



Narooma Men's Shed Newsletter

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Narooma Market Day

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President's Report



President's Christmas Message

They say that "time flies when you are having fun" and it seems to be true more this year at the Shed.

Over the last three months, I have seen a considerable lift in our involvement in the community, which has resulted in bringing our family at the Shed closer together and rising to meet each new challenge as they arise.

Our membership continues to grow, and the new members have not only settled in, but each new member has added to the diverse social fabric, we now call the Community Shed.

If I reflect for a moment on the year, I can clearly see the post COVID period when the men started to find their confidence in coming back to the shed and catching up with their mates.

In that period the Community Shed became more involved in community projects and activities such as the Tilba festival, the Narooma Oyster festival, attending each month the Narooma Rotary and Dalmeny Lions markets. Finally, it was pleasing to get reconnected with projects at the RSL, the Surf Club and Narooma High and Primary schools.

Our membership swelled in September after our Open Day, when we opened our membership to women to come and enjoy the facilities at the shed. These days we call Community days. The support from the male members to settle in this Community Day concept was simply remarkable with direct positive benefit to the Community and the membership base.

This togetherness was very evident in the building of a team across the total membership which has resulted in the Narooma Christmas Whales project being very successful this year. Importantly to me was the level of fun we all had in getting so many whales made this year to meet the community demand, but also in showing in a tangible way, what we can do at the Shed.

So as Christmas approaches, on behalf of myself and the Committee, I wish that the next few weeks will see your family reconnect after the previous couple of years of COVID and let us not forget the Bushfires before that.

May your Christmas stocking be full of cheer and may you enjoy this special time with family and friends.

David Trickett
President

Narooma Men's Shed Christmas Party

Thursday 15th December
From 5:30 pm

At the Narooma Men's Shed

All food and drink will be supplied.



Please RSVP to allow for the catering numbers.

Whats on in December

Narooma Prostate Cancer Support Group

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 7 December 6.30pm
at Narooma Golf Club**

**Guest speaker Noel Trevaskis will talk on handling the
mental health issues of serious illness (did research at ANU).**

**Noel is Merimbula Rotary president and a former
Rotary International Director.**

Everyone is welcome

ENQUIRIES : Andrew Lawson 0416 560 565 or Julie Hartley 0419 840 604

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**Prostate Cancer
Foundation of Australia**

An initiative of



**The Meals on Wheels outing will
visit the Men's Shed on 15th
December for lunch, let's hope they
enjoy themselves as much as their
last visit.**

Bernie Perrett “The Leader of the Pack”

He took us from 24 Glasshouse Rocks Road to our home 41A Barker Road.



You can't really miss him. He is an imposing presence in stature and personality alike. Few can see atop Bernie's dome but many can feel the warmth of his gregarious nature. He makes the perfect front man: confident, eloquent, outgoing, positive, persuasive. Yet he can be reflective, private, perhaps a little reserved. He says he is the product of the light and love born of the heritage of a big Irish family on his mother's side and the sadness of the struggles of life's hardships on his father's. Family and trust and helping others are the life markers that frame Bernie's life journey.

Bernard Robert Perrett is born to Ethel, (nee Hayes) and Edgar (Ted), on October 22nd 1944. He is to be joined by Libby in 1950 and Billy in 1954. Names are important for Ethel and Ted: Bernard in honour of Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery (and for Bernie when he is in

trouble) and Robert in memory of his maternal grandfather, Robert Hayes, who died before his wife brought their twelve surviving children to Australia. Libby carries the name of her maternal grandmother who sent her three eldest sons to Melbourne “to work hard, to save and to build a family home”. The brothers work on the tramways in various capacities and achieve their mission. Libby brings the remaining nine children to Hawthorne, to the new family home sitting above the banks of the Yarra River. Billy carries the name of a favoured uncle.

Bernie remembers, as a young boy, loads of aunts showering him with lots of love. He remembers the Friday night visits to Granny and her kids at the Hawthorne family home above the Yarra. Granny, a woman of faith inspires devotion in her children. Ethel is to tell Bernie that during the Depression years she cannot remember a breakfast without strangers. Ted tells little Bernie how his life is changed when he encounters the Hayes family. He happily recalls how he is “dragged” into the family. He and Ethel marry in 1942.

