

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)

15 th Sept	Community BBQ for the City of Gosnells;
20 th Sept	Talk – Behind the scenes at the Perth Mint;
29 th Sept	End of Month BBQ at the Shed.

End of Month Social BBQ Thursday 29th September

Come for a feed some good fellowship at the Social BBQ lunch being held at Lewis House on Thursday 29th September commencing at 11:30am.

This month fare cost is \$3.00!

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.

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From the Chairman's desk: September 2022

The new committee have settled in and duties have been allocated.

It was with sadness that a large number of members attended the funeral service of Mike Devereux a Founding member of GCMS.

Attendance numbers are slightly down on the previous year and we still have about 40 members who have not renewed their membership.

We had an extremely well attended RUOK Day function. Thanks to the hard working group of helpers Geoff Wiltshire has taken on the task of a sausage sizzle for the City of Gosnells Community function at Appledore Street Reserve on 15th September.

The Christmas Function has been locked-in for Friday 2nd December, numbers are limited to 70 people at a cost of \$30 per person at the Gosnells Bowling Club

We have been able to support the Roleystone Men's Shed with the sale of some surplus equipment
The training of members of the Gosnells Women's Shed has stalled at the moment as we have been advised by our insurer that persons using our equipment who are not members have to have their own insurance.

Ray Smith
Chairman

SHED MANAGEMENT:

Shed Working Groups

The working groups currently operating are:

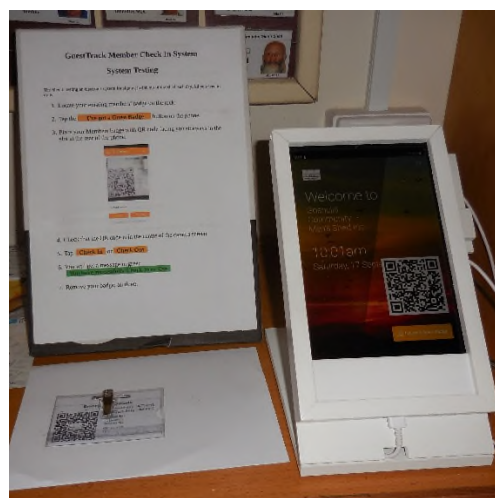
**Fundraising and Finance;
Social;
Safety and Risk Management;
Membership, Health and Welfare;
Projects and Grants;
Strategic Planning; and
Facilities Management**

Members interested in learning more about any of these working groups can either contact the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Secretary or if preferred, attend a meeting to learn first-hand what might be involved. Details of meeting dates for each committee are posted on the whiteboard outside the Lewis House kitchen.

SHED SIGN IN SYSTEM

The automated check in system previously being trialled has been replaced by an upgraded system. André assured us it is up and running. It uses a QR code on the back of your membership card to recognise you and log you into or out of the system.

To use - place your membership card in the bracket behind the screen so the QR code (back of card) is visible to the screens camera. Then follow the prompts / instructions on the screen. Gentle finger touch is all that is required. Pressing harder does not work!!



Did you know on the Canary Islands there is not one canary? And on the Virgin Isles? Same thing – not one canary there either!

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DONATION TABLE

The Management Committee have listened to feedback from members on this issue and will re-instate the Donation table on a trial basis. In doing so we would like everyone to follow some basic rules so we all can benefit.

If you put an item on the table, and it is not taken after 14 days you must remove it. This way we know items on the table are new offerings.

It is the responsibility of all members to keep this area clean and neat.

Larger items can be advertised via a notice board at the table or in the GCMS newsletter where some Items for sale may still be advertised.

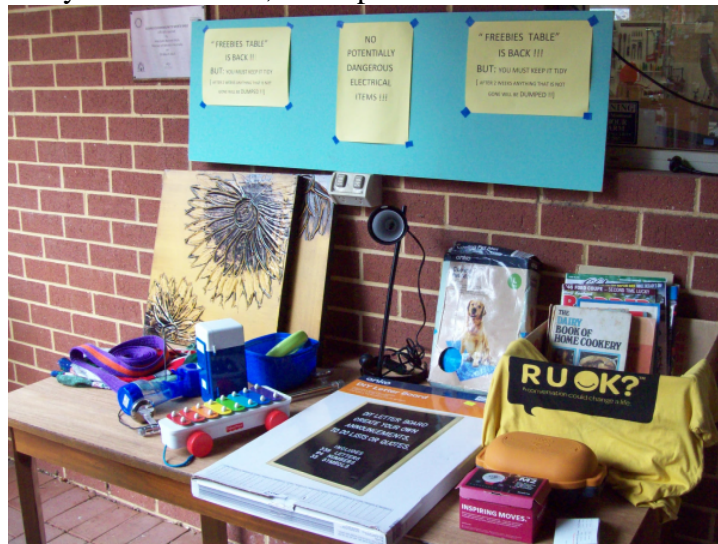
Electrical items must be in good /safe condition.

