



Narooma Men's Shed Newsletter

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The President leads the internal fit-out



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President's Report

Peter Hartley

I drove up to Canberra to see Pete and Julie on Sunday with Ruth to spend some time with him as his cancer is catching up with him after many years of treatment. Pete was comfortable but saddened by the short time given him by the doctors. I delivered to him the shed messages of hope, help and goodwill. He greatly appreciated that and the work being done on their property by our members. Pete was comfortable and full of grace as he talked about the state of our world at present. We talked of regrets and we shared a few. I will share one. Pete is mighty sad about the prospect of missing seeing the new shed in full flight, up and running. I let him know that our new green house will now be named "HARTLEY'S HUTCH". I will keep Pete updated with progress pics and the odd video. Pete has great support in the ACT living a stately life with Julie's sister's family. Luxury Pete. It was hard to say goodbye but Pete as usual straightened me up with, "Bernie, it is what it is." We all live with the best hopes for Pete and his family.

The Build

As Peter said it is the only game in town! and he reads Wal's report to hear of progress. I am so gratified with the support of members who roll up regularly (after signing the COVID tracing book). It is good to talk to Wal if you can do the hands on stuff. Some days we have an overflow of volunteers.

For my bit I am organizing the lining of the meeting room and the multi purpose room. Geoff B. Jonathan, David (the younger), Dave T, Steve, Glen and assorted bods have all helped and it is looking good .

First week of September should see progress with our stainless steel kitchen arriving this week .

Of course I could not pass without mention of Reg Shooter our resident sky walker come Evil Knievel (the dare devil). PAINT!!! He is a man possessed. Stand still for too long and you will be undercoated. As Gene Willis, our young carpenter said, "when I get to 90 I want to be him." Go Reg. The locals, the businesses. the trades. What a great bunch of supporters. Only yesterday I was delighted with another major donation: finishing paint. Thanks Phil Constable. Small communities seem to bind together like no other and we are feeling that support right now. Brilliant. Warms me cockles!!!

The Fires

I took another load of tools down to Cobargo Fire relief centre last week. Generators and a great supply of 18v cordless. Many thousands of dollars, I suspect. Danielle at Cobargo said the Gennies will go straight out. The virus has swamped the fire relief so we say massive thanks to the Glencore miners and the Bulga mine in particular led by the energetic Pat Archer.



Staying with fires for a bit, we had a potential new member roll in last week, a man still suffering from the fire trauma. He was almost completely wiped out and has found us and will no doubt benefit from the generous and kindly spirit of men at our shed. WELCOME new members. And Tim, a new boy, rolled in and copped a broom day one, a ceiling lift day two and dust all over from lining board fixing day three. He tells me he has always started at the bottom!! But hell what an initiation and he returns for more. WELCOME Tim.

Grants

Wal tells me we never, ever have enough!! And he would know as this build empties the coffers at a great rate. As we all know any build spends half the money to lock up and the other half to complete. Hell I bet that has scared Wal!! On the 20th I completed a grant for funds to do with accessibility and establishing our metal work. Vinnies called for applications. Thanks to Reg for the tip off. We will see how we go. Never up never in.

Scout hall

Many members have asked me about the status and use of the scout hall. We already have access for two days per week for a daily fee. The committee has asked Wal and John Steele to talk the issues through with scouts and report back. The needs of Scouts to have the hall used and maintained is paramount as their lease requires continuous use.

Looking forward

We have postponed our AGM until later in the year. I know there will be a few members of the committee not standing again so there will be space at the table. I ask that you consider being part of our management group as we enter an essentially FOUNDATION YEAR in new and permanent facilities. GOAL REACHED. It will be a great year. The committee have terrific conditions, their own chair, a position in society lauded for its prestige, a salary to beat none (there is none), no freebies and no perks just the beautiful feeling of helping your mates and your local community. WE NEED YOU. Give it a thought.

