

# The Gosnells Community Men's Shed News



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## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Gosnells Community Men's Shed promotes and fosters men's health and well-being in a friendly and safe environment.*

## VISION

To be recognised as a progressive community-based organisation working in the community.  
To be a place where men of all ages and backgrounds meet in friendship.

## VALUES

A respectful and caring environment where participation in activities and contribution to the efficient and harmonious operation of the Shed are recognised as being of equal value.

## Diary Dates – Coming Events!

*(See details further on in NL)*

27<sup>th</sup> Jan Social BBQ at the Shed; Australia Day Theme!  
02<sup>nd</sup> Feb Vanweigh – Caravan information talk 09.00 to 10.00 Wiltshire Room:

## Social BBQ Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January

with an AUSTRALIA DAY THEME

Come for a sausage in a roll or a burger in a bun plus and some good fellowship at the Social BBQ lunch being held at Lewis House on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January commencing at 11.30am.

There the usual small fee of \$3 for the burger to defray the costs.

**For catering purposes please let Geoff Bowra know if you are attending.**

It is important to note that **COVID 19 rules** will need to be followed, including maintaining physical distancing and practicing good hygiene procedures.

## CHAIRMAN'S Notes January 2022

I hope all members and families have enjoyed a pleasant and enjoyable holiday period and are now looking forward to a magnificent new year.

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Obviously, foremost in the minds of most people will be the re-opening of the State and Country borders and the changes that may occur.

The response of members to the call for evidence of Covid vaccination has been very good to date, if you have not yet provided the information, please consider doing so soon, to avoid any last-minute rush to comply when it becomes regulated.

The New Year brings a new social calendar and the Social and Events committee has plans for a very entertaining year. 2022 also brings the 10th Anniversary of the shed and in March there will be much celebrating!

The Committee is considering a change for End-of-month BBQs from Friday to Thursdays – this will give more members the opportunity to attend and enjoy.

***Allen Holloway***  
***Chairman***

### **SHED MANAGEMENT:**

It has been decided to hold the Shed BBQ on the last THURSDAY of the month. It is hoped that this will allow more members to attend.

As a result of this our esteemed Catering Officer, the one and only Geoff Bowra, will require assistance. He is (or should be) tied up with the Music Group Thursday mornings. So blokes will need to (Volunteer) step up and carry out the preparation work that Geoff has been doing for the Friday BBQs.

So please see Geoff and he will assign tasks to you so that the THURSDAY BBQs will be a great success.

### **Sub Committees**

We are slowly but surely getting members interested in contributing to the management of the Shed through the subcommittee structure that has been established.

We still need members interested in joining the Fundraising and Financial Management, Projects and Grants, Membership and Social Committees.

If interested, please contact Allen Holloway or Geoff Wiltshire to discuss what is involved.

### **Treasurer Position**

We are still seeking a member to volunteer for the position of Treasurer from 1 July, 2022. The situation is now becoming urgent and needs to be resolved.

This position is critical to the ongoing function of the Shed. Under our Rules of Association we cannot continue to operate as an incorporated body without a Treasurer. The position does not require any particular experience or skills and there will be assistance available from other members to ensure they are managing. Ideally a person would be starting about now to sit in with the retiring Treasurer and learn the process prior to commencing the role.

Please consider if you could assist in this matter. If necessary, we will consider appointing a female relative of a member, however, that will raise a few issues.

Bottom line is either we appoint a Treasurer from within or look at alternatives that will cost money and could result in an increase in fees.

***Allen Holloway***  
***Chairman.***

### **Website Development:** (Information Technology)

#### **Webmaster**

Yes, we are still looking for a webmaster to control the new web site. Plenty of assistance will be available to anybody who takes this important job on. Interested members can speak to Bruce Hunt or Phil Measday at the Shed.

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## **Facilities Management**

The group of members on this sub-committee are doing a great job of attending to all of the maintenance issues around the shed premises. It is planned to make a “white board” available where shed members may report maintenance items so that the appropriate corrective actions can be taken.

