



Alex Hills Men's Shed Monthly Male

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“Hi it’s me again”

At the business Meeting on the 2nd April when we had 42 plus members at the shed who signed in, it was briefly discussed re the “2017 Christmas Party” for members and guests. Well we now have booked a venue at the “Dump Club” sounds glamorous but it is a nice spot with a separate room allocated for us and catering being sorted out.

Things for Sale, Swap or Give Away

FOR SALE: 2015 Toyota Hi-Lux Ute. Ex. Cond. 25000km. Loads of extras, owner has spent all up \$69,000 on vehicle plus fitouts for extended touring & caravanning. Selling due to unforeseen medical condition. Full details of extras & price are on shed notice board, or phone Dudley 0407 646 057

We have an electric mobility scooter that will require new batteries. Good cond. Located at our shed - \$300.00 as is.



(Photo by roving journalist Robbotheyobbo) Our workshop now has a name and theme.



Dates to Remember

Fees are due June. \$30.00 a pop.

Thought for the Day.

Have you noticed that selective deafness seems to gain a form of precedence in the longer one is married or as one ages. Those with actual hearing aids can often get away with a shake of the head or rattling of their battery unit. And a nice smile.

Idea. When shifting a heavy box get 10 people to do it or tell you how to do it.



(7 tenths of the moving mob in the picture)

This Month’s SECURITY Alert

On 9th May we thought we had a problem when the remote control for the new security system, seemed to be missing.

Apparently, it does not have one!!

We have since found out. ☹

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Patrick Kennedy, Peter Wilson, Max Steen, Brian Risson, Trevor Gow, John Droppleman, Bruce Appleton



I bet it put a smile on his face ##

At our Social Meeting on Tuesday 16th May we had a turnout of about 38 members and as we have reached the Hundred Mark of members now, we could now be known as centurions (maybe). Looking at a few I see around, it could be right.

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A reminder: If you take any items from the shed on **LOAN**, please put a note in the loan book and log it when you bring it back. The book is located near the main door.

This helps us to account for things. For instance, a lot of storage boxes (27) have gone missing. These could have helped a certain member, at the time, to shift house.

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Sausage BBQ at social Meetings



Barnie (Shed Mascot) looking up and saying.....

“What about a sausage for me?”

I might be only little, but I still eat the same as you big fellas.....

Safety Message.

The New Band saw under test.



“Remember fingers come in tens”

Do not touch unless trained and there are two people working together.

A Great new item from Ian Wallace.

Kids Excavator – blending the old with the new.....

Looking for a wood project, I wanted to make a toy sit-on digger for my grandkids. But where to go for a design and pattern?

The internet of course. There were a few photos of various toy diggers but few had a good design-pattern and details. Ironically, the best article with detailed design was from Mechanix Illustrated from June 1965. (photo 1).



Photo 1

The base, with its caterpillar tread, was a bit complex so I substituted the swing base from an office chair that a friend was throwing out; thus blending the old with the new.

The article had a few construction detail photos plus a couple of drawings showing the component dimensions. However, all measurements were in inches, and I think in metric. Several components were only shown ‘to scale’ on a graph layout, which proved to be less than accurate. But with a bit of measurement conversion, sizing fiddle and re-dimensioning to suite my on-hand wood supplies all went well. It was satisfying to work out the less obvious measurements and construction.

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And some template patterns made from a corn-flake-box came in really handy. All up the cost was about \$30 for some additional wood, bolts and paint – red paint of course. The result is in photo 2.

Photo 2.



Photo 3.

As my grandkids are only small (aged 1 and 2 at present), I added a box base over the wheels for seat access and for foot purchase to swivel the contraption around – see photo 3.



I couldn't keep the cat out of the photo. I am sure you can get more details from Ian.

Cleveland Special Schools
Garden bed project:



(To be used for nature studies)
Joe Aquilina and Gary Stone inspecting the erected garden beds.

And, our involvement with another school.... The following is from St. Luke's Catholic Parish School Newsletter:

“Our local ‘Men’s Shed’ have been working hard to build picnic tables for our Prep students. They have kindly donated labour and most of the materials to create smaller tables that are perfect for our smaller learners. We are very grateful for their time and skills.” Project Mgr. Les Burrell



Tables ready for delivery.

