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SHED MEN AT WORK

IN THEIR COMMUNITY

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEPEAN MEN'S SHED INC.

APRIL 2015

G'day Shedders.

The good news this month is that we have confirmed fortnightly BBQ's at Valley Heights for the remainder of 2015....more below. In addition to this we have also secured fortnightly THURSDAY BBQ's at Bunnings North Penrith for the remainder of 2015.

The good news continues. Penrith Council have approved our Development Application for Simeon Rd.now the hard work begins.

It was also great to have John Stalling pay us a visit.

2nd QUARTER BBQ'S AT VALLEY HEIGHTS

The dates for the second quarter of 2015 are:

Team A 18th April, 13th. June & 11th. July.

Team B 27th. June & 25th. July.

NOTE.....There are no BBQ's at Bunnings Valley Heights in May.

Despite a couple of hiccups along the way, we have had the BBQ dates confirmed for the rest of 2015 thanks in no small way to Terry. These dates will be published at a later date

The committee appreciates the effort put in by members to host these BBQ's and until new streams of income are developed, we have little choice but to continue with these fund raising efforts. As our membership increases, our operating costs increase proportionally.

WEB PAGE

Take a look at our web page Imshed.org , It is slowly being rebuilt by Ian Crocker who has done a great job.

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FREE STYLE

BARBER SHOP

MEMORY MALL ARCADE

Completed or Finished???

No dictionary has ever been able to satisfactorily define the difference between "complete" and "finished."

However, during a recent linguistic conference, held in London, England, and attended by some of the best linguists in the world.

Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese linguist, was the presenter when he was asked to make that very distinction.

The question put to him by a colleague in the erudite audience was this: Some say there is no difference between complete and finished. Please explain the difference in a way that is easy to understand.

Mr. Balgobin's response: When you marry the right woman, you are complete. If you marry the wrong woman, you are finished. And, if the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are completely finished. His answer received a five minute standing ovation.

UP-COMING EVENTS

AMSA 6th.NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Newcastle. 17th. to 20th. October 2015

Planning is well advanced. Guest speakers include The Governor General...Peter Cosgrove, Julia Gillard, Geoff Kennett and John Williamson will provide some of the entertainment. The Theme for the conference will be "INOVATION"

Check web site for details www.dcconferences.com.au/mensshed2015/

CHRISTMAS 2015 FUNCTION.

Nothing like getting in early!!!! Just so everyone has plenty of notice and can 'lock in' the **11th. DECEMBER 2015** . A tentative booking has been made at the **Penrith Bowling Club** (corner of **Woodriff and Derby St. Penrith**) for this function. Details of costs to follow.

GUEST SPEAKER

On Monday 20th APRIL a guest speaker Mark Blattman, from Nepean Food Services will provide a short talk on the services provided to the community by his group.

THIS MONTH WE MET WITH.

U3A to discuss interaction between our two organisations.

Bateman & Battersby, our solicitors, to discuss the transfer of ownership of Simeon Rd..

MEMBERS SKILLS

Don't forget Ian Crocker's offer to assist members with any computer problems they may have.

Peter Kabanoff can also assist members with photographic issues they may have.

If any other members have skills they wish to share please let me know.

FREE STYLE \$10 HAIR CUTS

The \$10 hair cuts at Free Style barbers are an on going offer. It is important that you get there before 11am.

BUNNINGS EASTER BBQ

At short notice we received a request to host a BBQ at Valley Heights on Thursday night the 26th.of March. Terry and Bob took on the roll of "BBQ MASTERS" for the night which earned us a \$100 Bunnings Gift Card. Well done Terry and Bob.

Phone Etiquette

After a tiring day, a commuter settled down in his seat and closed his eyes.

As the train rolled out of the station, a woman sitting next to him pulled out her mobile phone.

She started talking in a loud voice: "Hi sweetheart. It's Sue. I'm on the train".

"Yes, I know it's

the six thirty and not the four thirty, but I had a long meeting. No, honey, not with that Kevin from the accounting office. It was with the boss. No sweetheart, you're the only one in my life.

Yes, I'm sure, cross my heart!"

Fifteen minutes later, she was still talking loudly. When the man sitting next to her had enough,

he leaned over and said into the phone, "Sue, hang up the phone and come back to bed."

Sue doesn't use her mobile phone in public any longer.

LOVE

IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
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PENRITH CBD FESTIVAL

First up, thanks to all who helped out on the day....a great effort. The day proved to be one of the busiest days we've had for a long time. It was new territory for us and our catering quantities were a bit on the high side, despite that we covered costs and made a healthy profit.

The Shed wishes acknowledge the support and thank **FREE STYLE Barbershop** and their sponsorship of our stalls.

As previously advised, we were paid a visit by the PCC Health Inspector who was very happy that we complied with ALL the requirements, he also noted on his paperwork that we were 'well organised'. I'm pleased it looked that way on the outside, because I know we weren't on the insidechaos reined supreme there for awhile. Our success was made possible by the great cooperation shown by everyone who helped out.



Terry with his girl friend looking on



A rare quiet moment at our BBQ

SICK LIST

John Stalling had a hospital visit recently, following a mishap at the CBD Festival. Ken Gibbons and Jeff Thorn are recovering from their recent woes.

SHED CAPS.

Some Shed Caps are still available at \$15 ea. See Bob. If there are sufficient members wanting caps, we will order more, however the price may change.

POPPY PARK



In conjunction with the CBD Festival from the 21st March-April 29th, a POPPY PARK has been established in Penrith. Similar to that recently organised London. The purpose is to remember over **102,000 Australians who have made the Ultimate Sacrifice**. For details and/or to purchase a poppy go to www.poppypark.org.au

This is a true account recorded in the Police Log of Sarasota, Florida:

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! GET OUT OF THE CAR!"...

The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then she realized why. It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee, and two 12-packs of beer in the front seat.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake. The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed.

Moral of the story?

If you're going to have a seniors moment...make it a memorable one!

BAREFOOT BOWLS @ Penrith Bowling Club FRIDAY 17th APRIL

Unfortunately this event had to be cancelled due to the rain and the club weren't able to offer an alternative of 'Aqua Bowls' I'm sure Jim will arrange another date and maybe brush up on his weather skills!!!

AIRING OF THE QUILTS

The girls at **The Caring Hearts Community Quilters** asked us to give them a hand with the setting up (and dismantling) their display on the weekend of 11th./12th. April at the Arms of Australia Inn at Emu Plains. Thanks to Jim Collier for managing our response.

Some of the handy work of the quilting ladies



SOME NON-SHED ACTIVITIES MAY BE INTERESTED IN.

CANCER COUNCIL RELAY FOR LIFE.

Last month I gave the wrong dates for this event. The correct dates are the

2nd & 3rd of MAY 2015 at Howell Oval Penrith. See Bob for details. Bob is heading up a team.... **The DAFFO-DILLS** and will be participating again this year to help raise funds for cancer research.

PENRITH EISTEDDFOD 2015

Another one for the writers in our group (or friends, family, neighbours) entries open soon. The Creative writing section comprises Short story...max 2000 words or Poetry...max 2000 words or a 10minute play. The suggested theme of your item is "CHANGE".

Cost \$10 per entry. See Ron for details

AND FINALLY

Another early reminder. The PENRITH CBD FESTIVAL for 2016 will be held on Saturday 19th. March 2016.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Garry Rumble, Anthony Hudson, James Coombs and Paul James.

Photos next month.