Bernie is to learn little of his father's early life. Edgar was born around 1911 but he is not to have to have memories of either father or mother. In 1915, when Edgar is four, he and the second eldest, Frank, are parted from their siblings and sent to an orphanage. When Edgar is barely fourteen, the boys are separated: Edgar is sent to Tumut, New South Wales and Frank to Vancouver, British Columbia. Edgar is set to work on a farm. Little is known of his experiences but he does pull himself up by the boot straps and, through night-school, he is to qualify to work in accountancy and goes on to secure a position in a ball-bearing company. Frank is to end up as a

Vancouver fire chief. The boys keep in touch. Bernie recalls his father's fine handwriting on those light blue thin aerogrammes. The boys eventually meet up when Frank, now Vancouver's Fire Chief, comes "down under" to spend time with Edgar and his family.

Another incident, though a recurring one, Bernie recalls, is Dad's "Octobership". Dad packs a wooden fruit box with dates, tinned food and presents for each relative back in England and ships it off to England for Christmas,

Earliest memories are of Hawthorne and the house on Elm Street with its oak tree in the front yard and the passage way running from front to back opening magically onto a backyard. Friday nights are special: popping into the down feathered bed with Gran and sweets when Mum and Dad are out dancing; climbing onto the roof with Uncle Fred to wonder at the stars and the neon sign, across the Yarra, depicting a girl skipping.

Later Bernie recalls his mother working as a seamstress in the "rag trade" in Hunter's Lane and the gabardine overcoat for which he was much teased at school. Later, at the height of the Carnaby Street craze and the Beatles era Bernie proudly remembers his mother making a hand sewn, fully lined Nehru jacket so longed for by sister Libby. Ethel visualises the patterns and lays them out on the floor. This leaves a strong impression on Bernie who now considers becoming a tailor!

Bernie's first school adventures are at Elm Street at the local state primary school – a multi-storey building with the "big 'uns" upstairs and within easy walking distance from Gran's house. Bernie remembers walking to school and then

waiting for morning tea when Mum comes to share it with him in the playground. "Yes, I am a sook – and a recidivist at that!" asserts Bernie in a challenging manner. Earlier Bernie attends the kindergarten, just down the road from Elm Street, across across a busy Church Road and then along a cobblestone back alley. On the second day of kindergarten Bernie escapes and, recalling his route, he makes his way back to Gran's. Mum is aghast! She has to run him back to school before he is missed!

But changes come. Dad, with the help of his brothers -in-law – all tradies – builds a new home for the family. It is triple fronted brick veneer interspersed with weatherboard in Oakleigh which Bernie describes as "a drowned swamp breeding white people then, post-war, a migrant centre – a typical working class area - with "racism" not too far below the surface". The one thousand pound house is to be paid off at 30/- (shillings-equal to \$3) per month. Dad's wage is \$10 a week. In the early years Mum is a stay at home Mum- "cleaning, cooking, and pickling". In short, Bernie has a solid working class background, but, as he proudly asserts: "I was never hungry and I never felt not wanted or not loved."

Upper primary years are spent at Oakley primary. Favourite subjects? Painting and drawing – creative interests perhaps inherited from both Mum and Dad. Mr Lambert, his fourth grade teacher, puts in a mighty effort and succeeds in showing Bernie how to do long multiplication (or is it long division?). In 5th grade Bernie encounters Mrs Beynon, a keen fan of Shakespeare. She produces her vision of "A Midsummer's Night's Dream" and, of course, casts the obvious choice to play the magical Puck. "I can still quote my lines" claims a rather pleased Bernie but he still

sees himself as an intensely private child, one who tends to spend much time by himself.

