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I am pleased to report that Tim Robinson continues to improve after bypass surgery and is feeling a lot better. He would like to thank all who have wished him well since his operation. I am sure that I echo the sentiments of all members in wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

Unfortunately due to a funding shortfall we have had to forgo the services of our co-ordinator Helen Watt. Helen has been a very valuable member of our team and we are about to find out what life without her will be like. Thanks Helen for a fantastic contribution.



Peter, Ian, and Ron discuss measurements at the new shed prior to installing new bench tops and shelving. New shed in good hands.



Natural light shines on the workshop area of new shed.



The old Shed has fond memories for a few old timers assembled here.

Your Say : Jokes, Anecdotes, Stories, Letters

An 85-year-old man was requested by his doctor for a sperm count as part of his physical exam.

The doctor gave the man a jar and said, "Take this jar home and bring back a semen sample tomorrow." The next day the 85-year-old man reappeared at the doctor's office and gave him the jar, which was as clean and empty as on the previous day.

The doctor asked, what happened and the man explained. "Well, doc, it's like this--first I tried with my right hand, but nothing. Then I tried with my left hand, but still nothing. Then I asked my wife for help. She tried with her right hand, then with her left, still nothing. She tried with her mouth, first with the teeth in, then with her teeth out, still nothing. We even called up Arleen, the lady next door and she tried too, first with both hands, then an armpit, and she even tried squeezin' it between her knees, but still nothing."

The doctor was shocked! "You asked your neighbor?" The old man replied, "Yep, none of us could get the jar open."

Aussies never die, They just stay down under.

An older couple, who were both widowed, had been going out with each other for a long time.

Urged on by their friends, they decided it was finally time to get married.

Before the wedding, they went out to dinner and had a long conversation regarding how their marriage might work.

They discussed finances, living arrangements, and so on.

Finally, the old gentleman decided it was time to broach the subject of their physical relationship.

"How do you feel about s*x?" he asked, rather tentatively.

"I would like it infrequently ", she replied. The old gentleman sat quietly for a moment, adjusted his glasses, then leaned over towards her and whispered, "Is that one word or two

A man and a friend are playing golf one day. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer. His friend says: "Wow! That is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You are truly a kind man."

The other man replies, "Yeah, well, we were married 35 years."



A Love Storythanks to bill Ryan

A man and a woman who had never met before, but were both married to other people, found themselves assigned to the same sleeping room on a transcontinental train. Though initially embarrassed and uneasy over sharing a room, they were both very tired and fell asleep quickly...he in the upper bunk and she in the lower. At 1:00 AM, the man leaned over and gently woke the woman saying, "Ma'am, I'm sorry to bother you, but would you be willing to reach into the closet to get me a second blanket? I'm awfully cold." "I have a better idea," she replied. "Just for tonight, let's pretend that we're married."

"Wow! That's a great idea!" he exclaimed.

"Good," she replied. "Get your own f*&^ing blanket."

A precious little girl walks into a Pets Mart Shop and asks, in the sweetest little lisp, between two missing teeth, "Excute me, mithter, do you keep widdle wabbits?"

As the shopkeeper's heart melts, he gets down on his knees so that he's on her level and asks, "Do you want a widdle white wabbit, or a thoft and fuwwy, bwack wabbit, or maybe one like that cute widdle bwown wabbit over there?"

She, in turn, blushes, rocks on her heels, puts her hands on her knees, leans forward and says, in a tiny quiet voice, "I don't think my python weally gives a thit



Tim, Vern and Ray seen here planning the color scheme among other things for the new shed. They will need support from all of us as we prepare to move in.

Shed Manager Ray Busby together with Tim Robinson and Vern Stott are the lifeblood of our group. Together with Helen Watt they have virtually kept things ticking over between them. With Helen leaving and Tim's rehabilitation much has fallen on Ray and Vern. It is time for us to increase our efforts in supporting our leaders especially in this transition period and banding together as good teams do. I know many have already stepped up but there is a lot to do. *Ed.*

SHED MANAGER RAY BUSBY REPORTS ON PROGRESS AT PRICE ST

New Shed Update with Ray Busby

For those of you who haven't seen our new shed, it is located behind 'TOPS' (aka 'The Old Police Station'), at 18 Price Street, right next door to the Senior Citizens building.

As I write (August 15, 2011), we still have a long way to go before the project is completed but we do have progress!

In point form here's where we are at:

- ☒ A number of you have painted the floor with some paving paint.
- ☒ The two partition walls have been installed, in the Meeting and Machine rooms and special sound deadening glass panels installed in each.
- ☒ The Meeting Room now has a false ceiling and plaster has been installed on the walls and ceiling, ready for paint.
- ☒ Both the Workshop and Machine rooms have had 15 mm MDF panelling installed on the walls and ceiling (except for the skylights) in an effort to reduce sound emission from the building. Insulation batts have also been installed between the MDF and the steel shed walls.

The electrician has run cabling around the shed and installed a usage meter in the shed, so we know exactly what our consumption is. After we move in we will see if we can afford solar electrical panels installed on the roof to further reduce energy costs.

OK, so that's all the good news ;- There is still much to do. The kitchen is still to be installed.

We have bought a new hot water system, new sink and mixer, new 'Autoboil' wall mounted water heater and a hands-free hand drier, which is all on-site. To complete the installation the plumber, builder and electrician all have to be on-site at the one time and this is taking some doing but we're getting there.

