



**THE IPSWICH MEN'S SHED INC**

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**“Shoulder to Shoulder”-**

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Membership fees \$35 for 1 year – daily fees \$2 plus \$3.00 lunch  
**Open Tuesday, Thursday 9am-3pm – Saturday 9am-2pm**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT!**

THIS MONTH SEES THE OPENING OF BUNNING’S AT BUNDAMBA, AND WE HAVE BEEN THANKFUL TO BE PART OF THE SET UP AND OUR FIRST BBQ AT THAT SITE ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup>. BBQ BOB HAS GAINED THE ASSISTANCE OF COLES IN PROVIDING ALL THE ITEMS FOR THAT BBQ AND WILL ENHANCE OUR PROFITS GREATLY. WE DID GET \$1000 AND \$600 IN VOUCHERS FOR OUR WORK AT BUNNINGS RECENTLY.

ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY WE ARE COMMITTED TO ATTEND A MEN’S HEALTH MORNING AT THE IPSWICH BOWLS CLUB AND I ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS MORNING TO MAN AN INFORMATION TABLE?

**Able Australia has also arranged a Men’s Health Expo on 16<sup>th</sup> June at the Salvation Army hall and we are the hosts.**

**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE WEB SITE RECENTLY?**

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE SHED AND PLEASE MAKE THEM FEEL AT HOME!**

**REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR SHED SO LOOK AFTER IT AND LETS TRY HARDER TO KEEP IT CLEAN AND TIDY AT THE END OF THE DAY!**

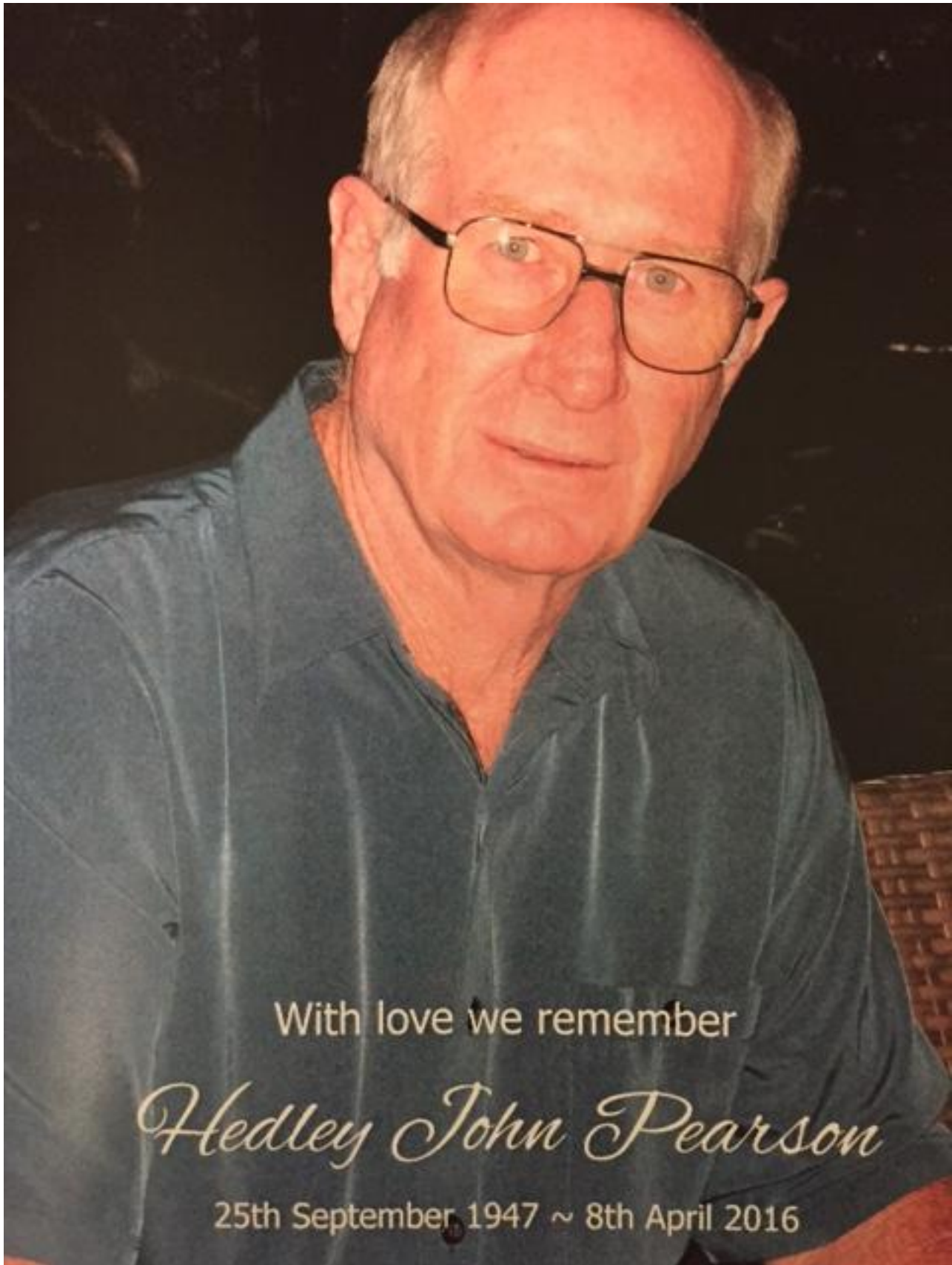
**Late news SGT Bob has been admitted to Hospital for Surgery –get well!**



