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Message from the President

As we start this new year I ask all Members to reflect upon the wonderful facilities we now have – a place where we can gather, to undertake tasks of our choosing in the workshop, and to enjoy the company of our fellow Members.

Our Shed has not come about by good luck. Coolum Men's Shed started from humble beginnings on day one, paying for rental, equipment and consumables piece by piece with money we earned from one place or another. The sustained and unselfish effort by Members has put us where we are today.

Now, enjoying what we have, and as we prepare for the excitement of Shed II, it is regrettable to see signs of complacency. Our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle days, essential for our Shed operations, sadly see the same volunteers every month, and numbers are lower than needed for proper running of the two shifts.

We also need someone to manage the Sales Table, as Keith Dawson is calling it a day. The message from Keith Dawson elsewhere in this Newsletter cannot go without an acknowledgement of the very many hard yards Keith has done for the Shed. He is an example for us all, a hard-working and dedicated Shedder – well deserving of his *Shedder of the Year* Award in 2018, well deserving of our praise, respect, and our admiration. Thank you so much and well done, Keith!

With these difficulties in mind I ask ALL Members to think of all that we have and enjoy at the Shed. Ask yourself if you contribute to the revenue of the Shed or just the expenditure. So, how can you do your share for the Shed?

You can spend some of your time making products for the Sales Table, undertaking Workshop tasks for Shed income, helping in raffles at the hotel - these all contribute to our coffers. However the monthly Sausage Sizzle day is one revenue stream we cannot afford to lose.

To spread the load and considerably reduce the burden on those regulars who give their time so unselfishly, I ask all Members, can you give a hand twice a year at a Sausage Sizzle?? Please put your name on the Sausage Sizzle Roster Sheet - give the Shed a hand!



Warren "Wazza" Evans, President

BUNNINGS NOOSAVILLE SALES TABLE CRISIS

After 4 years and 7 months running the monthly Sales Table at Bunnings, Noosaville, Keith D has decided the time has come to hand over the onsite duties to other volunteers.

The Sales Tables are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Keith will attend the 28-Feb and 28-Mar-2019 Sales Tables but they will be his last. There is none in April because it falls on Anzac Day. This means that if one or more volunteers cannot be found for the sales Table on Thu 23-May-2019, **IT WILL NOT HAPPEN** which would be a shame.



Not only do the Sales Tables generate much needed funds and keep our Shedders creating new items to sell, it is also the first time many people see what Men's Sheds can do. This has resulted in orders for more work as well new members signing up as our business cards and brochures are frequently handed out.

In 2018, our total sales from Sales Tables, Shed Sales and Christmas Markets are \$9,347 including 269 cutting boards.

Keith will continue to manage the Shed display and provide practical support to any volunteers. Hopefully, one or more of our Shedders will step up to the plate to ensure this important activity continues. Frank F1 reminds us the Sales Table is situated in the air conditioned entry where you can look out at the other volunteers cooking sausages in the heat.

If you can help, please see Keith or any member of the Management Team at the Shed.

CMS Community Centre Building

There seems to be uncertainty as to how we come to have the old Community Centre building. The following account of events from Chris Crossland and Doug Harbrow hopefully will disabuse the gossip.....

The saga of the Community Centre building started in March 2018 when Steve Robinson and three Council officers visited our Shed Management Committee. Their purpose was to ask us if we could place the old Centre building on our lease-hold land and could use the structure. This was a bolt out of the blue - we were focussed on planning for the funding and building of the ex-Dept. of Defence shed - and that remains our primary focus. The old Community building was nowhere on our radar. Turns out that the Council needed to move the old building as part of the Coolum park development and their enquiries had led to the point that either we would take the building, or it would be demolished. To us, the latter option did not seem a good fate for a building with a 70-year heritage across Coolum's history.

The upshot is we agreed in principle to accept the building (through a gifting arrangement) aiming to refit, paint and tart it up; we would then manage it as a low rental cost facility for wider community use. The Council would meet relocation costs and connection of utilities to the old building on our leased land.



The Community Centre being assembled on our site – September 2018.

Our landlord - Economic Development Queensland - gave us approval to have the old building placed on our lease area.

The Community Centre was handed over from Sunshine Coast Council to CMS on the 5th of December last year and pretty much as an empty shell. The original kitchen and toilets from the Community Centre were annexes to the main building, but it was only the main building which came to our site. There were no cupboards, kitchen or sink, and no WC. There were broken and damaged wall panels, damaged flooring, doors missing, and electrical power outlets and lighting were inadequate.

