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FROM OUR EDITOR

Hello Shedders,

Things have picked up at the Shed and there is a lot more activity lately. Our teams at Drouin markets and Bunnings Sausage sizzles have been successful and raised our profile with the general public. We aim to get to all of the Drouin Markets in future and would welcome help from any members.

The photography group is up and running with some new attendees and the Trivia Quiz is picking up momentum.

Those members who feel that they might need to improve their computer skill will have an opportunity to attend monthly seminars organised by Andy Dyka in the near future.

The metal shop is being refurbished and new equipment installed. The committee is still investigating a new, purpose-built shed for metalwork.

There is new signage—both around the shed and on our new ute. There have been a few more changes to the committee—see the list to the left.

We're looking at arranging some outings in the near future and would love to hear any suggestions.

Keep well

Peter Gribben



From the Editor

Please note that the following dates and events for February are subject to change. If any Covid lockdowns or restrictions occur we will try to keep you up to date via email and the FaceBook page—failing that, the whiteboard near sign-on desk.

Cheers,

Peter Gribben

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Date	Day	Event
2 Feb	Wed	Photography group
9 Feb	Wed	Music group
10 Feb	Thursday	Computer group
16 Feb	Wednesday	Photography group
17 Feb	Thursday	Trivia Quiz
18 Feb	Friday	Committee meeting
19 Feb	Saturday	Drouin Market
23 Feb	Wednesday	Music group
24 Feb	Thursday	Cluster meeting, "Head of sheds"
2 Mar	Wednesday	Photography group

Sausage Sizzle every Tuesday —after the meeting



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So it's come to this...George Peden

Having survived the test of retirement six year's ago, I found my days were long, and, if I were to be truthful, boring. I needed an interest. I needed somewhere to go. I needed something to do. But what?

I asked around, friends and the wayward idle, nothing. That was until I spoke to an ageing gent I met on a holiday in Sydney. "Why not join up with your local men's shed?" "But, I'm not into banging a nail, or drilling a hole." "No need to worry about that," said my travelling friend, "They cater for so much more." "Really...?"

As I've said to so many new chums entering our shed the hardest part is coming through the door - and so it was for me. I was hesitant. I was a little unsure, uncertain as to what was the Men's Shed?

But, and how lucky was I? The first person I spoke to was John Crosby. Affable, warm, funny and friendly - literally an old shoe of a man. His crumpled charm was keen, open and interested in what and who I was. He showed a sharp interest in ME. Years later, I've seen this as a trademark of management in our shed.

And so, after talking with John, and seeing and hearing genuine kindness and concern, I joined the shed. Now, six years on I'm leaving the shed.

But what of the in-between years?

Well, I never banged a nail and I never drilled a hole, but I have had some great learning. I now know a Tim Tam and a warm cuppa are the glue to friendship. I now know to never judge a book by its cover. This simple cliché proves many of our membership is talented, gifted and clever - men who've known success, achievement and abilities modesty prevents them broadcasting.

I've relearned the strength of a secret shared is a burden halved. I've learned that deep down, really deep down, most of us are good people. I've learned the value of being a friend, and having friends. I've learned, that despite the silence, despite the smile, many of us have suffered hard. Really hard.

I've learned to sit and listen (hard I know for me). I've learned to actively hear what's being said. I've learned there is goodness, healing and possibility when men sit and share. I've learned that sometimes all that is needed in life is an available, and trusted, ear.

I've learned that life is swift. I have seen good friends die. I have often wished I'd said more, been more. It's a life lesson the shed has taught me. I've seen men grow old, as I have grown old. I have seen sickness claim those too young to go. I've seen a cavalcade of life - all with a Tim Tam and a warm cuppa. I've heard a lot - all by sitting at a table with a friend...just by listening.

I have learned a lot.

I will miss you all. I thank you all. And, in a brotherly way, I love you all. I leave you with two things - sincere appreciation and a poem.

