NEXT MEETING
Mon Feb 2, 2015
> 10:30 for 11:00am
> Mt Gravatt Show Grounds
> Community Hall
> Cost:$6 for meeting morning tea & lunch.
> DATE CLAIMERS:
> Tuesday Feb 3, 2015 Workshop reopens
> Travel Plans p3
> See Calendar for other events

ALL Booking sheets @ the Shed Office & Social Meetings

Editorial: The Shed provides members with many interesting items in the workshop, recreation room & at Social Meetings as well as involvement in Community Projects. The Shed needs your continuing interest in any area to ensure it can be of more use to you.

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Welcome back to the Shed for 2015! It is nice to be fully relaxed & facing the next year with enthusiasm & an open mind.

What can we do for you as members in this new year? The Management Committee is looking at the outcomes of the Think Tank (p11). All ideas will be listed in the Shed. If you are interested in any area, please speak with Committee members, add a note via email or in the suggestion box at the Office.

Don’t forget coffee/talk Wednesday Jan 28 from 8 to 12ish ($3).

MGMS is your SHED.

Christmas lights @ Ian Young’s home. As per the last number of years 10+, Ian & his family have provided the Mt Gravatt community with a lit version of the Christmas story– a 2014 Finalist in the 4KQ Christmas Lights™ Competition – Making Brisbane Sparkle. Once again, a great effort!!
President’s Report – January 2015

Welcome back. Isn’t it great to be back in Shedding mode again? I hope you all had a great break over the Christmas and New Year periods following our two very successful Christmas parties – one for members only and the other for members and wives/partners/guests. We had 120 and 130, respectively, at these functions.

Just prior to our holiday break, on 19/12/14, we achieved lock-up status on our extension and it looks great. Estimates are that we will now be able to comfortably seat 60+ shedders for various activities in our expanded recreation/kitchen/small group areas allowing for many more activities to take place in these spaces. It is now up to all our members to make suggestions as to what extra activities they would like to see occurring in the Shed. Please give this some thought and put any ideas to members of the management committee, particularly John Wicks, our VP for PR and social activities. Before this happens, however, there is plenty of work to be done on the interior to make it all workable. I am sure that our VP for Shed Operations, Tony Giacomantonio, will have plenty of working bees planned and would love to hear from anyone who may be able to assist in getting this new extension up and running to full capacity. Please contact him if you can help. We hope to be in a position to have the opening ceremony for the extension in April or May.

In December John Wicks and I visited the Access Community Centre (ACC) in Logan (an AMSA member) for their Christmas break-up. They have formed a Men’s Shed to assist their mostly refugee clients prepare for life in the broader Australian community. These men are from S E Asia (predominantly Burma), Iran and other strife-torn countries. It reinforced just how incredibly lucky we are to be Australian – either born here or having chosen via immigration to live here. I invited them to visit us in the New Year.

The accolades just keep on coming for our shed. In November it was a university researcher describing the MGMS as “the exemplar shed in Australia”. In December during meetings I had with our members of parliament - Federal (Ross Vasta) and State (Ian Walker) - both mentioned how their parliamentary colleagues had stated that Shedders in their various electorates, and Shedders who are constituents in Ross’s or Ian’s own electorates, had wished they were in our shoes. This was then backed up by the aforementioned gathering at ACC Logan telling us that they had approached 3 Sheds to talk at their meeting and were told by all three that they should, “Talk to the Mount Gravatt Men’s Shed as they are the bench-mark.” What fantastic recognition for your management committee members of the past five years who have got us to this stage.

I implore you all to not let this go to waste. Don’t just come to the monthly social meetings on the first Monday and forget that the Shed is there for the rest of the month. There are so many activities in which you can get involved and enjoy the mateship that goes with being a Shedder. Just one example is the events the travel group, led by Leo Scanlan, have arranged – such as the camping trip to Woodgate Beach (Feb) and the cruise (July). Details at the Shed Office.

Keep on Shedding
Murray Rogash
President
Travel: 7 day Mt Gravatt Men’s Shed Inc President’s cruise 26th July 2015

Actual cruise dates confirmed.
Men’s shed president’s cruise with Murray Rogash and IPP Brian Wheeler departing Brisbane for a 7 night cruise. Nothing says ‘tropical holiday’ like island hopping from one tropical destination to the next and when it comes to the Pacific Islands, Frenchy-chic vibe of Noumea, the ancient culture of Mare and the Caribbean atmosphere in Vila with the hip facilities of your own liner truly a luxury resort with service and amenities to make you feel special.

Along with internal cabins to stunning ocean view balcony suites, a glittering array of entertainment, unique spa and fitness centre, sumptuous cuisine choices, professionally staffed 24-hour service, friendly staff make your cruise an experience to remember.