Additionally, the removal process involved cutting the building into transportable pieces and reassembly on site. Council set the building on



Work commences outside



...and begins inside...

stumps, built appropriate access stairs and ramps, installed a disability toilet and washroom, and connected the sewerage.

We were tasked with replacing all broken and missing internal sheeting and corncing, plastering these surfaces, repairing the damaged flooring, obtaining and installing cupboards and a kitchen, and painting the entirety of the outside and the inside of the building, access ramps and stairs.

Ceiling lights and fans, doors, a kitchen unit and additional cupboards were sourced and installed. Plumbing to the kitchen was also our responsibility. The rather drab looking timber floors in the large main room were sanded back and their beautiful timber grains released with a coat of polyester finish. All of these actions were required before the building could be used by Community groups.

Under the excellent stewardship of ex-President Russell Lunn, this work has largely been completed. Russell estimates we have spent \$4,900 of CMS money, although this figure does not account for generous donations from Dulux Australia, Bunnings Warehouse, and Cabots, nor the many countless hours put in by CMS members.



Russell and Frank finishing off ... check out those beautiful floor timbers!



Completed kitchen....



... and bathroom.

Any community group wishing to use the Community Centre building will need to apply to the Men's Shed Community Centre Management Committee. A fee for use of the facilities will normally apply - nearby halls and community centre buildings are frequently rented out for about \$15 per hour, and this figure has been adopted by the CMS Community Centre Management Committee.

CMS Community Centre – our first Users!

Russell Lunn, chair of the Men's Shed Community Centre Management Committee, had an approach from the newly-formed Coolum Women's Shed to use our Community Centre. They held a meeting there on Sunday 10th February and by the number of cars seen in the street that day, it was a great success. Russell expects other community groups will approach us for use of the centre.

Coolum Women's Shed

Coolum Men's Shed has been in talks with local women who have recently formed Coolum Women's Shed. Their vision is to “open a community driven space to cater for women of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life”. Their spokesperson, Kate Doherty adds that their goal is to provide a platform for “skills sharing, learning and creativity”. With an estimated 200 attendees at the recent launch, the local interest is certainly apparent.

The group has acknowledged the “tremendous help” and guidance extended by the CMS. We plan to continue our encouragement of the group and to foster their development. The CMS Committee has approved support for workshop training sessions for the Women's Shed and some members have offered to help. These sessions may be held in the Workshop building but only on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Sundays. Our Shed President Warren Evans advises:

- The Women's Shed has asked to use space in the Community Centre building on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.
- The Coolum Women's Shed and Coolum Men's Shed will be two quite separate organisations, and membership will, of course, also be separate.
- The Women's Shed will not own any property or assets of CMS, but they will, like other community groups, be able to rent space in our facilities.
- Women's Shed members will not be working or meeting in the Shed (workshop) building during our normal Monday-Wednesday-Friday opening times.

Car blaze at the Shed and a Member Injured

Long time CMS member and bee-keeper Peter Christie was involved in a nasty incident on the grounds of CMS just before Xmas. Whilst attending to his bee hives which are kept on our site, his bee smoker, which had been placed at the rear of the car, spat out a spark which flicked into the car and caused a fire. Peter tried to put the fire out and in doing so was badly burned. Luckily our Shed Cleaner, Bee, happened to be present in the Shed and was able to help.

Peter needed an ambulance and was hospitalised for second and third degree

burns especially to his hands. His treatment included grafts to his hands. He currently experiences tenderness of the affected skin and muscle weakness, limiting what he can do.

Peter's car was damaged badly and could not be salvaged. Tragically, his attempts to insure the newly-purchased vehicle online had not yet been completed and so the vehicle was uninsured at the time of the accident.

Despite the dire event, Peter is very philosophical. His hands have healed up nicely and he is as stroppy as ever!!

Peter hopes the slow road to recovery will see his hand strength and control return so that he can pick up the tools again. We wish Peter all the best and a complete recovery. Keep an eye out for Peter and give him a welcome when you see him back in the Shed!

