

Noises From The Shed



Winter Warmer

On Thursday 31st, twenty members met for lunch at the shed.

Called the Winter Warmer, the lunch comprised a generous bowl of pumpkin soup made by the cooking group in the Shed's kitchen together with a crusty buttered bread roll. It went down very well, and at the end we all resolved to come to the next one in two weeks time.

It is intended to hold Winter Warmers every two weeks over the cooler months.

The members present enjoyed the fellowship as well as the gastronomic experience. Altogether a very positive experience for everyone.

Here is photo of the group at the conclusion of the meal, and although my serve is untouched, it didn't last much longer than it took me to take the photo!

John McLoughlin



Cash For Containers.

I collected \$26.80 on 24 July from containers for change.

Great work but our total for this calendar year is \$368 and i think we can do better for St Barts.

Please look for the 10c sign on the container and remember that the 1 and 2 litre milk containers are not accepted by the scheme, and most wine bottles aren't either (if they were we would be streets ahead !

Don Frayne.

Rowin' Home To Fresh Bay

Rowing legend and Shed Member Gerry McGann organised a 10th Anniversary Celebratory dinner for the launching of skiffs belt at Royal Freshwater Bay Sailing Club and asked if I could organise half a dozen of the finest singers from the ShedSong group to start the evening off with a few sea songs/shanties.

So, on Wednesday 13th August, Andrew Locke, John Holbrooks, Bill Holly, Hassan Hassan, Michael Graham and Dennis Rumley took centre stage in the fine dining room at the RFBSC and delivered 5 songs with great gusto to a very surprised and appreciative audience. I was able to "lead" them - sort of!! but it was a good performance from these willing participants and the Shed got a good wrap to boot!!

Jamie McKinnon

Footnote: As a result of the performance, and encouragement from Michael Beaver, the Shed and ShedSong gained a new member from the ranks of the Sailing Club membership and he was warmly welcomed to ShedSong practice on Tuesday 19th August. Great to have a new singer on board.

SAS Museum Visit.

We arranged a visit to the SAS Historical Museum on Wednesday 20th August and had 13 members attend.

The tour takes 2 hours and is surprising the amount of exhibits they have accumulated, including a toilet from one of Saddam Hussain's Palaces! It really is an eye opener of what these people get up to in the defence of Australia..

A well worth visit which was enjoyed by all. **David Syminton**

Outside Job.

Bob Grocke being supervised by George K whilst making the frames for the Wembley Cricket Club.

The Shed needs to have more jobs in the next couple of months to ensure monies are brought in to keep up the balance sheet.



Thursday Talk - Edith Cowan presented by Hilary Silbert

The life of Edith Cowan



Hilary Silbert is the world expert on the life of Edith Cowan. She gave an excellent talk on this amazing lady:

Edith, the second of 5 children to an educated mother, was born on a sheep station of 20,000 head near Geraldton. She witnessed, at 7 years of age, her mother dying in childbirth. Her father was distraught, moved away remarried then shot his second wife. After 3 trials he was convicted and hanged making him the first pastoralist to be hanged.

Edith married at 18 and this marriage lasted her whole life. She had 5 children.

She became involved in a huge range of social issues: Venereal disease clinics; sex education in schools; founder of the Karrakatta Club; founder of Ngala (unwed mothers); boards, Red Cross, Girl Guides etc.]

After door knocking and meeting the people she was elected to the WA Parliament, the first woman in Australia to be elected. She won by 46 votes and a 19 gun salute was fired as she entered Parliament. In her first and only term she had two private members bills passed.

She is poorly remembered in history with little in school programs and much misinformation is regurgitated about her life.

Hilary is working hard to have Edith and her contemporary remarkable women properly recognised.

Gerry McGann.

Emerging Infections and Pandemics - Disease X

Dr Nick Beeching had a blunt message for Sheddies at this month's health talk. He declared it was inevitable that another pandemic would happen and warming climate could carry mosquitoes with malaria to Britain by 2050.

The retired English Infectious Diseases expert said mosquitoes are the most deadly of all predators, and they are roaming over more of the world each year spreading disease. They are also delivered in the international trade of used tyres. This is because used tyres often carry a small pool of water – ideal for mosquitoes to live in and become migrant deliverers of deadly diseases.

He urged Sheddies to read the book ***The Mosquito, our deadliest predator*** by T.G.Winegard.

