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Fitting out the new shed at 18 Price St,



The solar panels soak up the sun's rays as men of the Torquay Mens Shed gather outside our new shed in Price St. Count the hats.

Dates To Remember :

March 28th Shed opening: New shed

March 30th Cluster Meeting:
Venue: 280 Queen Street, Altona
Melways 209B1 Time: 10am-1pm.

April 1st Blokes day out: Eastern Beach Reserve, Waterfront Geelong 10am - 3pm

Torquay Men's Shed thumbs up for Incorporation

At a meeting on the 21st of December 2011 at the TCMS the members overwhelmingly endorsed their wish that our shed should be incorporated. The meeting chaired by Tim Robinson also elected a new committee which will steer our path until the next annual meeting to be held in August 2012. The new committee is headed by Vern Stott as President. Tim Robinson, Treasurer, Lidio Ricci, Secretary, Ray Busby, Shed Manager. Nick Georgiou, Peter Morgan, and John Belovich are the other executive members.

At our first meeting in February the Men's Shed Torquay was officially incorporated. It was also decided that the annual membership fee would be set at \$40pa. with an approval from the members that an interim membership fee of \$40 be paid to cover the period January - July 2012.

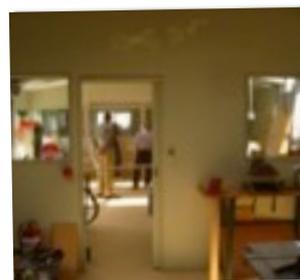
These subscriptions will cover the cost of both personal liability and contents insurance to the value of \$25000. We hope that in the near future sponsorships will help keep members fees to a minimum.



CO-OPERATION



CONCENTRATION



CONVERSATION

Trip of a lifetime:

Mens Shed Newsletter will follow the progress of this fantastic adventure. We thank Stan & Marianne for allowing us access to their website which will record their every move. This will feature in our newsletters over the coming few issues.

Capetown to London

With Stan & Marianne Rogers

Trip Start: Feb 1st 2012 – Trip End: Nov 2012 Can't

get Africa out of the blood. We're 2 recently retired Australian travelers living near Melbourne (but born in South Africa a long time ago) with the (some say) crazy plan of driving a Land Rover Defender called "Tin Can" from Cape Town to London (hopefully), in around 9 months. As they say "born in Africa, always in your blood"! People say that that all sounds too hard? We will either get:

- eaten by wild animals
- catch some horrible disease
- get kidnapped by Somali pirates

but if you think everything in life is too hard, there's not much you will do? We felt that some more needs doing in the time left allotted. Besides if you don't take some risks.....

Here at Torquay Men's Shed we wish them a safe and exciting journey.

AFRICA

Continent Size

Second largest in the World

Continental area

11,700,000 square miles

Estimated population

877 million people

Largest City

Cairo, Egypt, 9.2 million people

Largest Country

Sudan, 968,000 square miles

Longest River

Nile, 4,160 miles

Largest Lake

Victoria, 26,828 square miles

Tallest Mountain

Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, 19,340 feet



Left : Stan Rogers fills in Bernard and Vern about his forthcoming African safari. Mens shed newsletter will be following his journey.

GAGS, CARTOONS AND LETTERS

Two blondes walk into a building...you'd think at least one of them would have seen it.

A guy walks into the psychiatrist wearing only Glad wrap for shorts. The shrink says, 'Well, I can clearly see you're nuts.'

Man goes to the doctor, with a strawberry growing out of his head.

Doc says 'I'll give you some cream to put on it.'

Guy goes into the doctor's. 'Doc, I've got a cricket ball stuck up my bottom.'

Doc says 'How's that?'

A man walked into the doctors, he said, 'I've hurt my arm in several places'

The doctor said, 'Well don't go there anymore'

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly... They lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it.

'You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen. It said, 'Parking Fine.' So that was nice.'

