



# Narooma Men's Shed Newsletter

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The Narooma Men's Shed has been closed over the last few weeks due to the Covid outbreak of the Delta stream in Sydney.

The executive committee thought it prudent due to the demographic of the men's shed members that the shed should cease activity until the situation improves.

Last Tuesday we had morning tea on our deck to ensure social distancing was observed. Everyone enjoyed the cakes and we will be there again this week.



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## Event Calendar

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<i>Committee Meeting</i>	<i>Thursday</i> <i>5 August 2021</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>Shed</i>
<i>Bunnings sausage sizzle</i>	<i>Sunday</i> <i>8 August 2021</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>Batemans Bay</i>
<i>AGM</i>	<i>Tuesday</i> <i>24 August 2021</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Shed</i>

# President's Report

## **NMS COMMITTEE**

The August meeting will see this committee's term of office coming to an end. It has been an interesting time for all members; the build, the bushfires, the Covid emergency, all conspired to make our work more difficult. But survive we did! The building committee led by Wal Sheehan has achieved so much and left our town a wonderful and enduring legacy. To Wal, who is stepping down, a massive thank you and gratitude for the way you hung in with some very oppressive and difficult situations to achieve this superb home for NMS and as a great community asset. Dave Trickett is also leaving committee work. Dave has been a stalwart of our shed for years and has been a constant supporter of our activities. The Market Master. He also has done so much behind the scenes often unnoticed. I doffs me lid to you Dave. Smilie Magill, also standing down, our ideas man, builder of repute and genuine supporter. Thank you Smilie for putting up with what seemed like interminable meetings. I know they are not your cup of tea but you joined in and gave us your best. To the whole committee, "the Bushfire, Build and Covid" committee, thank you all for persisting. Without each and everyone putting in to the best of their capacity, our goals would still be lurking on a distant hill.

## **COVID**

Still inspiring hard times for our lot, Covid has opened more hard times with the DELTA strain. We closed for two weeks to see which way the wind blew on this very infectious strain. Last week a "high tea" on the deck (thanks Brian, Geoff Wayne and assorted helpers) saw men reconnecting in a relatively safe place. The deck tea will continue on Tuesdays unless .....

We are now open to limited Covid safe activity for those of us who need to use the shed. Dick is your port of call so we keep numbers down and so limit contacts. Only last week the south coast experienced two unwanted visitors from Sydney 'RED' zones. Talk about a lack of common sense and community regard.

## **COMMUNITY USE OF NMS**

This month the DOG CLUB will start their monthly night time meetings. Last week Geoff Broadfoot and I spoke to members of ROTARY regarding a newly funded initiative; namely the establishing of a PROSTATE support group. The idea is to have their monthly meetings at our place. Peter Hartley's wife Julie is a supporter of this work. As you may know our mate Peter Hartley recently died of prostate cancer. Geoff is onto the organizational details. The Pigeon Racing club continues its feathery activity.

## **WHALES AND OTHER THINGS**

Spoke to Jenny Rae, the President of the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE recently about Christmas decorations. Jenny and Co. wish for the whales to continue with maybe some newer offerings. In 2019 Peter H. had a plan to paint up some small seals carrying a surfboard all decorated in a regulation Santa Hat and lights. Dalmeny has its resident emus so maybe a couple of Christmas emu's? Any other ideas out there?

## **GRANTS**

Chris Smith recently completed a fine grant application to the "IMB" bank. We are very concerned about our aged table saw. It is definitely on the way out but represents a central piece of gear that allows us to recycle timbers and respond to many and varied community requests. It also earns us

money to help keep us afloat. That application followed a grant request I put in for funds to "AUSTRALIA POST" to assist us in opening up on Fridays as a Community day. This will enable short-term contacts helping many people who want to get engaged with some activity on a short-term basis.

Chris and I have high hopes for both grants which will need following up by our next committee.

The AMSA grant called "FOOD FOR THOUGHT" which came from AMSA via the Dept. Of Health will be on hold as the luncheon /speaker event will be too hard as Covid rages given the numbers expected. Pity that.

Brian Liddy alerted me to a Bushfire Recovery grant. We have been asked to agree to our premises being upgraded so we could act as another local emergency accommodation centre. About a year ago Reg Shooter suggested that with some showering facility being installed we could offer an invaluable service to locals in this regard. Seems to fit in to our new community focus quite neatly. Another issue for the new committee?

## **MONEY**

After some men volunteered last week for the manning of our stall at BUNNINGS on August 8<sup>th</sup>, Wal is pulling the team together to raise some hard earns (\$'s) for us. If you are in a position to do a half-day shift I am sure Wal will accommodate you.

