

# SHED TALK

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## NEXT MEETING

Mon 3rd March, 2014

- > 10:30 for 11:00am
- > Mt Gravatt Show Grounds
- > Community Hall
- > Cost: \$6 for meeting
- > morning tea, lunch and guest speaker
- > **DATE CLAIMER:**
- > **Sat. April 12**
- > **SHED OPEN DAY**

## Brian Wheeler receives his Australia Day Achievement Award from the Lord Mayor in the City Hall



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### Your Management Committee

President- Brian Wheeler	Vice President-Keith Samuels
Secretary- Brian Wandel	Asst. Sec. Ken Mihill
Treasurer- Jim Pollock	
Committee: John Wicks	Bill Semple
Elwyn Jackson	
Lance Roberts	Ian Young
Neville O'Brien	

The Management Committee meets monthly.  
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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Shedders,

**YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT TO US** As we begin the new year at the shed, I wish to bring to your attention the fact that we have a **SUGGESTION BOX** where you can place your good ideas that will help advance the progress of our organisation.

**Where is the suggestion box situated?** The suggestion box is located on a table just inside the entrance to the Shed. Simply write or type your suggestion/ idea/ complaint. Print your name, sign it and date the request and I guarantee that you will receive a response within a reasonable timeframe. You also will have an opportunity to voice your opinion at some special General Meetings during the year.

At the Social meetings held on the first Monday of the month, we will hold a General Meeting in place of Shed Talk. **NOTE:** these general meetings are held four times a year in February, May, August and after the Annual General Meeting in November.

**A recent complaint :** One of our members has complained that members had to stand in the hot sun for some time while waiting to sign on for our Social Meetings. **OUR RESPONSE:** As from the March meeting, we will move the sign-on tables further into the building so that everyone can enter and wait inside to pay and sign on. Please be aware: All reasonable requests will be attended to as soon as possible. Miracles may take a little longer!

You are aware that we now have a President and three Vice Presidents. Each has a different responsibility. Please keep this table so that you can approach the appropriate person when you require assistance.



Position	Name	Responsibility	Assistants
President	<b>Brian Wheeler</b>	Public Relations Shed Operations	John Wicks Neville O'Brien
Vice President (People)	<b>Elwyn Jackson</b>	Welfare Transport Visiting the sick	Ted Seymour
Vice President (Functions)	<b>Lance Roberts</b>	Social Meetings Bus trips Shed barbeques	Len Fortescue Ian Young
Vice President (Community)	<b>Keith Samuels</b>	Community Projects Building services Shed equipment	Bill Semple
Secretary	<b>Brian Wandel</b>	Meeting Agendas Minutes of Meetings Correspondence	Ken Mihill
Treasurer	<b>Jim Pollock</b>	Budgets Finance Grants	John Bettenay Neville Bishop

Please approach the appropriate person and you will gain their attention to your issue.

Enjoy Have fun Happy Shedding Brian Wheeler

**Remember:** On a regular timeframe, it is advisable that you read the Agreement of Tenure (Shed Rules) that you signed when you made application to join. These may save you a little heartache and some time.

Please refer to page 7

## Good News from Mitchell

When I first met Keith Everett in Mitchell last July he and a small group were struggling to get the Booringa Blokes Men's Shed up and running, and I am pleased to report that they held their first meeting in their new shed on January 16 2014.

Paul Land and I delivered a ute load of our excess equipment out to them in September, and at that date they had a plan for a new shed next to the Council Museum behind the pool complex. They received a grant for this building, and then the local SES building became vacant, and Council have leased it the BBMS, and given them approval for the new building to go next door. The new shed is ordered and the builder engaged. Should be up in weeks.

The SES building, which was complete with toilets shower and office, is being fitted out with our surplus gear as a wood workshop, and the new building will have all the metal work gear. I look forward to a visit, but will leave it until winter as Keith tells me the verandah shade temperature has been up to 48. Keith will be down in a few weeks, and 'someone' has asked him for some Mulga. If I get a name I will make sure that they get it. **Bob Pope**

Would 'Someone' please put their hand up for the Mulga! Editor

### Mt. Gravatt Men's Shed 1st Outing for 2014

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Dandabah - Bunya Mountains Chalet Accommodation Dandabah and Bunya Mountains Camp Ground

\$80 double per night in Chalet Accommodation, \$40 Single per night in dorm accommodation, and \$5.60 in Bunya Mountains National Park Camping Ground. The exact final cost will depend on the number attending this activity. I will endeavour to accommodate you in your choice of accommodation for the above advertised cost.