☒ The electrician still has to fit off all the cabling by installing double power points all around the place and emergency cut-off switches in each of the three areas.

☒ Two reverse cycle inverter split A/C systems have been ordered and are schedule to be installed, the week beginning August 22. While these units will not change the air in the room, we will be fitting two wind driven extractors to the roof in the Machine Room (there is no other ventilation in that area). The compressor units are to be mounted on the roof in an attempt to make vandalism more difficult.

☒ Floor coverings for the Meeting Room have yet to be purchased and installed but that will be one of the last items needed.

☒ And, the best for last – We need to have some *volunteers* to paint the inside of the Shed, in the very immediate future! I have 20 litres of undercoat down there already, just waiting for some lovely people to open and begin applying to the MDF panelled walls and ceiling and to apply to the plasterboard in the Meeting Room. Wishful thinking maybe, but was hoping to have all this work done by the 31st. Aug. We are hosting the Men's Shed Cluster Group on Wednesday the 7th of Sept. It will be a normal shed day for us except that the fee for the day will \$5 as a BBQ lunch will also be served. Photographs provided complements of Vern & Lidio.

Interview with Geoff McCoppin

Geoff I am very pleased that you have agreed to this interview and I am sure that you have a very interesting story to tell. Firstly let us know a little about yourself, growing up and some of the things that you consider highlights of your life thus far.

Well I was born just prior to the beginning of the Second World War and I have done many things in my life which I can look back and say, I am glad I did that, and I am happy that I had the opportunity to see that. Back in 1953 I was doing my National Service at Laverton Air Force Base and the group I was with as part of our training spent a few days camped at Point Addis. This was my first introduction to this coastline which has captivated me ever since. As part of our training we were route marched in full gear from Point Addis to Torquay.

Only a couple of years later I, with a few of my mates regularly spent our holidays on the SurfCoast, joined the Torquay SLSC and 50 odd years later I am now a life member having served in every conceivable position including President. On one of my early trips I came across a beautiful young lady on the beach and a little time later we were married. Margaret and I have 3 children and each of them has a boy and a girl.

I believe that you have extensively travelled both here and abroad, what have been some of the highlights?

Well in Australia briefly we have driven the Tanami Track roughly 1000km between Alice and Halls Creek in the Kimberly Region of WA. Also the Canning Stock Route another 1900km of outback challenge. Also we crossed the Simpson Desert and had a go at Big Red.. The road from Cooktown to Cape York in Nth. Qld. was another trip we undertook. We also hiked the Overland Track in Tasmania's Cradle Mountain area and the Franklin River also in Tasmania. We have a great appreciation of this land of ours.

Machu Picchu in Peru



Overseas we have taken a Felucca down the Nile, hiked the Sinai Desert, trekked down the Inca trail in Peru. Trekked in Nepal and reached Base Camp Mt. Everest at 6000 Metres where one would have to take a break between doing their boot laces up because of the energy that took to do just one. We have had many other experiences and almost on all occasions it has been just Margaret and I together. My other passion is music, all music, although for about 30 years I played trumpet in a band.

What is the single most important thing that the shed, in your opinion, delivers?

As strange as this may seem having been a builder and developer I have not been big on sheds at home and it is probably 30 years since I have had a hammer in my hand so in my opinion the most important thing a mens Shed brings to it's community is that men from all walks of life can meet in the twilight of there lives with others in the same boat and share their experiences in a supportive atmosphere and if they want to turn their hand to something which they fancy, the opportunity is there.

Thank you Geoff it has been absolutely intriguing talking to you and I am sure our readers will delight in your story.



ABOVE Mushroom Rock in the Sinai Desert Egypt



Part of the Inca Trail in Peru.



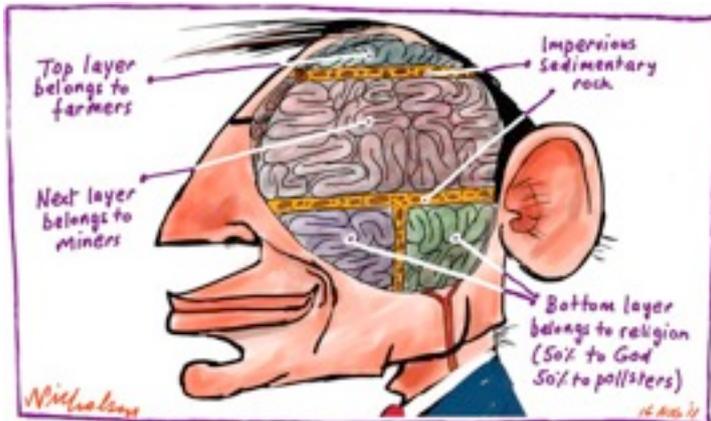
Sailing down the Nile in a Felucca



Nappanerica or Big Red in the Simpson Desert SA



"Okay your father managed to get a mouse. Now how do we use it?"



A married bloke was having an affair with his secretary. One day they went to her place and rooted all arvo.
 Exhausted, they fell asleep and woke up at 8 PM. The bloke hurriedly dressed and told his lover to take his shoes outside and rub them in the grass and dirt. He put on his shoes and drove home.
 "Where have you been?" his wife demanded.
 "I can't lie to you," he replied, "I'm having an affair with my secretary. We had sex all afternoon."
 She looked down at his shoes and said: "You lying bastard! You've been playing golf!"