Bernie reflects on his habit of making himself invisible at school. He remembers, with a taste of bitterness, his reaction to violence and its place in the school system. Bentley High School is a state comprehensive school comprising a series of buildings of classrooms in a paddock. No other facilities. As the second intake at the school Bernie and his cohorts are graded A to D “like apples”. It does not take long for Bernie and his 1D classmates to identify themselves as “Dopey. Dagoes. Drop-outs. And Dickheads.” Within a week, however, there is a re-shuffle landing Bernie and his mate, Laurie, in 1 A, Exactly why, Bernie is unsure but he is certain it has nothing to do with his ability.

Bernie remembers the science and art teacher as a bully and the Deputy Principal an intimidating man with a limp and a stick with a large hook. One day, the Deputy catches two boys fighting. He directs them both to the woodwork room, provides them with gloves and invites them to fight – for five rounds. The bigger boy punches viciously. The smaller boy is broken physically and spiritually. Nothing is done to intervene. Bernie is at odds with the education system. He does not seem to fit. In Year 10 he is disappointed when he pens an essay - “Why We Don’t Need to Learn French” and the teacher awards him three marks including one for his name and one for trying. The accompanying comment infers, with little subtlety, that Bernie is an idiot. Of course Dad, who is on the school board, is none too pleased with his upstart son. (Typically, however, Bernie now regrets not having a second language). Despite his questionable attitude to scholarship, Bernie

is very keen on biology. His biology teacher, Mrs Whitby, sees Bernie as her star pupil. In the final exams he fails biology yet passes both physics and chemistry! Is there something amiss with the examination system?

Home is to leave a more effective impression on the young Bernie. The Oakleigh home is extended to accommodate the arrival of young Billy nine years Bernie’s junior. Libby gets to have her own room and Bernie is to share with Billy. Despite the age difference the brothers are to share a very close relationship.

Somewhere around the time of Bernie’s transition from primary to high school, something quite special happens. Dad comes home with a boat, “The Bermuda” with a Golden Cheetah motor that just does not want to work! But the boat is a symbol of trust. The trust his parents have in their son whose adventures during Christmas holidays over the years at Rosebud Camping Ground develop in Bernie the relationship with his brother. They share more than just a bedroom. They share a love of sport. Billy grows big and muscly and favours Aussie Rules. For Bernie it is basketball. “The Bermuda” for Bernie is more the means of his “rites of passage” than any car might be. It is also the cornerstone of his passion - fishing.

Despite (or, perhaps because of) Bernie’s indifference as a student he is awarded a scholarship at the end of Year 11 to train as a primary teacher at Teachers College. 1963 is to mark the beginning of a new life course for Bernie. He starts on a career path that is to release something special in him and he meets Ruth whom he romantically describes as “really competent”. High praise from the gauche

youth! They are to share their first experience in teaching. In 1967 they marry.

Bernie's first appointment is to Gippsland Mirboo East school, just "past the Williams' place". He still can't locate the school so he asks a local. "Over there. The Hall and the Tea Room ..."

Bernie has the charge of and the future of twelve kids. Every Friday they have to pack up. The Hall has to satisfy other functions. Wood cutters and pig farmers. Bernie surmises, "I have gone to hell".

Bernie boards with the Williams and their five children. They are dirt poor. The kitchen has an earthen floor. His room has hessian curtains and they share a telephone party-line. Alf is always milking and Bernie comes to learn about "poor land farming". Bernie is put in mind of Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath".

Ruth is teaching nearby and each weekend Bernie picks her up and they drive back to Melbourne –a sort of version of "drive in/drive out" of the early 60's but a far cry from the sophistication of to-day's workforce.

Bernie stays a year at Gippsland Mirboo East and then moves to Mount Eccles. Here he boards with a very kind family, the Lanes, who have three daughters. But at the end of the year Bernie is on the move again. It is 1967 and he heads for Boolara South, a school with its own teacher's house. Ruth and Bernie marry. She is now teaching in nearby Boolara.

Looking to broaden his interests Bernie starts an Art and Design degree at the Churchill campus of Monash University. Now, at the age of twenty-six, Bernie

attends full time discovering he has free reign to pursue his creative and academic bent. He finds his area of competence – drawing, painting, ceramics. High school had stifled this energy but now art and ideas rush into his life. Even his passion for fishing rises in the degree of artistry. He finds his fly fisherman mate for life, Ted Lewis. They share not only a love for fishing but they share a common bond in educational philosophy.