Items must be complete, working and useful.

All items taken are done so on an 'as is - where is' basis, and there is no responsibility taken by the Men's Shed in relation to the condition or electrical state of the item.

No tablets or medicines

If you wouldn't give it to your best friend, don't put it on the table!



Health & Wellbeing

The Shed now has a blue tree and it was really great to see the number of members that turned up for the R U OK morning tea on Thursday 8 Sept. The Blue Tree Project has flourished into a charity helping change the way we talk about mental health after a young lad in Mukinbudin took his own life. The blue trees now dotted across Australia and other parts of the world, act as beacons of hope & conversation starters. More information can be found at <https://bluetreeproject.com.au/our-story>. Also ruok.org.au.

Thanks to Geoff Bowra for painting the shade cloth for the blue tree, John Mitchell for the R U OK signage and also John Bowler for his input.

With the Covid restrictions being reduced in some areas I'll be making contact with several organisations to arrange talks for the Shed. Once these are arranged members will be notified about the subjects and date.

The first talk coming up is going to be held on Tuesday 20 September at 10am in the Wiltshire Room. There will be a flyer sent to all members this coming week.

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Please continue to be Covid safe at the shed. Although mask restrictions have eased there is still a large number of Covid cases so hand sanitising and staying away if unwell would be beneficial to all. Anyone travelling please take care and travel safe.

Welfare

It was pleasing to see a large number of blue Men's Shed t-shirts worn at Mike Devereux's funeral on Thursday. Altogether there was approximately 20 members and partners that attended.

Please continue to be Covid safe at the shed.

Kind regards,
Graham Hughes
Welfare Officer 0419 514 631

RU OK DAY

What is R U OK Day?

On Thursday 8 September, Our Shed held a special morning tea to mark R U OK Day.

R U OK Day is a national suicide awareness and prevention campaign designed to encourage us all to check in with the people in our lives and find out how they're doing by asking a simple but powerful and potentially life-saving question: Are you OK? R U OK?

You don't need to be an expert with special training to pick up that a friend, family member or mate is not coping too well with life issues at the moment.

The R U OK campaign promotes four simple steps:

ASK	Pick a suitable time and place and ask the simple question R U OK
LISTEN	Really listen to the response and make it clear that you are interested.
ENCOURAGE ACTION	Discuss possible courses of action to assist the person – seek outside help if needed
CHECK IN	Follow up on a regular basis. It is not a single conversation exercise.

SUICIDE FACTS.

- More than **3,000** Australians take their own lives each year at an average rate of 8 per day.
- The national road toll in 2021 was **1,123**, of whom a significant number were possible suicides. Interesting comparison?
- For every suicide it is estimated that an additional 30 people make an attempt. That is around 240 non-fatal attempts every day.
- Suicide is the leading cause of death of young people aged 15-24.
- The highest rates for suicide occur in mid-life, between the ages of 30-59.
- Almost every person knows of a friend or acquaintance who has suicided and the lasting, devastating grief that results.

WHY IS THE SHED INVOLVED?

All men's sheds have a focus on men's health and well-being with particular emphasis on mental health issues. Suicide is a mental health issue that is both relevant and prevalent in our age group and we will continue to focus our energy on providing a caring and friendly environment where men may thrive.

OUR MESSAGE TO YOU

Don't be afraid to ask the question and be prepared to revisit the issue if you have concerns for a person's mental health. There are no quick fixes!

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EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE

Lifeline: 13 11 14 Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636 Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467



BLUE TREE PROJECT

Members and visitors may have noticed that a couple of our trees at the shed have turned blue in recent times.

This is because our shed, like many other sheds, supports the Blue Tree Project.

WHAT IS THE BLUE TREE PROJECT?

The mission of the Blue Tree Project is to help spark difficult conversations and encourage people to speak up when battling mental health concerns.

By spreading the paint and spreading the message that 'it's OK not to be OK', we can help break down the stigma still attached to mental health.