COVID 19

This virus is still about and dangerous for us oldies. The committee has decided to keep our shed closed for another month. The State and Federal rules about signing in, personal hygiene and keeping social distance still apply to a visit to the hall and build site. Our outdoor meeting size is regulated to 20 with social distancing. Masks are still not mandatory. Of course wearing one is about keeping others protected as much as possible and should be encouraged. A cough, a sneeze or even a laugh at Curly's joke can have droplets contained with a mask.

May the good fairy of happiness keep a regular presence on your door step. (an IRISH proverb meaning, yep I've had enough)

Keep at it, Bernie.

STOP PRESS!!!!

Contaminated waste. A WIN.

Many members have asked about our request to EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL, for reimbursement for our tipping fees when we ran into an old dump at day 2 of the site cut. Well, Wal wrote to council, I followed up and wrote to councilors and then presented to the full council the context of that drama on Day 2 of the build. I heard today (31/8) that the Council agreed to a full reimbursement of our tip fees. I also felt the support of our mayor as I believe that Liz Innes put the motion to the meeting. This money will make a huge difference to our task of building the best “shed”. So my massive thanks goes also to our local Councilors for their interest and support; Lindsay Brown , Phil Constable and Pat Macginlay.



Narooma Sunrise by Geoff Broadfoot on his early morning walk.

Repair Cafe

SHASA has set up a weekly Repair Cafe with assistance from the Bega Valley Repair Cafe and the International Repair Cafe Foundation in the Netherlands.

We are starting with repairs to clothing, electrical items, bicycles and odds and ends that can be repaired with glue, string or tape.

If you can let us know, when you are back up operationally, what you repair at the Narooma Men's Shed we are happy to let people know.

Email from SHASA

Hi wonderful volunteers

SHASA Eurobodalla Repair Cafe Launch and Opening 28 August

On a beautiful sunny August day, SHASA launched the Repair Cafe.

Linda Chapman (Rector for St Johns Anglican Church) Anthony Mayne (Eurobodalla Shire Councillor) and Fiona Phillips Federal MP for Gilmore spoke to an audience of 20 Repair Cafe Volunteers, their supporters and local media about the myriad of benefits of a Repair Cafe:

- helping to make goods last longer;
- reducing waste to landfill,
- having fun,
- social and business connections

At 10am the SHASA Eurobodalla Repair Cafe opened its doors for the first time and was a great success with over 40 people attending. Our team of 10 volunteers ensured that visitors were guided through the processes and had their items assessed, and in many cases repaired including clothes and electrical items. Some other items have been taken back to home workshops for repair and will be returned fully functional to their owners at the next Repair Cafe next Friday.

There were many supporters for the SHASA Eurobodalla Repair Cafe that we would like to acknowledge and thank. Firstly of course, the repairers -Thomas Schild, Rob Shorrocks, Jo Fafie, Brett Stevenson and Noel Annabell. Then where would a Cafe be without food? A big thank you to Lisa Cornthwaite from MESA for the wonderful platters of healthy and yummy food as well as Jennifer Gibb who baked some delicious biscuits. Then of course, the volunteers to run the Cafe - Valerie Faber, Charlie Bell, Julie Klugman, Nick Hopkins, Lee Gleeson, Deb Stevenson and Kathryn Maxwell. Thank you to the community members who brought in your items too and for respecting the COVID parameters. There were the beginnings of many new friendships over a cuppa and baked delights. Something so appreciated after our "interesting" year.

The Repair Cafe will be open every Friday from 10am to 2pm at the Red Door Hall in Moruya. Everyone is welcome to come along and bring your items that need fixing.

If you would like to volunteer either as a repairer or to assist with the running of the café please email contact.shasa@gmail.com

cheers

Kathryn Maxwell

0467 558 645

Email Reply from Smilie

Hi Kathryn,

Chris (Smilie) Magill here from Narooma Men's Shed,

Just to let you know that NMS hopes to be up and running soooooon and we run a very similar operation to the repair cafe where we fix things for members of the community at low cost to facilitate recycling and reduce the throw away mentality. We endeavour not to impact on working tradespeople but that is not a real problem as these smaller jobs are generally a nuisance to the trades. So we generally do things like furniture items, antiques, etc metal repairs eg welding, milling and lath work so replaced broken bits on cars, lawnmowers etc.

