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My wife spotted me taking another stubby from the fridge the other night and promptly stated, "I do hope that is going to be you last cider." In hearing this I turned and put the stubby back in the fridge behind the other two and removed the one in the front. "What are you doing", she blurted. "Making sure that one will be my last, after I have had the other couple."

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Presidents Report.

President report for Newsletter No. 93. September was quite a good month with lots of activity going on. In my walk around it was pleasing to see the amount of members actively working on the tools. In saying that, all areas are turning out a good quality of finished products.

The visit from home care by Julie was received by the members with great response, with members talking with her after her talk.

We are now doing sausage sizzles at Morayfield & North Lakes which gives us added revenue.

Some important dates to remember are toy give away on 10th of December; Christmas dinner is on 15th of December at the Club Tavern. Shed Christmas closing date is on Thursday the 17th of December 2026 and to re-open on the 5th of January 2027.

Remember Rod Young is always looking for volunteers for sizzles and raffle sales etc.

Also remember R U O K.

David Redfern

President

Burpengary and District Men's Shed Inc



"You're fired Jack. The lab results just came back, and you tested positive for COKE."

Vale: Dave Hoey.

Our Secretary sent an email to all members advising of the passing of Dave Hoey and I am attaching a copy of his email.



I am sorry to report to our shed members another loss to our shed family with the passing of member Dave Hoey (#220). Dave passed away yesterday morning, the 5th of October, after a long battle with cancer.

Dave joined the Burpengary and District Men's Shed on 18 August 2022 and continued to attend the shed until his health deteriorated. He so enjoyed his time at the Shed when he was well enough to attend.

Service at White Lady Funerals, Kelvin Grove, 11am Wed 14th October.

Kind regards Dave Tozer Secretary.

New Members.

New members since last newsletter.

New members since the last newsletter are: -Chris Buckley, Ace Ridings, Kyle Bailey, Nic Coleman, Kev Heilbronn, John Edge and Yury Petrov. When you see them around the shed give them a big welcome.

Birthdays for next month.

If you wish to find the dates, look on the sheet outside the office.

Birthdays for November are; Peter Burton, aged 87; Lionel Sussyer, aged 52; George Kidd, aged 77; Richard Puglisi, aged 69; Lynton Bolland, aged 84; Ron Day, aged 70; Brian Morse, aged 72; Rick Boland, aged 57; Frank Grima, aged 77; Graeme Hing, aged 74; Peter Rocca, aged 74; Ronald Tew, aged 77.

Secretary changes.

Members may have noticed that recently we have had another change in Secretary. Bryan Silvester, who was appointed as Secretary from the floor at out AGM has decided that with health issues, and other, he would be better off stepping down from the position. As of the 6th of October, at a special Committee meeting, Dave Tozer, our previous Secretary, has been re-inserted into the position, welcome back Dave.

We all must thank Bryan for taking the leap in attempting to hold the position and must commend him for at least making the effort.

Safety.

Story by Dave Redfern.



Recently we had a medical issue with one of our members, which resulted in the patient needing an Ambulance. While waiting for the ambulance the patient was taken care of by Denny Freeman and on arrival the paramedics were very impressed with Denny's recordings of different times of taking of blood pressure and also heart rate etc. So much so, they commended him for his efforts.

The patient was consequently taken to hospital and has since returned back home and recovering.

Because of this incident several members now consider Denny should now be referred to as Doc Denny.

Toy Giveaway.

Thursday the 10th of December.

Our toy giveaway this year will be going to the Caboolture/Kilcoy hospitals Kids departments, Kindness for Kids and BIKES.

Christmas Dinner.

15th of December.

As most should be aware we will be holding our annual Christmas dinner again this year on the 15th of December. It will be held at the same venue as last year, being the Club Tavern Caboolture, opposite the Caboolture railway station. The price for the dinner has not yet been fixed so keep tuned, we will be taking names soon when more info is given.

Saturday Opening.

The trial has now been going for a month or so and the numbers showing up may not be enough for justification for continuing the idea. The committee will make their decision after the trial period.

Age Care Presentation.

On Thursday the 1st of October we had a visit from Julie from IRT Home Care giving a talk on Age Care options available. The main topic of the discussion, though, was to start off getting an AC number (Aged Care number) so later when one needs access to the service, we have already established an account.

Seniors Expo.

St Columban's, Tuesday 22nd of September.

Story by new journalist, Rodney.

A Great Day at the Seniors Expo.

Five of our Men's Shed members proudly represented the Shed at today's well-attended Seniors Expo.