## **HISTORY**

WORK FROM HOME, KEEP SAFE. A nice easy one. A request for someone so inclined to put together a pictorial collection of the phases, challenges and final success of our build during last year. Many of us have some wonderful pics to share and it would be great to put them in

some order for posterity and so share our achievement with others.

## **THE SCROLL**

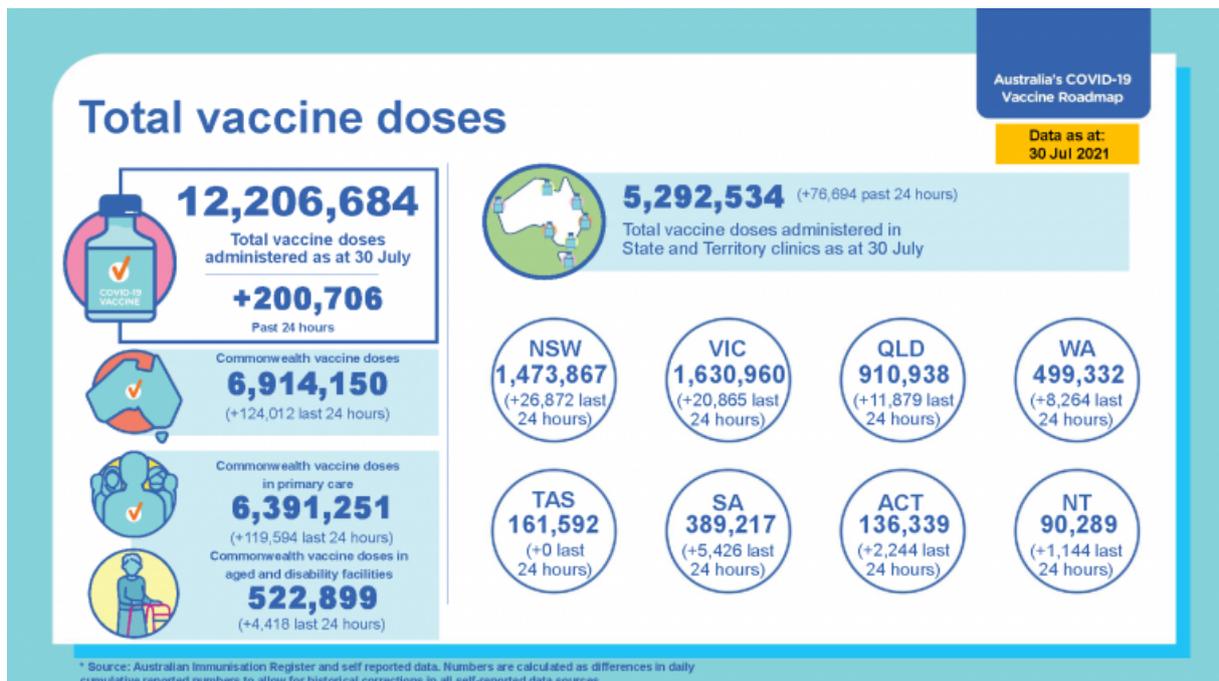
Peter Carles is working on a wooden turned scroll to hang as an honoring place for all local trades, businesses and private souls who so generously supported us during the build. It will look a treat and is definitely required. Thanks MR. CURLY.

This is my last presidents report for our newsletter as I am standing down at the AGM.

Thank you all for the support offered to me over my time as President. It has recently been hard for me in some ways but a great source of joy for me has been giving my time to assist the NMS along its pathway to establishing itself in Narooma. It is a great organization peppered with really top blokes. May the continued journey be long and strong. Three cheers to us!!!

**CHEERS Bernie**

# COVID-19 and Vaccinations



## Members Corner

### A Story to Tell ... Jan Hemmingsen.

You've got one. We've all got one. Somewhere. Sometime. This is Jan's. It's one of those that comes from somewhere and joins, somehow, a distant past and a distant place. Like most stories it comes by surprise or by chance or coincidence.

For Jan it came when rekindling family connections and his Danish roots after his mother died.

She, like so many mothers, had been the keeper of family stories and contacts. Now it was Jan's turn. Among his treasured photographs was one of his Grandfather. The mentor and apprentice master who had guided the young Jan through his blacksmith apprenticeship. He was standing alongside the fence that was to commemorate the history of the trades and professions of Denmark's industrialization. Each insert panel was the final assessment task for the individual blacksmith apprentices. Jan's panel celebrated the builder and carpenter of 1550.

