Hewlett. Mark is the Morayfield State Government representative and was heavily involved with the Incorporation of the Shed, he indicated that he still has the cheque stub from



payment of the fees to do so. Craig is the Manager of radio station 101.5 FM and allowed us the use of the conference room at their offices in Station Road Morayfield for meetings until we formed something permanent.



Both had a tour of the shed and were suitably impressed with the growth of our shed in this ten-year period.

We were also grateful of the visit by Frank Pearce, the Regional Coordinator for the QMSA.

Pictured to the right is Rodney aptly cutting the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake, and all enjoyed.



All went well and it was a day many will remember for a long time.

### *Welfare Committee.*

We have had a few volunteers to once again form a welfare committee, and they are: John Stanley, Gilbert Dalle Nogare, Cliff Forster and Robert Dalton who will inter-work with Dave the Secretary and the office staff. Their main function is to keep a track of absent members and enquire as to the reasons and their welfare. The men have only just started operation and already had great success in their enquiries in finding a couple of members are ill, and they have made visits to see them in Hospital. I would intend giving this segment a regular appearance pending stories given me.

### *Shed 4.*

Discussion about shed 4 are continuing and we had a meeting with council on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, and things look promising for a build so long as we comply with council requests on time. The actual progress of the build of the shed may now be prolonged as we can only build as we can afford. We do have a substantial amount of funds to enable a start with concreting etc.

## *Fathers' Day raffle.*

Our Fathers Day raffle has been run and won with the draw being undertaken on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September.

Prizes winners this year are:

- 1<sup>st</sup>, Linda with ticket number 1553 bought at Coles Burpengary.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lou with ticket number 127 bought at Coles Burpengary.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sue with ticket number 965 bought at Coles Burpengary.

All winners have been advised and have all picked up their prizes.

## *Medical Records.*

### *Continual reminder.*

Once again, we remind members that your medical records kept in your file in the office may be out of date. If you have had any changes to your medications or ailments your records should be updated. Even if there are no changes to your records it is still advisable to note that as well. We are now asking all members to update their records, please do so.

## *Australia Post New Sorting Centre.*

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August Australia Post had an open day for the staff, and friends, at their new yet to be open sorting centre near the Brisbane airport. We won the quote to cater for the hordes with a sausage sizzle on the day. We had to cater for 1200 people and had to feed them in 2 ½ hours or so, this meant one serve every 7.5 seconds. It turns out not all guests ate, so this meant that the 12 men on the job were only moderately flat out instead of the expected extremely flat out. All worked out well and we gained experience on the day for if and when we may strike another similar job.

## **BLUE CARD.**

In light of recent happenings in the working with kids' realm, rules and regulations with Blue Card have had some changes. A much more serious monitoring of the system will be carried out, so we must be more vigilant with our use of the system. One thing to remember is that before any member can work with children, in almost any capacity, as we do on several occasions, they **MUST HAVE A BLUE CARD and linked** to the Men's Shed. We have had several new members of late that may already have a Blue Card, so I would ask them to approach myself or Dave Tozer in the office to have your card linked, or if they don't and would consider working in one of these positions please obtain one, they are free, ask office staff.

## **Shed Trivia.**

**Average age of shed members  
71 years.**

Youngest shed member is aged  
17 years.

Oldest shed member is aged 93  
years.

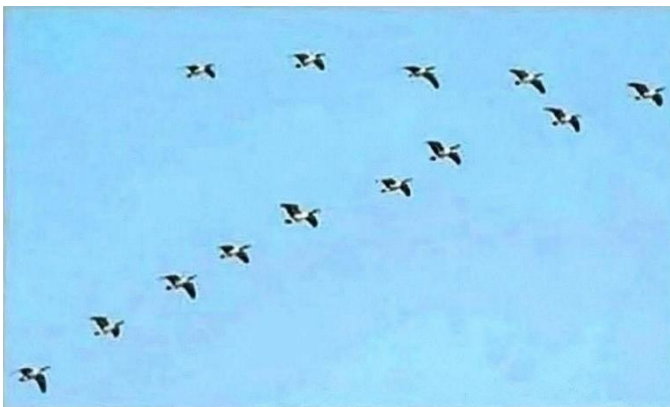
### **2025 Attendance**

42 members or 26% have  
attended less than 10 days.

