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PLEASE:...

When working in the Shed and something breaks (which we all know does happen) please bring it to the attention of the duty Overseer so that arrangements can be made to effect repairs as soon as possible. There can be nothing worse than racing to use a machine only to find that it's not working for some reason & nobody knew about it.

Wheelchairs for Kids magazine



Tony Brown found this in the WFK magazine and it seemed to fit well with Vic's story re the manufacture of wheelchairs below!!

Wheelchairs for Kids

Guys, can you imagine an organisation that has 180 committed volunteers and another 40 in the wings wanting to join in when slots are available. This is not a dream this is real. We were absolutely mesmerised by what we were treated to in our visit to "Wheelchairs for Kids" that was organised by our member Barry Arcus. This facility manufactures 350 beautifully made wheelchairs that can be adjusted to match a child's size and disability every month. The chairs meet every aspect of a disabled child's needs including home, transport, play and school. Every chair is professionally boxed for shipping and includes the special touch of a teddy bear soft toy and a set of woollen hand crafted beautiful rugs for the child's comfort. The manufacturing team includes an army of women and men that operate the factory and the cottage support industry underpinning the full fledge manufacturing operation. There are engineers, tool makers and quality assurance specialists that support this team. This would be the envy of any world class manufacturing facility. It is run and operated by old buggers like you and if you saw it would leave you gobsmacked. We all left deeply moved by what we saw. They have manufactured and shipped just under 40,000 wheelchairs since 1998 to all parts of the world where disadvantaged disabled children live. With each chair received wheelchairs for kids team must claim immense satisfaction for contributing to a better world.

Vic Power. Health Rep



THE FRIED FISH ACT of BG

Many machines being operated by a busy group of keen Shedders

Loud noises of the vacuum saw-dust suckers and saws, routers, buzzers

Intense concentration with rulers, computers, adding machines and a stumpy pencil

He is aware of it all and keeps a wary eye on the guy on the router about to draw blood

But steps across quickly and prevents an accident with a few words and quick demonstration of "be safe" operation technique

Fellow Shedders interrupt constantly and their problems are attended to promptly and he sends the happy Shedder on his way

He knows that the FRIED FISH ACT of BG applies at all times and in all situations but pacifies the ACT simply by its recognition

He is competent ; he works with wood, metal, plastic, glass, varnish, anything, and is intolerant of anything less than perfect

You don't keep a chopper up in the air with " that'll do "

Things go wrong with Shedders all around him because of some stupid work practices which bring the machines to a halt

But you will hear him invoke the THE FRIED FISH ACT of BG which has the effect of pouring soothing oils on the troubled waters

But although intent on the job at hand, that is only the micro environment of his daily business at the Shed

He is a born leader, a soldier in the vanguard and firmly steers the Shed on the macro environment of the future

We owe a lot to the magnificent BOB GROCKE

Klaas Edel (Sometimes you will hear Bob mumble " according to the fried fish act " , as he goes about his business)

ANZAC DAY 2017

Anzac Day 2017 started at 7.30 am with a gunfire breakfast at the Alf Adams pavilion. The breakfast was cooked by the Rotary Club of Mosman Park with a generous supply of rum courtesy of Brett Pollock and the RSL Club of Mosman Park.

Many ex-servicemen and their families attended together with members of the public.

At 10 am the Anzac Day ceremony commenced Memorial Park in Mosman Park with about 300 people attending. Following a short march-past led by Ken Walker. The march-past included ex-servicemen from WWI, Vietnam, Timor, Iraq and

Afghanistan. The service commenced with Brett Pollock acting as MC. On a perfect day, the Mayor of the Town of Mosman Park, Ron Morris delivered a very moving talk about the role of football (in what is now the AFL) in keeping up the morale of troops stationed in Britain prior to moving to the Western Front.

Wreaths were laid by the dignitaries present and on behalf of various community groups. Ken Walker (our very own centenarian and ex-serviceman) and Brian Millmore laid a wreath on behalf of the Shed. Upon returning to his seat Ken received an ovation from those present.

It was pleasing to see members of the Shed attend together with members of their families. It was also pleasing to see so many young people attending Anzac Day and keeping the tradition alive.



Photography Club.



Photo of the Month (Richard Lang).