Facilities coordinator  
**ALAN GORDON**

**Finances – eftpos facilities are now available in office.** A new eftpos machine was implemented by GCMS for the Open Day. It has been successful on an ongoing basis and is available for payments to the Shed. Due to the accounting complications with the Shed absorbing the “transaction costs” the Management Committee has decided that the small cost will be passed on to the “customer”. This will commence from February 01<sup>st</sup>.

## **ACT BELONG COMMIT:**

Our Shed is the first in Western Australia to enter into a partnership arrangement with the Act Belong Commit organisation.

The Act Belong Commit campaign is funded by the Western Australian Government and is managed through Curtin University. The program is a positive mental health promotion implemented through community groups and in health, education, worksite and recreation settings.

We believe Men's Sheds generally do much to promote positive messages concerning mental health and we look forward to making good use of the opportunities and resources that will flow from this arrangement.

There is no cost to the Shed for becoming a partner.



## **Health & Wellbeing**

The next talk at the shed will be held on **Tuesday 22 of February 2022**. This talk will be conducted by Shed Member Ian Brabazon about MediAlarms which is a personal alarm pendant with SOS button & fall detector. It was a Choice winner 2021. This presentation could be appropriate for some of our members and/or family so members and partners are encouraged to attend our first talk for the year. This will be at 10am in the Wiltshire Room.

We will be looking at doing a talk approximately every six weeks. If any members have requests or suggestions of subjects for talks please let me know so I can follow up and make plans.

I hope most members are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 by now before W A opens up.

## **Welfare**

John Ballantyne is recovering from a major operation after spending a month in hospital and is now at home recovering. It was good to see John back at the shed recently and we wish him all the best in his recovery.

Bruce Hunt has had a couple of falls over the Christmas period and has been advised not to drive and hopefully will be back at the shed after he gets a clearance from his doctor in the near future.

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Some concern was raised on the welfare of Al Gordon, I have made contact with Al who is presently in Queensland and is not sure when or if they will ever get back to W A but at this point in time he and his family are well.

Scott Henderson has had a medical issue which has kept him away from the shed, he is now back in WA after his caravan trip to the east coast which delayed his return back to the state because of Covid. I would like to thank members that have contacted me about their health issues, our thoughts are with them.

If any members have issues that are keeping them away from the shed we wish them a speedy recovery and would like to see their faces around the coffee table for morning tea soon.

Kind regards,  
**Graham Hughes**  
Welfare Officer **0419 514 631**

### **Safety & Risk Management subcommittee**

Firstly I would like to thank the 75 members who have come forward with their proof of Covid vaccination, this represents about 50% of our membership. It is becoming increasingly obvious the Government is starting to increase the number of places where proof of vaccination is required for entry, then it is quite likely that it will become a requirement for access to the Men's Shed.

The likelihood is even greater as the median age is 73 years and we fall into the group classified by both the Federal Health Dept. and the WA Health Dept. as being at very high risk being over 70 years old.

So please let's not be complacent and drop the ball, I am sure there must be more of you who are able to produce evidence of vaccination.

My offer to assist anyone to retrieve their information still stands if you need help.

**Ray Smith**  
*Chairman Safety & Risk Management Committee*

With the WA Gov announcing that open borders will commence on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022, pressure is likely to come for some sort of mandate for the 'no vax no attendance' policies as seen in other areas. Because we are a community comprising mostly people in the 'vulnerable' age group (over 60), we can expect some pressure as a Shed located on a property owned by a Residential Care provider, to adopt such policies.

It is in all our interests to become fully vaccinated at the earliest opportunity and certainly before such policies are imposed on us. The Federal Gov has also announce a reduction from 6 to 5 months for the interval between the 2<sup>nd</sup> jab till getting the "Booster" jab for people in the 'vulnerable' age group.



### **FUND RAISING:**

#### **“CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE”**

This Scheme is working well for us at the GCMS particularly across the summer season.