So here he is, posting a family snap of his hometown, now an outer suburb of Copenhagen, and asking of his cousin the same sort simple question we all ask: "What ever happened to ...?".

The surprising response was to lead Jan, from half way across the world, into an active campaign to help to preserve a significant part of the town's cultural heritage. Interviews with local journalists, local internet television stations in Denmark, internet campaigns to drum up the support and the rallying of family connections for the restoration and conservation of the ... Well what was the subject of such international concern and effort ?



## Young People's Town.

In the late 50's and the early 60's, the city administration planned an amazing innovation – the creation of a fully functioning mini town for school children to run and administer as part of their curriculum and their preparation for life in the real world. There would be shops to run, councils to elect, regulations to set down, planning to be done. A train station for the miniature train line that would follow the circumference of the town limits. There would be an ordained church to serve the spiritual needs of the young community. The idea was that school children from all schools would have the opportunity to experience the town. But there was more to this project. Not only was it to be for young people, it would be built by young people - apprentices from all trades would be involved in the construction and fabrication of the town. Plumbers, electricians, carpenters, joiners, tilers even brickies. You name the trade and they were involved. The fence of the inserts by the blacksmiths was erected on the roof of the railway station! The church, a beautiful round brick two storey building, even won an award for bricklaying. The interior of the church is beautiful. (Yes it was saved from demolition). Special wood carvings and panelling were designed by a local artist and made by apprentices.

In 1965 the young Jan answered the call of Australia and for the second time he made his way downunder. Travel, work, a life partner and his own family along with parrot breeding, scouting, kayaking, orchids, bromeliads and hippieastrums along with photography occupied Jan until his simple question: "What happened to ...?".

So, what did happen to Young People's Town? The discovery of contaminated



parkland led to the town being abandoned and set for demolition. But the campaign to preserve what could be saved was successful. The train station, although the train never ran, is the site of a new light rail station and there the fence panels are displayed. And the church is still the church. Jan and June had the pleasure of rediscovering this gem from the past on their recent return to this amazing country. Ask Jan. It's his story. I am sure he will share his photos – with pride.

What's your story?

**Tim Horstead**

Well with the shed temporarily closed and doom and gloom on the media channels its perhaps time for a little horticultural fantasy escape and to tell the wonderful story of the lost Gardens of Heligan Cornwall UK.

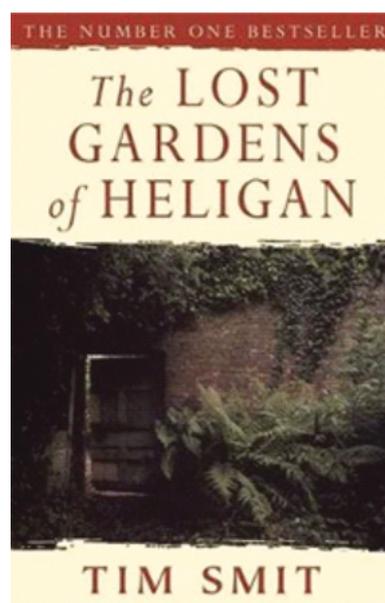


The book tells the story of one of the great gardens of Cornwall England how it lapsed into deep slumber and ruin post WWI then to be resurrected decades later in 1990.

Originally it was the country estate garden held in the Tremayne family for many generations. The family had the finances to support the staff needed to run this enterprise and it produced most of their food.

The Author Tim Smit who inspired, managed and drove much of the work when asked what was the driving force for the incredible energy and commitment, he had for the garden surprisingly replied **Redemption**.

In reading the book you can see he means redemption of the garden, the past horticultural knowledge, the plants growing there, the local community and of the people involved at all level's present day and past.



I highly recommend the book to read – own – borrow – Heart-warming stories of the work and workers involved, its resurrection and plenty of photos to show the magnitude of the task before them.

I want to share with you some quotes from Tim Smit at the end of the book where he explains the value of the garden to us.

*“An issue that confronts all who work with Heritage of any kind is that once a period becomes history, its visible remains become little more than monuments, leaving us the inheritors to interpret them from the perspective of our time”*

*Garden of “Heligan treasures the physical remains of its past but lays a heavy emphasis on exploring old working methods and approaches to Horticulture to discover where they can make a contribution to improving modern practices”*

*“In simple terms Heligan wants to protect that which is good about the past, its crops and methods of husbandry that have truly stood the test of time, and thus should have a role to play in the future.”*

Here is the link to the related YouTube video. Prepare to be entranced!