So maybe we could set up a "chain" of repair shops from the Bega Repair cafe, NMS and the Moruya one, so that if we can't fix something there maybe that expertise in Moruya or Bega.

Use me as a contact number for NMS
0447264177

Cheers Smilie

Narooma Men's Shed AGM

An Announcement on behalf of the Committee by Brian Liddy, Secretary. You will recall in an earlier News Letter that the COVID – 19 restrictions and the closure of the Narooma Men's Shed (NMS) had resulted in the usual timings for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be postponed.

It was determined after an examination of our Constitution and agreement by the Committee that the AGM and Committee elections would be held towards the end of November 2020.

As I outlined, AGMs and the means of calling them are set out in Section 15 of the NMS Constitution (an italicised copy of that section is included below). The section also outlines the procedures for the election of Committee Members.

As I also discussed, the process for the election of a new Committee is straight forward. Nominations for Committee membership under the Constitution must be received by the secretary 7 days before the AGM. Notice of an AGM must be given to each member 14 days in advance of the meeting specifying the date, time and place of the meeting, the agenda and the calling for nominations for positions on the Committee.

The Constitution outlines that if we do not receive enough nominations for the election before the requisite time set out for the closure of nominations and the setting of the date, S15 (2) allows us to take additional nominations for Committee positions from the floor at the AGM. This article as well as apprising members of the AGM is also a reminder that we are looking for members to nominate for a position on the Committee.

Special Resolutions

In addition, should an issue require resolution under the conditions of a Special Meeting; we can also cater for that too, within the timeframe. For Constitutional changes, 21 days' notice is required to be given to NMS members. This information must contain information regarding the date and timings for such a meeting.

Should an issue requiring a special resolution arise; a Special Meeting can also be called too. As I indicated earlier, and as we did in 2019, this can be expediently held directly after the closure of the AGM. Such a meeting would deal with any Special Motions put before it and the NMS members can cast a vote following the

usual discussions on such matters.

Again, as I outlined earlier, any such proposal requires the motion/s and a resolution/s to be given to the members. It would be expected that if such a situation did arise, the proposer/s of that motion/s would initially raise the subject/s with the members before the meeting; perhaps, through the Newsletter or if the Shed has reopened, through our general meetings. This would enable members to have had suitable time to consider all the issues that would be put before them at the Special Meeting.

Section 14 Narooma Men's Shed Constitution

15 Election of committee members

- (1) Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the association or as ordinary committee members:
 - (a) must be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination), and*
 - (b) must be delivered to the secretary of the association at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.**
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected and further nominations are to be received at the annual general meeting.*
- (3) If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the committee are taken to be casual vacancies.*
- (4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.*

- (5) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot is to be held.*
- (6) The ballot for the election of office-bearers and ordinary committee members of the committee is to be conducted at the annual general meeting in any usual and proper manner that the committee directs.*
- (7) A person nominated as a candidate for election as an office-bearer or as an ordinary committee member of the association must be a member of the association.*

I am raising these issues again, because we have been unable to bring these matters to your attention as we have been unable to meet. The Committee believes it is important that members put themselves forward to become Committee members for three important reasons.

Firstly new members on the Committee bring additional experience, expertise, ideas and energy to our governing forum.

Secondly, new members on the Committee not only bring these new ideas and expertise, they also demonstrate that that the NMS Shed recognizes that our organization is made up of a variety of personalities whom we recognize hold differing values, skills and who we have confidence in administering our organization.

Thirdly, there are members who have served on our Committee for a number of years and who may wish to step down for a period to enjoy just being a member of the Shed focusing on their special projects or indeed just socializing.

Communication

NMS Web Site

Remember we have a website

[Narooma Mens Shed](#)

Also find us on Facebook Search “Facebook Narooma Mens Shed” in your browser.