56 Members or 35% have  
attended between 10 – 50 days.

54 members or 34% have  
attended between 51 – 100 days

7 members or 4% have attended  
more than 101 days



**Whenever geese fly overhead in a 'V' formation, did you ever wonder why one side is always longer than the other. It's because there are more geese that side.**



## *Presentation by Dr. John.*

26<sup>th</sup> of August.

On this day we had a presentation by Dr. John from the Maleny Men's Shed on men's health and well-being after retirement. Dr John is a Doctor of Psychology and refers to himself as being the 'Head Doctor'. His 30-minute talk had all members mesmerised, as shown in the pic, and a lot of men took a lot away from it. He spoke about what a lot of men went through after retirement, or at least the stages of life after retirement and I am sure a lot of our members now appreciate this was in fact the situation.



## *Accreditation lesson.*



I obviously spend too much time in the office and miss out on some occasions like this one that I spotted while touring the shed with camera in hand. Lytton had a lot of members, as per pic, well and truly

interested in this accreditation lesson. Not sure if it was on a particular machine, or all safety issues, never thought to ask, but everybody was taking it in.



## *Story of the month.*

### Old man farming.

An old farmer was farming and minding his own business when told: “There has been a wild Forest Man seen in the forest. He has little beady red eyes, and hair all over. Be careful, he might be dangerous”

The old farmer shrugged and continued with his farm. About an hour later, the farmer spotted a very hairy man, with little beady red eyes hiding behind a bush at the edge of the forest. At first, the farmer was worried for his life but noticed how this forest man did not move but just stared at the farmer. The farmer thought maybe this forest man is not dangerous, maybe he could make friends with him.

The farmer cautiously approached the forest man (who was still hiding behind the bush), pointed at his farm and said “farm”, he points at himself and said “farmer” then pointed at his hoe and said “farming”. The forest man did not move.

The old farmer got a little closer to him, and again, pointed at his farm and said “farm”, pointed at himself and said “farmer”, then pointed at his hoe and said “farming”. The forest man remained behind his bush.

The old farmer, feeling bold, got even closer and repeated with his action’s “farm”, “farmer”, “farming”.

This time the forest man got up and pointed at the forest behind him and said “forest”, he pointed at himself and said, “forest man”, he pointed at the bush and said,

“Taking a shit”.

**If at first you don't succeed,  
skydiving is not for you.**

## *Member Profiles.*

As mentioned in the notes from the editor, I am once again calling for member profiles. I have recently been issuing copies of historic newsletters with the current one at normal distribution times, and most contained member profiles. What I am asking for is a short 500 or so word story of one's life events. Reading some of these profiles proves rather interesting and it is surprising to find out how many members find they have something in common with others. New friendships have been formed from some of these early profiles, so do not hesitate, put pen to paper and send them to me at the email address inside the front cover.

## *Upcoming Events.*

### *September 2025.*

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> .	Bunnings Father's Day DIY night.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> .	Father's Day raffle draw.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> .	Bunnings Sizzle.
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	Seniors Expo at St Columbans Caboolture.

### *October 2025.*

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> .	Bunnings sizzle.
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> .	Bunnings sizzle.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> .	Charity golf day.

### *December 2025.*

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> .	Toy giveaway day.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> .	Shed Christmas dinner.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> .	Last shed open day before Christmas.

## *Golf charity day.*

Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of October.

Glenn Bliesner from SheltaCo will be organising a charity golf day with the aim of the shed being a beneficiary of the day. There will be raffles on the day and we are to make several items to be available for the raffles. More to follow.

## *Projects & Activities.*

### *Barn door timber.*

A client presented this timber to us to be planed down till it is like new again. The idea is for them to either build a barn door with it, or some indoor setting, depending how good it is. Pictured is the timber when it was delivered, and



I had intended showing more pics of its progress but until sitting down now I realise I did not have the time. Hopefully I will follow up.

### *Allan's dogs.*



Once more on my walk I spotted something that definitely needs mention. Allan has been building these toilet-roll holders in the form of cats, dogs and cows for more years that I would hazard a guess, but he obviously does not

know when to stop. Somebody had a special order, so Allan was back at his old work bench instead of what he does most now, looking after new members.