[The lost gardens of Heligan](#)

P.S. In case you thought this is only a one hit wonder – Tim Smit then went on to found a team that created and established the Eden project. This is two enormous geodesic domes in Cornwall built on an abandoned clay pit that have inside a rain forest and Mediterranean plant environments.

P.S.S.

Tim Smits background was in Music being a promoter for both rock music acts and Opera. No gardening or science degrees – Born in Holland he also worked as a County archaeologist prior to the music business.

**Christopher Smith**



## Membership

### New Members

If you wish to become a member or you know someone who would like to be a member, please get an application form filled in and return to a committee member of the Narooma Men's Shed.

The membership form can be downloaded from our website from the About Us menu, or collected at the shed.

### Procedures

1. All members are to complete a application for membership form.

**WHY:** It is a legislative requirement of bodies that individuals apply for and are accepted as members.

Once you become a member you are covered by the incorporated body's insurance.

2. All members are to complete the Member Record Card.

**WHY:** In case of an emergency such as an accident while at the Men's Shed, it is important that we have the name and contact of a person you nominate to be contacted in such events. Naturally, the ambulance would be called if necessary.

3. All members are to sign the attendance sheet each and every time they are present at the Men's Shed.

**WHY:** In case of an accident and any subsequent insurance claims, it is vital that the organisation and you can prove you were at the Men's Shed at the time of the accident.

4. The weekly fee of \$5 is to cover refreshments (tea/coffee etc.) as well as workshop consumables (e.g. sandpaper, drill bits etc.). annual fee is \$60



## Humour

An Aussie Blonde was sent on her way to Heaven. Upon arrival, a concerned St Peter met her at the Pearly Gates.

'I'm sorry,' St Peter said; 'But Heaven is suffering from an overload of godly souls and we have been forced to put up an Entrance Exam for new arrivals to ease the burden of Heavenly Arrivals.'

'That's cool' said the Blonde, 'What does the Entrance Exam consist of?'

'Just three questions' said St Peter.

'Which are?' asked the Blonde.

'The first,' said St Peter, 'is, which two days of the week start with the letter 'T'?

The second is 'How many seconds are there in a year?'

The third is 'What was the name of the swag man in Waltzing Matilda?'

'Now,' said St Peter, 'Go away and think about those questions and when I call upon you, I shall expect you to have those answers for me.'

So the Blonde went away and gave those three questions some considerable thought (I expect you to do the same).

The following morning, St Peter called upon the Blonde and asked if she had considered the questions, to which she replied, 'I have.'

'Well then,' said St Peter, 'Which two days of the week start with the letter T?'

The Blonde said, 'Today and Tomorrow.'

St Peter pondered this answer for some time, and that indeed the answer can be applied to the question.

'Well then, could I have your answer to the second of the three questions' St Peter went on, 'how many seconds in a year?'

The Blonde replied, 'Twelve!'

'Only twelve' exclaimed St Peter, 'How did you arrive at that figure?'

'Easy,' said the Blonde, 'there's the second of January, the second of February, right through to the second of December, giving a total of twelve seconds.'

St Peter looked at the Blonde and said, 'I need some time to consider your answer before I can give you a decision.' And he walked away shaking his head.

A short time later, St Peter returned to the Blonde. 'I'll allow the answer to stand, but you need to get the third and final question absolutely correct to be allowed into Heaven. Now, can you tell me the name of the swag man in Waltzing Matilda?'

The blonde replied: 'Of the three questions, I found this the easiest to answer.'

'Really!' exclaimed St Peter, 'And what is the answer?'

'It's Andy.'

'Andy??'

'Yes, Andy,' said the Blonde.

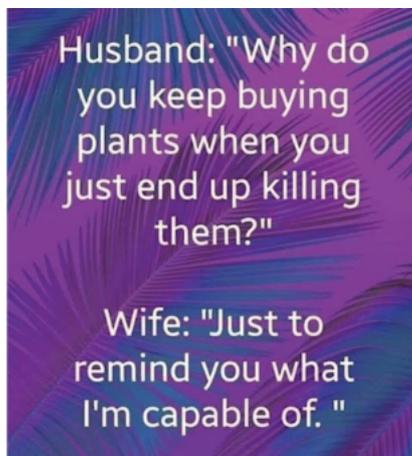
This totally floored St Peter, and he paced this way and that, deliberating the answer.

Finally, he could not stand the suspense any longer, and turning to the blonde, asked 'How in God's name did you arrive at THAT answer?'

'Easy' said the Blonde, 'Andy sat, Andy watched, Andy waited till his billy boiled.'

And the Blonde entered Heaven...