The Blue Tree Project has trees in every Australian state and seven overseas countries.

Western Australia has by far the largest number of registered blue trees in Australia with almost 50% of the national total.

Living trees cannot be safely painted without causing harm to the tree. As the Shed does not have any dead trees (yet) to paint blue our volunteers have gone to considerable trouble to paint shade cloth and wrap that around the lower portion of a tree on the river side of the property.

This will require close monitoring to ensure the tree remains healthy.

The establishment of a 'quiet space' in that vicinity is also under consideration as part of our effort to address mental health issues confronting members.

Your support for this initiative would be appreciated. Members with mental health issues should know that there is support available, initially through the Shed and also from external agencies.

The all important first step is to start the conversation. R U OK might be the starting point that saves a life.

MEMBERSHIP, HEALTH AND WELFARE TEAM

For the past year or so the Shed has had a small working party looking at various issues relating to membership and health and welfare. Much was achieved in the past twelve months, mainly related to issues raised through the strategic planning exercise completed in 2021.

There are always new issues arising, old ones resurfacing and those that never seem to go away! Members who may be interested in contributing in this area would be very welcome. Please contact the Secretary, Phil Measday at the shed for additional information and meeting details.

CATERING AT THE SHED

Members who attend the Shed regularly will be aware of the great job Geoff Bowra does in organising our essential supplies. No, not nuts and bolts, steel or timber, we're talking about the really essential stuff that us blokes consume every day. **FOOD!**

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Geoff is one of the unsung heroes of our organisation and it is about time he received a bit of assistance. Instead of complaining 'cause your favourite biscuits aren't on the table, see what you can do to assist.



Information and Technology:

If you have any enquiries or problems logging into the "Members Only" area please contact me. Shed's website address is <https://gosnellsmensshed.org/>

Phillip Measday - Secretary
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Workshop Managers Report:

The acting Workshop Manager, Chris L'Anson attended meeting to present his monthly report and his proposed workshop re-organisation.

WORKSHOP REPORT

There are no injuries or accidents to report.

The lack of numbers using the workshop is of concern.

Would like to develop a series of educational toys and other small items for sale. Perhaps this will encourage other members to participate and enjoy the satisfaction of working with wood. To this end we have built a small table and chair and an easel. I think if these could be advertised on Facebook and with other items yet to be constructed it will raise funds and provide work for members.

I have quoted on six bench seats for the Southern Districts Badminton Club and I am awaiting their approval of the quote. Value of the quote is \$175 each or \$200 each if painted plus GST.

The acting Workshop Manager then presented to the committee a re-organization report for the workshop as follows:-

I would like to make some changes to the layout of the workshop. This will entail selling some machinery and purchasing one item.

Machinery to be sold includes:-

- Docking Saw
- Small Band Saw
- Sawstop Bench Saw
- Makita Compound mitre saw and trolley
- Drill Press (we have two)

The only item to be purchased is a BOSCH 305mm Compound Mitre saw.

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We would need to build a workbench to hold this saw. There would be little cost for this as we have most of the wood in stock. We would also require a measuring system for the above.

This consists of an aluminum track which will hold the flip steps (in stock) and a measuring tape on both sides of the saw.

This saw will provide a better quality of cuts and cutting angles. It will also provide better dust collection and more space in the workshop.

Shelving could be built under and over this bench and the tools and cordless drills etc. in the small store room could be moved there. If this was done the small storeroom could be cleaned up and all the lockers in the workshop moved in.

The shelving system in the small store room could then be used as a display area. The area along the wall where the lockers are currently could also display items.

The other small band saw, small sander and pedestal drill could be moved to a central location in the workshop. This would improve efficiencies.

If all of the above (listed) machinery was sold the cost to the men's shed would be minimal.

The following machinery has already been sold to the Roleystone Mens Shed:-

SawStop bench saw; Drill Press; Orange Band Saw; Grindstone;

The proceeds will be used to purchase the BOSCH 305mm Compound Mitre saw.

The Workshop Manager also mentioned other items would also be available for disposal.

Chairman advised the committee that under our Rules of Association, machinery purchased using grant money can only be transferred to a similar non for profit organization. (As has been done in this instance.)

John Mitchell advised that a temporary fume extraction system had been fitted to the laser cutter. It is planned a more effective system will be installed.

Work has commenced on another Marimba similar to the one that was donated to the South Thornlie Primary School.