Bernie signs up to Hazlewood North Primary and starts to bring his methodology to the fore. These are the days when Inspectors of schools rule teachers and students' lives and determine promotion. Bernie's view is that the system "as is couldn't teach a pig to be dirty and that you learn by doing". At inspection time Bernie invites the inspector to join his class in collecting frogs' eggs in the local creek, the inspector thoroughly enjoys the experience and shares in the active learning of the students. He declares it to be the "best inspecting day ever".

Bernie's stay at Hazelwood North is cut short. "Change", says Bernie, "is a given in life. You do not dismiss the odd, the different. You must look for the best in people." Bernie and Ruth become a family. Ben is born in 1972 and within eighteen months Matthew joins them and the family heads for Canberra.

Bernie takes up the leadership of the A.M.E. School (Association of Modern Education) a parent run school. He provides the direction to ensure the school meets the curriculum requirements of the educational authorities and satisfies the aspirations of the parents. On top of this Bernie shows the way teaching art history and maths. "Bernie's mob", as his students

become known, are the best because they are “active learners” with imagination. “Curiosity rules the world and education will follow” is how Bernie sees it.

Just to keep him on his toes, Bernie takes on a Master’s Degree in *Language Acquisition*. To give balance to his hectic professional life and to his family life, Bernie maintains his links with Ted Lewis and their shared love for fly fishing. Bernie and Ruth and the boys and Ted share camping in Tasmania – and always with a boat in tow.

Looking ahead, Bernie and Ruth purchase a block of land in Dalmeny. In 1990, with the help of a family network of uncles - all tradies of one sort or another - they build a home at 25 Coastal Court and ready themselves, not for retirement but for the next phase of their life.

The day comes when Ruth asks: “Have you got another house in you?” And so begins 68 Noble Avenue, the last block left in the street. They engage a young, just graduated, university medal winning architect to work with them to design their new home on sustainable principles and to create a “beautiful space”.

In 2009 the build begins with Bernie as an owner-builder working with a local builder and contacts. Bernie is to learn quickly the pitfalls and becomes “bloody good at learning by experience!” The connections he forges are to prove most valuable later when he is guiding the Narooma Men’s Shed into its new home.

Bernie’s curiosity about the Dalmeny -Kianga pathway and an encounter with Bob Kelly complement Ruth’s activities and her getting to know Jan Atkinson and her husband, Rob. And this is what leads Bernie to the Narooma Men’s Shed. Bernie, being Bernie, is soon on the committee

working on fund raising. Then it’s Vice-President and, seemingly inevitably, President. In the processes for finding a suitable site for “our own Shed” Bernie has the keen eye to select Wal (Bernie calls him “Money Bags”) Sheehan to be the project manager. This choice, along with Bernie’s skill in working the grants system and his effrontery to pull in favours from his tradie contacts results in, according to Bernie “The best facility – bar the Dalmeny-Kianga Pathway- symbolising the idea of giving back to the community.”



The Shed, for Bernie, is a vision of a facility caring for the health and mental well-being of its members through the sharing of skills and interests. During the co-vid times, the isolation and personal health concerns, Bernie has marvelled at just how potent watching the absolute “joy of others” has contributed to his own well-being. In short, Bernie is simply proud of what he and his fellow Sheddors have achieved. And now, “back to doing some lead-lighting ...”



Bernie has stepped often to the beat of a different drum. He loves ideas and he holds to his principles. Above all, he loves his family: Ben, a builder in Canberra with his wife Poll (now fully inducted into the Perrett family) and their children Ella, fourteen and Harry, twelve; Matthew in Torquay with Elsie and their children, Mila, seven and little Remy for whom Bernie is fashioning, at the Shed, a special billy cart seat. And, of course, Ruth.

As Bernie says:

“The name “Men’s Shed” must be maintained always. Men are shocking sharers, they hold too much in. Here they can learn to share. Here they can be safe and supported, not judged.”



Tim Horstead.

Where did the Narooma Christmas Whale come from?

