



# *Alex Hills Men's Shed Monthly.*

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Work is usually underway in and around the shed and a sign often gives a warning.

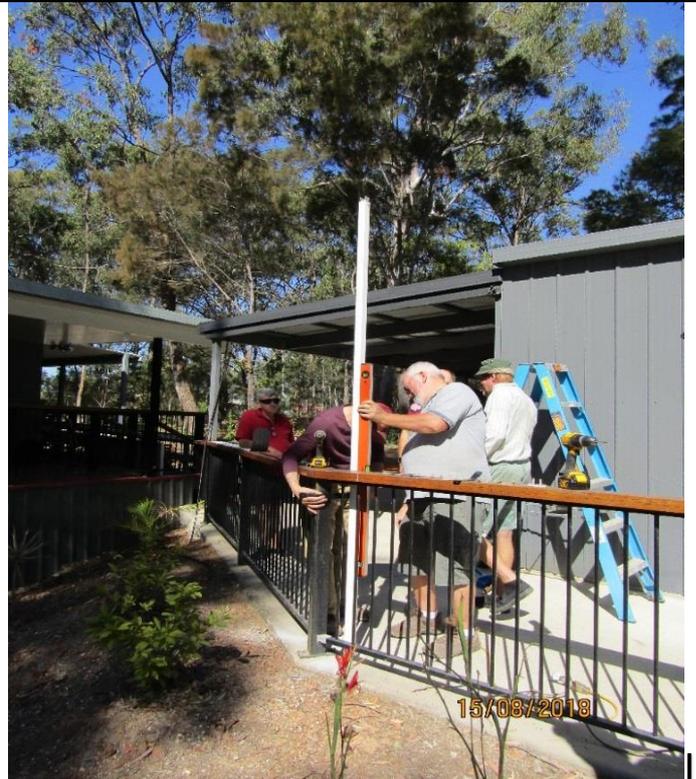
A new concrete path has been formed to make a ramp for easier access for shedders who may prefer a easier run into the work area. A handrail has been fitted and the new Pathway has been poured and it looks great for a smooth entrance.



New Path



Getting the supports for the new roof for the path across the front installed was a big task and had its moments. (Ask Peter Baldwin re the water in the post). The main flag pole will be moved and set up soon.



Meanwhile out at the rear of the shed workshops a new roof setup has been put in hand (in fact the work of many hands) the front of the workshop area has had some posts installed to support these roof panels which have been painted grey to suit the area.



A lot of work has taken place erecting this cover over the workshop entrance area. We should all have a grand erection coming along.

**Communication** is very important wherever you work and play and can be a bit of fun. A lot of it can and is done by mobile phone these days. We being a bit of a congregation of Mature (??) aged men many of us can remember when nobody could corrupt our Data, when using written letters and using sound or a light for Morse Code. The "Napier Star" a British freezer ship left New York after unloading Australian deep frozen meat and dairy products. On the same tide the "Queen Mary" 81,237 ton liner also sailed. The "Napier Star" was often flat out making 9 knots with the wind behind her. When she was underway bound for the English Channel about 10 days later a passing ship signalled the message "What ship Where Bound". "Napier Star" duly replied and asked back what ship? The Queen Mary sent her name and bound New York. A week or so later The Napier copped the same Morse code message re what ship. And replied and asked what ship. The Queen Mary put on her 3 vast funnel lights illuminating her great Red funnels and massive hull and everyone could see the bow wave as she charged along at 20+ knots. The Napier star duty mate when the lights were turned off repeated her enquiry. "What Ship" but got no reply. It's what I call poor communication.

Here is one form of communication we do not want to see too often. It is once more with regret that we heard right at the end of July that one of our ex members Trevor Langridge has passed on, we extend our kindest thoughts to his family.

Our prospective annual cricket match has unfortunately been abandoned this year due to the lack of prospective players. We needed 11 relatively active chaps and

possibly an umpire and a scorer with a runner to help the less active shedders. There is always next year. We only had 7 contenders for the star Positions.