However the “Agent” who processes our Bottles, Cartons and Cans has pointed out that some of our members have been including containers such as plain milk containers, wine bottles and other ineligible containers.

Please ensure that you sort these out and dispose of them in your normal recycle bin at home and only donate those containers eligible for the refund.

In the next Newsletter I will have the answer to the question – Just how much has this earned for us!

#### **Eligible containers**

The scheme targets beverage containers most commonly seen as litter.

Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard beverage containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible for a refund. You can also identify eligible containers by their refund mark, which manufacturers must include on all eligible containers by 1 June 2022.

**Handy tip: make sure your containers are empty and the lids are off!**



#### **Ineligible containers**

Generally, ineligible containers are those that are less than 150ml and greater than 3L. Other ineligible containers include all plain milk bottles, wine bottles, pure spirit bottles, cordial and registered health tonics. Pure juice containers over 1L (or under 150ml) are also ineligible.

### **IT TOOK 60 YEARS**

The other day I went to the doctor and had a splinter removed from my foot. It was about 14mm long. Now that may not be earth shattering on its own, but it's how that splinter got there which is interesting.

When I was a kid, about 60 years ago, I was sliding along a veranda made of tongue and groove jarrah timber, (as you do). At the time I got a splinter in my ball of my foot which had to be removed under general anaesthetic. That splinter was 7/8<sup>th</sup> inch long (22.25mm) and I haven't given it a second thought until the other day when I had something under the skin on top of my foot. That turned out to be the other half of the splinter which had migrated to the top of my foot over 60 years. Altogether, that splinter must have originally been over 36mm long, or about 1 ½ inches long. Not a bad splinter if I do say so myself. Just waiting for the stitches to be removed and I'll be back to normal, after 60 years.

*Jim Ridgwell*



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### **Gardening Group Report**

We are indeed fortunate to have a lovely looking Shed and a key part of this is the location and the surrounding gardens. Recently much work has taken place to maintain and further enhance the gardens.

A new lawn area between the coffee annex and the river fence has been established. Reticulation was installed and seed and grass runners put in. Buster did much of this and he waters and mows all the lawn areas. Hot weather has taken a bit of a toll but things will come good when it cools off.

For some time now various bare or problem garden areas have been planted with a variety of succulents and ground cover plants. While these are small at the moment the plan is to get a good stock established for future plantings and diversification. Succulents can make a great display and grow relatively easily but this will take some time. Graham Bartley-Smith continues with pot watering and other work.

The hot weather has also resulted in a considerable amount of bark and leaves being shed from the larger trees especially along the river fence side. Some of this material has been gathered up and used as mulch. The remaining material of perhaps 10 large barrows full was wetted down and placed in bins for compost making. In removing all these dead leaves and other dry pruning's a considerable fire risk has been reduced.

The compost tumbler has also been brought back into effective use. It is important to note that dry sticks and leaves in a compost tumbler will stay just that. Material has to be fine or chopped, a mixture of dead and green and kept damp. With the occasional tumble good compost will result. Our first batch of bagged compost mysteriously disappeared.

Ideas for future garden work can be given to Alan Gordon, our group coordinator.

***John Bowler.***

### **WORKSHOP MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**NEW TAPESTRY** - Gosnells men shed installing new display cabinet designed and manufactured in our work shop in All Saints Anglican church Gosnells. Another work of the highest quality made in GCMS wood working shop 13/01/22

*Bill Hughes.* Shed Manager



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### **Bicycle Recycling**

11 Bicycles suitable for restoration were delivered to Bike Rescue in West Perth last month. Young people in their workshop will receive training in bicycle repair skills which may be a step towards future employment.

*Graham Bartley-Smith*

### **Getting more from your router,**

**TOM O'DONNELL** Is conducting lessons on how the router can be used to produce a greater number of routing projects. He will be available Mondays at **10 am** if anyone is interested to take up the challenge to produce projects **WITHOUT THE USE OF THE TABLE ROUTER**. So come along to see the variety of projects and if there is any interest he is willing to teach the various skills required to produce the necessary templates that are required for each project.