FUND RAISING:

FUNDRAISING TEAM

It is proposed that a fundraising group be formed to work on various aspects of fundraising for the Shed. It is considered important that the Shed become more proactive in raising funds from all sources to lessen the load on membership fees.

Some work has been done in the recent past to identify possible additional funding sources. What is needed now is a group of members who are prepared to be involved in implementing those ideas, identifying new ones and assisting in making our Shed financially sustainable.

Any members interested can have a chat with Geoff Wiltshire on 0407 995 895.

“CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE” This is ongoing so please continue to bring in your recyclable drink containers.

NOTE:

This does not include your recyclable takeaway coffee cups!!



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SOCIAL SCENE

INVITATION

Come and find out what happens behind the scenes of the Perth Mint.

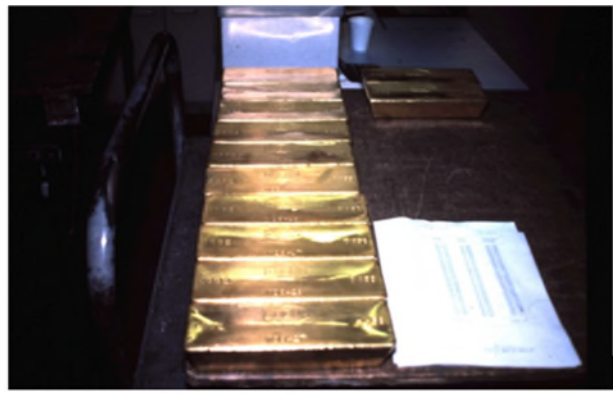
An exclusive insight into what takes place with gold refining and coin production at this historic site.

Presentation by: The former Chief Chemist, Superintendent, Operations Manager, Production Manager—Ray Smith

Where: Wiltshire Room

When: **Tuesday 20th** September 2022

Start Time: 10.00am sharp



SOCIAL WORKING GROUP

The former Social and Events Committee has morphed into a 'Social Working Group' in an effort to encourage more members to participate in the arrangements for social events at your Shed.

New members are needed to work together in a small group to plan social activities that members might participate in.

The past two years have seen less social events due primarily to the limitations imposed by COVID. It is probably now time to 'live with COVID' and get together more often for social events, both in house and external.

Members interested in becoming involved can contact the retiring Chair of the Social Committee, Geoff Wiltshire on 0407 995 895.

ACTIVITIES

GOLF NEWS August/Sept 2022.

Yes, there is always something happening with the golfers:

Fri 19 Aug we had 11 starters at Armadale with Steve winning the day, and the longest put.

Lloyd was different winning the NTP and the turkey. No birdies but had 3 pink balls with Ken, Warren and Charlie.

Fri 26 Aug back to Hillview with 13 starters. The winner was Phil, with Robbo winning NTP and Chris had the longest put. Taffy didn't have a good day with the turkey and a pink ball. Chris also shot a birdie on the 9th.

Fri 2 Sep home to Armadale with 9 starters, with Robbo winning the day. NTP and longest put was Warren, with Bill Harris being the unluckiest golfer while Frank got a pink ball.

Fri 9 Sep tried Maylands again on a terrific day; Steve won the day. NTP was Chris while Ron had the longest put. Phil a lousy round and ended up with the turkey.

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Fri 16 Sep at Armadale again. Winner was Warren, with Lloyd getting NTP, while Drew had the longest put. Chris was the inaugural winner of the new turkey trophy, and Ken shot a birdie on the par 4 2nd.

Thanks to the Shed Boss Chris for making us a more appropriate "turkey" trophy. As you win it you can admire it. There have been a few complaints about the new handicaps at the start of the month. Only way to keep your handicap high is to stop playing good golf. It's in your hands. Keep swinging - see you on the 1st tee.

Drew Baker"

CYCLING GROUPS:

GOS GARBAGE CYCLING GROUP

No news is good news!

COFFEE CHEETAHS BIKE MOB

Hi All, Somehow, the monthly email we all 'should get' didn't 'get' to me this month, or possibly I missed it, or mistook it for junk? Anyway, this will be a very brief summary of our wee band o' bike riders, as I've gotta shoot out to my grandkids hoose to 'child- mind' for the evening, and our incredible monthly news report Editor / Compiler/ Writer-Upper, Gordon Hamilton, wants my report ASAP! The only ride I'll tell 'youse' about is the one we had just a few days ago, to Kings Park. We couldn't have picked a better time, as all the wonderful wildflowers seemed to be in 'full bloom' and we had a great time, with the added bonus of having our bikes to scoot from one array of flowers to the next lot!

