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Hooray !! The Men's Shed Re-opens

In June President Warren Evans advised by email that we could re-open our Shed on Monday 8th June 2020 under an approved CovidSafe plan.

Restrictions include:

- * a limit of 20 members per day*
- * social distancing at all times*
- * hand sanitiser to be used*
- * stay home if you are unwell*
- * sanitising and cleaning equipment after use essential*
- * work areas to be left clean at all times*
- * disposable cups are to be used*
- * Friday lunches can resume, with social distancing.*

Oh yes, we were all pleased to see that notice and to return !



And what a post-Covid turnout !!!

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Days

In March Bunnings announced that our monthly Sausage sizzle days would discontinue until further notice. Coolum Men's Shed immediately lost a regular monthly income of over \$1000.

More recently Bunnings has advised a slow restart to their Sausage Sizzle days. CMS has been offered ONE day for the remainder of this year - Sunday 13th of September -

and with significantly revised *CovidSafe* procedures. These include not one but two awnings and with complete cleansing every 60 minutes. As noted in an email from F1 on 31st August, two teams of five will be needed.

Please offer your time for this important fundraiser day. Put your name on the list on the Shed Noticeboard.

Sausage Sizzle Days at Coolum-Peregian RSL

The Coolum-Peregian Sub-Branch of the RSL re-commenced Friday night trading beginning with the 19th of June this year. A recent upgrade to the bar and they now offer two tap beers and a tap ginger ale, in addition to the usual bottled and canned products. Since the 19th they have introduced a *Sundays on the Green* trading extension, to be run on the first Sunday of every month. CMS has been invited to do the sausage sizzle on these days from about 11:30 am to 4:00pm. Our first day is scheduled for Sunday 6th September – that's Father's Day. This is an excellent opportunity to generate some badly needed income. As usual, there is a list on the Shed Noticeboard, so put your name down to help.



Sunday on the Green at the Coolum-Peregian RSL

DoD Shed Progress

Despite our Covid Shed lockdown, our contracted builder for the DoD shed was able to continue working on construction. And so the building slab and the substantial concrete driveway was completed. A Grant from the office of Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien paid for this work.

We had no funding for the construction of the shed building, and CMS was planning to do so via a bank loan. However a kind offer from a CMS Member to loan CMS the

funds, approximating \$40,000, and at the same interest rate but without bank fees and other costs, was too good to refuse.

So when our Shed activities were re-opened, CMS members got stuck into the construction. We are able to do a lot of this work because it is a kit shed. Currently the shell is up and complete. All glass louvre panels are in place and front and rear doors have been fitted. Therefore the shed is at "lock-up" stage.



Work needed to complete the building includes:

- * Electrical. Estimate approximately \$25k.

- * Dust extraction system. This industrial-sized system requires its own slab and separate building. Wazza estimates approximately \$10k.

- * Plumbing. Still to be completed but this should be part of the contracted building cost and therefore not an additional cost.

- * Lanscaping. Mandated for final approval but we are unsure at this stage what the requirement might be and therefore the cost.

- * Fitout. Benches, etc., as with our first shed, this will probably be undertaken by the

skilled CMS team. It will be an open plan design and with with minimum walls. Estimate about \$5k.

No monies have been allocated for these estimated costs as yet.

Open Day and Garage Sale Day

On Saturday, 8th August Coolum Men's Shed and Coolum Beach Women's Shed jointly hosted an *Open Day/Garage Sale*. With the obligatory hand sannie stations and distancing, crowds came out for the day, enjoyed a sausage sandwich, checked out the facilities, purchased items from the Sales Table and from the Garage Sale of our excess equipment, and mingled with CMS and CBWS members to learn a little more about what we all did.

Both the Men's Shed and the Women's Shed had prior billing on local Sunshine Radio station FM 104.9 which helped swell the numbers. Proceeds from the sausage sizzle stall were shared between CMS and CWS.

The day was a great success, with perhaps around 200 in attendance. The Men's Shed benefited with \$954 from the garage tool sale, and an additional \$530 from the sales table. The sausage sizzle stall delivered \$89 nett after sharing with the Women's Shed.

Public interest was so high some people even turned up the next day. However this may have been because we forgot to remove the "Garage Sale Today" sign down on the Quanda Rd roundabout..... woops!