*Tom O'Donnell*

### **SOCIAL SCENE**

**ShedSong** is a joint venture between Men's Shed WA and SongFest Inc. to get more men singing. SongFest recognises that most men believe they cannot sing, so this program is aimed at those who believe they can't sing.

We call it "getting together to make some noise"!

We have pods of men singing in Mens sheds around WA and hope to come to Gosnells to introduce the program to you.

Anyone interested should contact Rob Cairns on the on-line address below.

Lynne and Robert Cairns. [quoknblue@iinet.net.au](mailto:quoknblue@iinet.net.au)

### **COMMUNITY OPEN DAY 2021:**

As reported in the December newsletter, The Community Open day held at the Shed on 20 November was considered successful on most measures.

After a comprehensive review of the event it has been decided that we will not undertake a similar event this year. We may consider a Shed Open day later in the year focussed just on the Shed but that decision has yet to be made.

For those that are interested, the sponsorship from City of Gosnells, Bendigo Bank and Rotary Club of Southern Districts covered almost all of the expenses incurred in holding the event. Sales of plants, books and product from the workshops, together with a very successful 'chocolate wheel', enabled us to clear a tidy profit for the day of over \$3,000.

Thanks again to all those who contributed.

### **Social Events**

The annual Shed Christmas lunch was held at the Thornlie Bowling Club's new clubrooms on 22 December. About 100 members and partners attended and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon with good company. The noise was quite incredible as conversations became animated – always a good sign.

See Shedlights No 107a to 107e where John Bowler has captured some great images of celebrating Shed Members.. Thanks John

A draft program of events is currently being put together by the Social and Events Committee and details will be advertised shortly. We will include some off site visits, a few in house functions and include partners where it is possible.



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### **Coming Social Events**

Planning Committee Meeting this week.

Main future event will be the 10 year anniversary in March, planning has commenced for a number of events in March to celebrate the milestone in our Shed's history.

### **Caravan Information Session**

We have an opportunity to conduct an information session for caravan owners at the Shed covering a range of issues surrounding safe towing, the current legal limitations and associated matters such as insurance.

Arrangements are in place for **Ric McDonald** from Vanweigh to attend the Shed on **Wednesday 2 February from 9.00am to 10.00am**. Ric will provide a heap of information that may startle even the most experienced vanners. If you don't have a van yet or are contemplating changing the tow vehicle, this is information you really need to take note of.

The presentation will be in the Wiltshire Room and members are welcome to bring partners and friends to this event.

### **CYCLING GROUPS:**

#### **GOS GARBAGE CYCLING GROUP**

##### **Short Ride Cycle Group**

We are still riding from the Shed on Thursday mornings from 8.30am for a one hour ride around the local area. Members and partners welcome. Safety vest and helmet are the only requirements.

*Geoff Wiltshire.*

#### **COFFEE CHEETAHS BIKE MOB**



Hi Fellow Shedders! As we're all well aware, we've had some pretty hot weather for being outdoors these last few weeks. We haven't done any long rides lasting half a day or more, but still got

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together for the social-side of things, which is really what it's all about. One Thursday early December, the forecast was for 37 C°, so we just an easy ride from the Shed, leaving at 8-30 and doing a 'lap of Champion Lake', finishing up at the new cafe at Amaroo Village, but we were shocked when they told us the coffee machine was 'broken', so we rode down to 'Dome' in Gosnells.

On the following Thursday, Graham R led us on one of our favourite rides to the cafe at Piara Waters, and each time , Graham somehow manages to take us a different route!

Christmas and New Year arrived and went, then last Thursday we thought we'd try 'Dot's Cafe at Amaroo again, so I phoned them prior, to make sure we were 'right for coffee', with it turning out to be a most pleasant coffee stop, but suggested they have some cakes or biscuits to offer us!..... Mind you, the coffee was good!