Nick recently migrated to WA from the UK. He was Emeritus Professor of Tropical and Infectious Diseases at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and a Consultant and Clinical Director of the Tropical and Infectious Disease Unit at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital (UK). He had been involved with the covid pandemic in Liverpool. World-wide 90 per cent of covid deaths had been people over 65 years. Governments and authorities should prepare long term plans for the next epidemic (in one country) or pandemic involving several countries. **“Martial law will be declared if there is another pandemic,”** he said. A peculiarity of the Covid was that side effects were much worse among young people than others. He said “Disease X” refers to a currently unknown infectious disease that will inevitably arise in the future.

Many causes combined to spread disease around the world: climate change meant warmer conditions were leading mosquitoes north and they could carry diseases to Britain by 2050. Human travel, including migration was another major factor.

He was fierce on US President Donald Trump and the US Health chief Robert Kennedy Jr. "Kennedy is completely barking mad. He and Trump have done so much damage to international health. They have created so much uncertainty." Nick said the response to Covid was late and not well organised.

He said, "Our Prime Minister Boris was very busy getting his leg over and fighting for Brexit. For months Britain responded very poorly. In Liverpool we had huge crowds when Real Madrid football team came to play. It was frightening.

"WA was very lucky: you have only about three roads into WA and you could close easily. WA got it right." Covid vaccines were very effective against a disease that kept changing rapidly.

He said, "I have my jab every year. It does not stop covid, but reduces the effect."

George W

Chairman's Report

It is with deep regret that I report on the sad passing last week of Tony Willerton-Lowe. Tony has had his annus horribilis this year with the sad loss of his beloved wife Gwen, his own serious health issues and now his untimely demise. His happy demeanour whatever life threw at him will be remembered by many, especially those in the metalwork area with whom he enjoyed so much time in the Shed.

On Monday 18th after morning smoko we were to welcome a representative from the Equal Opportunities Commission to update us on what does and does not meet current standards. Unfortunately their rep was ill so no starters despite a good roll up from Shed members. We are fortunate to have finally put behind us the complaint we have been progressing for some years now, but we need a refresher on current mores. We await confirmation of an alternative engagement. All welcome!

An important small change to our Rules of Association to be discussed at ManComm this week. In an attempt to properly encourage movement in the committee's membership, there was a proposal to limit the number of successive terms members can re-nominate to 3, ie a member may serve 3 consecutive years on the committee before they must take at least 1 year off before they can nominate again. The Shed must rely on this committee to guide it into the future, not to just react to current issues, but to look at how we survive the next decades and needs new blood (probably younger than currently!) to achieve that goal. Despite some robust discussion the proposal was deferred until the new Committee has been elected.

It is distressing to report that our new system of handling breaches of our Shed responsibilities by members is currently getting an unwanted workout. As we are an organisation whose founding premise is to support one another both physically and mentally I do not relish the thought of conflict between members. Please put your brains into gear BEFORE you open your mouths so we do not offend each other but rather support each other, it's really not that hard.

The slow culling of unwanted material all around the Shed continues apace, please be aware that after warnings over the past three (3) months, action will now be taken on unmarked projects/material.

I cannot emphasise enough the responsibility each member has to ensure then Shed continues to exist happily. This can only happen when members step up and offer a hand to how we survive. I have said many times that if we continue to do the same old, same old and expect different results we are all deluded and ageism will see the slow demise of this magnificent enterprise.

Tony Lalor

**MY KIDS LAUGH
BECAUSE THEY
THINK I'M CRAZY.**

**I LAUGH BECAUSE
THEY DON'T KNOW
IT'S HEREDITARY.**

Stories From The Furniture Hospital of Ian Worral

Two repair projects were brought to Ian recently. The first was an unusual piece of furniture - a sewing desk - with a broken leg. The photos show the desk after surgery with the bandages still in place.



The second was a much more complex injury requiring major surgery. An old desk, given to David Syminton was in a bad way as the photo shows but David felt it could be resuscitated through the skills of Ian. The whole desk was refreshed with a new finish, the leather on top was all replaced and much of the veneers had to be replaced.

The finished desk is shown in all its splendour - a job well done and there was no ambulance ramping!!



Before



Replacing the Leather



After

SURVIVAL TIP:

If you get lost
in the woods
start talking
about politics
and someone
will show up
to argue with
you.



LET'S HAVE A MOMENT
OF SILENCE FOR ALL
THOSE WHO ARE STUCK IN
TRAFFIC ON THEIR WAY TO
THE GYM TO RIDE
STATIONARY BICYCLES.

Last Night, My Neighbor
Came Home Drunk &
Banged On His Own
Door For Like 5 Mins. 🧑
Problem Is, He Lives
Alone, So I Went
Outside And Told Him
He Wasn't There & He
Left!!! 😂😂😂



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