If you have any news articles and photos that you would like published on the web site, or know of links to other interesting web site e.g. other Mens Sheds, please email details to the web master at colin381@gmail.com

This is especially important during the current lockdown, please submit articles on how you are handling the enforced isolation and what you are doing to keep busy.

AMSA Online

The goal of The AMSA Shed Online is help people connect in the same way they do at the shed – over a cuppa and a laugh. We hope you’re here to share information, ideas and make connections with your fellow shedders around the world.

[AMSA Online](#)

There are a number of Committee members who have worked long and hard for us over many years. 2020 has been a real challenge. Firstly, through ensuring the build runs to deadline and budget resulting what will be an excellent outcome. Secondly, and importantly, due to the considerations and restrictions that has been necessary due to COVID 19 epidemic.

Currently, I have had no indication from any current Committee member who may be considering stepping down. Indeed, current Committee members may wish to continue. This point in no way should prevent any NMS member who may wish to stand for a place on the Committee from doing so.

The Committee encourages any member who may wish to stand to please do so when the nomination forms are published in the Newsletter next month along with full details of the AGM. Please consider stepping up and nominating for a place on our Management Committee.

Finally, I wish to confirm that all the necessary formal notifications of the AGM together with copies of the necessary nomination forms and instructions will be sent to all members of the NMS via the Newsletter in mid-October 2020 with the view to holding our AGM in mid to late November 2020

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or a Committee member.

Beat Wishes to you all, and please stay safe.

Brian Liddy
Secretary

New Building Report

Building Report September 2020

What a difference a month makes!

We set ourselves a number of major tasks for August, but with a team of enthusiastic volunteers and some excellent support from the local tradespeople, we are right on schedule and look in great shape for a finish by the end of September.

Let me record some of the highlights.



After the frames and trusses were in place at the end of July, the first two weeks was taken up with the exterior cladding of the roof and the walls. While the majority of the shed is in Colorbond, the front look has been softened by the use of weathertex sheeting. Both came up a treat. Reg (yes he has turned 90) was up there painting them as they were being nailed on. When that work ran out Reg was up painting the eaves.

The next step was to put the electrical wiring into the new shed. I think I counted about *3 kms of wire* being used to meet the many requirements of the members. Every

time a member had a look at the work, out came another suggestion, "you have to put a double power point here or there!!" Nevertheless Todd our electrician was unflappable and with the help of a few members, the place was wired in about three solid days.

The next step was putting plaster ceilings in the Meeting room and the Multi-Purpose Rooms. Again with Gene Willis doing the heavy lifting and tutoring, Bernie and David managing our team, up they went - all 200 sq. meters. They look very professional and are now ready for stopping and a paint.

85 sheets of 12 mm ply arrived, thanks to Bernie's efforts. Dick and Harry were delighted with the quality of the boards. So the process of internal lining of the wood working area and the assembly room and roof has started. The plywood roof is up and yes Reg has it painted already.



Bernie and David and a number of volunteers started lining the meeting room using the redwood decking boards donated to us. They look terrific. Can't wait to see the room finished next week.

Geoff and Curly took on the task of insulating the building. Well you should have seen the team work involved in doing that. A full day of effort by the team, but what a difference it made to the complex. All of a sudden the shed reduced about 70% in noise transmission.



So very satisfied with progress to date and we are now LOCKED UP, meaning that the roof, walls, doors and windows provide a safe and secure place to work and store our gear.

What is next for September?

Most of the work to do from now on is really up to the members of the shed. 85% of the work is within our skill and capabilities. The budget for the total build and fit out remains tight, but if we continue with the enthusiasm and support as shown in August we will get it all done.

So what we will achieve in the next 4 weeks will be:

The external surface, stormwater and sewer connections will be dug out and in place. Sleeper walls will be built and some native gardens established.

The next two weeks will see all the fit out all the internal walls. This will permit the connection of the electrical fittings throughout the shed. Power from the main will then be turned on to the building.

Security detection and lighting installed.

