



Narooma Men's Shed Newsletter

February 2022 Issue 48



**The Whales have returned to the
Shed until next Christmas**

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Event Calendar

Event	Date	Time	Location
Tuesday Cookup	Tuesday 8 th February 2022	12:30 pm	At the Shed
Dalmeny Market	Sunday 13 th February 2022	8:00 am - Noon	Dalmeny Community Hall
Narooma Market	Sunday 27 th February 2022	8:20 am - 1:00 pm	NATA Oval

President's Report



The laser etcher has arrived. Tattoos anyone? Our own in-house testing has proved to be very successful. This will enable the Shed to brand the products we produce.

Two new members this month Bob Bennett and Martin Cooper.

It has been suggested we pay to have the place cleaned every week. This would cost about 120 dollars per week. \$5 more per week extra each.

What do you think?

A Bunnings sausage sizzle was on the 29th January. Fully crewed.

Forthcoming others on March 26th and June 25th (both Saturdays).

We are booked in for Tilba Easter show and Narooma Oyster festival. Extra help required to run the market stall for both events.

The Rotary Club are asking for help in an emergency, moving mobile kitchen from Easts Caravan Park to the NATA Oval. On Saturdays between 4&5pm. Let me know.

The new table saw which we purchased thanks to the kind donation from the IMB has been delivered and paid for, and is waiting for Dick and Bernard to assemble.

With the current easing of restrictions in the NSW, the Committee has decided to make a change to the COVID restrictions at the Shed. From 1st February 2022 the criteria for entry to the Shed will be:

- Double Vaccinated
- Double Vaccinated with booster
- Unvaccinated: Requiring a negative RAT test on the morning of the intended visit to the shed (Members only)

If you have any issues with this change please contact a committee member.



The annual membership fee is \$60 is now due.

The annual fee is to cover your insurance while attending the shed.