... you're singing it now, aren't you...??\*



While stitching a cut on the hand of a 75 year old farmer, whose hand was caught in the squeeze gate while working cattle, the doctor struck up a conversation with the old man.

Eventually the topic got around to politicians and their role as our leaders.

The old farmer said, "Well, as I see it, most politicians are 'Post Turtles'."

Not being familiar with the term, the doctor asked him what a 'post turtle' was.

The old rancher said, "When you're driving down a country road and you come across a fence post with a turtle balanced on top, that's a post turtle."

The old farmer saw the puzzled look on the doctor's face so he continued to explain. "You know he didn't get up there by himself, he doesn't belong up there, he doesn't know what to do while he's up there, he's elevated beyond his ability to function, and you just wonder what kind of dumb arse put him up there to begin with."

**Best explanation of a politician I've ever heard**

My missus isn't talking to me. She said I ruined her birthday. I'm not sure how, I didn't even know it was her birthday!

After one too many beers, my mate asked if he could crash out on my sofa. I had to explain to him that I'm married now, so that's where I sleep.

The missus said she's leaving me because I invade her privacy too often. At least that's what it says in her diary.

As me and the missus headed off on a romantic holiday, we talked about what kinky things we'd like to do to each other. She said, "I've always wanted to be handcuffed." So I planted a kilo of cocaine in her suitcase.

Woman to husband: "Let's go out and have some fun tonight!" Husband: "Okay, but if you get home before I do, leave the hall light on."

My mate is thinking about asking his ex-missus to re-marry him, but he's worried she'll think he is just after her for his money.

My missus left a note on the fridge: "It's not working. I can't take it anymore, I'm going to live with my mum." I opened the fridge door, the light came on, the beer was cold. What the hell is she on about?"

**If you ever feel a little bit stupid, just dig this up and read it again; you'll begin to think you're a genius...**

"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."

--Mariah Carey

"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life,"

-- Brooke Shields, during an interview to become spokesperson for federal anti-smoking campaign.

"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body,"

--Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky basketball forward.

"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country,"

--Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC

"That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it,"

--A congressional candidate in Texas ...

"Half this game is ninety percent mental."

--Philadelphia Phillies manager, Danny Ozark

"The word "genius" isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

--Joe Theisman, NFL football quarterback & sports analyst.

"We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people."

-- Colonel Gerald Wellman, ROTC Instructor.

"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

--Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina

"Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas."

--Keppel Enderbery

"If somebody has a bad heart, they can plug this jack in at night as they go to bed and it will monitor their heart throughout the night. And the next morning, when they wake up dead, there'll be a record."

-- Mark S. Fowler, FCC Chairman

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I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work.

How do you make holy water? You boil the hell out of it.

Will glass coffins be a success. Remains to be seen.

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma? There's no menu - you get what you deserve.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday, but couldn't find any.

Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I don't know and don't really care.

I saw an ad for burial plots, and I thought: "That's the last thing I need!"

What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing - but it let out a little whine.

# COVID Musings

Remember all those times when you wished the weekend would last forever. Well, Wish Granted. Happy Now?

Just wait a second - so what you're telling me is that my chance of surviving all this, is directly linked to the Common Sense of others?

Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

It may take a village to raise a child, but I swear it's going to take a whole vineyard to homeschool one.

I'm so excited to take the garbage out. I wonder what should I wear?

The Spread of COVID-19 Is Based On Two Factors:

1. How Dense The Population is
2. How Dense The Population is

Did a BIG load of pajamas so I would have enough clean work clothes for this week.

Anyone else getting a tan from the light in the fridge?

Day 27 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See, this is why I chew the furniture."

## **Silly You!**

You thought dogs were hard to train. Just look at all the humans who can't sit and stay.

Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them. Those would be helpful right now.

People are scared of getting fined for congregating in crowds. As if catching a deadly disease and dying a horrible death wasn't enough of a deterrent.

I think I'm finally being grounded for everything I didn't get caught for when I was a teenager.

Whoever decided a Liquor Store is more essential than a Hair Salon is obviously a bald headed Alcoholic.

People start coughing and worry they have the coronavirus, I cough and just pray I don't pee myself...

## Communication

### NMS Web Site

Remember we have a website

[www.naroomamensshed.com.au](http://www.naroomamensshed.com.au)

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](mailto:colin381@gmail.com)

### 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.

Anyone can contribute comments to the blog posts and participate in conversations on the discussion forums. But, you will need to join the site first.

<http://mensshed.org/theshedonline/>

## 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
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David Trickett	Business Manager
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Peter Lonergan	Metal Shed Manager
Geoff Broadfoot	Meeting Room Manager
Tim Horstead	