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## NEWSLETTER FOR ANGLESEA SHEDDERS

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. WELCOME EVERYONE TO 2016 AND TO ANOTHER YEAR AT THE ANGLESEA MEN'S SHED... WE RECOMMENCE ON THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**A Reminder about the Australia Day breakfast and celebrations on the Anglesea Riverbank on Tuesday 26th January. Breakfast, of egg, bacon, sausage tea or coffee, provided by the Lions Club for a small donation. Bring a chair, meet some old friends, make some new friends and enjoy the music and celebrations. The Shire awards for the Australia Day citizen of the year, young citizen of the year and event of the year will be announced as well as an address by an Australia Day ambassador.**

**While Bill has included some of my jokes (courtesy of Alan Clarke mainly), I would like to put it to you that the shed will need a new secretary. While I enjoy it, it is time for the reins to be taken up by another shedder to put their own stamp on the position. I would give you all the help you need while you get your head around the role, but really it is not onerous or very time consuming as we are well established. The secretarial role is one of dissemination of information, and keeping the committee under control!!! Do not hesitate to ring me to discuss this role. Only requirements are enthusiasm and a computer.**

**Just a few of Simon's funnies to tide you over to the next meeting...**

A game hunter went on safari with his wife and mother in law.  
One morning, while deep in the forest, the wife awoke to find her mother gone.  
Rushing to her husband, she insisted on them both trying to find her mother...  
The hunter picked up his rifle, took a swig of whiskey, and started to look for her.  
In a clearing not far from the camp, they came upon a chilling sight:  
The mother in law was backed up against a big rock, and a large lion stood right in front of her.

The wife cried, "What are we going to do?" "Nothing," said the hunter husband.  
"The lion got himself into this mess...let him get himself out of it."

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The weather was very hot and this man wanted desperately to take a dive in a nearby lake. He didn't bring his swimming outfit, but who cared? He was all alone. So he undressed and got into the water.

After some delightful minutes of cool swimming, a pair of old ladies walked onto the shore in his direction. He panicked, got out of the water and grabbed a bucket lying in the sand nearby. He held the bucket in front of his private parts and sighed with relief.

The ladies got nearby and looked at him. He felt awkward and wanted to move. Then one of the ladies said: 'You know, I have a special gift, I can read minds.'

'Impossible' said the embarrassed man, 'You really know what I think?'

'Yes', the lady replied, 'Right now, I bet you think that the bucket you're holding has a bottom.'

**The Oxford Dictionary's latest definition of the following words:**

**Boss:** Someone who is early when you are late and late when you are early.

**Doctor:** A person who kills your ills by pills but kills you with his bills.

**Lecture:** An art of transferring information from the notes of the Lecturer to the notes of the students without passing through the minds of either.

**Conference:** The confusion of one man multiplied by the number present.

**Compromise:** The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece.

**Tears:** The hydraulic force by which masculine will-power is defeated by feminine water power.

**Dictionary:** A place where success comes before work.

**Conference Room:** A place where everybody talks, nobody listens and everybody disagrees later on.

**Smile:** A curve that can set a lot of things straight.

**Office:** A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life.

**Yawn:** The only time some married men ever get to open their mouth.

**Etc.:** A sign to make others believe that you know more than you actually do.

**Committee:** Individuals who can do nothing individually and sit to decide that nothing can be done together.

**Experience:** The name men give to their mistakes.

**Atom Bomb:** An invention to end all inventions.

**Optimist:** A person who while falling from the Eiffel tower says in midway "See I am not injured yet."

**Miser:** A person who lives poor so that he can die rich.

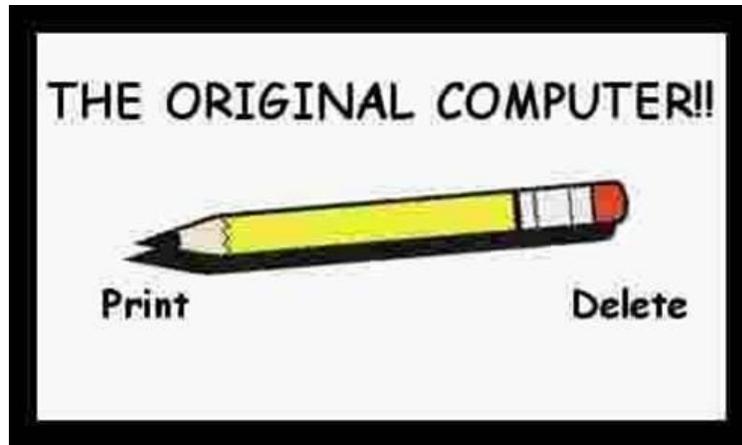
**Parents:** Bankers provided by nature.

**Politician:** One who shakes your hand before elections and your confidence after.

And finally...

Why do Monks always wear brown?  
It's just their habit.

And now for something visual...



And...

Memory was something you lost with age

An application was for employment

A program was a TV show

A cursor used profanity

A keyboard was a piano

A web was a spider's home

A virus was the flu

A hard drive was a long trip on the road

A mouse pad was where a mouse lived

And if you had a 3.5 inch floppy

You just hoped nobody ever found out!?!

**And ...for something really creative...**

Today my wife said. "Honey, could you pleasee .....fix that gutter downspout!"

Well, as you all know, I'm retired. I invited some of my buddies from Men's Shed over.

Paul brought his welder.

Took us about 4 hours, and 30 beers, but we got the downspout fixed and my welder buddy gave it an artistic flair.



**The wife is speechless... I can't wait for it to rain again!**

And something to ponder...

### What makes a good Men's Shed?

1. **Men before the Shed** – what is in the best interest of all members?
2. **Democracy** – the Shed belongs to all members!
3. **Inclusive not exclusive** – be accepting and welcoming to new members (and ideas).
4. **Engage with your community** – all groups and individuals.
5. **Succession planning** – share the management and responsibility!
6. **Viability versus commercialism** – be financially sustainable and retain your independence.
7. **Marketing** – make sure the community knows you exist.
8. **Greed and need** – focus on what is really needed and take pride in how you achieve it.
9. **Communicate** – to members and supporters.

'Most shedders see themselves as having a strong sense of belonging and ownership of their shed, share fellowship and camaraderie and devote much of their time to worthwhile community projects.'

The above is a synopsis of an article published by the Australian Men's Shed Association late 2015 which we have on file.

Have a quiet think over the next little while (or take a bit longer if you like) and if there are things you feel could be changed or improved in our Shed your thoughts and ideas are welcome and valued.

They don't have to be world changing...it might be something you would like to see or do or a guest you would like to invite.



Men's Sheds are community-based, not-for-profit, non-commercial volunteer organizations that have become vital community assets. They play an important role in the overall improvement of men's health and wellbeing whilst positively engaging with their community for the benefit of their community.