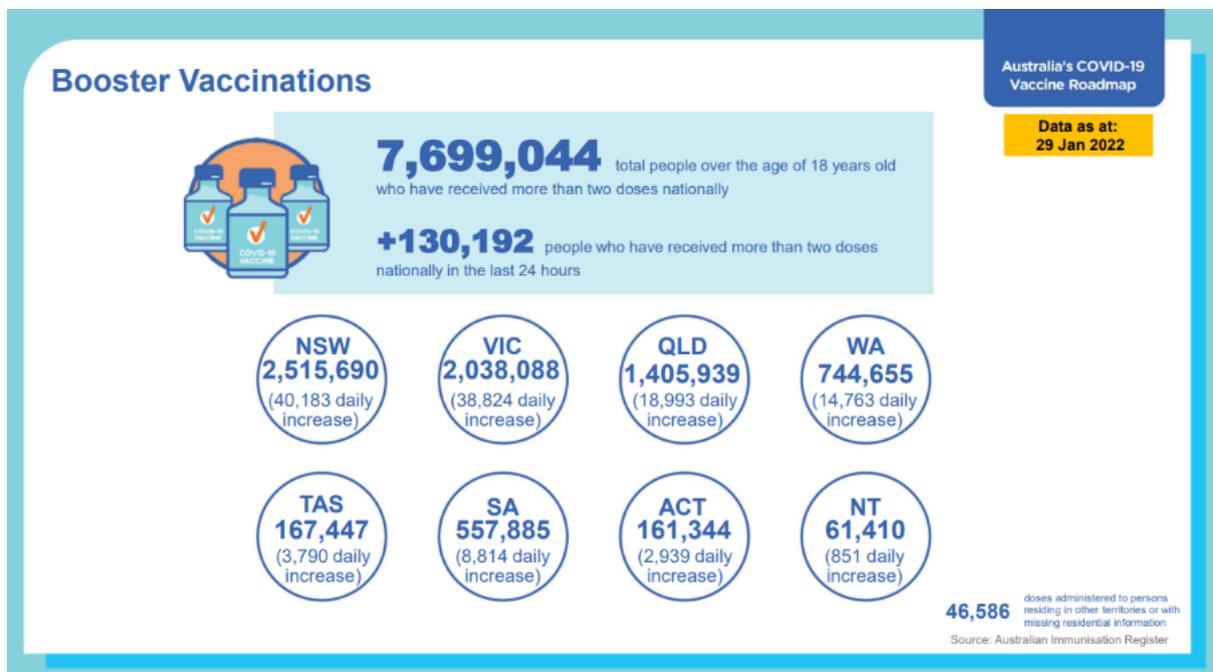
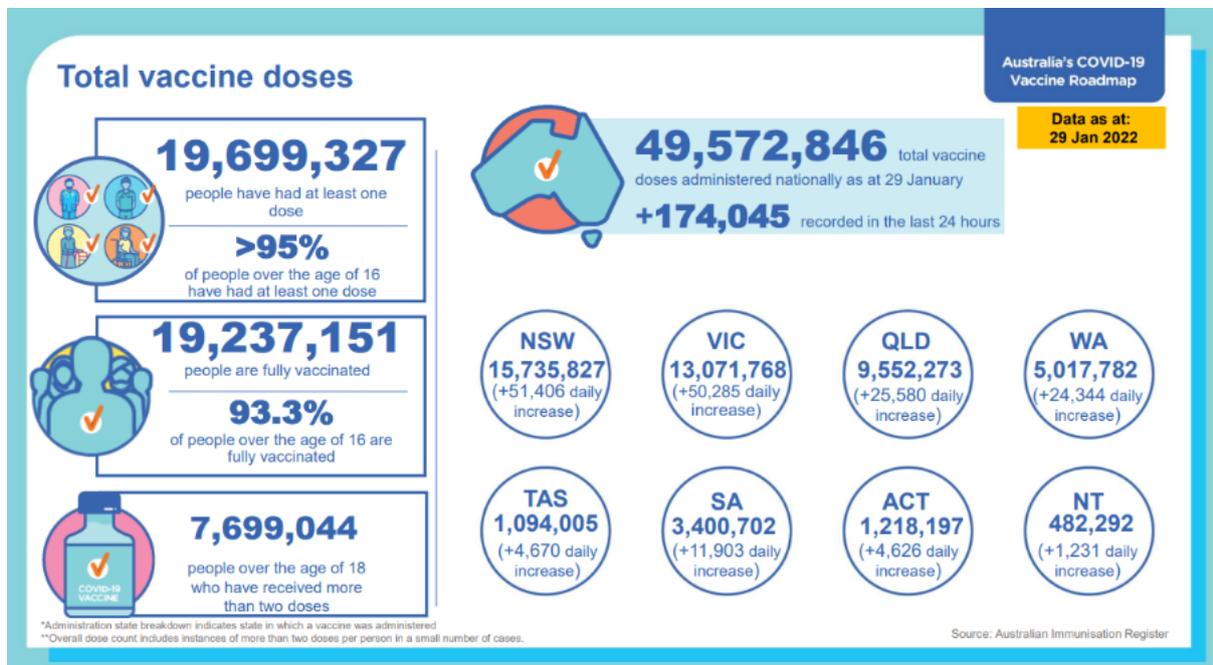
The annual fee can be paid to Dave or Colin at the shed or directly into the bank account (use your name as the reference).

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COVID-19 and Vaccinations



The Whales are returning



Thanks to Curly's crew.

Reg for his wonderful touch up work every year.

Rick for his amazing time he puts in and all the fuel he uses every year.

Tim for using his trailer and always being available to drive and help.

Wal for always giving a cheerful hand.

Others helped as well with moving and loading.

Good blokes all of them.



Build the Pergola

The next building challenge!

For this less observant Sheddars, this parcel of goodies arrived just before Christmas thanks to our good friends at the Dalmeny Timber Mill. What could it be I hear you say!