To organise accommodation availability, payments for all bookings must be paid for in advance by placing the correct money in an envelope with your **name, email, telephone number and number of people attending** and handing in to the office in the Shed as soon as possible. Unfortunately the Dandabah Chalets do require us to pay in advance and I will book all places on demand and **only after we receive your deposit.**

For further information please phone Leo Scanlan on

Mobile 0410 418 941

Hope to see you there on 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March

**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.**

## WELFARE REPORT

We have another exciting year ahead of us with many challenges. I am sure there will be some of excitement and others of disappointment. Remember it is your Men's Shed and can only become the Men's Shed we want it to be if we personally and individually offer our contribution and support.

It was great to see four of our members return to our meetings and fellowship after surgery or rehabilitation -- Tom Beg , Colin Ham , Peter King and Ray Muggerridge .

Currently Undergoing Rehabilitation -- Kevin Moran , Vince Petrie , Kevin Taylor , David Wastel and Ian Fox.

Lining up for Surgery and /or Tests -- John Kindness ,Bill Tanner - Surgery 20/02/2014

You need to contact your welfare team if you or another member you know is sick at home or in hospital or needs transport to or from Men's Shed meetings or functions.

As members of the Mt Gravatt Men's Shed, why don't we plan for this year to be the greatest year in our men's shed history?. It is up to us the members. Remember all members are important members! Your comments whether negative or positive are welcome .

Elwyn Jackson Welfare Coordinator 07 31626587 or 0416 021 229

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on. As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first State of Origin game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind. Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honour them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home - not from us, our friends or any visitors.. Our long time visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush. My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol but the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked .... And NEVER asked to leave. More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures. [You may know the name of the Stranger, but do you know the name of his wife, first child, second child and grandchild??](#) See page 8 when you cannot stand not knowing any longer!!!! Editor



## St Bart's Anglican Church Mt Gravatt

**Invites**

**All Members/wives/partners  
of the Mt Gravatt Men's Shed  
to attend a service  
to celebrate St Joseph's Day  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
At 9.00am**

We gather for worship every Sunday 7am and 9am

Cnr Logan Road and Mountain Street  
Phone: 3849 4411

St Barts is a Bronze Sponsor of the Shed

I CALLED THE  
INCONTINENCE HOTLINE...



THEY ASKED,  
"CAN YOU HOLD PLEASE?"

## NOTICE BOARD

### March Meeting

Next Social meeting will be at 10:30 am for 11:00am on 3rd March in the Community Hall , Mt Gravatt Showgrounds. Bring \$6 to cover Hall hire, morning tea/coffee and lunch. Items for the Agenda MUST be presented to Lance Roberts (3341 8793) no later than Friday 28th February, the Friday before the meeting.

### Guest speaker for March

**Penny Harland** from the Deaf and Blind Society.

*Penny is a bright and intelligent woman living in a dark and silent world. She is both blind and deaf. During early childhood, her family noticed that she was losing her sight and a few years later, her hearing also began to fail. In quick succession, she developed difficulties with balance, loss of coordination and muscle strength.*

*However as you will hear, Penny has not let these physical issues define her. On the contrary, she has overcome them and created a full and rewarding life.*  
PS: Penny will have some copies of her book to sell (at \$15:00 ea) if any members are interested.

**MEMBERSHIP** is currently 236. The Shed extends a warm welcome to new members **Danny Bishop, Tristan Brown, Michael Budi, Reuban Egan, John Forbes, Graham Lord, Frank Rynne, Bruce Turner and Barry Flowers**

**The Dot Man NEVER gives up! The next Induction program will be held in the Recreation Room on Monday 10th March at 8.00am**

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**Woodman's Mitre10 is one of our Bronze Sponsors**

### WANTED

**FOR OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY  
"OPEN DAY"**

**WE NEED FOR OUR PUBLIC Open Day on April 12<sup>th</sup>  
A CHILDREN'S FACE PAINTER & A MAGICIAN**  
The Shed will be open for Public viewing of our activities  
From 10.00am-2.00pm  
If any members can assist in any small way, please  
phone **BART: 0428553566** Thank you.

### Possibilities for the Future Social Program

Caloundra RSL bus trip Tues 21st October Confirmed

Church Service for St Joseph's Day Confirmed

Trip to ABC Studios A 'maybe ' for Sept.