Dale Munting, Roy Bellman, Allan Hawkins, Graham Williams and I attended this annual event- Thanks to them for making the day very enjoyable.

The interest shown by visitors was tremendous, and our volunteers were kept busy throughout the day answering questions and explaining what the Men's Shed is all about. We handed out heaps of paperwork and took plenty of notes with names and phone numbers. We also spoke with many people who were keen to learn more about our activities, projects, friendships, and the support that comes from being part of a Men's Shed.

We caught up with many other community organisations, with some looking to do follow up presentations at our Shed.

Strangely, there were about 5 times as many ladies in attendance as men which our volunteers seemed to notice!

Regards, RH

Shed 4.



GO FUND ME

We have set up a 'Go Fund Me' page with the hope of getting donations toward funding for shed 4. Scan the QR code, or the link to this site is: Fundraiser by Rodney Hansen : Help Us Expand Men's Shed in Burpengary East— A New Space. If you cannot click on this link, copy and paste it into your internet browser, or google search for Go Fund Me, then search for Burpengary shed. This suggestion was put to us by a member at our AGM, so Rodney has set up a page for this purpose. If the idea of paying the extra percentage for the GFM page site fees is unappealing, note that after one has selected the donation amount the rate of fees are adjustable

to one's liking. We will be happy to accept donations at the shed, raffle sales or sausage sizzles, email us and we will provide bank details.

Council meeting Tuesday 29th.

Another meeting was held with council to discuss shed 4 and although reports indicated all things were favourable, I believe there is nothing definite to report at this stage.

Mower Racing.

I received a copy of a story that appeared on the ABC at some time in the recent past I thought I would share. Apart from being a member of our shed Bill Vaughan is a member of other sheds and Lawn Mower Racing clubs. The following is a copy of what I received:



The oldest competitive lawn mower racer in Australia, Bill Vaughan, who competes at the age of 94.

Bill is a member of the Fraser Coast mower racing club in Queensland.

He affectionately calls himself a "1932 model" and took up the high-speed hobby later in life following the passing of his partner.

He regularly races his bright yellow ride-on mower against competitors of all ages-ranging from children to adults-at major events like the All-Australian Mower Racing Championships.

I'm sure that as a member of the Burpengary and District Men's Shed all other members would wish Bill continuing success with his racing ventures.

The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.

Story of the month.

My Wife's Cat

I hate my wife's cat so much that I drove it to the next town over and dumped it. When I got home it was back there. The next day I drove his 'ass' 50 miles and dumped it again. When I got home it was back there again. So, the next day I drove to the other side of the country and dumped it----6 hours later I called my wife and asked, "Is that bloody cat back home." "Yes, why." "Well put the bastard on the phone, I'm lost."

Bus trip.

On Tuesday the 20th of October we are planning another bus trip for members. This time the visit is to Fort Lytton on the Southern side of the Brisbane River. There is room on the bus for 23, so if you are interested see Bob to register for attendance. I hear that they will be stopping at North Devils Leagues Club on the way back for lunch.

Projects & Activities.

Ashes Urn.



We had a request from a woman to build an ashes urn with a difference, and this was the result. The client wanted something containing her husband's ashes so she could place it in the outside patio so when sitting there she could have a conversation with him. I think Graeme has done a tremendous job of it.

AT MY AGE, A TRAIL OF CLOTHES LEADING TO THE BEDROOM MEANS I DROPPED THEM ON THE WAY FROM THE DRYER.

Draught players.



There has always been a large supply of games for the members to play, such as draughts, chess, multiple card games and things like jigsaw puzzles, but then it was a rare sort of occasion on this day to see some member playing with at least the draughts.

Sawmill.



I believe the committee has decided to sell the sawmill as it is not being used, so for what could be the final time, the mill is being used to slab the logs that have been sitting on the block for ages.

Round picnic tables.

The round picnic tables being built by John and others have been finished and delivered to the Deception Bay State School. I had a couple of weeks off and missed the final construction stage, but fortunately the delivery people took a couple of photos for me.



TODAY'S WORK FROM HOME TIP:

BLOWING ON THE WINE IN THE MUG WILL HELP CONVINCE YOUR ZOOM MEETING THAT YOUR TEA IS HOT.

Rocking Horse.



I have been following this rocking horse for a while now, with it being sanded back to a clean state. It was another item that reminded me of the dinosaur cleaning at Winton, using a Dremel type tool. I was in luck turning up on a Saturday to catch Woody picking it up. It is not painted in any way because the owners only wanted us to remove the old paintwork.

Mud Kitchens.