Today I come to say goodbye

I will miss you, I can't deny

But as I move to another town

Leaving you makes me frown.

I will stay in touch, I promise that

I will call you often and we will chat.

It won't be the same I know

But we can call and say hello.

So I won't say goodbye, I'll say so long

You're a friend indeed, one who is life-long

The bonds we share will never break

We will keep in touch, there is no mistake.

—Catherine Pulsifer

What's on

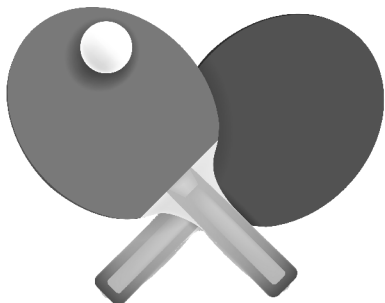


Table tennis

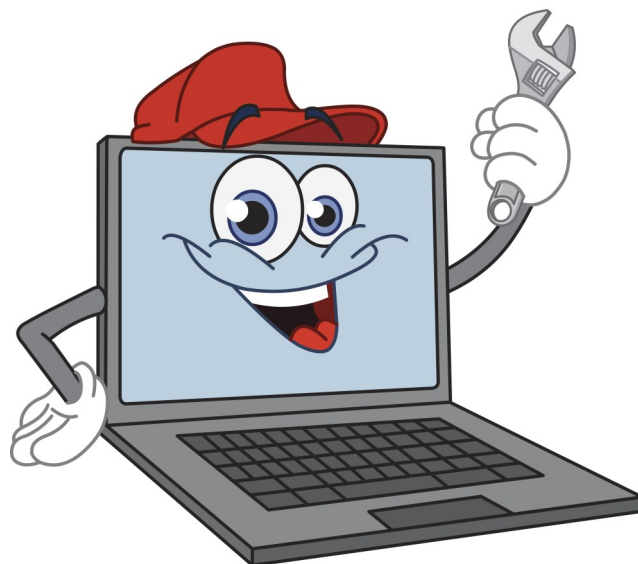
The Kean-Agers have table tennis sessions at the Bellbird Park Indoor Centre on Mondays and Thursdays from 08.30 am to 11.30 am. Cost is \$4.40. Further details from Dick Van Leeuwen on 0418 251 620

COMPUTER SEMINARS

Andy Dyka has been carrying out a survey on areas of computer usage that might benefit Shed members. Once the surveys have been returned and topics decided on, there will hopefully be a seminar once a month on a Thursday.

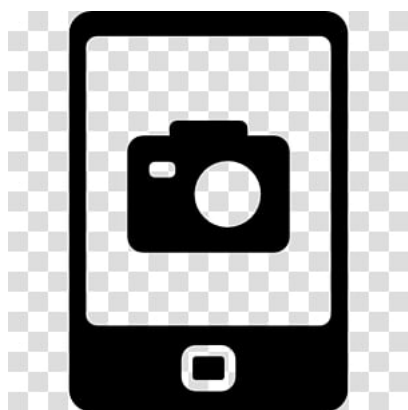
Currently dates are 10/2, 10/3, 28/4, 25/5, 23/6, 28/7, 25/8, 22/9, 27/10 and 24/11.

Any questions—Chat to Keith Stevens or Andy Dyka (andy@warpax.com)



Photography group

Whether you take photos with a smartphone or a digital camera, the photography group can cater for you. We meet once a fortnight on Wednesdays alternate to the Music Group. Next meetings are: 2 February, 16 February and 2 March. Chat to Neville Byrne or Peter Gribben.



What's been happening



Werner putting our new ride-on mower through its paces. The grounds have really been smartened up.



