

Alex Hills Men's Shed News

Letter, Monthly

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Spring has sprung.

So you can put away all your winter clothes. Brush off the thongs. (Not to be worn in workshop area). Well there is no need to go offshore to see industry at work. Our Shed has become a hive of activity. Making items for international export. "Ikea" look out we are now part of the scheme of sending stuff TO Sweden. Mr Anthony Petersen approached the shed to make handles for him to be taking on a trip overseas.

"Outdoor cooking pans" made in Brisbane. The job to have their handles made from Australian gum tree wood, shaped by lathe and fitted with copper end fittings. The wooden handles can be removed when the pans are used on flame or heat sources in the bush. "Alan Doyle" and his intrepid assistant "Lammert" cut up the raw wood and copper pipe, shape the bits and assembled a target of 20 big ones and 20 smaller ones.

Lammerts Handiwork. (His Hands)



A finished product clipped on a Pan.



Another community aid job from the Shedders was sought on the 4th of September by the Lions Club Capalaba to renovate up to 200 chairs. A dozen volunteers turned up by 0900 to drill and screw the seats firmly in place. The task was taken up by a very mixed dozen bods and around 280 + chairs were fixed with new screws and copper stirrups on their bases, the squad got right into it and by 1030 the job was done.

Jan the Lions club President put on a scrumptious morning tea and thanked us for the efforts with the Chairs. It was an interesting exercise with many diverging ideas. But peace prevailed.



We fixed the Chair bottoms with new screws.



October Birthdays

Gary Stone, Peter Burton, Borge Sorensen Delve Saunders, Ben Warner, Phillip Walker and Colin Tognolini.

Everyone has **one** except some of our wives who may not admit it. So let's keep on having them.

Welcome to our New Members.

Wally Pitura, Trevor Otto and David Mills. Ian Daft, Tony Russell, Jeff Burke

Dates to Remember

. The Christmas Bash on the 2nd December at the Birkdale Sports Club will have a musical melody from the "out of tunes" and drinks and dinners. The cost for this extravagance to titillate the taste buds will be \$15.00 per person. Our Vice president in charge of Vice matters, David will begin taking cash monies from you for you bookings. Please arrive around 5-530 pm for drinks, dinner around 6-30 pm.

A further reminder.

A question I was asked:-



This Month's Member Profile:

Good to see Scotty back on his two feet, rumours that our whiskey loving member was

legless was a bit misguided. After a couple of operations and Doctors visits he is up and at them again.

Sponsored by "The Wee Dram Society" (however they hide their aims is their business) His recovery was "Celebrated" on his return home in good spirits. While his return to the shed was a bit wobbly his friendly face, great to see once more. Cheers!

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Our social meeting of the month on the 19th was well attended with about 40 + members attending and a very instructive demonstration of Japanese, saws used for the easier cutting of wood given from around 10 am to 10.30 to showing everyone how high branches can be reached with extension poles. Bags of information sheets were handed out with details of SILKY Saws Australia email address and an invitation to visit their shop in Capalaba.

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Our Rotary Club friends asked for assistance in starting two of their portable generators. The task was carried out with the expertise of Chris and both working gennies returned in quick time very Minor faults fixed.



Talk about a Fast Mover

Take a look at "Hot wheels Rob" with his offsider. A Hot wheels bikie "Stand Clear"



We have been asked to organise the cooking at a BBQ for the Alex Hills state School on the 21st October part of their school fete. Another community effort we are well respected for a Helping out, but this one is not our normal gig and a wee bit different to our norm with Hamburgers and salad for sale not just "Bangers and onions".

I don't suffer from Insanity, I enjoy every minute of it. It's fun......

Here is an example of what becomes of some of the things built at our shed. Dudley has recently built a shop counter for installation in the Mt Tamborine café of his daughter,

The bench top is laminated beech wood from Bunnings, stained & lacquered.

The cafe is the "Wild Plum Kitchen" & is at the end of Gallery Walk, between the "castle" winery & the chocolate shop. It sells homemade tasty food & good coffee, & is open Thursday to Monday. It's highly recommend for a visit.





A quote for the day at the Cafe.

This week's, "Breakfast special Ham & Eggs". "A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig".

We get unusual strange requests at times and who knows what will turn up next. The Cerebral Palsy League approached Dave the Vice President for help from the members to make wooden covers for some rubber tyred wheels in two circumferences, sizes 60 centimetre and 52 centimetre. Which they will decorate. They would like 10 in all.

"Saint Anthony School" have given us another project to help them. They have asked us to build six wooden tables. We may become known as the wood butchers of the south "what between sausages and other BBQ' bits and timber".

Things for Sale, Swap or Give Away

HERE is a space for you have your thingy's or whatnots change homes. Here to be:
Advertised to be sold, swapped etc. I have decided to open this space with an item, the first for the year, an item from myself which is a:
Large Bird Cage 135 cm high 80 cm wide and 50 cm deep, 8 feeder dishes. Cage has been pressure washed and sits on a stand with 4 wheels. Make me an offer please. See Photo. Telephone 0423 059 684



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