Jeff and Axel are seen here putting the finishing touches to the mud kitchens which have featured at different stages of build in previous newsletters. These mud kitchens keep coming up with surprises; This picture shows that the kitchens are also double sided as well as longer than usual.

Bunnings North Lakes Market.

On Saturday the 26th of September we attended a market held at Bunnings North Lakes with a stall of toys for sale. Pictured here are Pedro and Scruff preparing the toys to go to the markets.





Biscuit joining.





I spotted Lytton helping Chris to apply biscuits to a couple of planks to join them together. I thought I would include this one because there would be many people that do not know of this process to join timber pieces together to give extra strength. Slots are cut into each piece of timber, accurately and equally spaced, the biscuits are inserted so when glue is applied and the pieces are clamped together, they are bonded together with much strength.





Garden edging pieces.



When asking what these small pieces of timber were for, the answer was not what I expected, not that I expected anything in particular, “Garden edging pieces” I did not ask any more, I just accepted the answer.

Prams.

I don't know whether these prams are the ones that have been on the go for a long time, or whether they are a new lot. They have been built on the large CNC router and have turned out very well.



Laser Bee.



Again, I saw this on my travels and had to take a pic of it. It is a bee burned onto a piece of timber using the laser burner. This laser machine has come in extremely handy as it is used for a great many of our projects.

Little people.

I also saw these little people on my walks and they bought back memories. We made a large batch of little people a number of years ago for Zonta, and these are much like those ones, but a little smaller. These little people are being built for the Queensland Children's Hospital in South Brisbane.



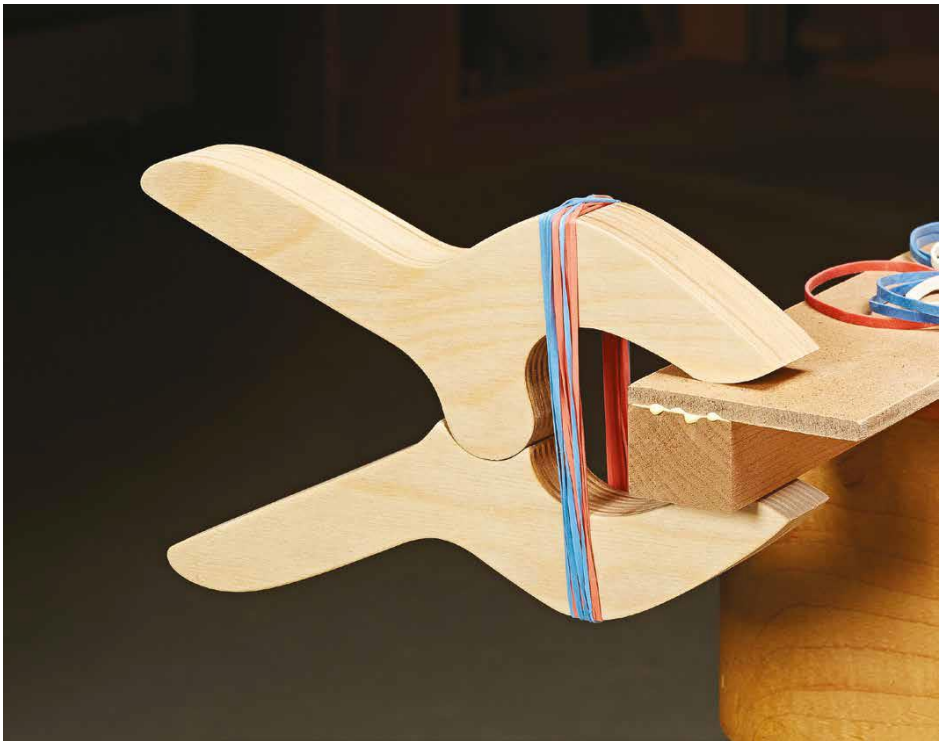
Mud Kitchens, another batch.



These Mud Kitchens being loaded for delivery are for a different school than the last lot. These ones are going to the Burpengary State School. We have another couple of these Mud Kitchens to be delivered to Burpengary Meadows School next week. I hear that the new day care centre across the road from us has also cottoned on and have asked for some as well.

