

Noises From The Shed



Your CRAFT MARKET Committee has produced POSTCARD sized flyers -

"A" side shows big people's attractions; whilst the "B" side depicts attractions for little people c/w date and time, of course.

To avoid waste - please advise "ianandsue.deany@gmail.com"

how many you require - you will be advised when available to pick up from your Shed.

The final destinations of our postcards are entirely up to YOU - however; they do need to get out there in considerable quantity.

THE NEXT MOVE IS YOURS

P.S. We also have single sided A3 (420 x 300 mm), A4 (300 x 210 mm) A5 (210 x 150 mm) also available on request.

Ian Deany

The annual Craft Market is coming soon - Sunday 9th November - and I have worked hard to secure sponsors for the event. Two sponsors have put their hands up and the Shed is very grateful for their involvement.

Haiven Property is a leading real estate company in the area and **Mr Goz** will be one of the food stalls at the Market. Both of these sponsors are greatly appreciated by the Shed as they recognise the importance of the Shed to the community.

Bill Holly



Hedge Trimming Guru Barry Arcus was caught on film by roving paparazzi **George W** trimming the Indian Hawthorn hedge at the front of the Shed.

Barry is very happy to keep the hedge in order but gets very cranky when all the flowers drop and form a carpet of "snow" on the pavers as it becomes very messy in the area.

This area is where Barry carries out his other "job" at the Shed on Tuesday morning when he set up the tables in preparation for the "seagulls" coming to have the scones, jam and cream for morning smoko.



October QLD

With no football to watch and good weather to bask in there was strong support of the QLD on October 3rd. A happy crew enjoyed good company, a drink or two and some home crafted artisan sausage rolls provided by Chris Oeding. This was a great way to enjoy the monthly sundowner!

Next month Partners will be welcome.



George Williams



Glen Rodel working on the metal lathe honing the skills he has picked up in his hobby.

Tony Brown working on signs for one of the local primary schools. Not sure if the signs are to help keep the kids in???



Patrick Beale - Making Large Buildings From Wood Again.



The 2nd Thursday talk was presented by Patrick Beale, architect and researcher UWA on the use of native timbers for large buildings. His talk was illuminated by wonderful photos of the buildings he referred to in his talk.

The two main buildings which formed his presentation were the community centre at Pengelly and the Dardanup Shire Office and Library - both were amazing designs in country ares and used yellow stringy bark timber sourced from the region. The community centre used 1000 tons of timber.

Patrick explained the different types of timbers available for large constructions - solid timber, gluelam, cross laminated timber and laminated veneer timber. The last one came about as a result of little use now of newsprint in northern Europe thus allowing the veneer cuts to be more readily available. The strength and amount of timber used in the various forms varies greatly but it is now possible to have beams of 22m length. CDL is strong when used vertically but floppy when horizontal. Many of the beams formed are box beams so not solid.

Some constructions involve heavy dowels to secure the parts. The dowels are inserted with 4% humidity into the dried timber which has 15% humidity thus allowing for expansion/contraction. One of the main advantages of using timber is that there is low energy use compared to concrete and steel. Unfortunately the stopping of old forest

logging has reduced the capacity to have the required timber available. Timber is sustainable, time efficient (the Penghilly building was put up in a day!!) safe, fire resistant (that was a surprise), char effective and healthy.

WA has one plant producing the structured buildings indoors so there is minimal time when construction is in the open therefore the weather is not an issue in the main in terms of holding up construction. Stumps are situated on concrete pads and termite protected - they never touch the ground. The laminates use inert polyester glues; joists and bearers use Dovetails and Mortice and Tenon joints with no fixings. The linings can be treated with Cabot's or Qtek or left raw depending on the wishes of the client. Verndah floors are oiled 2x/year. 350mm treated wool insulation is laid under floors.

The buildings on show are visually stunning and the use of native timbers is fully justified. ***If you look up Patrick on the Net you can see the amazing structures his group is responsible for.***

Chairs Report October 2025

I'm pleased to report on the following highlights from September and October.