As you drive through the Narooma and surrounds these days, you cannot help but notice **it is Christmas Whale season again.**

From the start of December to the end of January these cheery whales brighten up the streets, shops and now many houses. **But where did the idea of Christmas whales**

The concept of Coastal/Narooma specific Christmas signage came about in a discussion as a part of a bigger discussion about the future of sustainable projects and tourism for the town in 2013.

Orit the Chamber of Commerce president, called for an open community discussion about opportunities of collaboration with other community and business groups. The need for a project for a Christmas decoration was suggested and then given the unenviable task of gaining a degree of support and collaboration with local groups.

The original conversation, together with the first steps, started with a Chamber of Commerce project plan. Orit, Karny Winters, then Councillor Neil Burnside and Rob Atkinson as a Men's Shed representative, came up with the idea that what was wanted was a coastal themed Christmas wooden signage.

A competition was launched across the town including the local Narooma High School. The simple focus of the **design concept was on the sea and what makes Narooma special.**

With the help of Jenni Bourke managing the logistics from the school's inputs and with help from the following judges, Charmaine, Chris Obrien, Lyn Hasting, Angi and Orit Karny-Winters the winning designs were chosen, **a lighthouse, a seal, and a whale**

Georgia Poyner's prize-winning art was whale design which was selected by the Men's Shed as the best design.

Local businesses provided prizes for the artists.

IGA Dalmeny and IGA Narooma made grants to fund the materials. They also were one of the first supporters to display Christmas Whales and continue to do so each year.



Above: Rob Atkinson and friends in November 2013, starting the whale painting.

Below: at the Narooma Men's Shed working on the town's Christmas whale decorations are Dick Nagle, Phill Stokes, Bernie Perrett, Jay Wagner, Brian Craven, David Trickett and Harry Hammond in November 2013



Like any other community project, it took some convincing and some hard work by a few and in no time that few became many.

Working bees, involving the fledging Narooma Men's Shed and members of the community including, Jenni Bourke, Orit and Rotary members were held on the driveway of the then Men's Shed site at Glasshouse Rocks Road, to shape and paint the initial whales as seen in the attached picture.

By the start of the 2013 summer holiday season the first whales were installed around the town.

Christmas Whales are hired by businesses for the season and returned at the end for storage and any repainting. However, they have become so popular in the community that a number have now been sold to private householders. Some as far away as Sydney and Wagga!

The first hint of success of the Christmas whale project for tourism was when Easts Caravan Park spoke of the bus load of visitors that stopped so the passengers could all be photographed in front of their Narooma Christmas Whale.

The earliest business supporters included Easts Caravan Park, David Creed Lawn Mowing, ABC Bakery, Whale Motel, IGA Dalmeny and Narooma, Kingfisher Marine, Complete Angler, Blue House Surgery, Horizon Apartments, Narooma Plaza, and apologies to others we may have missed.

Move on to today, and the Narooma Men's Shed has been busily creating many new whales to keep up with the demand, following a successful advertising campaign in the Men's Shed newsletter, the Facebook page and a collaboration with Jenny Munro, as president of the Narooma Business Council, whose organisation donated \$1000 towards plywood for the new whales and spread the word through the business

community.

2022 is the 10th year of the Christmas whales visiting Narooma. They certainly do brighten up our town for the festive season, in our unique way.

So now you know!



About The Shed

New car parks nearing completion



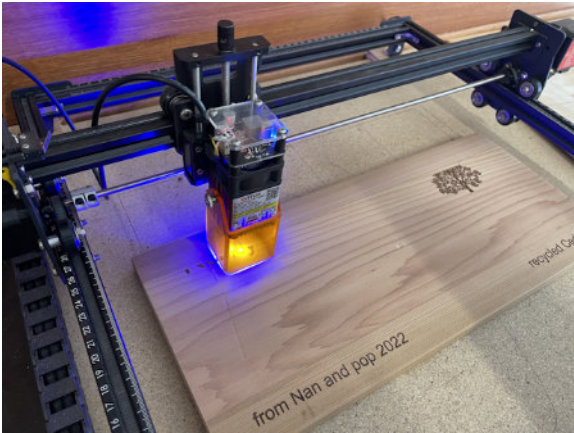
We have started to park (at the correct angle) on the new carpark. We are just waiting for the finishing touches, like some roadbase and a fence on the back to stop people inadvertently driving out the wrong way



Friday Community day



The Friday Community day is proving to be a great success with the lady members showing great enthusiasm in the woodwork shed and on the laser engraver, ably assisted by a group of more experienced members



Myagedcare

We had a visit from Lisa and Tasha from Services Australia to talk to the members and partners about the My Aged Care services.