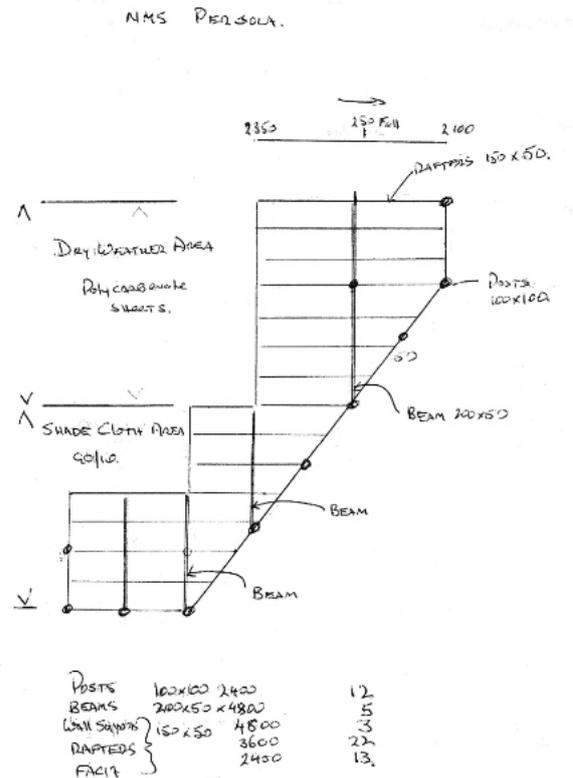


After some discussion about the positives of having such a great hardwood deck outside the meeting area and the multipurpose room, the only negatives that were raised were that the deck's use was limited by having no shade for summer and no water proofing for the wet days. During our Christmas party you will recall we all had a mad rush to all come inside when the rain started.

So a deck design for all seasons was drafted which included features such as weather proofing a pergola to cover part of the deck as well as living a open air space to enjoy the outside feel of the deck.

After consultation with interested members, Smilie took on the challenge and provided the specification for the wood sizes and strengths.

So armed with a "Bill of Material", Bernie and I approached our friends at Dalmeny Timber Mill who were only too pleased to continue supporting the Men's shed. They agreed to provide from Australian Hardwood all wood required for the project.



Three months rolled by, and just before Christmas, the wood arrived. Truss Plus came to our rescue and transported the wood from the Mill to right in front of Reg's paint shop.

The hardwood has only recently been cut, so it was to be left to cure until the end of January before it could be used. For obvious reasons we have kept it covered as new did not want Dick and his wood workers starting to use it!

So we have a design, we have the wood and all we now need is a small team of members wanting to be involved in the building of the pergola. This is where you come into the project!!

Obtaining all things to build the Pergola

The work is well withing the Men's shed skill sets and available machinery.

All we need now is a team leader now to make sure that we have a single focus on getting the pergola built to the plan. Nothing worse than have 20 project members all wanting the job done differently!!!! Never would happen I hear you say!

So the question is who wants to volunteer take on this important role?