This coming week, we're going on a 'new' ride, to the 'Dome' at Forrestfield, as a few weeks ago, I did a 'recce ride' to check-out the route to make sure it's safe for us oldies.

**David Gardiner** 0417 174 893      Photo **Graeme Gurney**



### **CGMS Walking Group:**

Walk from the Shed every Monday and Wednesday mornings at 08:30.

All members welcome to join in!

### **GOLF NEWS December 2021 / January 2022.**



Our Golfers with their “new” head gear!

Over the past five week's we have played four games at Armadale and one at Marri Park with attendances of 12,12,13,10 & 10 players. Our game at Marri Park was played in overcast conditions. At one of our earlier games at Armadale it was overcast, and we had a few light showers. The weather has been clear and hot for our last few games.

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Overall winners have been Kevin, Phil, Tom and Kevin. Closest to the pin winners have been Drew, Warren, Phil, Drew and Barrie.

Frank and Drew looked after the club dog for the first two weeks however the dog has been in Lloyd's care for the past three weeks. Hopefully Lloyd will get someone else to look after the dog next month. Warren had a birdie on Hole 2 (Par 4) at Armadale. Lloyd had a birdie on Hole No 1 (Par 5) at Marri Park and Bill D birdied Hole No 6 (Par 4) on the same day. Phil birdied Hole No 2 (Par 4) at Armadale. Kevin birdied Hole No 4 (Par 3) Armadale.

At our annual presentation Bill Davis was awarded the Chris Peerless Player of the Year Award and Bill Hughes was presented with a trophy for his hole in one.

Until next month, happy golfing.

*Kevin Cragan.*

### **Photography Group:**

#### **We will be back in February 2022**

**When:** Tuesday 1 February 2022, 2 pm

**Where:** Lewis Homestead, Geoff Wiltshire Room

**What on:** Nothing organised yet. I am open to suggestions!

Please contact me via email if you are interested in joining the group.

*André Hoareau  
computing.gcms@gmail.com*

### **Computer and Technology Group:**

#### **All the classroom PC's are now working and available for members use.**

#### **Technology Help Desk Friday 9:30 – 12pm**

*NBN?, Baffled by your phone, want to do more with your iPad, PC too slooow.*

Friday's one on one sessions are available. I can provide help in any area of technology. This includes PC's, laptops, tablets, iPads, phone, camera, TV's, photography and any software package (Windows, IOS or Android). I'm happy to try and resolve your technology issues.

#### **Book a time:**

Put your name down for the next available Friday's time slot and describe your problem on the whiteboard in the computer room. Consults are up to two and a half hours. No House calls!

#### **Windows 10 Classes Mondays at 9:30 – 12pm**

#### **We will be back in Monday 7 February 2022**

I will start Windows 10 classes for beginner's in the second week of February. This class is designed for men with minimal computer skills and will help you turn your computer on, use the internet, read and send emails amongst other things. From there we will develop other skills.

If there are no takers I will organise more advanced classes to suit members requirements.

I will put a sheet up on the notice board asking for names, contact numbers and level of training required.

**Free to all shed members.**

*André Hoareau  
computing.gcms@gmail.com*

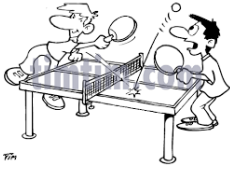
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## **Table Tennis at the Shed**



Games start around 9.00 am in the Wiltshire Room and go until we are exhausted, usually around 10.30 am. No great skill or stamina involved. If you are training for the Olympics and looking for some extra practice, don't bother coming to our group. We are strictly a fun group!

*Geoff Wiltshire*

## **MUSIC Group:**

Hi Folks,



Bye for Now,

***GEOFF BOWRA***

## **MODEL Group:**

Due to Geoff being such a busy person he did not have time to put his fingers to the computer keyboard. What is needed is somebody within the Model Group to once a month supply some text to the NL Editor telling the rest of the Shed just what is going on. Who is making what? What is on the design board for future projects etc. Looking forward to hearing from at least one of our modellers.