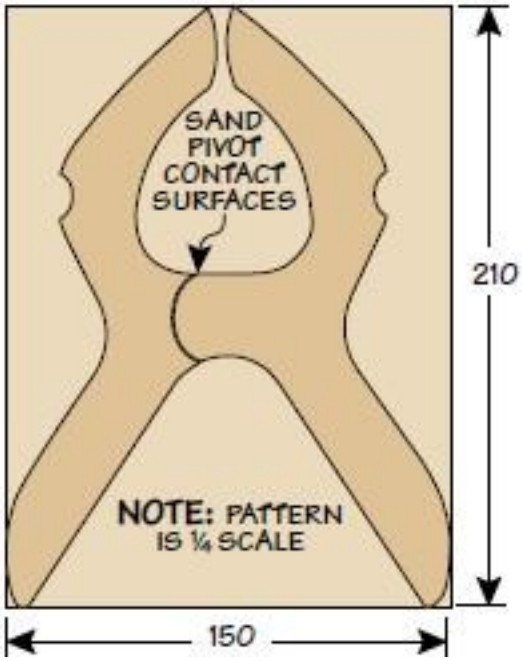
Woodworking Tip.

Hand made spring clamp.



I was short a couple of light-duty spring clamps one evening after the shops had closed. So, I came up with this simple design to quickly make some of my own.

Starting with the pattern next page, lay out and cut the two clamp parts. Almost any wood you have laying around will work, but I used plywood for its strength in all directions. Ease the edges and



sand the pivot contact surfaces for a comfortable grip and smooth operation.

Wrap rubber bands around the jaws to provide the clamping pressure. By varying the number of rubber bands, you can adjust the pressure to suit the job.

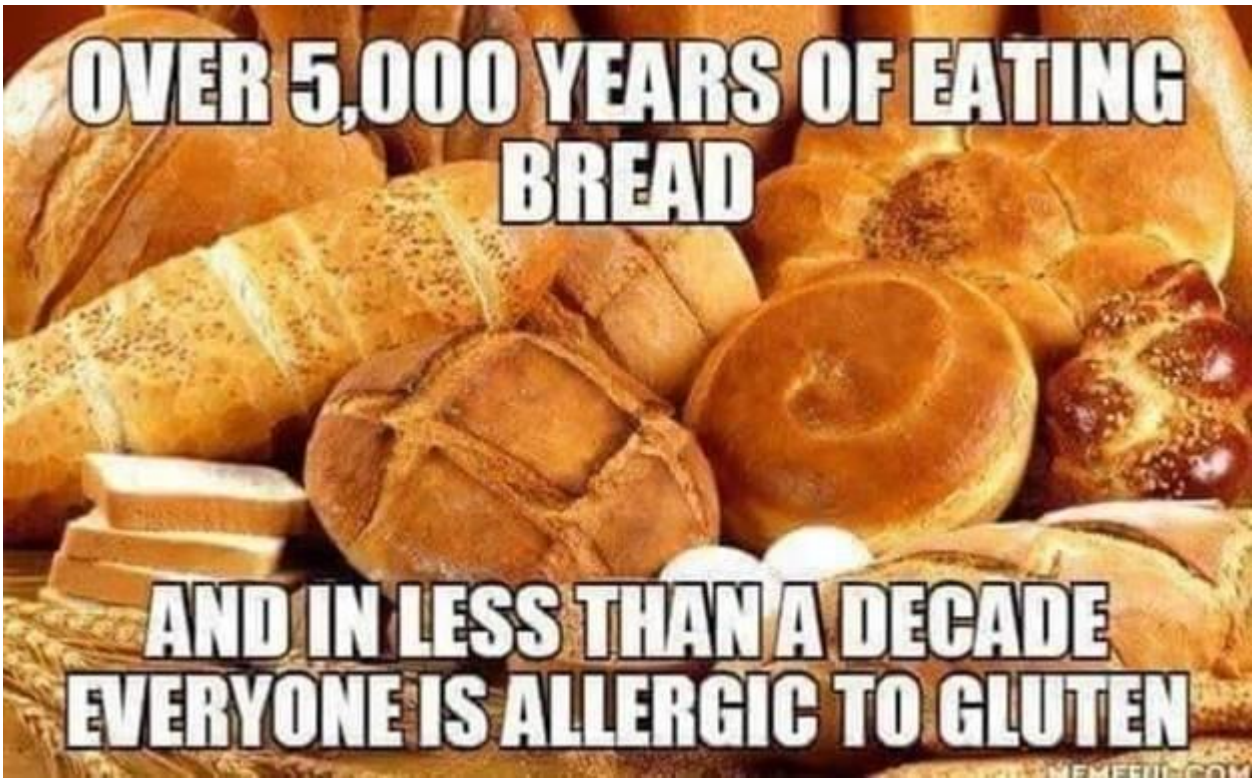






A guy walks into a lumberyard and asks for some two-by-fours. The clerk asks, "How long do you need them?"
The guy answers, "A long time. We're gonna build a house."







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