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## *Financial Crisis for our Shed*

*Members, not all is well in the Shed. Our regular income streams, (principally the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle days), have decreased or even ceased. Emerging from lockdown we have significantly less money to purchase the consumables necessary for our operations, and to progress the fit-out of our recently constructed DoD shed. An Extraordinary General Meeting was held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November to determine what to do.*

*After hearing reports of falling revenues (approximately \$40,000 a year down to about \$14,000), and discussion on our options, members present unanimously decided to:*

- (1) Increase membership fees to \$60 pa.*
- (2) Ask that all members make a voluntary one-off contribution of \$150.*

*These charges are to take effect January 2021. Members who make the \$150 voluntary contribution will not be required to pay the usual \$2 "tea and coffee" charge when at the shed. For someone coming 2 days a week for 40 weeks that alone represents a saving of \$160.*

*Fundraising is important for our survival - see the article below on initiatives and put your name down to help!!*

Had I known in March that it was the last time I would be in a restaurant, I would have ordered the dessert



## Fundraising Initiatives

Here is a list of fundraising initiatives for the remainder of 2020. The Bunnings day is a one-off. It's quite a list but boy, don't we need the money! Results will be better for our Shed if everyone can help out.



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.  
Tickle Park *Twilight* Markets, from about 4 pm to 8 pm.



Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November.  
Meat tray raffles at Coolum Beach Hotel, from about 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.  
Tickle Park *Twilight* Markets, from about 4 pm to 8 pm.



Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December.  
*Sunday on the Green* Sausage Sizzle at the Coolum-Peregian RSL, about 10:30 am to 4:00 pm.



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.  
Tickle Park *Twilight* Markets, from about 4 pm to 8 pm.



Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December.  
Meat tray raffles at Coolum Beach Hotel, from about 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.



Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Bunnings Noosaville Sausage Sizzle Day. Morning and afternoon shifts: 7:00 am to 12:00, and 12:00 to finish.



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Tickle Park *Twilight* Markets, from about 4 pm to 8 pm.

As usual, Members, lists and more details are on the Notice Board at the Shed.

## Adventures at the Pub Raffles

Some interesting experiences have occurred at the Coolum Beach Hotel when we run our fortnightly Men's Shed meat tray raffles.....

1) First cab off the rank was the hapless Publicity Officer, Doug. "We've sold all the tickets, give us a winner" calls Secretary F1 as he returns to the table. Doug dutifully spins the wooden barrel containing 64 painted ping pong balls. Alas, the latch was not secured and 64 painted ping pong balls spilled all around the hotel floor, leading to some hurried scrambling among the legs of patrons. A universal and unsympathetic roar of laughter erupted all around the Men's Shed table.



Check out Chris hiding in the corner, Members.

2) Not to be outdone, our competitive President, Wazza, also had a go at the same technique. He succeeded wonderfully. Again, the heartless men of Coolum Men's Shed erupted with laughter at the sight.

2) RoscoE is often the centre of attention. When he went to collect his meat tray prize, somebody had crossed out "RoscoE" on the sticker, and scrawled "Bastard". The heartless men of Coolum Men's Shed erupted with laughter. A thorough investigation failed to reveal which one of us it was.

3) The day before Father's Day 2020, Ty from Nightcraft Bobbers who was sitting at the next table, wanted to buy ALL the tickets in the first raffle. He

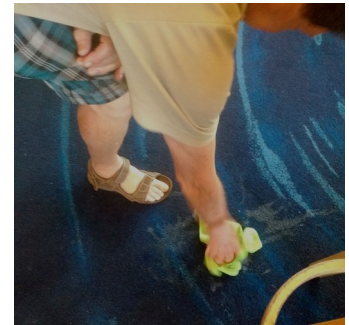


gave away 4 tickets and kept 60. He lost....life is full of irony. Ty said he loved helping local causes and showed this by putting \$100 on our table. "Make sure you blokes buy yourselves a drink with some of that" he added as he left.