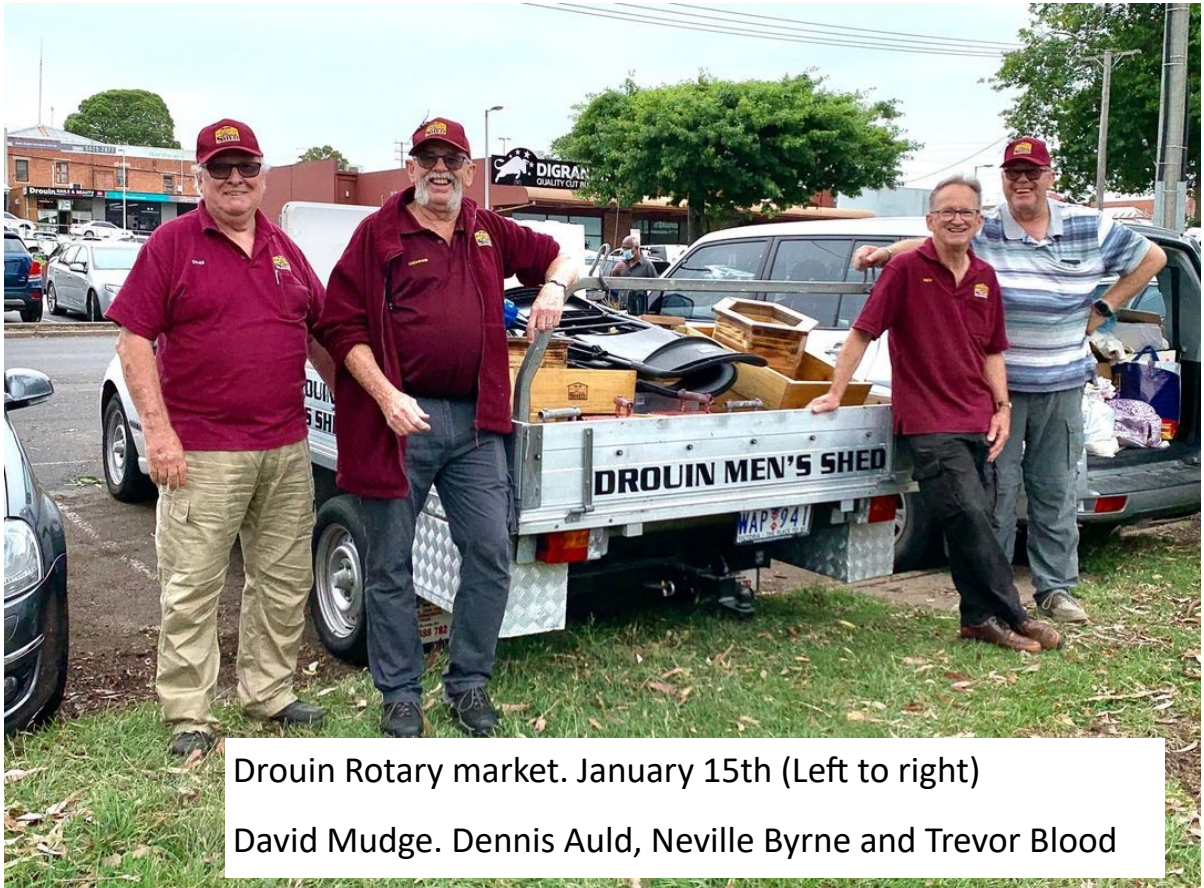
New signage on our ute has certainly lifted our profile.



Some of our team at the New Year's Eve Bunning's sausage sizzle.

Can you identify who lies behind the masks?

Answers on page 7



Drouin Rotary market. January 15th (Left to right)
David Mudge. Dennis Auld, Neville Byrne and Trevor Blood



As mentioned elsewhere, the metal shop is being thoroughly revamped, thanks to some sterling work by Bob Woodward, Phil Johnson and Kevin Coates.