Cheers, GH Editor for

***GEOFF BOWRA***

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## **Recipe**

**Chocolate cake quick microwave version - cooks in just two minutes.**

**Makes one cake.**

### **Ingredients:**

35g (1/3 cup) self-raising flour; 1 tbsp BAKERS' CHOICE Cocoa, plus extra to dust;  
Pinch of salt; 1 1/2 tbsp firmly packed brown sugar; 1 egg; 2 tbsp milk  
1 tbsp melted butter; 1/4 tsp vanilla extract

### **Method**

Sift flour, cocoa powder and salt into a small bowl, stir through the sugar.

In a separate small bowl, whisk the egg, milk, butter and vanilla.

Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and stir with a fork until just combined.

Spoon mixture into a 2 cups capacity (500ml) mug. Microwave on high for 70-90 seconds, or until pudding has risen and top is just set. Do not overcook. Dust with extra cocoa powder, serve immediately.

Do not over mix batter, or it will become tough.

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**Do you have a recipe to share??**

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### MEMBERS:

The Secretary reported that there are 171 members of the shed. There are a number of past members who did not renew their membership and the Secretary has contacted these people to see if they are still intending to renew their membership.

CAP VISUAL - CENTRE FRONT EMBROIDERY



### SHED CAPS

A limited supply of shed caps are available for \$10 each. See photo.



### HOUSE CLEANING:

There are a number of vacancies on our Cleaning Roster!

**We require at least four more volunteers on the roster!!**

If you are not on the cleaning roster, and capable of helping out, please speak to the Shed Boss so he can get a new roster created.

It is easy to swap if you can't attend on your nominal day.

### ROSTER! FOR NEXT 6 WEEKS: Please check the notice board!

17 Jan -22	Gordon Thornton	Martin Troy
24 Jan -22	Warren Standing	Graham Robinson
31 Jan -22		Geoff Wiltshire
07-Feb-22	Phil Measday	Jim Ridgwell
14-Feb-22	Alan Gordon	Mick Atkinson
21-Feb-22	Chris L'Anson	Patrick Bartlett

**If you are unable to do the day allocated please contact the next person on the list to Please note we have a vacancies on the Roster! Please volunteer at the front Office.**



*A mother-in-law arrives home from shopping to find her son-in-law, Paddy, in a steaming rage and hurriedly packing his suitcase.*

*"What happened Paddy?" she asks anxiously.*

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*"What happened? I'll tell you what happened! I sent an e-mail to my wife telling her I was coming home today from my fishing trip. I get home ... and guess what I found? Your daughter, my wife, Jean, naked in our marital bed with Joe Murphy! This is unforgivable! The end of our marriage. I'm done. I'm leaving forever!"*

*"Ah now, calm down, calm down Paddy!" says his mother-in-law. "There is something very odd going on here. Jean would never do such a thing! There must be a simple explanation. I'll go speak to her immediately and find out what happened."*

*Moments later, the mother-in-law comes back with a big smile. "Paddy, there I told you there must be a simple explanation.....She never got your e-mail!"*

*A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.*

*The father offered his son the following deal.*

*"You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."*

*The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.*

*After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."*

*The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."*

*Got to love the Dad's reply.*

*"Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"*

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### **GCMS Local and Family History Group**

#### **Not our Normal "Did you know?" Article but something different!**

##### The 'other' tramway in Gosnells – the Darling Range Wholesale Firewood Supply Company

Most of you will know about the Mason and Bird tramway which closed in 1875. Less well-known is this one!\*

Location 16 was an original, gigantic land grant from Peel to John Okey Davis, our first settler, in 1829, although by 1862, the land was in the hands of Charles Gosnell, perfumier of London. In 1902 the Gosnells Real Estate Company had acquired the lands we now know as Gosnells for 200 pounds. They (see Pt 2 of this series) promoted the newly subdivided Location to Perth in a brochure expounding the virtues of Gosnells, including the 'modern tramway', (not passenger as in Perth): the lady copywriter had never visited the estate, and the claim was far from the truth!.