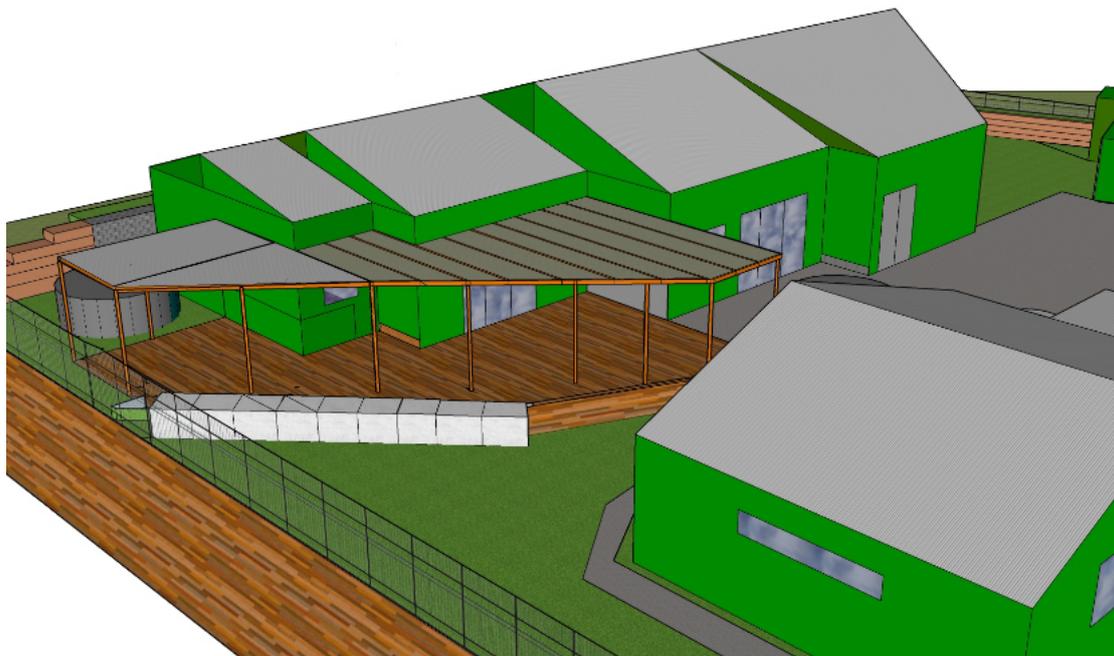
Timeframe

Work has started on the preliminaries, but the building will most likely start in the week 14 Feb and the project should **take about two weeks to complete.**

So you would like to get involved in this project could you let me know so that I can pull together the team.

Cheers

Wal



Members

A Chat with ...Rody Byrne.

There's bound to be a story here. Reflecting on his childhood Rody muses:

"I was a good boy, I was ... but I always tended to overestimate my abilities but I gained more wisdom as I got older!" And he is the first to tell you, "I'm eighty, I am."

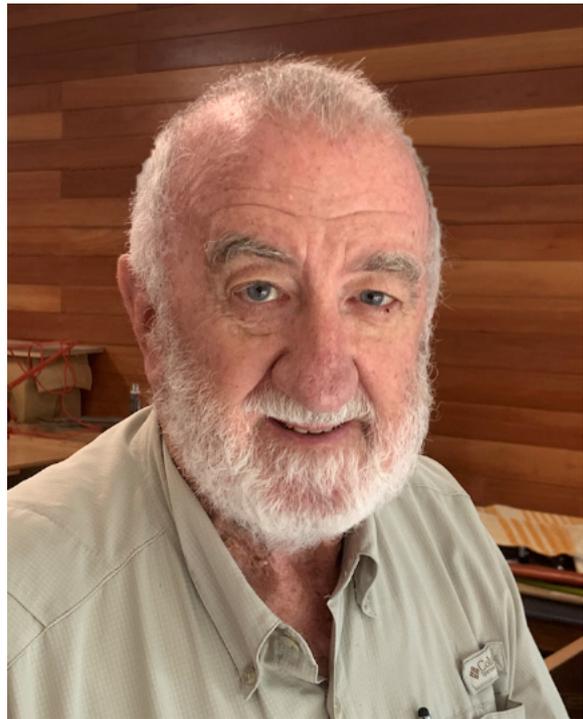
As a famous poet tells us: "Between the creation and the conception falls the shadow".

So, what's in Rody's shadowed past? Gladstone, country Queensland, October 2nd 1941, Rody decides to join the human race. He is born in the Matron Cairncross Nursing Home.

("How do you spell that?" Rody replies, "I don't know. I couldn't spell when I was born.") Humour. Hmmm.

So, Peter Vincent Rody Byrne joins his sister, Patricia, in the household of the respected country solicitor, Mr. V.A.J. Byrne. Fourteen years later, a second sister, Keryn adds to the family. Rody still has contact with Patricia who lives in aged care in Brisbane and with Keryn and her three girls in Launceston.