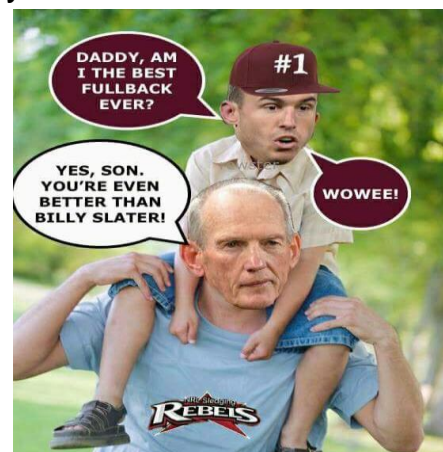


Delivered by L/R- Les, Michael Gleeson and Bernie Maguire with happy students.

Remember

The biggest lie I tell myself is “I don't need to write that down I'll remember it”. Familiar???

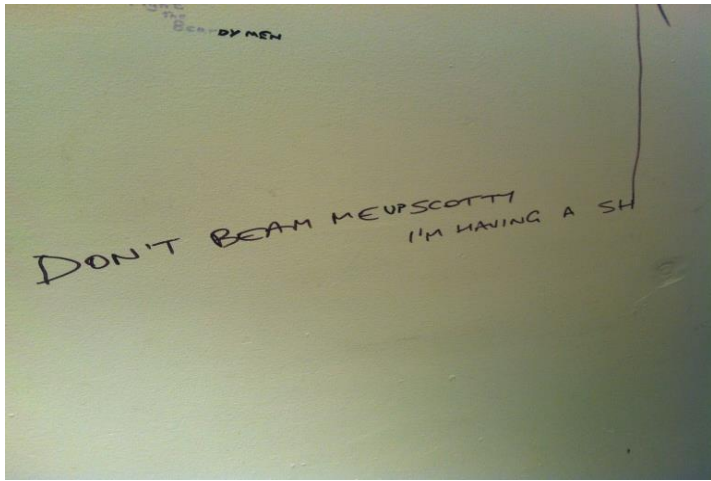
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With **State of Origin** about to start, couldn't help myself. R.J.



Bulls to you

In Spain this week, the annual Running of the Bulls was held, seven runners were gored by bulls. The runners are doing fine, but the bulls can't stop laughing."

Space....the final frontier.....



Scrawled on a toilet wall somewhere

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We are blessed in Australia to have such an abundant wealth of talented story tellers through whom future generations can learn of their history and 21st century lifestyle. Below is a classic example:

A Poem about Tomatoes

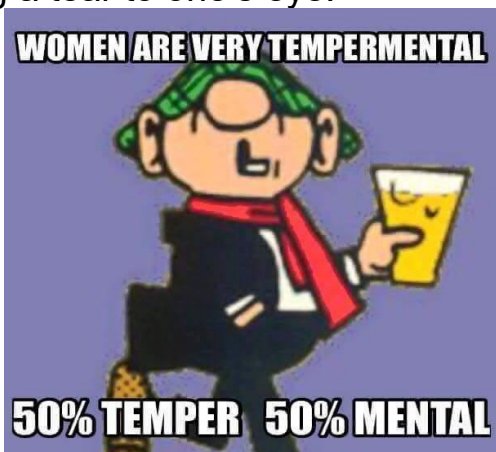
I know an extremist Muslim - whose name is Jim

And I really love throwing - tomatoes at him

Tomatoes are soft - and don't hurt the skin

But these mongrels do - 'cause they're still in the tin

Ah, the warmth and heart wrenching simplicity of Australian bush poetry can bring a tear to one's eye.



A delicate corporate matter.

All of the ten senior members of the Board of Directors of the company were called into the chairman's office one by one until only Bob, the junior member, was left sitting outside.

Finally it was his turn to be summoned. He entered the office to find the chairman & the ten other directors seated around a table. As soon as he had sat down, the chairman turned to Bob looking him squarely in the eye, and with a stern voice, asked, "Have you ever had sex with Mrs. Foyt, my secretary?"

"Oh, no sir, positively not!" Bob replied.

"Are you absolutely sure?" demanded the chairman.

"Honest, I've never been close enough to even touch her!"

"You'd swear to that?"

"Yes, I swear I've never had sex with Mrs. Foyt, anytime, anywhere".

"Good, then **you** fire her"!!!!



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