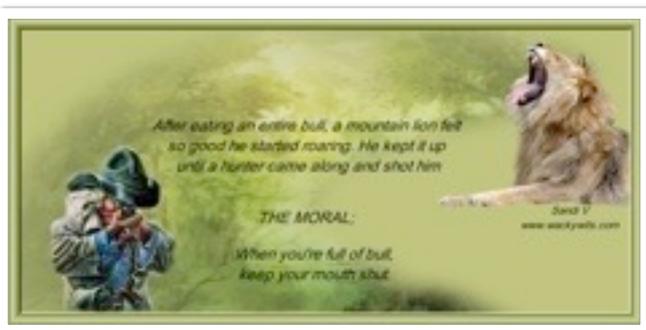


Above: Peter Morgan, Nick Georgiou, Tony Marsh (Guest)

John Belovitch, President Vern Stott, Ray Busby and Tim

Robinson at the Inaugural meeting of TCMS. Committee.

Secretary Lidio Ricci took the pic.



My grandfather died peacefully in his sleep.

Which is more than I can say for the three passengers he had in his car at the time."

On a rural road a state trooper pulled this farmer over and said: "Sir, do you realize your wife fell out of the car several miles back?"

To which the farmer replied: "Thank God, I thought I had gone deaf!"

Barry walks into a bar with a newt on his shoulder.

The barmaid looks at the creature and asks the man what he calls it.

'Tiny', answers Barry.

'Why's that?' enquires the barmaid.

'Because he's my newt' concludes Barry

Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Life After Death

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees.

"Yes, Sir." the new recruit replied.

"Well, then, that makes everything just fine," the boss went on. "After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you.

Three old buddies are out for a walk. Old guy no. 1 says,

"Windy, isn't it?" Old guy no. 2 says, "No, it's Thursday!" Old

guy no. 3 says, "So am I. Let's go get milk shake."

A man rushed into the doctor's office and shouted,

"Doctor!! I think I'm shrinking!!"

The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

Treasurers Report on Incorporation

Since the last newsletter we have moved into the new shed and we have been through the process incorporating in our own right.

The Shed has come a long way since the days of navel glazing around the table in the storage garage at the back of the Community House. Our existence is a result of Laura Connor and the Spring Creek Community Men's Shed providing the umbrella we need to get up and running. We are lucky to have had that support and we should always work to ensure we have a positive relationship with our founding institution.

We were also lucky that Cr Dean Webster was able to link us up with Alby Rothel, the property developer, who provided the Grossmans Road Shed which allowed us to grow without having the worry of finding accommodation.

But it was time to leave the nest so in December we held a General Meeting and made the decision to incorporate. We now have our own bank account and ABN which gives us a bit more freedom to be our own masters. But with that comes the responsibility to raise the funds we need to move forward.

The final piece in the puzzle came last week when I received a phone call to say we had been given Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status from the tax office. As I write I am waiting on written confirmation and some directions on what we need to do to maintain this status.

There is plenty of hard work ahead.

Tim Robinson
Treasurer

The OH&S Report

There is still plenty of work to do to get us thinking "Safe"

The Shed is looking to every individual to give leadership in safe practices.

If you see unsafe practices don't give it another thought, give it action.

Tell someone. Do something.

And remember to record every incident in the register.

I was approached about and unsafe practice and was told that as it was by "a committee man I did not like to say anything." Crap. We committeemen need your help as much as anyone. We need you to speak up. I have spoken to the committee and asked that as leaders we try to be role models. But we are not perfect, we will slip up and we do need you to speak up when we do.

Safety is your business

Quote of the Day:

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity. an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

-- [Winston Churchill](#)



Secretary Report :

The new committee has had it's first meeting and the minutes from that meeting and all subsequent meetings will be displayed on the notice board when available. If you have an email address you will also receive the minutes by email

It is important that any changes to addresses, phone numbers or email addresses are brought to my notice so that we can keep our files up to date.

Newsletters will be distributed either by email or hard copy (to the shed) at the start of each season Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer. Anyone who wishes to contribute an article, letter, joke is reminded that content to be included in the next issue should be with me by the last day of the previous season.

All members are invited to the TCMS opening on March 28th and we look forward to seeing you there. We will also be inviting a host of other dignataries and contributors to the setting up of our new shed.

Lidio Ricci Secretary

