



Joondalup Mens Shed

Bench Press

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Editor Merv Pearce



Presidents Report

From the President's desk

Another month of uncertainty as the pandemic continues to restrict our social, and work routines. We are assured that there is light at the end of the tunnel as reported on the JMS blog, which I presume you have been reading. The "trend" is flattening in our homeland and the effects on our daily life continues to be a strife, at least for those who have been housebound and under social distancing protocol.

For those of us who can remember the effects of world war 2 would liken the present scenario to the same isolation, uncertainty and fear that existed then. Our fortitude and survival practices got us through the tough times and we now have another chapter of our lives to add to stories for our generations to follow.

I continue to update the members through the Blog on our webpage and that helps in some form of communication from us to you. Unfortunately, we have been unable to gauge the blog's usability or number of "hits" on the Blog by OUR members. Sufficient to say that there is a lot of external "hits" as envisaged by the so-called visitation on our webpage from countries beyond our present memberships reach. Ukraine for instance!!! Or perhaps one of our members did visit Ukraine.LOL

Chris Drury, our resident Chaplain and computer guru, has by unanimous vote been co-opted on the JMS Committee as a member. Chris, in spite of his own personal medical issues, has been very active with members, mentoring and consulting on various personal issues and generally looking after the

wellbeing of our members. Those of us who have dealt

with Chris will certainly vouch for his integrity and selflessness. His recent contributions with the pre-launch of our members forum has been applaudable. We will launch this form of members interaction after ironing out a few teething problems that we have encountered in login failures and errors and some firewall for outside exploitation of our forum. Please welcome Chris to his role on the committee.

Recently, Graham our Shed manager was approached by members for limited workshop access in light of the relaxation of the social distancing laws, "**indoor and outdoor non-work gatherings will be relaxed to allow a maximum of 10 people**". The suggestion certainly had merit on the face of the declaration. However, to be cautious, Bernie Egan contacted the Director of Health and sought a clarification of the rule. We were advised that the Shed, not being in the category of "essential services", were not exempt from the original rule of restriction on gathering of more than 2 people. Therefore, that restricts us from opening the shed for normal operations. We must abide by the law and will continuously monitor the situation and keep you informed. The practice of loaning tools and purchase of material will continue at the convenience of the Shed manager.

The committee members wish you all a safe and healthy days ahead and look forward to having you back in the shed.

Reg Luther

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From the Editors Desk

In an effort to keep the Bench Press going and nothing happening to report with the shed closure you will see that there are lots of jokes, I think we can do with a lot of humour at the moment so I hope that you enjoy this April issue. Thanks to the few who have made some contributions. I hope it won't be too long before we are able to meet again.

Merv Pearce

Q & A

Question: ARE WE THERE YET?

Answer: NO

Certain committee members have been receiving many phone calls from members asking if the shed is open yet and if not, why not.

Please read the text below from the WA Men's Shed Association

Dear WA Sheds

West Australian Premier Mark McGowan announced on Sunday (26 April) a "cautious relaxation" of some COVID-19 restrictions; this includes allowing some indoor and outdoor non-work gatherings of up to 10 people. These changes have been made to help families and friends stay connected during the pandemic. In response to this advice we have received a number of enquiries from sheds about whether they can now open their doors, if adhering to the 10 people guidance.

We have reviewed the latest advice and have spoken to a representative from the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC). The instruction from the DPC was clear; **WA's Men's Sheds should not be open at this point in time**. The ruling for community facilities has not changed given the Premier's recent advice; sheds need to remain closed unless they are providing 'essential services' (e.g. Emergency Relief.)

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Meet the Member

Hedley Bond has contributed his life story for this issue. Hedley attends the shed on Tuesdays and can be seen at his bench producing toys with his work buddy George Raykos. This is his story.



22nd Jan 1953 – I was born at Salamo, Fergusson Island, Papua New Guinea (PNG) while Dad & Mum were missionaries on Goodenough Is. Two brothers were also born during this time. We left PNG when I was 3yo as they thought Dad had contracted malaria. My only memories of PNG was Dad killing a scorpion on a tree near me and seeing some sea planes landing.

We moved to Gladstone, NSW where Dad served as a Methodist minister. Two more brothers were born during this time. I started primary school in Gladstone.

We moved to St Dennis, Cornwall, England in 1960 where Dad had a preaching exchange as the Methodist minister for 3 years. Dad's mother lived in Devon. She had not met my Mum, my four brothers or I. Cornwall was King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table country – I was regularly seen with my bow, arrows and sword. I also enjoyed sledding during the winter months. A fun time.

We moved to Newcastle NSW 3 years later. As we didn't have much money, Dad went ahead as a migrant chaplain and Mum brought back 5 boys (3 to 10 years) by ship on her own. An amazing woman! I finished primary school and almost completed high school at Newcastle Tech High. I rode my bike from Newcastle to Sydney during this time.

When I was 17 we moved to Perth as Dad had been appointed the Overseas Mission secretary for the Methodist Church in WA. I finished school at Mount Lawley Senior High.

I got Cadetship with Bowral Holdings (a mobile crane and forklift manufacturing company) and began part-time mechanical engineering study at Western Australian Institute of Technology (later Curtin University). I left Bowra Holdings almost a year after I graduated as a Mechanical Engineer. Sue and I married in 1979 and have a daughter and son and four grandsons.

The first 12 years of my life as an engineer was spent working at Bunbury, South Fremantle and Muja Power Stations.

We moved to Perth in 1990 where I spent the next 10 years working as Operations Engineer on the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline (DBNGP). During this time I spent 6 years on the board of Kingsway Christian College where my children attended. The DBNGP was sold in 2000 and I was made redundant. I started working for Worley Parsons where I spent the remainder (15 years) of my pre-retirement working life.