Lisa outlined the process, explaining that it can be overwhelming when a person starts their aged care journey and are thinking about how to access aged care services. Whether the person is looking for help at home or thinking about entering an aged care home.

If you are in this position you can find general information about government-funded aged care services at the following locations;

- go to myagedcare.gov.au
- call My Aged Care on 1800 200 422
- Visit any Service Australia service centre (our nearest one is in Batemans Bay)

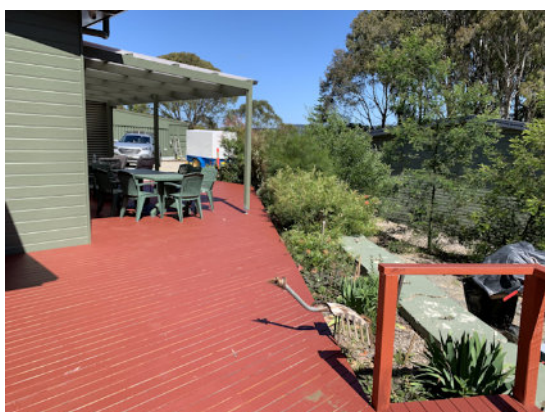


Whale season arrives in Narooma and surrounds



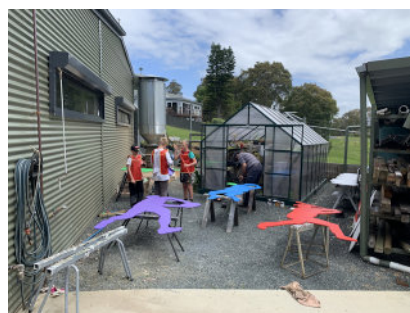


The deck gets a makeover

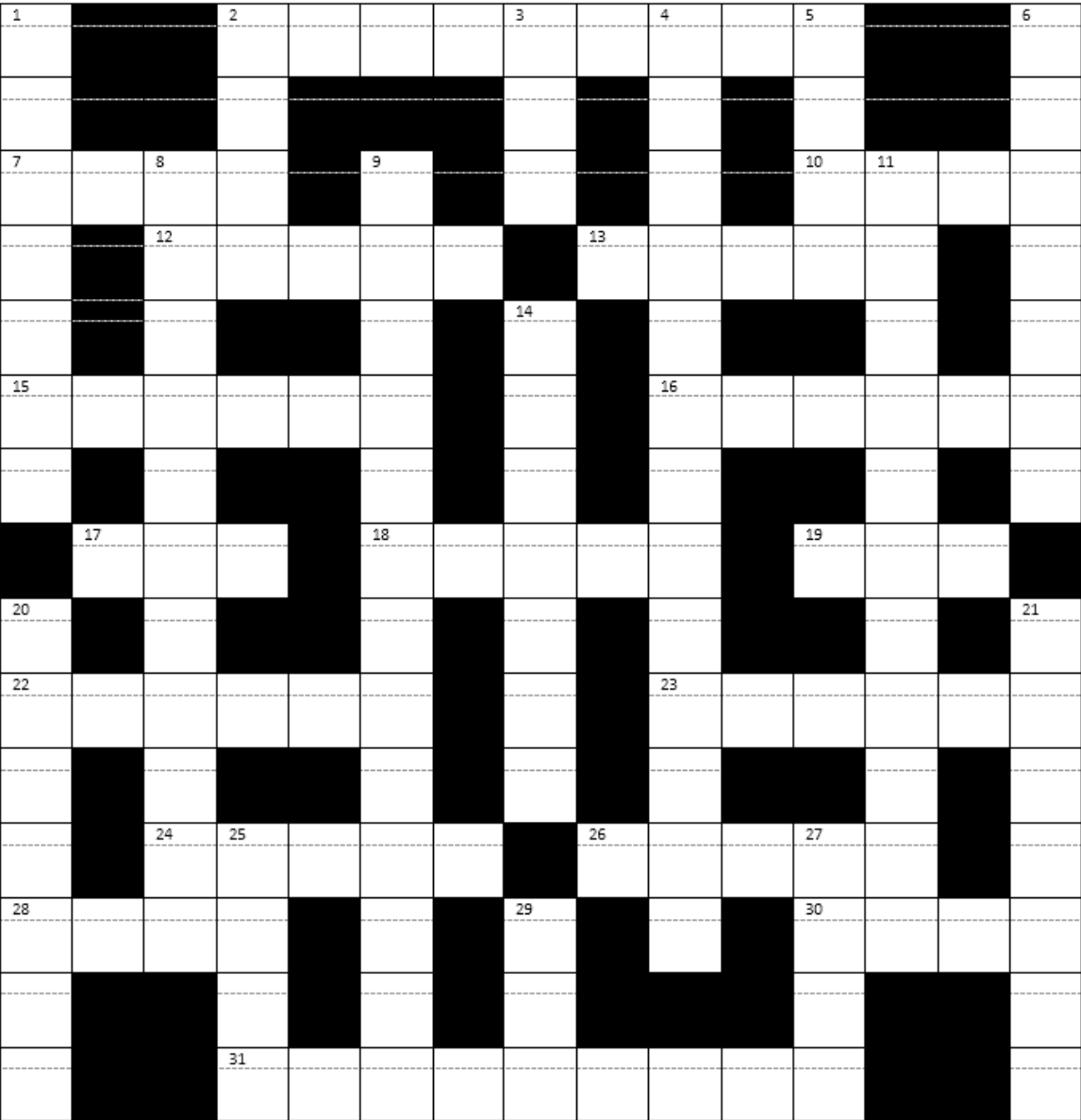


Tilba school boy outing

Four boys from Tilba Primary school, Sonny, George, Nash and Zac and their teacher spent the day at the men's shed cutting out and painting some sports figures, and they had time to get name plaques made on our laser engraver.



Crossword #5 by Dennis Arnold



ACROSS

- 2 Not the same
7 Autograph
10 New York tennis stadium family name
12 Make merry
13 Explosion
15 Craig, initiator of the Human Genome Project
16 Small river
17 "The Feds", in Australia (1,1,1)
18 Titles
19 Monkees song, written by Neil Diamond, "... Believer" (1'1,1)
22 NSW, WA and Australian opening batter, now commentator, Simon ...