We left our shed at 9-00am in time to catch the 9-11 train, with us arriving in Perth 24 minutes later! We then rode along the bike path to Subi, past the site of the Subiaco Oval, which is now a bloody school, named after one of our former Prime Ministers.....Bob something or other, I believe? In 'no time', we were in our fantastic Kings Park, mingling with the hundreds, or maybe thousands of tourists, all well equipped with cameras or smartphone cameras, taking home their own love of our native flora.

We ended our ride at the Zamia Cafe, where we were indeed fortunate to get a 'table for 6, as the place was 'hopping'! On one proviso....we had to vacate our table in about 45 minutes, as our table had been reserved! Some of us chose to return home by train, with the rest deciding to cycle all the way home. A great day out by us all!

Here're two great pic from our excellent Thursday ride to Armadale. We had some notable absentees, but we managed a circuitous route through the burbs to our Jull St destination ... and we didn't get lost. Thanks to Dave for standing in for Robbo to lead us on the not-so-straight and narrow. Robbo, we hope your COVID is not treating you too harshly, and that you'll re-join the group next week.

I realise I'm a little late with the pics ... sorry about that chief!



David Gardiner photo: **Graeme Gurney**

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CGMS Walking Group:

Walk from the Shed every Monday and Wednesday mornings at 08:30.
All members welcome to join in!

Photography Group:

Meetings: Normally first Tuesday of the month. Currently suspended.

André Hoareau

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Computer and Technology Group:

These two sessions are currently suspended. Keep an eye here for details.

Technology Help Desk

Friday 9:30 – 12pm

Help in any area of technology including PC's, laptops, tablets, iPads, phone, camera, TV's, photography and any software package (Windows, IOS or Android).

Windows 10 Classes

Mondays at 9:30 – 12pm

The Windows 10 classes for beginner's and advanced training session are available for all members. Small class sizes and a relaxed settings.

Free to all shed members.

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Recipe

Rabbit stew

Rabbit is not easy to come by; if your local farmers' market doesn't have it you can order on-line from a number of game meat specialists in Australia. It is a tough meat, but turns beautifully tender when slow cooked. You'll be glad you tried it.



Recent “news reports” say that “escaped” or “dumped” domestic rabbits are starting to become a problem around suburban Perth. Maybe you can assist in eliminating the problem!

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Ingredients:

2 tablespoon oil; 1 kilogram rabbit, cut into pieces; 3 brown onions (450g), sliced thickly;
4 clove garlic, crushed; 1 cup (250ml) water;
1 litre (4 cups) chicken stock; 410 gram can diced tomatoes;
5 potatoes (1kg), chopped coarsely; 2 carrots (240g), sliced thickly;
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar; 3 bay leaves; 1 teaspoon dried chilli flakes
1/3 cup coarsely chopped fresh mint; 1 cup (120g) frozen peas

Method:

- 1 Preheat oven to 160°C/140°C fan-forced.
- 2 Heat half the oil in large flameproof casserole dish; cook rabbit, in batches, until browned.
- 3 Heat remaining oil in same pan; cook onion and garlic, stirring, until onion softens.
- 4 Add the water, stock, undrained tomatoes, potato, carrot, vinegar, bay leaves, chilli and mint to pan. Return rabbit to pan; bring to the boil. Cook in oven, covered, about 2 hours or until rabbit is tender. Add peas; cook, uncovered, 15 minutes.

Do you have a recipe to share??

MEMBERS:

The Secretary reported that 133 members have renewed their membership for the 2022/2023. 46 members have not yet renewed. The Secretary tabled a list of members who had not yet renewed, the list was reviewed by the committee. Due to illness and other factors it is possible the actual outstanding will be 41. The Secretary will contact these members prior to the 30th September.

Not all members have completed the "Membership update form". Update forms were made available at the AGM. It may be necessary to conduct a mail out of forms in the future to complete the update process.

Main reason for requiring this information is so that the emergency details on the reverse of your membership card can be updated if required. Such as emergency contact person / details. Additionally medical details, required if you are involved in an event requiring ambulance transport.

We know it will not happen to you but whether you like it or not you are now in that demographic!