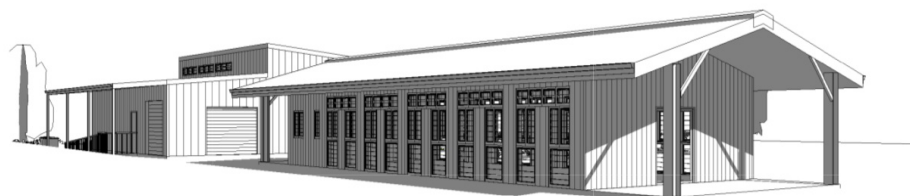
Shed Number 2 on the Way !!

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, we have an ex-military shed, in kit form, which will construct a 25m x 10m building. Noosa Men's Shed has already built one of these and they did a cracker of a job. In early 2017 some CMS members attended the opening ceremony at Noosa. Some pictures from that day appear below.



The exciting news is that Member for Fairfax, Ted O'Brien has approved funding of \$84,000 for the foundations. Plans have been submitted, and Provisional Approval has been given. Currently we are preparing Plumbing Plans for submission.

*Architects
drawing of
our DoD shed*

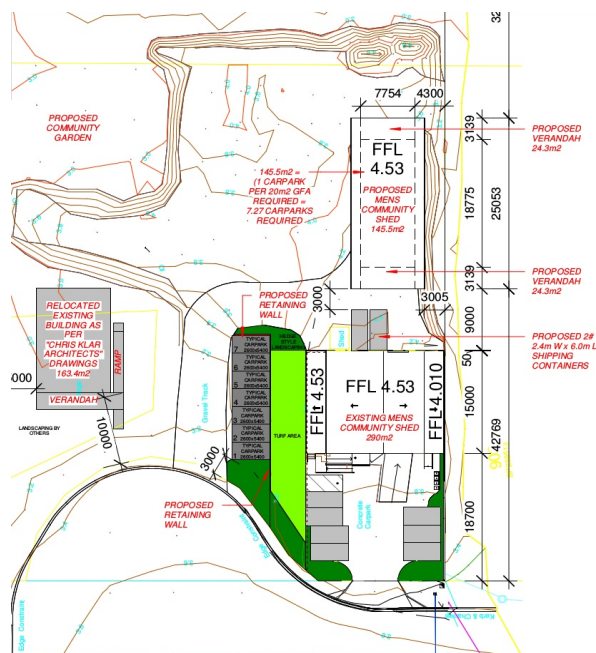


Mug Shots

Seen the personalised mugs in the tea room and you would like one? See Doug for a mug shot and we can place an order. Cost is \$9.50 but CMS chips in \$5 to bring it down to \$4.50.

Music in the Air

Our song *All us Coolum Men Need a Shed* which was played at the Shed Opening Ceremony in November 2017 was captured on phones and put on the internet. It went viral.



Site plans for Shed II



If you have not seen it, type *Coolum Mens Shed Song* into a search engine for the *You Tube* link.

Not surprisingly, there is interest in establishing a CMS Music Group - RoscoE and Doug hope that this can happen. This group might:

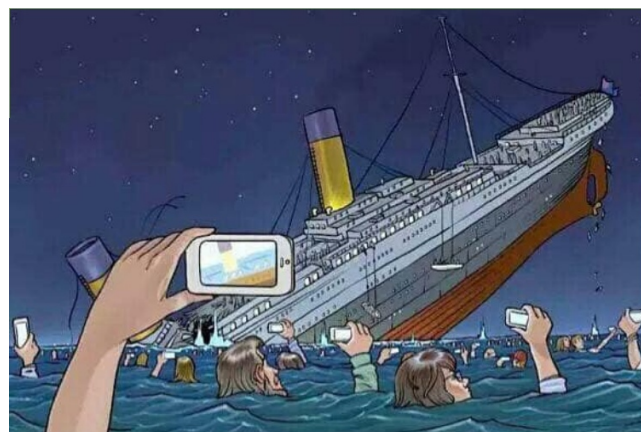
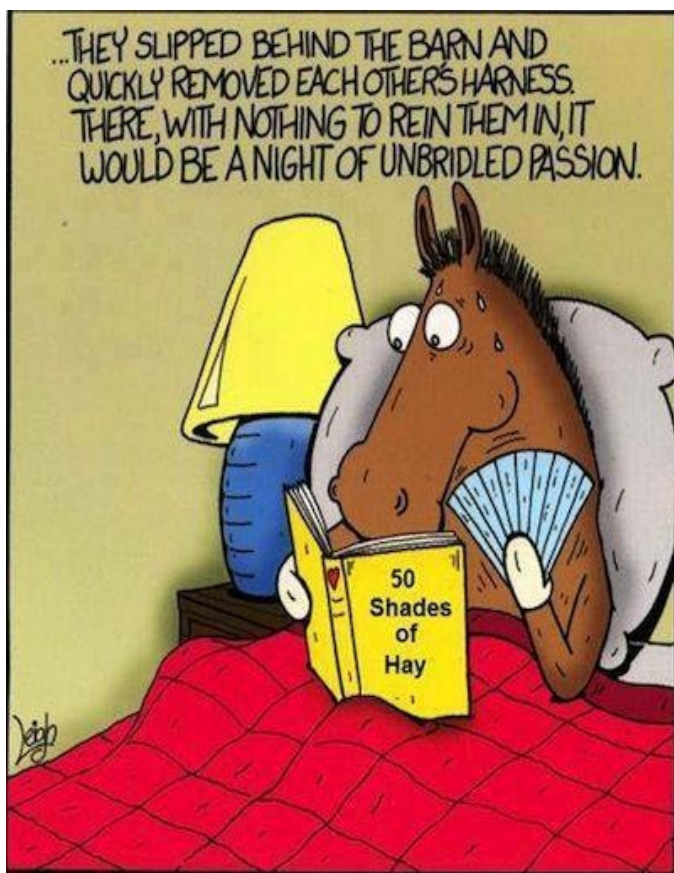
- Enjoy music in all its forms and functions
- Play / learn music and or instrument
- Jam with other Musos...(Band, Choir, Duos)
- Perform at different Venues
- Write / Record songs..
- Explore Projects to finance the "Session Room"