23 Servile follower, also cartoon character
24 White heron
26 Narrow projection, e.g. on a wall
28 Catherine, 6th wife of Henry VIII
30 Norwegian city on the Hardangerfjord
31 Division in half

DOWN

- 1 Grant forgiveness
2 Frank Herbert sci-fi book, also a recent movie
3 Arm of government charged with conserving our biosphere (1,1,1)
4 What surfers crave (7,6)
5 Kinds of refreshing drinks, usually hot but sometimes iced
6 Take for granted
8 Parent's Dad
9 Enforced job losses
11 Smoothed, e.g. to reduce drag
14 The beginning of the lunar cycle (3,4)
20 Member of the Hesperidae family of insects
21 Candidate in a competition
25 Pull up roots manually, often with a machine
27 E.g., Spike Milligan, in the '50s
29 Ballpoint pen brand, founded in France

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

Life is short, so drink the good wine first!

I talked with a homeless man this morning and asked him how he ended up this way. He said, "Up until last week, I still had it all. I had plenty to eat, my clothes were washed and pressed, I had a roof over my head, I had HDTV and Internet, and I went to the gym, the pool, and the library. I was working on my MBA on-line. I had no bills and no debt. I even had full medical benefits coverage."

I felt sorry for him, so I asked, "What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce?"