Welcome to the following Shedders who have recently joined GCMS:-

Ray Martin; Tony Jarvis;

Can any new members, who have not been photographed, please stop by the Office / computer room so we can arrange to take their photograph for their Name badges.

Members below all recently had their photographs taken – Thank you!



Ray Martin



Tony Jarvis



Brendan Cusack



Wayne Fallows

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Members please note:

A yellow sticker had been introduced to member's badges indicating that they are a new member. This has been done to identify who the new members are so existing members can more clearly involve these new members in the sheds activities. It is hoped that this will lead to members "buddying" up with these new members, and encourage members to be more welcoming and inclusive.



HOUSE CLEANING:

Cleaning Roster

We are in need of more members to join our merry band on the cleaning roster. There are 16 of us on the roster working in pairs once a week on Mondays. At present, we are roster on once every nine weeks. The cleaning is not onerous and takes no more than one hour to complete.

Please volunteer at the front Office.

Roster for next 6 weeks.

19-Sep-22	Ken James	John Millar
26-Sep-22	Andre Hoareau	Rob Shewan
03-Oct-22	Warren Standing	Graham Robinson
10-Oct-22	Patrick Bartlett	Charlie Fasolo
17-Oct-22	Phil Measday	Jim Ridgwell
24-Oct-22	Alan Gordon	Mick Atkinson

TABLE TENNIS:

Mondays, 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. We are strictly a fun group!

MODEL GROUP:

GREETINGS ONE AND ALL!!,



See you soon??,



GEOFF BOWRA

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MUSIC GROUP:

HI FOLKS!!,



That's it from me!!
Cheers,



GEOFF BOWRA

To All Members of the Gosnells Community Men's Shed

The members of the G.C.M.S. Music Group, under the leadership of Geoffrey Bowra, would like to remind all 'Shed' members that the Music Group, as part of the G.C.M.S., is open to all members to join us as audience for any of our weekly sessions in the "Annexe".

There are two sessions, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, when our members can join us for a wide range of music from several music genre's, and from over many years.

Our sessions are 12 Noon to 4pm on Wednesdays, and 9am to 1pm on Thursdays. The group takes its 15 min. tea breaks at 2pm on Wednesdays, and 11am on Thursdays.

Any and all 'Shed' members are welcome to join us during one of the above sessions, even if it is only during the normal 'Shed' tea break at 10am on Thursdays.

We are all G.C.M.S. members, so join us some time, and take in some of our music, even if only for a short while.

GCMS Local and Family History Group

The History Group – NOT Pt 9b, The McKim Family, as previously promised – later for that stuff.

Some light relief instead, rather than the normal boring stuff.

Did you know that the analysis of slang is a branch of a study known as socio-linguistics? The most famous English practitioner was Eric Partridge, who published The Oxford "Dictionary of Historical Slang" in 1937 and this has been updated several times I have the 1972 edition. He covered the period up to 1914.

Many of the expressions are still used in the UK today, and some even in the Colonies, such as far-flung Australia, to this day.

So, this month, let us put our schoolboy-caps on, shut the doors so the ladies can't hear, nip behind the bike-sheds and ponder, for your elucidation and delight, some of those common expressions and what and why they originally meant! Most sound better in a Cockney Accent.

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“I don't give a tup-penny f***”. As said by a lady of negotiable affection. Agreeing to a “tup-penny one”, meant leaning against an outside wall, standing up. A “thrip-penny” was lying down, but still outside, while a “six-penny” was on a bed, in-doors. *Victorian*.

“I don't give a (penny) toss”, in a similar vein, had nothing to with playing a game, but was sometimes the cheapest option offered by the ladies of the night – or not, depending if they had enough money for a glass of gin. *Georgian/Victorian*.

Conversely, in Victorian times, a “Prozzie” was a water closet, or as you might call it, a “dunny”, but with a water cistern.

Interestingly, my Edwardian Grammar School had an old English Dictionary. I *am told* that if you laid it on its' spine, the pages would fall open at “Prostit***”, a page much looked at by generations of schoolboys.

CAVE! BEAK! (Watch out, teacher about!)

So swiftly moving on from the smutty, there are still many common expressions with a strange history.

“Happy as (a) pig(s) in shit”, meaning completely happy, was recorded in 1870. The slightly more modern version, “Happy as Larry” allegedly is an Oz expression possibly referring to Larry Foley (1847 – 1917) who never lost a boxing match. Judy Parkinson in her book “Spilling the beans on the cat's pyjamas” (2000) suggested this was also the origin of the word “Larrikins”, although this is highly unlikely, as The Melbourne Herald was using the word to mean a hooligan as early as April 1870. Partridge agrees; the old Cornish word meant “Larker”!