Film Night in the Community Centre Building

On Saturday, Saturday 25th July a *Sundown BBQ and Movie* night was held in the Coolum Men's Shed Community Centre Building. Around 25 people came out to see the relocated Community Centre building and how well it had been restored. They enjoyed the obligatory sausage sandwich and refreshments, and watched two classic movies through our digital projector system. This system, in case you have not seen it Members, was...ah... *purloined* from Brisbane somewhere by Wazza.

President Wazza says there will probably be another of these *Sundown BBQ and Movie* nights before the end of the year.

The Community Centre Building is available for any not-for-profit activity. Anyone who would like to use the facility should contact CMS on the usual CMS number and speak to Treasurer Trevor Ryan.

Your Memoirs ? RoscoE can help

Have you ever thought of writing a memoir? It's probably tucked away in some corner of the "Gonna do one day" part of your mind. And, more than likely, it's accompanied by a mental response such as:

- 1) I'm not a writer!
- 2) Nobody would be interested in my life!
- 3) You have to be somebody important to write your life story.
- 4) I wouldn't know where to start!

So here are some responses to these comments that could change your mind.

- 1) You may not be an author but you can tell a story. When we gather around the smoko table, there's always some snippet of someone's life that bubbles to the surface. A memoir is simply that! It's a collection of episodes of days gone by.
- 2) Wrong. It doesn't have to be listed as a best seller! Memoirs may possibly be the most important thing that you can leave to your family. If nothing else your grandchildren deserve the chance to hear about your life a generation before they were born.
- 3) Nah! Not true! We're all important in the eyes of others. And we all have had our brush with those considered by others to be important. Just ask Terry Hehir about a certain Prime Minister and a footie game!
- 4) This is where the Men's Shed can help! How about a group gathering on a regular basis of interested Sheddors to begin the process of collecting personal stories and seeing what unfolds.

Here's something else. You don't have to sit down with pencil and paper! Mobile phones have an audio recording capacity. There are ways to turn vocal recordings into the written word.

So if you are interested, come along to the introduction session where some of the aspects of this project are made a little clearer. As it is said: The longest journey starts with the first step!

Cheers
RoscoE

Regalia

Our astute and scrupulous Treasurer Trevor Ryan also runs our *Regalia* operation. Known as *Boutique-du-Trevoir*, this emporium provides lightweight "cotton look" and polo shirts in corporate style, and of course the obligatory CMS caps - all at modest prices. Trevor can also organise for embroidered names to be applied to purchased shirts. See *Trevoir* if you would like to know more.



CMS Music Group doing well

The Coolum Men's Shed Music Group is going gangbusters. Every Wednesday and Friday morning members gather to share music experiences and spend time together. Recently Bob Barford, a highly experienced musician from Proserpine, has joined CMS

and the music group. An experienced music teacher as well, Bob wasted no time showing us many interesting aspects of music. A Men's Shed band is being formed to showcase our skills so watch out for that. Available only to CMS Members, anyone is welcome to come along and participate, or just listen.

Raffle Tickets

To help with the loss of income due to cancellation of Sausage Sizzle days, Bunnings Noosaville has made available a Warehouse Voucher to the value of \$ 500. The voucher is for any products available in Bunnings Warehouses. F1 has immediately pounced on the Voucher and declared it an opportunity to hold a raffle.

So, Members, here's the deal: grab some ticket books from the Office and sell them to whoever you can. Buy some for yourselves. There are 500 tickets at only \$2 each, in books of 10 tickets. The Raffle is to be drawn at the Birthday Bash on 15th October.

Pub Raffles

Meat Tray raffles at the Coolum Beach Hotel have resumed (yes, you guessed it, with the sannie and social distancing) and we have been enjoying the return of a fun Saturday afternoon. We raffle 5 meat trays which are supplied by Bud's Butchers here in Coolum. If you would like to help on the day you would be most welcome. Let F1 know you are coming and put your name on the sheet on the CMS Noticeboard.

Birthday Bash

Our Annual Birthday Bash celebration is to be held on Thursday 15th October at 12:00 noon for 12:30 and at the Coolum-Peregian RSL. A three (3) course menu with full bar services inclusive of wines, beer, and soft drink is offered. The cost is \$35.00 per head. Close off date for attendance is Wednesday 7th October. Please see the notice board for attendance.

