



Monthly

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Back in the light again sometime.

Well on the 10th of April a TEAM of men and big equipment did a bit of digging and had an erection, with a new Pole rising in readiness for the 3 phase power to be installed. Glad we are not having a nose bleed waiting.



Here is the start of the new power. "Pole up"



The base of the pole with shed in the background.

Then the Saga really begins. It goes on and on, with the blind leading the blind in seeing we are in need of the power to further our aims of Men's Health and making several contributions to our local society.

A couple of week ago we had an email from council saying "Can you put on a Sausage sizzle for us on the 8th April for "The local Amazing Race in the Park at Wellington point."

I (Bernie) asked the BBQ shedders and they said yes. The council offered to pay for the Snags, bread and onions.

And said we could sell tickets in the Rotary raffle and drinks + they would give us a \$500 donation

Chris, Ray, Peter, Eric, Wally, Michael & yours truly started at 1030 finished at 1530 cooking for 280 competitor's +40 officials. We almost sold out of drinks (we will find out how much when Pete the treasurer has time to count the money) he looked buggered when he left the shed to drive home

Michael while selling drinks with help from Eric also sold more than \$100 of raffle tickets. Thanks to all the workers on the day. We raised \$700 plus for our funds. To the Shedders who didn't have time to join in the working bee "You missed out" on a great day and quite a few of Wallies great "Jokes/comments "



Sausage Mission control Centre with Staff.

As a large proportion of our shedders are of mature age and some may be thinking of moving into a retirement village. I just thought I would put in a Note of possible warning.

I have removed the name of the operator to avoid legal action.

A large retirement village operator has been accused by residents of bad business practices including “churning, gouging, safety issues and misleading marketing”, according to the core of most of the complaints are claims that their contracts are overly dense, the exit fees charged are crippling and when residents or their estates sell their village apartments back to the operator, they are forced to accept knock-down prices.

A listed company, posted a [statement](#) to the Australian Securities Exchange yesterday morning in response to the media reports published at the weekend. It said that it was “committed to enhancing the lives of older Australians by improving living choices”.

But chair of Consumers Federation of Australia Gerard Brody told Your Life Choices he believed that the contracts were unfair.

Mr Brody, who is also chief executive of the Consumer Action Law Centre in Victoria, said the issue – of retirees who were unhappy with their village contracts – is incredibly widespread, spanning the whole nation.

“These are big operators with national businesses and it is the business model (of using exit fees as pure profit) which needs to be tackled to avoid losses to residents,” he said.

“State governments must be the first to respond. I urge all retirement village residents who feel aggrieved to call on their respective state governments to improve regulation of the sector so people are treated fairly.”

Mr Brody said that while many residents caught in the exit fee trap may have used legal advice before signing an agreement, “often lawyers do not do much more than ensure that the contract is legal”. “It might be fine in terms of existing law, but that doesn’t mean the contract is fair,” he said. “Even if fees are disclosed at the start, residents often don’t pay attention to them because they think it will be a long time into the future before they have to be paid. “They do not foresee circumstances, such as poor health, that requires them to sell earlier than they hoped, to go into aged care, only to find after the exit fees paid that they do not have much change left over.” My advice to those considering signing a contract with a retirement village operator is to get advice first and understand the fees involved thoroughly ... I would also be querying if moving into a village is always even a good option.”

What can you do if you need help?

The following organisations provide consumer advice on retirement village matters in your state or territory:

Queensland [Office of Fair Trading](#)

The following organisations provide free legal advice in your state or territory:

[Legal Aid, Queensland](#)

There used to be a saying “A safe as the Bank of England” BUT at present days show us the Banks are not always the safest places to do business with. Again ASK questions.

In the early days, everyone owned horses and only the rich people owned cars. These days everyone owns cars and only the rich own horses. My, how the tables have turned, you cannot use tyre marks to feed your strawberries.