Prices range from $679pp quad share to $1899 pp twin share accommodation and food included. For additional information please contact Leo Scanlan on 3343 4398 or Brian Wheeler 3343 2216.

Travel Group plans:
- Woodgate Beach (turtles + Bundaberg) camping 23 – 27 February 2015- Leo Scanlan on 3343 4398
- Queen Mary Falls and the Head of the Condamine River. 15 – 19 September 2015- Ian Canham on 3849 3081
- Rainbow Beach 16-20 November 2015- Ian Canham on 3849 3081
- Trial Bay (near Kempsey) NSW March 2016 (date to be confirmed)- Leo Scanlan on 3343 4398

MGMS Members & Guests Dinner in photos.
Extension story continues in photos.

For 4 days under the hot sun, MGMS members worked to install the needed pipework for the firehydrant.

Under overcast skies the MGMS painters managed to complete the 3 coats needed.

Lockup Stage reached
MGMS members’ dinner in photos:

Brian Wheeler receiving another well deserved award from Wishart Rotary.
Photography Club Meeting: on Nov 20.
In attendance were Lloyd Akeroyd, John Wicks, Bill Willems, Bevan Beall and Graeme Lee.

Graeme had submitted three photographs and these were discussed in terms of composition, technical aspects and possible post processing for improvements to the final image.

The concept of producing photobooks was discussed as a way of preserving photos in an easily viewable format. Whether to document the trip of a lifetime or to serve as a permanent record of the grandkids, these are relatively easy to do and are of a high quality. Two books were presented to the group for examination and as examples of the possible formats.

The creation of calendars as another form of sharing photographs was also discussed briefly as two of the group have produced them in the past as presents for family and friends.

The software package, Picassa, was demonstrated and members were introduced to features such as cropping, straightening, colour enhancement and special effects. Creation of albums and collages was demonstrated. The ability of Picassa to use your own selected photographs as your PC screensaver was highlighted.

As usual several members shared tips and tricks for things as varied as photographing lightning, getting a good image of children with sparklers, how to organise your photos for later retrieval and what is the purpose of a polarizing filter.

The group will meet again on Thurs Feb 19 to plan activities for this year. Possible activities so far include photo shooting days both local and further afield, photo challenges, technical topics to explore. All welcome at that meeting, especially those with new ideas to keep the group active.

Regards,
Lloyd Akeroyd
**Our Vision**

To provide a facility where men of all ages can feel comfortable and gather together to spend time socially, as well as in a practical manner, by participating in constructive endeavors that develop self esteem.
Shedders: If you have cashed in on the computer/laptop/tablet craze during the crazy post Christmas sale rush, please, think through and write down your reasons for wishing to purchase the items. Then speak with others about your ideas/needs then look through the offerings for features: CPU type, RAM (min 4GB for 64 bit operating system is reasonable for future proofing), screen size and windows 8.1 installed as well as price. What programs do you need? Or Apple items.

If you are offered a longer guarantee just judge it against the PDS & price as many may not be worth the extra dollars.

MT GRAVATT MEN’S SHED WELFARE REPORT December 2014

We have a first class Men’s Shed facility that not only promotes workshop activities but provides a safe environment assisting men of all ages and background through mentoring that produces mateship and support. No matter how difficult it may seem at times we need to enjoy each other’s company and enjoy what we do by sharing our knowledge and experiences with those seemingly less fortunate and assist them to achieve the basics of practical skills.

What knowledge or practical skills do you have that you could share with your fellow members? Maybe you have faced isolation, loneliness or depression. Just being there and offering your friendship -- maybe all that is needed.

You will only make friends, if you be friendly. Step outside your comfort zone and you could be amazed as to what a different world it is and how much you have to offer to those you fellowship with. You are just as important as any other men shed member for it is your shed and you need to tell your management team what you want, what you need or even the dream you had for your men’s shed. You never know it might be the missing link that enables your shed to become the most sought after men’s shed in Brisbane.

A number of our members have been receiving surgery or tests, recovering from surgery or treatment, in hospital, at home or in a nursing home.

Elwyn Jackson 3162 6587 (M) 0416 021 229 Welfare Coordinator

Management Committee: Hi Shedders, I am Neville O’Brien in my second year as a MGMS Committee member. Feel free to speak to me about Shed items so that the Committee can gain ideas of where the Shed might go according to members’ wishes. What do I contribute to the Shed? As I am usually down this way 3 or 4 times a week & wonder if I have achieved anything worthwhile besides getting beaten at cards, talking/listening, drinking coffee & eating biscuits/cake. Newsletter articles with photos (current editor), requests for computer software coaching, some tech items, Dot Man, etc. make-up my day (the secret is to make it look like I am doing something). In my past life, I was a Manual Arts, Maths & Computer teacher & an electrician. If there is a need for any documents to be witnessed by a JP feel free to ask me as my stamp is usually handy.
Research? They are not using Google - just talking?!?!?