"Rody", not a familiar name, takes us back to Ireland's west coast and young Ruari Byrne, grandfather to be and his migration in 1856 to the Antipodes. Ruari goes by the name Rody as he serves as a mounted policeman around the Northern Queensland area. That V.A.J. (Rody) marries a catholic lassie of the Hemenstall family, Ivy May. She is known fondly in the



family as "Hemp". Hemp and Vince and their offspring settle in Gladstone. Vince completes his articles and sets up as a country solicitor.

The War years. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, December 7 1941, the country solicitor, of Irish background, signs up with the RAAF Intelligence. A bit beyond the "fighting age" he is sent to the top of Cape York to monitor Japanese movements and shipping.

Our Rody has many memories from his early childhood, among them his first day at school. One little tike jabs a pencil in the head of another and makes the pencil stick out. (Rody wonders what they remember!) Another sharp recollection is "bare foot moss covered gutter sliding". In those days there is no sewerage in Gladstone. Green moss abounds in the gutters. The young heroes test their skills running and sliding on the moss. That is until an unfriendly, awkwardly positioned rock checks, unceremoniously, "Tuff toed Rody".

The primary school is The Star of the Sea. The Mercy Sisters. A tough lot as Rody remembers. He has the chance to see them "up close and personal". 1949. A fierce cyclone hammers Gladstone. The school is hit hard but even harder hit is the Convent. Rody recalls his father and the local doctor bringing home four nuns – to live !

A significant rite of passage is getting your first proper bicycle, the key to more adventures and fun. First bike, a 26 inch "fixed" wheel - back pedal brake, riding off to go fishing, to play sport - especially rugby league.

But not all is childhood innocence. The main employer in Gladstone is Swift Meat Works which operates for half the year leaving many men with nothing to do in the down times. Among them are shellshock victims from the First World War. Rody recalls their wandering about like lost souls. Dad often accepts "barter payment" from impoverished clients. "Georgie, bring the box" and Georgie brings in the box filled with mud crabs and fish and the like. Feasting on the profits.

Rody's ambitions are determined by his parents. They recognise he has the ability to pursue a professional career. At fourteen he is bundled off to Brisbane to board at Nudgee College. There he experiences the polio epidemic and its impact with the loss of three or four classmates. He remembers too, the gammaglobulin treatment administered via an equine sized hyperdermic needle into the hip. Rody receives his dose in the dorm. After the injection the boys are required to be still.

After fifteen minutes Rody decides he is okay and hops off the bed only to fall on his face.

A lesson hard learned.

From 1956 to 1959 rugby and swimming occupy Rody's attentions more so than Rosemary back in Gladstone. Rody settles into the front row ("Short legs and a thick trunk"). A bad concussion, the result of an opponent's studs assaulting the top of his forehead puts a premature end to his budding career.

School gives way to university and rugby gives way to Aussie Rules. Friends from Adelaide initiate Rody into the mysteries of the "aerial ping-pong" game. And he loves it. He might be useless taking marks but his rugby skills stand him in good stead, often blocking goals and behinds rather than scoring them.

For entertainment Rody tunes into wireless serials but his "pop culture" idol is Elvis ("of course"). Even so, Rody doesn't quite don the blue suede shoes or sport the heavily greased quiff.

First car? VW Beetle – old and red and called "Otto". ("Not sure why."). Otto passes onto the great repair shop in the sky with a piston through the engine on a surfing trip to the Sunshine Coast.

Now the young adult Rody has no great ambition but he is fascinated by history. A fair to middling scholar he wins a Commonwealth scholarship and takes on an Arts-Law Degree. Then he takes on his Articles. It is 1965 and Rody has been living away from home since he was fourteen.

As a young articled clerk with the Crown Law Office he has some interesting experiences. How could anyone forget the "only in Queensland" event of the government deciding to ban "Playboy". Naive, diligent, Rody is tasked with collecting and reading all the editions of the magazine seeking out all the "dirty bits". So popular is Rody! All due to the Bejelke

Petersen regime. (Rody is too polite to comment on that Queensland institution – he decides it best left to the Fitzgerald Enquiry!).