- We have a new Management Committee in place as a result of the September elections. The new committee has a good balance of returning, more experienced members, and those who are new members.
- The committee responsible for planning our annual Craft Market is busy finalising plans for this year's market, scheduled for Sunday, November 9.
- We are following up with those members who have not renewed their membership. At the same time, we continue to have new members joining the Shed. Some join to work on a wood or metal project, while others are attracted to the many other activities we have. Some examples include, Shed Singers, Shed band, Gentle Gym, Bridge group, Automotive Group, Camping Group, Museum tours, and Wednesday and Thursday lectures on a wide range of topics.
- The Shed exists to support and foster health and well-being for all members. Regardless of what they choose to do at the Shed, everyone benefits from the opportunities to socialize with other men in a supportive environment.
- We remain very busy serving the community through the "Shed Jobs" we do for the community. We have built (and sold) 2 possum boxes for the Town of Mosman Park and these will be installed soon by Friends of Mosman Park Bushland.
- Our recent "Home Maintenance Course" again was successful and we are exploring other ways we can serve the community, and provide our members with new activities.
- The purchase of a new fridge and freezer, to replace the old ones, will enable us to continue to cater for various events for members and community groups.
- A new power cut-off switch, and repairs to the lift are part of our continued focus on safety.

Paul Smith Chair, MPCMS

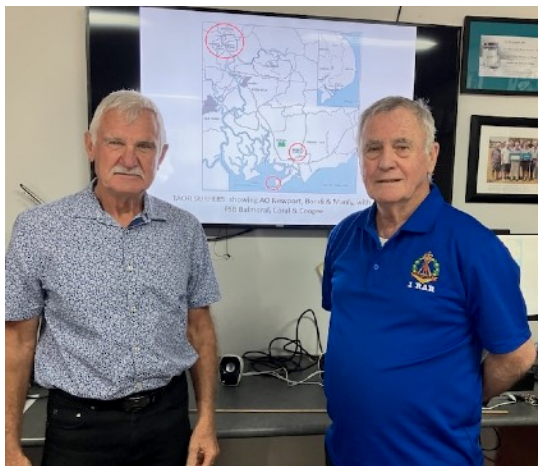
The "cartoon" shown on the right struck me as being very funny and so Trumpian". I realise it could be seen by some as insensitive at this particular time but I hope you see it for what it is. I hasten to add that it is NOT an Ad from Specsavers!!

Passed on to me from an esteemed Shed Member.

Editor



Coral & Balmoral - Vietnam 1968



For the monthly talk Bob Coventry, himself a Vietnam veteran, introduced Peter Harrower who actually took part in this, the most serious and long lasting battle of that gruesome war, to provide the audience with details of how difficult this battle was.

Bob, using a map of the part of Vietnam where the Australian soldiers were stationed and explained how the Australian troops were deployed in advance of the battle of Coral & Balmoral. The troops were positioned between Saigon and the area from which the Nth Vietnamese (NV) would get to Saigon in an attempt to stop the NV from moving back from Saigon when they had already reached the city and also to stop them from moving South to Saigon. All the positions were named after surfing spots in Australia - Bondi, Manly etc - so that they would be easily remembered.

Unfortunately the Americans did not alert the Australians to the fact that the NV troops were already in the area and were surveying the settling in of the Australians. Getting gun positions oriented in the right direction was confusing and, in a very short time after getting settled (they were delayed in getting to the area where they were to set up the Fire Support Base) it grew dark quickly and rain poured down. Under cover of dark and rain the NV got to within 200m of the FSB placements. The actual area was not where it was intended to be due to poor communications and air scanning by the Americans (the American pilot refused to fly low enough to get good photographs as he expected to be hit by gunfire.)

A NV soldier dug under the trip flares set out by the Australians and was spotted by a rifleman who shot him and this started the fighting but then RPG's were fired at the Australians and 14 were killed out of the 28 who were settled in the various positions. This was the worst part of the battle for the Australians but the next day the main battle commenced with rows of NV troops charging at the machine gun posts - there were no Australian losses on the day. Bob and Peter showed a video which depicted the battle in some detail, including photos of some of the men Peter knew who died at the battle or lost eyes or had other injuries. The commanders of each section outlined what they and their troops did to keep the area under control and save their own soldiers. It was a very complex and difficult situation which cannot be described in this review but it was very clear that the Australians did a mighty job against all the odds and we are lucky to have guys like Bob and Peter to remind us of the efforts they made and the sacrifice of so many in a lost cause.

Some Interesting Messages From a Local Church!!

- *The Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.*
- *Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.*
- *Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*
- *For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.*
- *At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be: 'What is Hell'. Come early and listen to our choir practice.*
- *Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.*
- *The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hospitality.*
- *Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm – prayer and medication to follow.*
- *This evening at 7:00 pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.*
- *Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7:00 pm. Please use the back door.*
- *Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.*
- *The associate minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours'.*



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