4) Roscoe, seeking attention again, followed *CovidSafe* practice and sanitised his hands. His beer slipped through his grip, fell onto the carpeted floor, and the glass shattered! RoscoE too, looked quite shattered. And the Coolum Men's Shed table erupted once more with unsympathetic laughter.



Before sanny.



After sanny

So, anyone like to volunteer for the Fortnightly Pub Raffles???

## *Sausage Sizzle at the RSL's "Sunday on the Green"*

Coolum-Peregian RSL has been experimenting with Sunday afternoon trading sessions: outdoor tables with shady umbrellas; live music; food vans nearby; kids running around and kicking footballs on the large expanse of grassy space nearby; tap beer and other drinks available. This all makes for a relaxing way to spend a *CovidSafe* Sunday arvo.



RSL President Gavin Powell asked Coolum Men's Shed if we would like to participate, and so a Sausage Sizzle stall was duly set up for the first time on Father's Day, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Starting around 11:30 we ran until about 3:30 pm. They are to continue....the first Sunday of every month.

## *DoD Shed Progress*

Yes, work has been continuing, albeit more slowly because of our poor finances. The concrete floor has been painted with Berger Jet Dry gloss paint kindly donated by our friends at Coolum Beach Mitre 10 Hardware - thank you Brendan and the team!

Some equipment has begun to appear in the shed. Our next major step is getting the electrical fit-out done. This will be at a significant cost as mentioned in the last Newsletter.



Yes, isn't it looking grand!



This was heavy !!!



Thanks, Mitre 10 !!





## Quotes

*Virtue has never been as respectable as money.* Mark Twain.

*Science is always wrong. It never solves a problem without creating ten more.* George Bernard Shaw.

*At the baths, all are equal.* Yiddish proverb.

*Poverty often deprives a man of all spirit and virtue; it is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.* Benjamin Franklin.

*Envy eats nothing but its own heart.* German proverb.

*Ah! Don't say you agree with me. When people agree with me I always feel that I must be wrong.* Oscar Wilde.

*It is better to have loafed and lost than never to have loafed at all.* James Thurber.

*The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress.* Charles F. Kettering.

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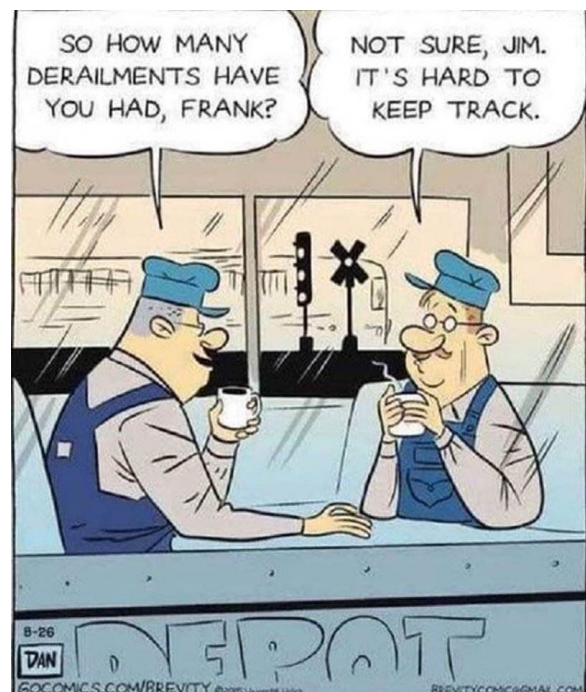
Don't forget your Xmas fashion items, Members. *Boutique-du-Treviore* is often open for business during Shed times, so see Trevor and replenish your stocks now!





Wendy from Coolum Bowls Club says thanks to Coolum Men's Shed for another job well done! She made sure she got all those \$50 notes back from Wazza and Gary, however!

First day back at school after lockdown 🤔😬👦🤪



## Shed Information

*As usual, Members, please check the Shed Notice Board for the most current information.*

### **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	Russell Lunn
Grants Officer	Terry Hehir
Publicity Officer	Doug Harbrow

### **Newsletter:**

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Newsletter submissions or suggestions are welcome. Please feel free to contact me if you have something to contribute.