Edward Beart, b 1878, of Hillside, Claremont was already a wealthy entrepreneur, politician and socialite. His family had owned a large Drapery Company in Aldburgh, Suffolk. After migrating, his father along with his cousin Arthur, had had much experience of building tramlines, which didn't need Government approval. By 1903 they had landed a contract to clear the Peel Estate of wood, for land development, from Gosnells to Jandakot. Ernest looked after the woodcutting, Arthur the sales in Perth.

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The family financed a tram line, from 1903 until 1907 when the Banksia had been cleared and sold. The timber was very popular in Perth, as it was sold by weight rather than the normal cord bundle.

Maps show the line as having been built by early 1903, when the trans-shipment siding to WAGR was commissioned on July 17<sup>th</sup> 1903.



An original woodcut from the

Daily News, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1905

Allegedly, despite a 1904 advert for woodcutting vacancies, the family hired men on a daily, piece-work basis – considering them as sub-contractors. The criminal courts thought otherwise, and when Nicholas Anderson lost his left foot in 1905, the judges ruled against the Company.

There are a few oral histories in the Library ( Michel, Starick, Stidwell) which recall anecdotes about the tramway, and they remember it as the 'Wooden Railway': Research of contemporary maps show that the rails were metal, apart from a few temporary lines in the Gosnells Interchange siding . It was presumably so named because it carried cleared wood, and until 1915 the stretch down Dorothy Street was overlaid with timber for the convenience of Sulkies and pedestrians (A bush fire destroyed the remaining timber, and then the Road Board finally asphalted the road in 1915).

However, the portion running through Charles Landers' Chamberlain St, the Duck Farm towards the Southern River, still has indications and Charles found two metal dog-spikes, now in the Museum, as are the wheels recovered from Hillside Farm.

It was always horse drawn with teams of 4 to 6 horses, although there was a 12 hp (portable stationary, Marshall) steam engine in the Station yard for cutting wood. The Stables were in what is now Murchison Way. After the auction February 1908, 9 Draught horses, seven drays and much else was sold, but the engine remained until the 1930s, as a dangerous plaything for children (oral: Michel).

The 'Wooden Tramway' sweeps in from the lower right, Evelyn Street, in this WAGR Engineering drawing of 1904 .

### Next Month: How we discover this 'lost' stuff...

*If you are interested in local history, please join us, Wednesday afternoons in the Homestead, every week from 13:00 for an hour or two. Please contact [beckettc226@gmail.com](mailto:beckettc226@gmail.com) or telephone afternoons on 9398 1572 if interested.*

\*To save space, full references can be given by Chris on request.

### QUOTES:

*We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.*

**Winston Churchill**

*You don't make the poor richer by making the rich poorer.*

**Winston Churchill**

*Eating words has never given me indigestion.*

**Winston Churchill**

*Never, never, never quit.*

**Winston Churchill**

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## Women's 'Arse Size'