Melbourne Cup function to be confirmed

Tram Museum Men's Shed to be confirmed

Government House to be confirmed

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Mt Gravatt Bowls Club  
Logan Road Upper Mt Gravatt

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**Rotary Club of Mt Gravatt is a platinum sponsor of the Shed. Booklets can be purchased from Graeme Smith for \$2 tel: 3343-1697. These are a very useful 'thank-you' gift.**

**Agreement of Tenure**

In making application for membership of the Mount Gravatt Men's Shed Inc., you signed a statement that you agreed with the rules of tenure. For your convenience, they are reproduced here. It is suggested that you keep this page for future reference.

1. I will attend the Mount Gravatt Men's Shed with the understanding that the Shed Management Committee, the Shed Supervisor and the daily supervisors will take every effort to maintain a safe environment in the shed for participants and volunteers.
  2. I understand that I am to take responsibility for my personal health and wellbeing while working in the shed and that I have a responsibility to maintain a healthy and safe environment for all people in the shed.
  3. I will obey safety signs as displayed in the shed.
  4. I will obey instructions when issued by the shed supervisors.
  5. I will not smoke cigarettes in the shed or within 5 metres of the shed.
  6. I will not attempt to work in the shed while I am intoxicated with liquor or drugs.
  7. I will not work alone in the shed.
  8. I will take total responsibility for my personal items taken into the shed.
  9. I will not wilfully damage the shed environment or anyone's personal property.
  10. I will avoid violence, swearing and aggressive behaviour.
  11. I will treat others with respect.
  12. I will maintain reasonable standards of dress, hygiene and grooming.
  13. I will participate in programmed activities and encourage others to take part.
  14. I will take an active role with regard to making decisions about programs, program content and expressing personal needs and goals.
- Signed----- Date---/---/---

**AN INVITATION**

One of the Mt Gravatt Men's Shed Patrons, Right Rev. Doug Stevens invites **ALL** Members/wives/partners and families to join in a service to celebrate St Joseph's Day at **St Bart's Anglican Church Mt Gravatt** to affirm the God-given dignity of work and to ask God's blessing upon the fellowship enjoyed at our Mt Gravatt Men's Shed. Jesus was raised in the Nazareth men's shed where he was apprenticed to his father Joseph and learned his trade with wood and tools.

**The service will be held at 9am on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014 with morning tea to follow.**

Members of the Men's Shed will be participating in the service. The Church is situated on the corner of Logan Road and Mountain Street, Mt Gravatt. For further information, phone Bishop Doug on 3849 4411 or

## On Goings and Going Ons!

### Workshop, Recreation Room Timings and Meeting Program for March 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3rd <b>SOCIAL MEETING</b> 11.00 AM	4th 8.00 Basic Wood-working 8.00 Leatherwork 10.30 Guitar 1.00 Painting	5th 8.00 Intermediate Woodworking 9.00 Basic Spindle Turning	6th 9.00 Darts	7th Maintenance (Morning)
10th <b>8.00 Induction (Workshop)</b> 9.00 Basic Spindle Turning 9.30 Cards	11th 8.00 Basic Wood-working 8.00 Leatherwork 10.30 Guitar 1.00 Painting	12th 8.00 Intermediate Woodworking 9.00 Basic Spindle Turning <b>2.00 Management Committee Meeting</b>	13th 9.00 Darts	14th Maintenance (Morning)
17th 9.00 Basic Spindle Turning 9.30 Cards <b>11.00 Sausage Sizzle &amp; Guest Speaker</b>	18th 8.00 Basic Wood-working 8.00 Leatherwork 10.30 Guitar 1.00 Painting	19th 8.00 Intermediate Woodworking 9.00 Basic Spindle Woodturning	20th 9.00 Darts 1.00 Camera/Photography	21st Maintenance (Morning)
<b>24th AND 31st</b> 8.00 Cooking 9.00 Basic Spindle Turning 9.30 Cards	25th 8.00 Basic Wood-working 8.00 Leatherwork 10.30 Guitar 1.00 Painting	26th 8.00 Intermediate Woodworking 9.00 Basic Spindle Turning	27th 9.00 Darts 1.30 Travel	28th Maintenance (Morning)

The table on the right shows the proposed topics and speakers for the next 3 monthly meetings in 2014. Dates in **GREEN** are confirmed.

**Left: Murray Rogash shows pictures of his trip to Antarctica at Sausage Sizzle Right: Physiotherapist, Ian Sung, is speaking at the next Sausage Sizzle**

Names from page 4 are:  
The Stranger is TV,  
and the rest in order are Computer, Mobile, I POD, and I PAD

Date	Program	Notes
<b>3 March</b>	My life	Penny Harland – deaf and blind
<b>07 April</b>	Finance for retirees	Peter Donovan
<b>5 May</b>	Ageing actively	Catherine Batchelor