Dr GEORGE ZAPHIR showing us his techniques on spinal care & recovery

George summarised his experience, qualifications & attitudes in spinal care & recovery of the human body.

Report on Shed Items in photos

MGMS Nerve Centre

MGMS members doing their thing in the Shed
You know you're working in the 21st century when ... 

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail your mate who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends is that they do not have e-mail addresses.
6. When you go home after a long day at work you still answer the phone in a business manner.
7. When you make phone calls from home, you accidentally insert a "9" to get an outside line.
8. You've sat at the same desk for four years and worked for three different companies.
9. Your CV is on a disk in your pocket.
10. You learn about your redundancy on the 11 o'clock news.
11. Your biggest loss from a system crash was when you lost all of your best jokes.
12. Your boss doesn't have the ability to do your job.
13. Contractors outnumber permanent staff and are more likely to get long-service awards.
14. Board members salaries are higher than all the Third World countries annual budgets combined.
15. Interiewees, despite not having the relevant knowledge or experience, terminate the interview when told of the starting salary.
16. Free food left over from meetings is your staple diet.
17. Your boss gets a brand-new state-of-the-art laptop with all the latest features, but you have time to go for lunch while yours boots up.
18. Being sick is defined as you can't walk or you're in hospital.
19. There's no money in the budget for the five permanent staff your department desperately needs, but they can afford four full-time management consultants advising your boss's boss on strategy.
20. Your relatives and family describe your job as "works with computers".

AND THE CLINCHERS ARE...

22. You read this entire list, and kept nodding and smiling.
23. As you read this list, you think about forwarding it to your "friends"
24. You got this email from a friend that never talks to you anymore, except to send you jokes from the net.

AND

25. YOU ARE TOO BUSY TO NOTICE THAT THERE WAS NO # 9

WANTED / Needed: By cooking Class
Does any Member have 430mm desk fan blades that are ready for the tip? We can use the fan blades. Please leave at the Shed's office for collection by Sam. Sam wishes to thank the member/s who have provided the fan blades so far but a couple more are needed. A further note from the newsletter editor: just bring in the blades please as the Shed would have to dump the fan body.

Newsletter articles/photos/jokes are invited from members in particular from item supervisors. If you are "not" a writer, speak with myself or Bill Simpson & we can write the article include any photos & get back to you.

Shed- Donation towards Shed activities: Come to Bunnings with other MGMS members for BBQ & outdoor furniture assembly- under cover, nice clean working conditions & good company. The Shed is in need of volunteers to continue generating this income for the Shed finances. It is not every week- we need a pool of members who could be available at short notice.

Please, ring Shed Office 3343 2216 to leave name & phone number on the Bunnings Pool sheet.

http://www.begent.org/
Think Tank: Members gathered at the Shed for the December BBQ and to partake in the Think Tank. (Apparently, no brains were injured in the thinking process). Ideas were explored and recorded for further action by Shed members and the Management Committee. The final write-ups will be displayed in the Shed for ongoing discussions. Please, feel free to speak with other members about developing some of the ideas for the future.

Visit to Logan Access:
At the last Management Committee meeting, an invitation was received from ACCESS Community Services Ltd in Logan Central. Access acts for the Federal Government south of the river in dealing with matters relating to refugees and asylum seekers. They have their own smallish registered men's shed. (http://www.accesscommunity.com.au/index.html)

MGMS President Rogash and Vice-President (Social) John Wicks went along to their Christmas function which included the awarding of Participation Certificates to certain members. Murray was asked to talk about MGMS and to assist in the presentation of certificates by Blaise Itabelo, CAMS Community Development Officer.

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbour and his wife were told there would be a 45 minute wait for a table. "Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes." They were seated immediately.
Notice of Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2015

*The Community Hall* at Mt Gravatt Showgrounds  **Cost:** $6

**Time:** 10.30am for 11.00am- start of the Social Meeting

1pm Speaker: RACQ

Please Note: *Any agenda item* must be notified to Lance Roberts (3341 8793) no later than Friday Jan 30 before the meeting. Please do not approach the chairman of the meeting on the day.

Don't forget *coffee/talk* Wednesday Jan 28 from 8 to 12ish ($3).

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### On Goings and Goings On

**Workshop, Recreation Room Timings and Meeting Program for February, 2015**

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