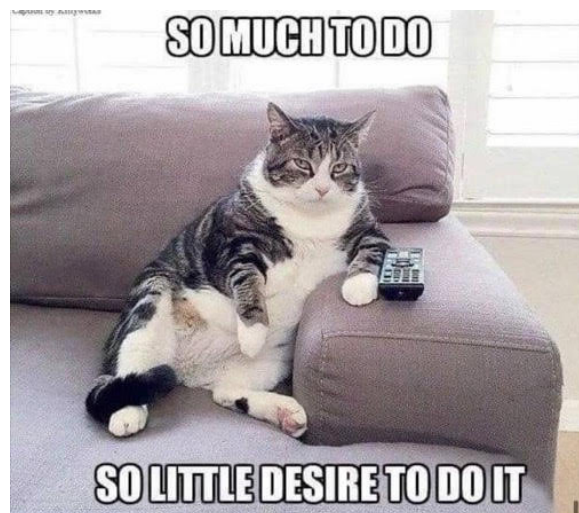
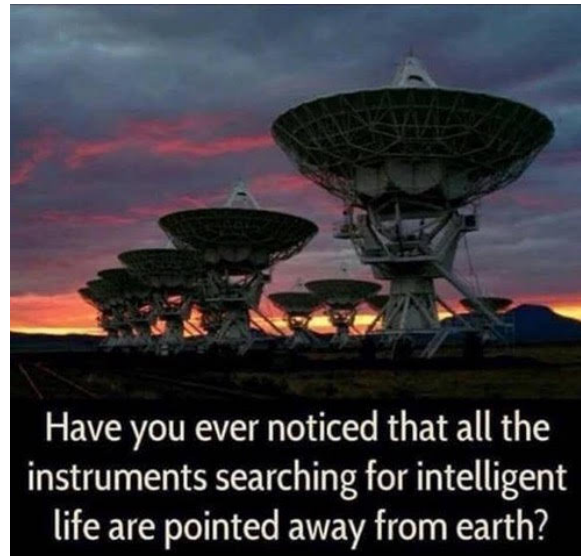
"Oh no, nothing like that," he said.

"No, no... I was unexpectedly paroled".

**Every family has
one weird relative.**

**If you don't know
who it is, then it's
probably you.**

**I got over my addiction
to chocolate,
marshmallows, and
nuts. I won't lie, it was
a rocky road.**



**I was wondering
why music
was coming
from my printer.
Apparently the
paper was
jamming.**

I just had a physical.
The doctor said,
"Don't eat anything fatty"
I said,
"Like bacon and burgers?"
He said,
"No fatty, don't eat anything!"

Breaking news from Egypt: they have found a tomb covered in nuts and chocolate. Experts say it was the tomb of Pharaoh Rocher!



What starts with a P, and ends with an E and has a 1000 letters?

Post Office

Teacher: If X is 10 and L is 50, what is XL

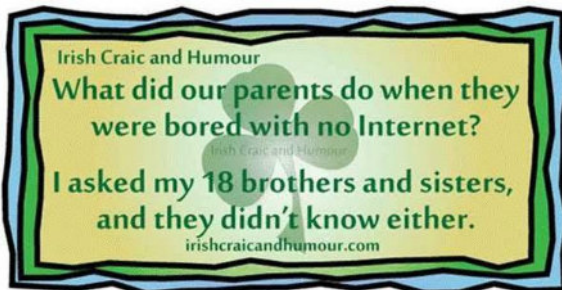
Student: I'm not sure, but I saw the numbers on tags of my mum's clothes!



As the hedge fund manager gets out of his new Porsche, a truck goes racing by, taking off the door. "My Porsche! My beautiful Porsche is ruined!", he screams.

A police officer on the scene shakes his head in disgust. "I can't believe you," he says. "You're so focused on your possessions that you didn't even realise your left arm was torn off when the truck hit you".

The hedge fund manager looks down in horror, "Oh no!" he screams, "My Rolex!"



Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

Strawberries and cashews are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.

The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.

For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel are needed at lift-off.

In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armour raised their visors to reveal their identity.

A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

Warner Communications paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday, which was written in 1935

Crossword Solution



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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