Road Trains (from F1)

These are pictures of cattle trains at Helen Springs Station. It makes for interesting statistics. There are 17 trucks with 3 trailers and 2 decks per trailer; therefore there are 102 decks of cattle and there would be approximately 28 cattle per deck. This totals 2,856 head of cattle.

Cattle will weigh approximately 500kg per head. The sale price for cattle at Longreach is approx. 165c/kg. Each animal will therefore be sold at \$825. Total revenue from this analysis is \$2,356,200.

Each trailer has 24 tyres plus a dolly with 8



tyres. The truck plus lead trailer have 12 tyres plus a dolly with 8 tyres and 10 tyres on the truck. For the 72 truck/trailer combos there are 6,192 tyres on the road.



A Thank You from Chris Crossland

Jan and I would like to thank all Sheddors for their support and, importantly, telephone and other contacts across the last nine months while Jan was on the dreaded journey of chemo and other treatments of her lymphoma disease. She is now in her 117 day of remission and progressing well.

We gratefully accepted the Sheddors support as we moved through the relative uncertainty of diagnosis and treatment in a variety of hospitals (who were great) and temporary, often characterless, accommodation necessary such to be near the treatment centres. Only those who have experienced this journey are aware of the creeping appearance of the little black dog of depression that can be engendered. Keeping in touch with reality and having a good laugh from time to time helped greatly to negate the attendance of that black dog and to focus on wider goals

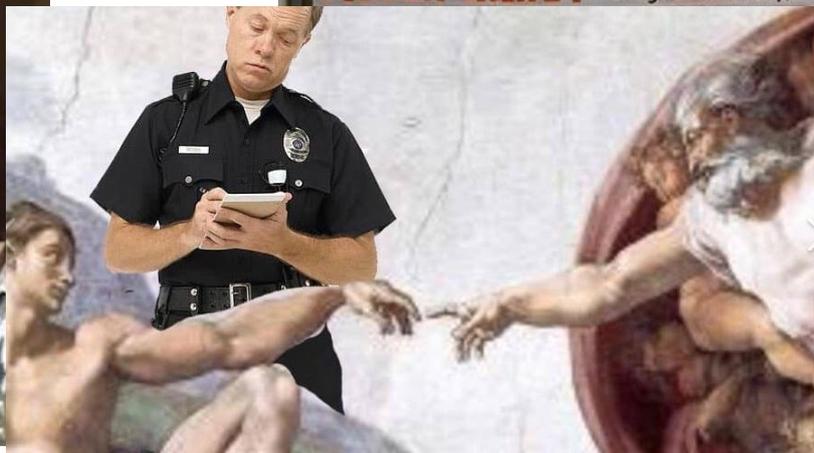
Again....we thank you all for your support and role especially as dog wranglers.

Chris Crossland

Entertainment



After isolation



Events Calendar and Regular Events

As usual, Members, please check the Shed Notice Board in case changes have occurred.

Shed Opening Hours

The Shed is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (public holidays excepted) from about 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Friday lunch

Every Friday. Exceptions will be posted on the Notice Board. The lunch costs \$5. Bring another \$5 and support the raffles run by F1.

Management Meetings

Committee Meetings are held at the Shed every month, although the time may vary. If you would like an issue raised at a Committee Meeting see the *Members Rep*, Gary Wallace, who can bring it to the meeting.

Committee Members:

President	Warren "Wazza" Evans
Secretary	Frank "F1" Bates
Treasurer	Trevor Ryan
Vice President	Chris Crossland
Grants Officer	Terry Hehir
Publicity Officer	Doug Harbrow

Annual General Meeting

Our next AGM is scheduled for 10:30 am on Friday 25th September at the Shed.

Birthday Bash and Drawing of Bunnings Voucher Raffle

Coolum/Peregian RSL, Thursday 15th October, 12.00 noon. A three (3) course menu with full bar services inclusive of wines, beer, and soft drink is offered. The cost is \$35.00 per head. Close off date for attendance is Wednesday 7th October. Please see the notice board for attendance.

One-off Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Day

A one-off for this year, Bunnings Noosaville have allocated us Sunday 13th of September, from 7am to 4pm. Two teams required. See the Notice Board.

Fortnightly Pub Raffles

Next one is Saturday 5th September from about 2pm to 4 pm. and every second Saturday thereafter. Come along and have a bit of fun.