The concrete floors will be cleaned and then sealed with a two part mix.

The kitchen cabinets and appliances will be installed. All are on order and 40% delivered.

The two toilets will be built and the thrones installed.

The external fence will be completed, so we will have a secured site.

Yes finally the machines and benches will start to appear from storage. Hooray!

Yes the next four weeks I suspect will continue at the same pace as last month. Accepting Covid restrictions are in place, but about 15 members have been working within these restrictions to date and if you have a chance to talk to them, they are thoroughly enjoying getting out of the house and seeing the fruits of their efforts every day in building their shed. Yes smiling faces everywhere. What a team!

So come along and have a look or just spend some time catching up.

See you at the SHED!

Wal Sheehan
Building sub committee

Member's Corner

Leongatha social agenda of the past.

By Chas Rogers

With Leongatha in the news with the article of the local legend "Lennie and Ginger Mick" in the August newsletter prompted me to rekindle another highlight of the Leongatha social scene of the past. The Leongatha Bachelors Cabaret.

The annual New Years Eve group was made up of confirmed bachelors, many eligible and those aspiring to join the "Benedicts" list by getting married during the next twelve months.

The highlight of the night was the floor show. Put on by half a dozen fuelled-up members.



CLUB MEMBERS	
BIGGS, Albert	HAYS, Ken
BLACKMAN, Neil (Sec.)	✓ HAYWOOD, Max
BOWLER, Paddy	HUGHES, Bob
BRYDON, Keith	✓ KLITZING, Trevor
BRYANT, Ian	MURRAY, Ross
BURCHELL, Tom	McGREGOR, Barry
CAMPBELL, Alec	✓ McINDOE, Ross
✓ CAYZER, Bob	NICHOLAS, Harold
CHRISTOFFERSEN, Chris	PEASE, Daryl
CROATTO, Bruno	ROGERS, Charlie (Pres.)
CUMMINS, Jack	ROGERS, Maurice
CUMMINS, Paddy	SANDERS, Roy
✓ DIGBY, Jack (Treas.)	✓ SCOBLE, Ted
ELLIOTT, Graeme	WELSFORD, Frank
HAWKING, Bruce	WILLIAMS, Jim
RESTRICTED MEMBERS	
LARKIN, Frank	MATTHEWS, Peter