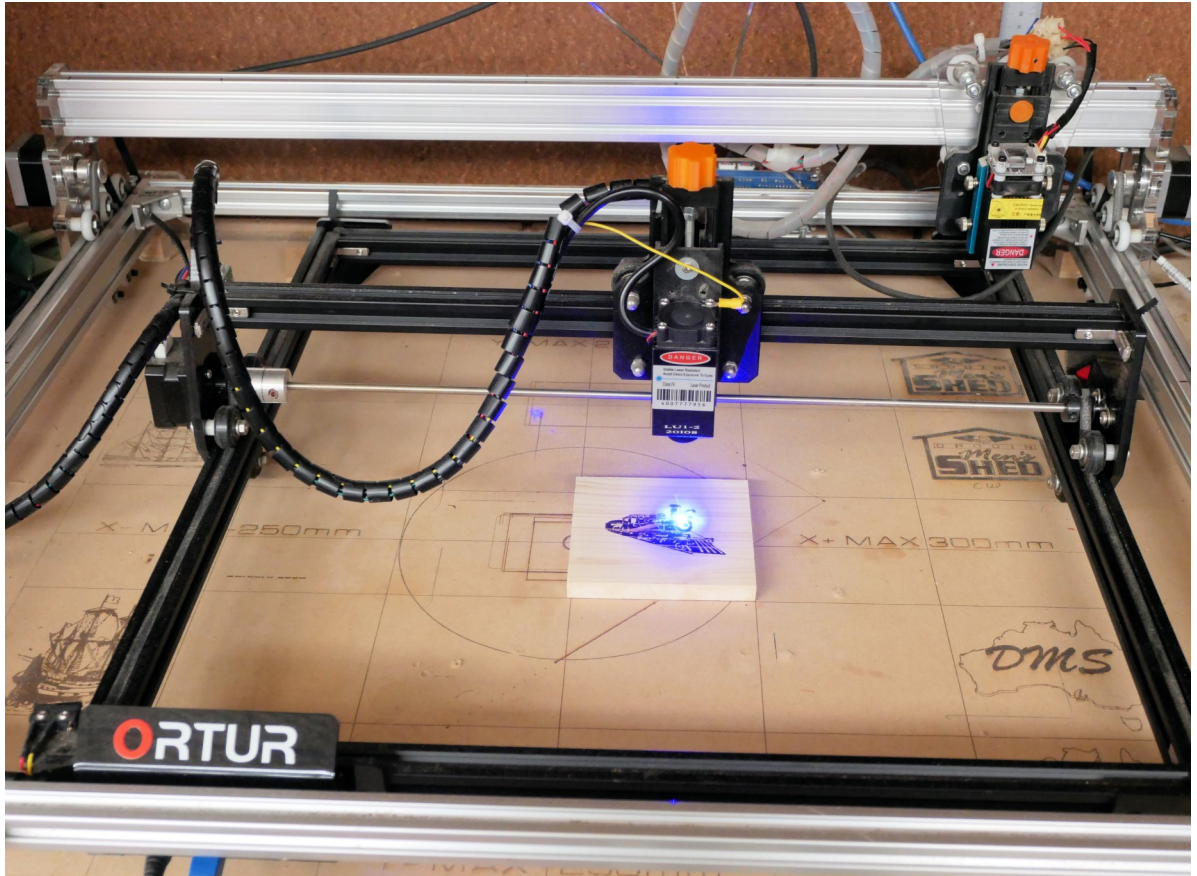
Do you know what this venerable piece of machinery does?

Answer on page 7

January's quiz was a good mix of easy and diabolical questions, with the focus on Australian music—not the Editor's strongest area! This month's winner was Trevor Blood. An honourable mention goes to Gary Champness, who has been moving steadily up the leader board.



This machine uses a computer-guided laser to burn our logo and other pictures and lettering onto our wooden products.



Our new (an quieter!) thicknesser. If you heard the last one in operation, you would know why a replacement was needed

Answers:

BBQ. L to R: Harry Vyverberg, Peter Gribben, Kevin Coates, Dennis Auld

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