May Birthdays

Allan Campbell, Neville Connolly, Wayne Hobdell, Eddie Hourn, Phillip Ross Le Gros, Peter Lindley, Chee Loi, Ian MacLellan, Noel Steinke, ...
Ian Thompson, Stephen Thrower,
. Terry Turner, Tony Voller,

May you all enjoy the day with family & friends

As the building tasks taken on by the shed are completed, such as these outside benches for the elderly at the Buckingham retirement village are completed delivery normally takes place and testing takes place. Good on Ya fellas.



Benches under Load test

but I am sure I can make up for that when I get back. Tell Gary I expect the under the house work to be completed by then. This should not be a problem with me not being there throwing a spanner into the works.
 (I have edited a little, the original message)
WE have since heard Peter is back home.

The next meeting in May on 'the 1st Tuesday it will be discussed with all hands a proposal that the annual fees for membership at the shed be increased in line with current expenses. The current \$35.00 does not cover the real expenses of operations at the shed. It is contemplated that we should increase the fee to around \$50.00 and this would come into effect in July if so approved.



Bench not under load test

VITAL information

Bunnings have put out a new booklet showing many items which must be complied with when working at the BBQ's there is a copy in the main hall at the shed and it is also on line.

Basic:

1. The person cooking must always have gloves on when handling raw food and must **not handle cash**.
 2. The person serving the cooked food must have gloves on and **NOT handle Cash** at all.
 3. The Cash money must be only handled by a person who does not touch the cooked food.
- But all involved in working at the BBQ MUST read the new document as we must not be compromised for failing in the Bunnings requirements.**

For the Redlands Foundation a wonderful example of hand craft. A new Lectern.

A Message from Overseas and a warning of things to cover yourselves with "**Medical insurance**." Before you go and you must check what's covered. With so many going on cruises these days you never KNOW.

From Peter Baldwin (Remember Him?)

The 9th of April sent to us during the Games.

Hi Bernie and Rob,

I am currently sitting in a room of a 500 year old building looking out at other old buildings. The problem is the place is a bloody hospital in Wursburg Germany.

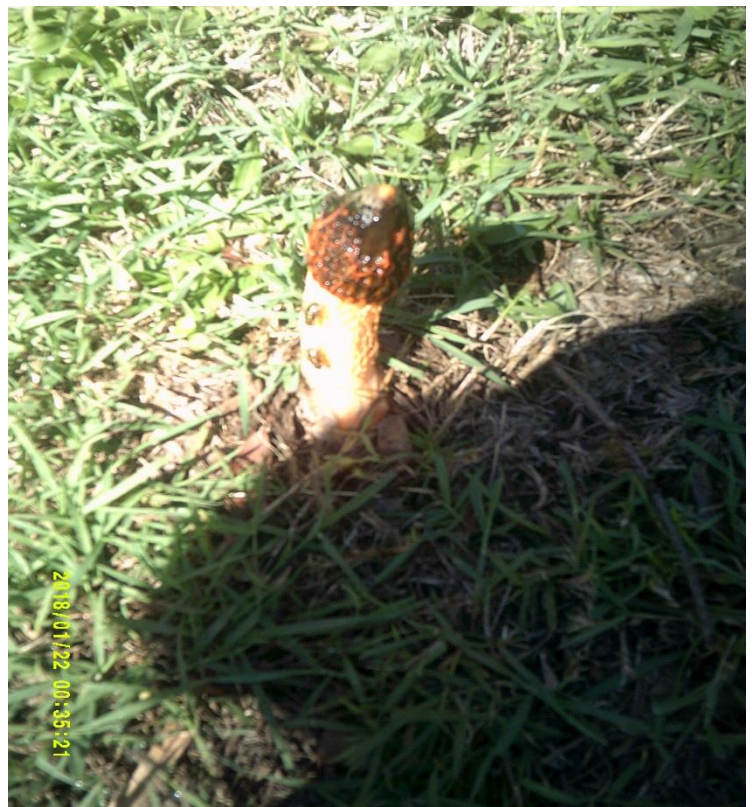
I have been sick for 6 days and they just told me that I may have to stay in Hospital for 6 days while they run cultures on my blood samples. I have been diagnosed with a few issues but the big one is pneumonia, which is a concern. I would rather be in Germany than a lot of other places.