The Leongatha Bachelors	
request the presence of	

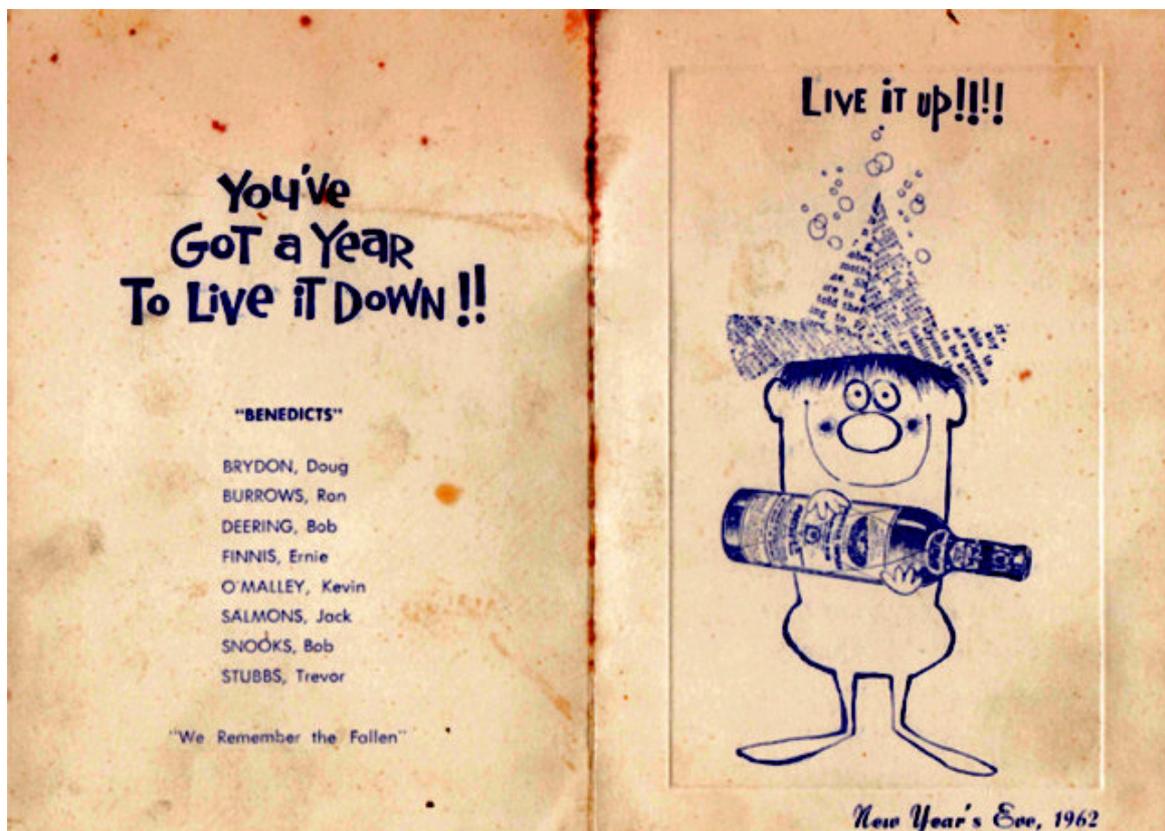
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At Home	
CABARET	
Venue . . .	MEMORIAL HALL, LEONGATHA
Date . . .	NEW YEAR'S EVE, 1962
Time . . .	NINE TILL THREE-THIRTY
Music . . .	"THE SILHOUETTES" featuring Vocalist KEVIN SHEGOG <i>Louie Levy</i>
Atmosphere . . .	"HOGMANAY"
YOUR HOST	_____
Table No. _____	B.Y.O.

In my year of president, 1962 we chose the French Can-can. A professional dance instructor would get the group together a month before and try to get the most out of this motely lot.

As the "Boys from the Bush, often referred to country based lads, required to make up their own entertainment and the annual "Bachelor's Cabaret" came to be.

The caption "Live it up, you've got a year to live it down" perhaps released year 2020 in reverse. We have so many downs so far to look back on stories of the past may help give a lift up as we look ahead.

I guess I will never live it down on introducing this article.





Far South Film Festival

The first Far South Film Festival was held online on Sunday with an enthusiastic audience tuning in from around Australia to watch short films created by regional filmmakers.

The jury for 2020 was: Andrew Gray of South East Arts, Kate Howarth of Eastern Riverina Arts, actor Patrick Dickson, filmmaker Lucca Pajimans and Lis Shelley of Far South Film.

Best Documentary Award and Diversity Award: *The Oudmaker of Narooma*, director Lee Grant, Congo, NSW, producer Hiromi Matsuoka, Murrah NSW.

The jury described the multicultural love story of *The Oudmaker* as, "A very interesting story with engaging characters in a regional setting."

"The contrast between past life and present, the art, the music, the home and Men's Shed settings create fascinating visual storytelling supporting the narrative as told by the subjects themselves," the jury said.

Congratulations to Faouzi who is an active member of the Narooma Men's Shed.



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Narooma Mens Shed

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION NAROOMA MEN'S SHED (incorporated under the Incorporation Act 2009)

Full Name of Applicant I, _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Next of Kin _____ Contact No, _____

Hereby apply to become a member of Narooma Men's Shed. In the advent of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the constitution of the Australian Men's Shed Association.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Proposer _____ Date _____

SECONDER I, _____ a member of the
association, second the nomination of the applicant for membership of the association.

Signature of seconder _____ Date _____

Humour

My friend keeps saying "Cheer up man, it could be worse. You could be stuck underground in a hole full of water." I know he means well

I sold my vacuum cleaner; it was just gathering dust.