You can take the boy out of Gladstone but can't Gladstone out of the boy. After his admission as a solicitor, Rody heads back home and joins Dad's practice – the country solicitor.

But then the travel bug bites. The opportunity to take up further studies comes along. A Masters in Pacific Politics in Hawaii beckons. But first, let's see Australia. Not having had a holiday Rody decides "It's time". A sentiment to be made famous a little later by Gough Whitlam.

Rody joins up with a mate, quits work and sets to readying a ute for the saga. But the mate has to "drop out". What a dilemma! Rody opts to soldier on. And where do you go to soldier on? Of course, the pub! A friend of his sister, Patricia, gets in Rody's ear. Staff needed on Heron Island – a general yard boy. "I can do that." So, on the anniversary of D Day, 6th June 1970, Rody launches his own amphibious landing and encounters the force that is to shape his future. Margaret, a Kiwi teacher working her way to Europe, puts to bed any thoughts of academic pursuits.

Guy Fawkes Day, 5th November, 1970 Rody and Margaret set off the fireworks at Auckland Aeroport. The decision is taken and they marry in January 1971.

Back to Brisbane; odd jobs from builder's labourer to solicitor for Rody and back to teaching for Margaret.

Life's changes come evenly – James 1972, Anna 1974, and Michael 1976. Mick is a Canberran born while James and Anna have Brisbane roots.

Canberra becomes the home for the country solicitor's son and his family. They are caught up in the turmoil of the post Whitlam era. Taking up a position with the Commonwealth Justice Division brings Rody squarely into contact with the two sides of human rights and racial discrimination issues. But, in time, Rody comes back to commercial law with the The Australian Government Solicitor and has fingers in the pies of various Commonwealth Departments including Defence.

Rosedale and environs are the holiday spots for the family setting a regular pattern and a possible retirement destination. But one day, the Byrnes drive through Narooma and like it. A small town but with amenities – pool, beaches, doctors, cinema. And without the Rosedale price tag! The Byrnes secure an amazing, affordable home in Woodbury Road North Narooma overlooking the inlet.

That's what gets Rody to Narooma but how does The Men's Shed enter the picture? Late 2019 Rody says: "I'm bored." Margaret says, "For Christ's sake, go to the Men's Shed!" So Rody does.

Rody meets Curly - "Too many Peters here. You're Rody."- and he sets Rody's sights on the big, red lathe machine. Later, Cal the Cop from L.A. teaches Rody how to operate the lathe. A few fine pens are produced. But the word gets out – "A commercial lawyer - just what we need and he can be our Public Officer too." So, no more lathe. Just sharing the load of the move to the new premises.

Times are changing. The building is done. Still the Public Officer but now "Curly can take me back to the lathe!".

On a personal note Rody prides himself on his family up-bringing. "Our kids talk to each other and to us." His work as an

Australian Government Solicitor he rates as good, “ no complaints”. Satisfaction. Rody defers to Margaret for the last word:

“ Could’ve done a lot worse.”

And that’s a bit of light shed on that shadow that holds the story of our Rody Byrne.

Tim Horstead



Birthday call out

For those interested, the Committee has decided to have a birthday call out during the Tuesday meeting.

Therefore we have a request for each member’s birthdate. This will be added to your membership details file. This is not compulsory and will not be available outside the Narooma Men’s Shed.

Give your bithdate details fo John Voytas.

Plant Sale

Any members who require plants should have a look at our plant nursery. There is a large variety available between \$2 -\$10.

The Shed will be organising Community plant sales each month. Get in early for great plants.

If you are interested see John Voytas to get a personal tour of the plant nursery.



Tuesday Cook-up

There will be a regular Tuesday cook-up each moth starting on the 8th February 2022. \$5 will get you a great healthy lunch.



Laser Engraving Machine

The laser engraver is currently being put through a thorough testing cycle, in readiness for branding the products that the Narooma Men's Shed produce.

Thanks to Bernard for his expertise in assembling the device and Colin for loading up the Lightburn software and figuring out how to use the machine.