“Hanky-panky” in 1860 would have referred to a conjurer, but by 1880 referred to someone with stylish, dandyish clothes. It probably was by then, a play on the word “Spanking” as in “Spanking new”. Up to 1914 it certainly didn't imply what it does nowadays! And (hush) from 1860 “hard on” meant what it means today, although much more politely put by Partridge as “the membrum virile in erection” (Wink wink).

I hope you have enjoyed this brief dip into our linguistic past. Tough if you've found it “rude”!

As George Washington said “I can't tell a lie. I don't believe everything I have read on the Internet”.

I hate it when I see an old person and then realise that we went to school together!

Update on Armadale Rail Line Closure

Those members who use public transport regularly may be interested to learn that Metronet have just advised that the planned closure of the Armadale line for 18 months has now been deferred until late 2023. This project will allow for six level crossings to be removed and replaced with elevated rail, including William Street/Beckenham Station and 4 other elevated stations (Welshpool is going). The changed time frame will allow for the works to be better integrated with the Byford extension and Thornlie–Cockburn link and result in only the one closure. Further information is available on the METRONET website.

<https://www.metronet.wa.gov.au/news/latest-news/major-metronet-projects-to-transform-the-armadale-line>

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The Gosnells Community Men's Shed News



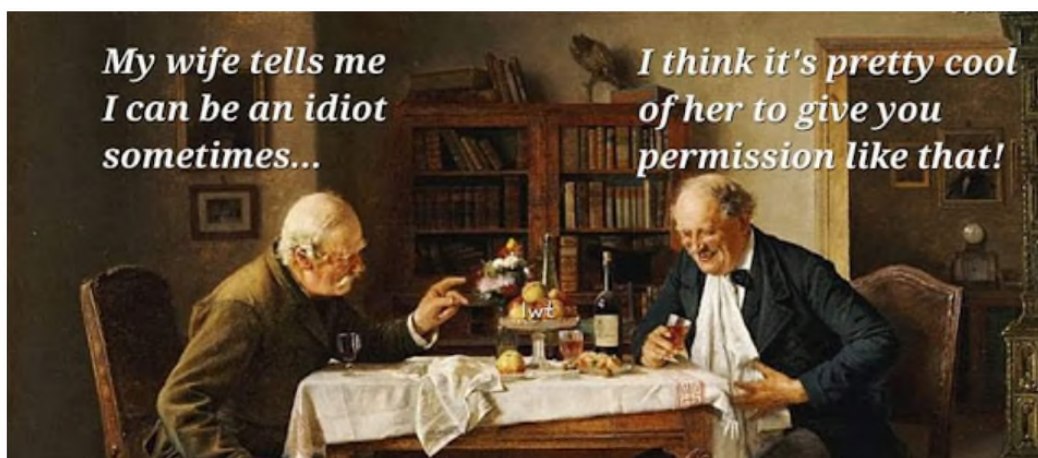
GRANDFATHERS

As most of our members are granddads, you might enjoy some of the following:

"There are fathers who do not love their children; there is no grandfather who does not adore his grandson";

"If I had known grandchildren were this much fun, I would have had them first."

"If your children are your rainbows then your grandchildren are your pot of gold".



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Michael David Devereux (Mike)

5th September 1944 – 27th August 2022.

As a Foundation Member of the Gosnells Community Men's Shed. Interim Committee Member / elected onto the first Management Committee. Mike had been involved with GCMS since its inception.

Mike had been a Councillor for 14 Years / Deputy Mayor 2 years for the City of Gosnells.

In keeping with Mike's community involvement he was, for a period, on the board of Directors for the Gosnells branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Mike's main passion at the GCMS was cards and organising food education via the Food Bank.

He could be found assisting on shifts at the various Bunnings Sausage Sizzles fund raising for the GCMS.

A large group of Mike's family, past work colleagues, friends and Shed Members and family attended the service for Mike held on 8th September 2022.

A member of Mike's family expressed appreciation that a number of our members attending the service for Mike were wearing their GCMS blue shirts.

From the words spoken at the service it was obvious that Mike had invested much of his life in his family and working for the good of his community including us. He will be missed!

VALE Michael David Devereux.



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