Why did the man name his dogs Rolex and Timex? Because they were watch dogs

My wife asked me to sync her phone, so I threw it into the ocean. I don't know why she's mad at me.

I got hit in the head with a can of Diet Coke today. Don't worry, I'm not hurt. It was a soft drink.

A ham sandwich walks into a bar and orders a beer. The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve food here.

My kid wants to invent a pencil with an eraser on each end, but I just don't see the point.

We all know about Murphy's Law: anything that can go wrong will go wrong. But have you heard of Cole's Law? It's thinly sliced cabbage.

I don't trust stairs. They are always up to something.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Children: You spend the first 2 years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 16 years telling them to sit down and shut-up.

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

The shinbone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.

My psychiatrist told me I was crazy and I said I want a second opinion. He said okay, you're ugly too.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you!

It is hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial cost and blamed it on the cost of living.

The difference between in-laws and outlaws? Outlaws are wanted.

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

For every action, there is a corresponding over-reaction.

1 in 5 people in the world are Chinese. There are 5 people in my family, so it must be one of them. It's either my mum or my dad. Or my older brother Colin. Or my younger brother Ho-Cha-Chu. But I think it's Colin.

When you stop believing in Santa Claus is when you start getting clothes for Christmas!

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

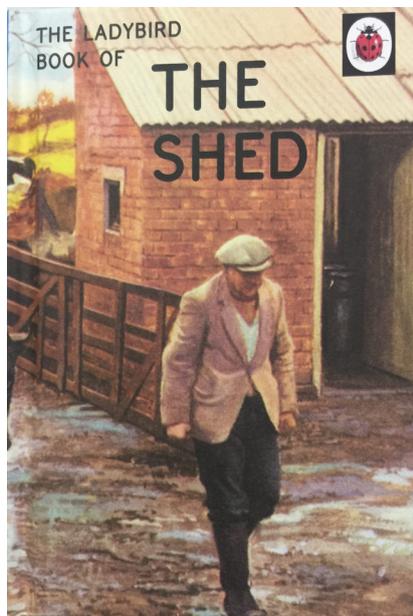
The Shed

Extracts from the Ladybird Book of the.

The shed is a good place for keeping all the things you need to do odd jobs around the house.

Reg always has lots of odd jobs to do.

For instance, today he is painting his shed again.



Men have built sheds in the most inhospitable environments on the planet.

These men have built their shed near the South Pole.

If anyone wants the men to come back in and run the Hoover round the front room, they have to give six months' notice.

This Antarctic shed is a great place to get things done.

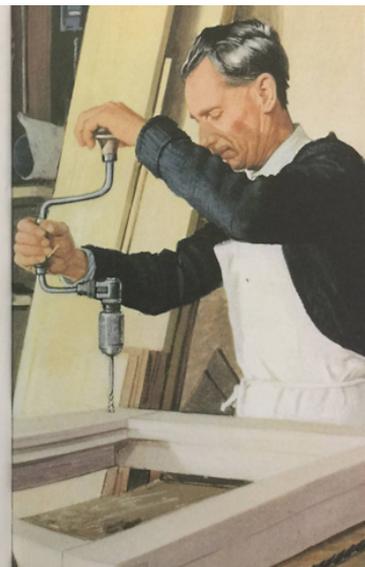
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In May 1956, Eric Webb of Dagenham emerged from his shed, where he had been pottering since 1938.

He had been reported missing, presumed dead, in 1941 when his house was destroyed by a German incendiary device.

Eric did not know that there had been a war. He immediately returned to his shed and started work rebuilding his home.



Committee Members

Executive Committee Members

Bernie Perrett	President
Wal Sheehan	Vice-President
Colin Berry	Treasurer and Communications
Brian Liddy	Secretary

Ordinary Committee Members

Rody Byrne	Public Officer
Smilie Magill	Work Party Manager on new build
Steve McGourty	Social Activity Manager
David Trickett	Business Manager
Dick Nagle	Wood Shed Manager
Peter Lonergan	Metal Shed Manager