### Another chair repair.

These chairs just keep appearing for repairs. They do give some of our members something to do to exercise their arms by sanding down the surfaces before painting.



### Knife box.



This project was also pointed out to me on my wanders. It was requested by a shed member for the box to be built, for the knives within, and is intended to be presented to his brother for his birthday.

### Boccia ramps.

The previous set of Boccia ramps we built for the disadvantaged players were such a hit we have been asked to build another batch, shown is the start of the process.



Instead of a sign that says  
**'Do not disturb'**  
I need one that says  
**'Already disturbed,  
proceed with caution'.**



## Building sign.



The large CNC router has finally been put to it's designed use by engraving this sign, it is approx. 2 meters long. The project is a building sign that speaks for itself.

## Paint ready table.

Another table has been readied for painting, which won't be done on this day because of rain.



Out bird watching today and got this great shot of a falcon resting in a tree. I love nature.



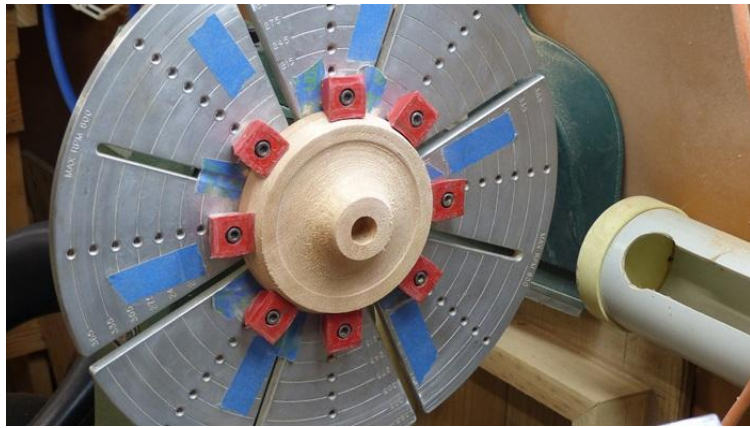
**THE NEIGHBOR TELLS ME YOU ARE CHASING PEOPLE ON A MOTORBIKE.**

**HE'S LYING... I DON'T EVEN HAVE A MOTORBIKE**





## Wig stands.



Here is another project that has taken me by surprise. I saw Paul turning down this piece of timber and thought it was worthy of a pic; I then spotted these other assembled articles and questioned if they were wooden mushrooms. I was then informed that they were in fact wig stands. Here are a couple of assembly stages.



## Carving repair.

This carving has featured before in the early stages of repair and today Lytton presented it in its final state. Talks about its possible origin seems to be that it is a typical article from Africa. This one has a twist in it that apparently was not there originally, but Bud, the member owner, was happy with the repair as is.



## Table Shellac.



This table has been coated with Shellac, I assume a different type coating than normal, I am not a timber man, and I was told that somebody was here giving coaching on the procedure, but unfortunately, I missed this, but to the left and below are the results.

## Probus Trophies.

Again, while wandering the shed, I spotted these trophies, below, obviously for Probus, so I figured they were worth a picture. Our men are getting better at burning this type of project now.

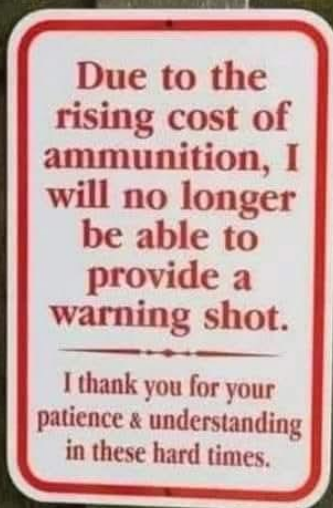


**WOODWORKING:**



**CHEAPER THAN  
THERAPY**





**Kid: So, dad why did Mom lock you out of the house?**

**Dad: She heard me on the phone with Uncle Steve talking about running errands.**

**Kid: So, what did you guys do?**

**Dad: Steve went to get a used car; I went to the store to get a tool to scrape paint off the furniture.**

**Kid: What's wrong with that?**

**Dad: Well, all Mom heard was, "You go get the Escort, I'll get the stripper, and we'll meet up at your place."**

"I find, these days, that most of my conversations start out with: Did I tell you this already? or What was I going to say?"



**And just like that  
1965 was  
60 years ago.**

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