2nd April 2016 – My last day at work. Now retired and enjoying cycling, swimming, spending time with Sue, family, Men's Shed, playing bridge etc.

Welfare Officers Report John Summerfield

“ Laughter is the best medicine “

What did the Red Baron say when he bailed out in World War 1.? Bi- Plane !!

Dad to Son : I'm thinking of buying a pig & keeping it in your room.

Son : But what about the smell ?

Dad : The pig will just have to get used to it !!

Man at railway Station ; I'd like a return ticket please.

Cashier Certainly Sir , where to ? Man Back here of course !

Mum to daughter : Your dad reminds me of the sea .

Daughter : Oh, you mean, wild, restless and romantic.

Mum : No, he just makes me sick !!

First man : Who was that I seen you with last night ?

Second man ; You mean , “ I saw “

First man ; OK, who was that eyesore I seen you with last night !

Boy Dad, a pigeon just pooped on me !

Dad Go & get some toilet paper.

Boy Don't be daft Dad, the pigeon will be miles away by now. !

RE ; Our "boys "

Bob Allen is clocking up the kilometres big time again on his bike, looking where he is going nowadays !!

Brian Abbott has a torn Achilles tendon which he is nursing at the moment.

Sid Old Don't ring him, wait for him to ring you ! He been locked away with his own company for so long he has a 1000 funnies to share & wont let you hang up . !!!!

Frank Antulov had a heart by pass done a little while back, Now just had it checked and the specialist has given him the “ thumbs up “.

Stan Pridmore is not good at all, in much pain at home. His wife too, is chronically ill in hospital and has jusy lost sight in one eye.

Kevin Banham and *Gary Thompson* are not responding to my calls.

Just a “ stop press “ to say I've just spoken to *Gary Thompson* . He is at home, pretty cheerful and says that he is having chemo therapy treatment on a monthly basis for the brain cancer and thanks our boys for checking on him.

Keep Well chaps and let me know of anyone not well, Johno Summerfield

May Birthday Celebrations



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| Michael Albury | Ian Ottaway |
| Philip Anderson | Tyron Paul |
| Tony Brewer | Colin Pond |
| Alan Clements | George Raykos |
| Alan Greenhalgh | Paul Szep |
| Geoff Linton | Gordon Walsh |
| Bill Maley | Stefan Raczowski |

*Birthday greetings
to you all*



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Welcome to the committee Chris.

Caring for our fellow Members

Should you hear about any of our fellow shedders being ill, experiencing the loss of a loved one or you haven't seen them at the shed for an extended period, please inform our Welfare Officer John Summerfield. John will make enquiries and visit if necessary and keep Shedders informed.

John Summerfield Mob. 0432 032 461 email sumtrade@iprimus.com.au



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6 out of 7
Dwarfs are not
HAPPY*

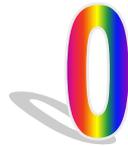


The total number of members
as at April 2020

194

14 Associate members

Attendance Statistics for April 2020 Compiled by Ian Mc Callum



Due to the shed closure

I have the most loving wife. Last night I woke up while she was holding a pillow tightly over my face to protect me from COVID19.



Hats Off

To Us the Shedders

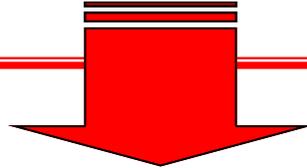


Who are enduring the compulsory isolation and missing the interaction with mates at the shed. Maybe it should be hats off to the wives as well as they have to put up with no respite from their partners all day every day.

Please note that all Farmers Markets and Bunnings sausage sizzles have been cancelled due to the corona virus.

Future dates are still published in this newsletter and the events will still happen once the all clear is announced by the state and commonwealth governments.

Until then please ignore.



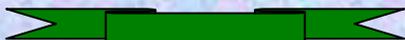
Coming Farmers Markets



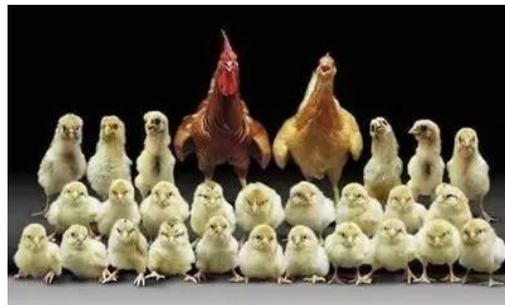
Poynton Markets Saturday 3rd October
Poynton Markets Saturday 28th November

Sausage sizzles

Bunnings Joondalup
Friday 15th May
Friday 12th June



With the easing of State Government law of gatherings from two to ten, this has allowed some creatures to take advantage of the law thus allowing these group photos.



I have a bumper sticker that says "Honk If You Think I'm Sexy."
Then I just sit at green lights until I feel better about myself.

Social Isolation
I am never alone.
The voices in my head keep me company.
In fact, sometimes I wish they would shut-up!

Another sign of the times: The Italian wing of Heinz Soup has been put into Administrone.

A man and his wife are dining at a table in a plush restaurant, and the husband keeps staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sits alone at a nearby table.

The wife asks, "Do you know her?"

"Yes," sighs the husband, "she's my ex-girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up seven years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" says the wife. "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

**Never in my whole
life would
I imagine my hands
would consume
more alcohol than
my mouth!!**



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**Ordered Chinese last
night little chinese
driver comes to door
and I walked out to
meet him. He started
shouting isolate
isolate. I said mate
you're not that late I
only ordered it 15
mins ago. 😂**