I do not think I will be able to make it to the shed next week as planned. Please let the boy's know they will have some peace for a couple of weeks,



Jack Hamey, with Carmel Stone and the undoubtable Gary Stone a presentation for The Redlands Foundation with a lovely design on the front.

There are small strange things around the place
Does anyone know what this is sprouting in front of
the main workshop.



As many of you will be aware the shed has a basic open door policy for new ideas.

Here is the open Door.



Our Main power supply is still not up for our use.
The main generator we had has given up the ghost
so I believe, but a little alternate one was available
for small items.



From Bernie.

My thoughts on Annual fees increase If we don't increase the Annual fees how we cover costs: -

Unavoidable yearly costs

1. Rates $(\$438 \times 4) = \1762
 2. Electricity $(\$543 \times 4) + \2172
 3. Public liability insurance \$2642
 4. Internet and phone $(\$60 \times 12) = \720
- Total = \$7296

We collect \$35 per Shedder x 106 = \$3710

Leaving a short fall of \$3586

Ever thought about shed disposables?

Toilet paper/washing up
detergent/disinfectant /

Sandpaper/drills//screws/grinding/cutting
wheels

And all the other incidentals that the
shed uses

Where does the money for this come
from.

We have a Rotary raffle going at the
moment \$1500

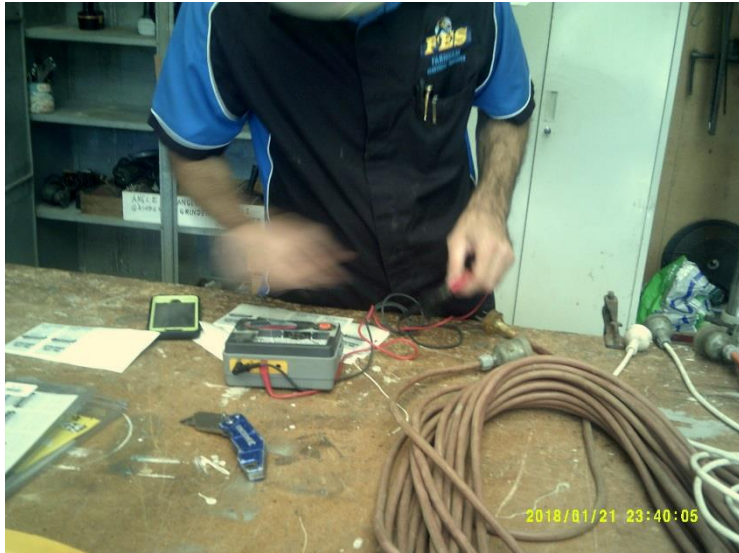
If we sell all the tickets we get the \$1500
back and some of our shedders haven't
bought a ticket.

Let us think about this folks.

We are open to Ideas on how to pay the
bills without increasing the fees but the
committee need you shedders to come
up with the ideas

Bernie

A lot of donated items have been tested by an
approved person and if they did not pass disposed
of.



Check for Tags to avoid a shocking
discovery.

I have put in this newsletter a contribution of
thought from Bernie and this is for the shedders
who more than likely cannot or are not able to
attend the next meeting when we vote on the
subject of increasing the shed fees. It has been
sent by email already but I have put the thoughts
out again, if unable to attend maybe the 50% of
bods who rarely come to meetings will not feel left
out.

The major source of our income for the shed is as
we know the Thursday BBQ's at Bunnings.
Hopefully the great efforts of our team will keep
going.

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I will be putting in an update of our
Sponsors **when I get** an update.....