Curly is keen to try engraving the Whale cheeseboards.



Sample of the Narooma Men's Shed logo on wood.

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.

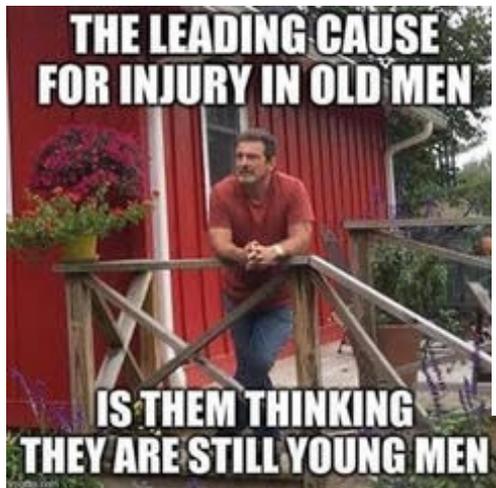
3. All members are to sign the attendance sheet each and every time they are present at the Men's Shed.

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



"I didn't want to waste the good stuff, so I used the oldest bottle in your wine collection for the spaghetti sauce."

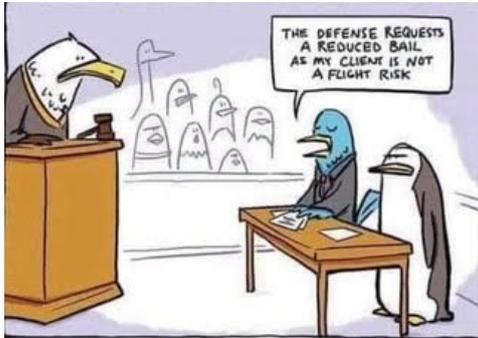
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It amazes me how much exercise and extra fries sound alike.

COMMON SENSE IS SO RARE THESE DAYS IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A SUPER POWER

I JUST read an article
ON THE DANGERS
OF DRINKING...
Scared the SHIT out of Me.
So THAT'S IT!
AFTER today,
NO MORE READING.

After 10 years a wife started to think their child looks kinda strange so she did a DNA test and found out the child is not theirs, she told her husband what she found out, the husband replied, u don't remember do you?? When we were leaving the hospital the baby pooped and u told me go and change him so I went inside got a clean one and left the dirty one there. The wife fainted.... 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔



Government of South Australia
SA Health

With the recent spike in demand for the Rapid Antigen Test kits, there is an effective immediate shortage. All incoming kits are being distributed to SA Health workers to maintain the clinical workforce as best as possible.

For those needing results quicker than a PCR test, SA Health advise to self diagnose at home. Simply place one finger in your nostril and another inside your rectum. After 60 seconds, swap your fingers. If you can't smell or taste the difference, please isolate immediately.

My doctor has given me three days to give up drinking. I've picked the 5th of June, July 17th and October 9th!!

Mathematics:

This comes from 2 math teachers with a combined total of 70 yrs. experience.

It has an indisputable mathematical logic.

It also made me Laugh Out Loud.

This is a strictly... mathematical viewpoint... and it goes like this:

What Makes 100%?

What does it mean to give MORE than 100%?

Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%?

We have all been to those meetings where someone wants you to give over 100%.

How about achieving 103%?

What makes up 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions:

If:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K 8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98%

And

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E 11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96%

But,

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E 1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100%

And, B-U-L-L-S-H-I-T 2+21+12+12+19+8+9+20 = 103%

AND, look how far Ass kissing will take you.

A-S-S-K-I-S-S-I-N-G 1+19+19+11+9+19+19+9+14+7 = 118%

*So, one can conclude with mathematical certainty, that while **Hard work** and **Knowledge** will get you close, and **Attitude** will get you there.*

*It's the **Bullshit** and **Ass Kissing** that will put you over the top.*

*Now you know why **Politicians** are where they are!*

Communication

NMS Web Site

Remember we have a website

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

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

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