INDUCTION AND SAFETY

Your Committee and Overseers have settled on a new (or maybe modified) induction and safety training scheme. Its key aim is to keep you safe and knowledgeable when using the facilities within the Shed. The following two statements are paramount to a safe working environment:

‘That the individual member is primarily responsible for their own safety.’

‘When in doubt ask an appropriate person.’

If you do not adhere to these two, no imposed scheme can operate.

The General Induction that is required by all new members is much the same content as before only the new one is done in a more efficient manner. Rather than the overseer on the day giving the new member a lengthy lecture, often missing out on some matters, the new member goes through a Power Point on the computer. On completion of the PP the new member does a simple ‘test’ to make sure that important details have been absorbed. We are determined to ensure that this induction is kept simple, personal and clear. A Blue dot is given for completing this induction.

Following the general induction specific training on equipment use is offered to all members who are interested and need to use the equipment. Both the wood and metal areas have two parts to their areas. The first is the basic stage which includes a small number of short training modules for the equipment that is used in often in that area. As before you will get a coloured dot when you have completed all of the modules, Orange for wood and White for metal.

If you wish to use further specialised equipment you can do the advanced individual modules on the less used pieces of equipment like the wood lathes or the MIG welder.

Most modules should only take 10 – 15 minutes and should be recorded in a file that will be held in the office. This information will also be recorded on the Shed database.

The present trainers are Bob Grocke and Tony Brown for woodwork, and George Klug for metalwork and Richard Allen for metal lathes and mill.

We hope that this scheme will allow new members to be able to join up and get down to ‘work’ as quickly and safely as possible.

Payment for Machining

A reminder that if you use the planer or thicknesser you need to pay the duty supervisor AT THE TIME!!

Members, Gentlemen (& their wives; girlfriends, associates even neighbours!)

The “must be seen at” social event of the Men’s Shed year is almost upon us. Thursday June 8 & Thursday July 6 are the dates to remember.

Make a booking for a whole table of 6 – or individuals - to soak up the wine wisdom presented by David Magnus (U.W.A.) and – as a bonus – enjoy a light meal created by our Men’s Shed cooks, supervised by our very own Pete Anderson.

Both afternoons start @ 3:45 pm for a 4:00 pm sit down and finish up around 6:30 pm or so.

This year, we are tabling a range of wines from GRACE FARM (James Halliday“5 stars”, Ray Jordan.....“W.A.’s best emerging talent”) AND Woodlands – can’t get any better than this!

\$30 per head per session. Bookings at our Men’s Shed office or call our office on 9383 3354.

NOTE – Because of overwhelming demand; bookings are NOT confirmed until payment received.

Best Wishes.....Ian Deany

P.S. A tour of our Shed – on request - is included at no cost for “first timers”.

Chef At Large

"Greetings from Italy - we are shackled up near a small village south of Florence in the centre of Tuscany .

We have the local lunch daily with a bottle of vino and spend the afternoon looking at the ceiling.

We chat with the local chefs to learn all the details about what we have just eaten.

Amazing food and wine - I'm just worried that I will want to do six classes of Italian cooking

"**Pete, the Cook**

From Ian Deany

I found out today that there is an App (?) for First Aid.

I have loaded it onto my phone - it appears to me "just what a Doctor would order - if he knew about it".

There are various versions.



Trevor has made a couple of beautiful harps in the shed over the last few months. Klaas was delighted to take delivery of one and Bruce has taken the other with the intention of learning to play Greensleeves.



Not to be out done, Bob G is now making one off his own but is not expecting to play it.



Richard has been working on the parts of this impressive outdoor sofa for weeks now and it is at last coming together. We look forward to seeing it completed; and not because we want the bench space. It's a most worthy shed project.



Toilets spring clean: Barry Arcus giving the toilet block floor an overdue "Spring Scrub", Message to Shedders : "Stand close and shoot straight !!"



Another batch of wheelbarrows assembled for "Stretch". Volunteers are welcome to assist with this ongoing project.



Tony Barr showing his skill making storage boxes from scrap wood.

Bob Grocke with a netball goal ring manufactured for Iona School.



Metal Work Induction: George Klug demonstrated the use of workshop equipment, including angle grinders, cut off saws, power drills, sheet metal guillotine, and the important issue of safety when using power tools.



All articles/photos/information to Jamie McKinnon by the day of the monthly meeting.

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