Following the Annual General Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> August we see

### Our Newly installed Brains trust.



Damian, Michael, Bernie, Dave, Gary, Peter with Chris safely over to the right.



### The AGM installation voters this year 2018.

This year our AGM was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> August but from now on it will be held in September. To save a lot of money, the auditors pointed out that August and July are their busiest times of the year due to tax return time. If we moved our audit until

September we could save \$700 dollars so a management decision was made and it was voted on at the AGM and we said Q.E.D. for the good of our bank balance. "Quod Erat Demon stratum" "it was to be proved" forgive my Latin spelling, it's a long time since high school.

With Rob our former secretary having taken another road, Chris Mirow the BBQ Man will now be taking over the task of manning the Bunnings BBQ roster and is envisaging making up two panels of Bods to alternate week to week. See Chris for details and for YOU to offer help. This money pit keeps us afloat.



A lot of effort with our regulars Max at the stove Eric serving and Michael our new secretary watching the money.



Reminders in case you forgot

The shed membership Fee is now due please hand over the \$50.00, the amount was raised to keep us solvent and this has been discussed at great length and with much vigour at recent meetings. In case of any undue financial hardship this increase may impose on any member, rest assured that if you let someone on the committee know, then aid will no doubt be available we don't want to lose anyone.

I thought the other day about power problems we have had here at the shed in the past. My Dad once did a Vacuum Cleaner salesman door to door job and one time he went up to a house in a brand new sub division and knocked on a door, a lady opened the door and quick as you like he threw horse poo all over the carpet and said 'Lady if this new Vacuum Cleaner doesn't suck that up I'll eat it'. She said 'Do you want Tomato sauce on that cos we haven't got electricity on here yet'.

Did you know "How Long "is a Chinese name?

On the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of August a gang of shedder went to the Scout Hall at Ormiston to dismantle a metal shed and do a spot of painting after their fire

It's great to see the group still moving on we hope they keep their woggles warm.

Bryan Anderson who had been in hospital in Green slopes has returned home His wife Pat advised on the 23<sup>rd</sup> that he was back home but still awaiting some further advice from his Doctor. We look forward to further recovery in the near future. With him returning on deck.

When my neighbour and I arrived at a local Ford dealer to pick up his car, we were

told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the Service Department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the Driver's door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door-handle and discovered that it was unlocked. 'Hey,' I announced to the Fitter/Mechanic, 'it's open!'

His reply: 'I know. I already did that side.' Oops.

The CWA had approached the shed to pick up a Door and as per our customary aim is to help community groups Mr nice Guy "Bernie" agreed. We hear the Door was quite heavy.

Ron Brown has planned a birthday party for his wife and we are pleased to help him use our general hall for the event. We are not going to embarrass the lady by giving the date for her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. We just want her to have a great day.

4 months until Christmas roughly that will stir you up a bit. Already tentative plans are being made for a new venue for our Christmas Party more news to follow.

We the Alex hills Shedders have made a donation to the Bunnings Farmers relief fund, "Their drought appeal" our first sum of \$100.00 from the BBQ earnings of the 11<sup>th</sup> of August was made. At the next business meeting in September we will discuss how much we can agree on a further donation. We need the rain for our gardens but the bushies need it urgently to grow our food.

When the spring rain stimulates the plants in Bluey's garden we can look forward to a splash of colour. We have a few bright flowers pop out.



You have all heard of our new Prime Minister I suppose? I am trying to remember who it is this week. We have more stability in the shed management although that's debatable at times! But FUN

### September Birthdays

Have a great day whenever it comes. Joe Aquilina, Kerry Balcombe, Brian Cottee, Eric Buchanan, Allan Casperson, Jim Holmes, Jim Machin.

### Sorry to put in the latest sad news

"Gary Stone" has been having medical problems and been in and out of hospital since Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and is receiving treatment in Greenslopes Hospital. We are hoping for a speedy recovery so we can get one of our valuable undercover men back on deck. © 30-8-18 most articles are put together

by Brian (bhbeveridge@gmail.com) with special contributions and extracts from various members. THANK YOU. (You can give us a story any time we love to hear from YOU)

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