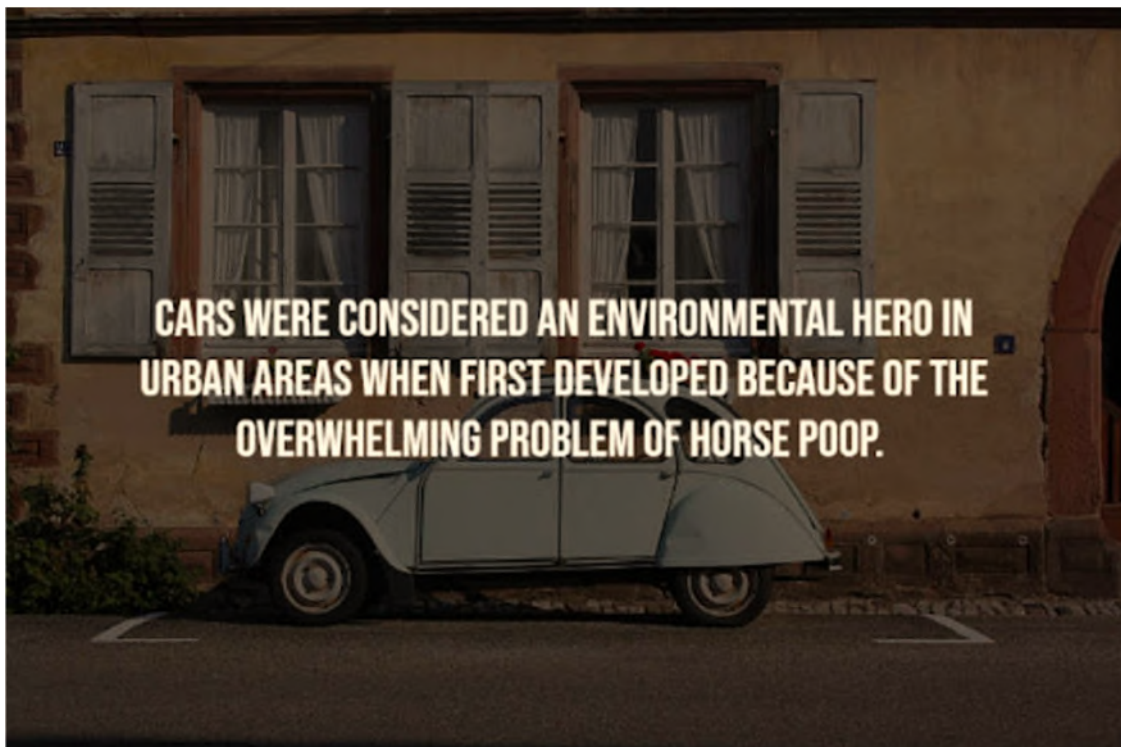
### New study reveals interesting findings

There is a new study about women and how they feel about their arse's and the results are fairly interesting

~ 30% of women think their arse is too fat

~ 10% of women think their arse is too skinny

The remaining 60% say they don't care, they love him, he's a good man and they wouldn't trade him for the world!

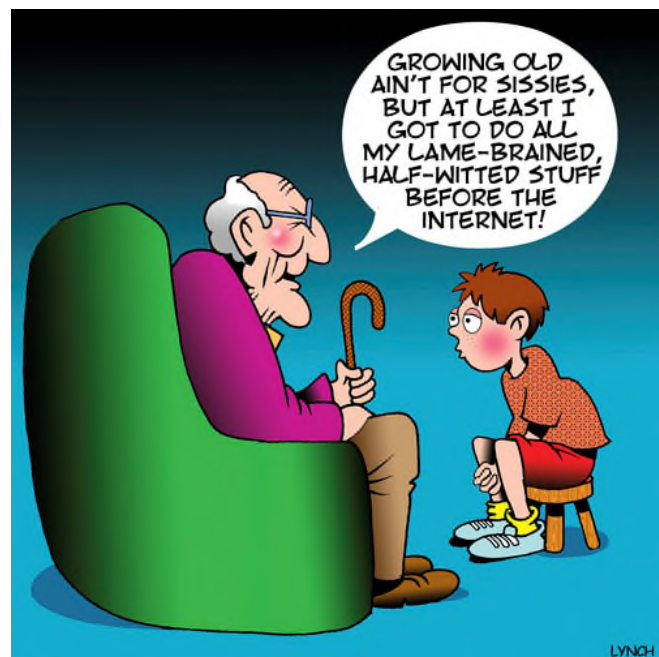


As a result, toward the end of the 19th century, the city of London was **generating over 20,000kg of horse dung every month**. Manure soon began to pile up on the streets faster than it could be cleared away and by the end of the 19th century, London was literally carpeted with a warm, brown matting

Check out the following: <https://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryUK/HistoryofBritain/Great-Horse-Manure-Crisis-of-1894/>



## The Gosnells Community Men's Shed News



We live in a time where intelligent people are being silenced so that stupid people won't be offended.

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