- Share music with other Community Groups
- Refurbish and Construct Musical instruments

The newly refurbished Community Centre building could provide a space for activities. Interested members should see RoscoE or Doug and keep an eye on the Notice Board.

Humor



Q: Where can single men over the age of 70 find younger women who are interested in them?

A: Try a bookstore, under Fiction.

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your over-70 year-old husband?

A: Tell him you're pregnant.

Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly wrinkles?

A: Take off your glasses.

Q: What can I do for these crow's feet and all those wrinkles on my face?

A: Go braless. It will usually pull them out..

- Q: Why should 70-plus year old people use valet parking?
A: Valets don't forget where they park your car.
- Q: Is it common for 70-plus year olds to have problems with short term memory storage?
A: Storing memory is not a problem. Retrieving it is the problem.
- Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?
A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.
- Q: Where should 70-plus year olds look for eye glasses?
A: On their foreheads.



Computers - do they have a gender?

Men say computers should be assigned the FEMININE gender for the following reasons:

1. No-one but their creator understands their internal logic
2. When computers communicate with one another they speak in code language only they can understand.
3. Every mistake you make is stored on their hard drive for retrieval later.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you spend far too much on accessorising it.

Women say computers should be assigned the MASCULINE gender for the following reasons:

1. In order to get their attention you first have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves.
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems but half the time they ARE the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one you realise if you had waited you could have got a better model.

Events Calendar

Date to be advised.	Election Day Sausage Sizzle.
Wednesday 6 th March	Annual Golf Day. Noosa Par 3.
Friday 14 th June	Sportsman's Lunch. Coolum Beach Hotel.
Tuesday 15 th October	Shed Birthday Bash. Coolum Beach Hotel.
Friday 29 th November	Christmas Markets. Tickle Park.
Friday, 6 th December	
Friday 13 th December	
Friday 20 th December	
Friday 6 th December	Annual General Meeting. Shed Meeting Room.
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas Bash and Shedder's Award. Details to be advised.

Coolum Men's Shed – Regular Events

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: (public holidays excepted)	Men's Shed open 9:00am - 3:00pm
Every Friday	Men's Shed lunch. The lunch costs \$5. Bring another \$5 and support the raffles run by F1.
1 st Friday	Committee Meetings. At the Shed.
2 nd Friday (March, June, December)	Quarterly General Meeting. All members welcome. To be held before the Friday lunch at the shed.
2 nd Tuesday	Pub Lunch with partners. Check notice board.

4th Thursday

Bunnings Noosaville Sausage Sizzle and Sales Table. Morning and afternoon shifts – put your name on the roster (Shed Noticeboard) if you can help.

Fortnightly

Meat Tray Raffles. Fortnightly at the Coolum Beach Hotel, Saturday from about 2pm. These raffle days will vary from time to time so check on the roster sheet (Shed Notice Board) and put your name on the list if you can help.