## BUNNING'S BUNDAMBA WORK RECENTLY



**REST IN PEACE HEDLEY PEARSON (SHED MEMBER)**



With love we remember

*Hedley John Pearson*

25th September 1947 ~ 8th April 2016

# **Ted Wedmaier**



Born in Ipswich in 1946, Ted is the youngest son of Bill and Freda, and sibling to 4 sisters and 1 brother. (3 sisters still living).

Throughout his young life Ted lived in Ipswich Street, Riverview alongside “Wedmaier’s Garage” which was owned and operated by his father.

Ted has many happy memories of his childhood years and of times when not in school, spent playing cowboys and Indians in the bushland across the street from his home – a popular pastime prior to the arrival of television.

He also recalls happy times spent swimming in the Brisbane River adjacent to the Moggill ferry crossing and regular family holidays and weekends in Toorbul on Pumicestone Passage, where his parents eventually retired to in the late 60’s.

As a boy, Ted attended Redbank primary school until scholarship in 1959, when he went on to attend the Ipswich State High School on the corner of Limestone and Ellenborough Streets in Ipswich – now home to the “Pumphouse Brewery”.

At age 16 Ted left school after successfully obtaining a job as an office boy at F.H.Faulding in Barry Parade, Fortitude Valley. His duties included collecting mail from the Brisbane G.P.O in Queen Street, so on the way to work, he would travel by train to Central Station, collect the mail and then catch a tram to the Valley.

From there he obtained an apprenticeship in boilermaking at Horn Engineering which was on the river at Kangaroo Point. After approximately one year he transferred to Scotts of Ipswich at West Ipswich, which was closer to home.

By this time Ted had purchased his first car, a 1948 Morris Oxford – although he confesses that he would rather have had a Mini.

Although he had a 5 year apprenticeship, Ted only served 3 of those 5 years on the shop floor, as he was given the opportunity to serve time in the drawing office. He was then transferred to the production office where he secured a permanent position as a ‘Production Planner’. This involved him in doing material takeoffs from project drawings, ordering materials and equipment, issuing materials and work orders to the workshops and then following the project to completion and delivery to the customer.

But Ted enjoyed his days off as much he did his work. During his leisure time he travelled to the coast with his mates, and later started water skiing on the Brisbane River, local dams and at his favourite spot - Banora Point on the Tweed River.

It was during this time that he left his family home in Riverview and went house sharing with a couple of his mates, until at the age of 25, (in 1971), he bought his first house at Raceview.

Two year later and still single, Ted’s life was about to change dramatically. In 1973 he booked a holiday to Hayman Island. The romance of island living obviously touched him and soon after arriving there he met two young ladies – Glenda from Port Kembla and her girlfriend from Kiama.

Glenda had just finished her training as a registered nurse and was looking to relocate to one of the big hospitals in Sydney. Using his good looks, sophistication and charm, Ted wooed Glenda into giving up the idea of going to Sydney. Instead she accompanied him to Ipswich, where she took a job at St Andrews Hospital. She worked there until they married in 1974.

In the years that followed, Ted and Glenda were blessed with 2 children – Leigh and Matthew and they are now proud grandparents of Leigh’s 3 children - twins Cooper and Riley (11) and Zoe (7). Matthew and his partner Laura live and work in Sydney and are currently looking to travel before hopefully settling down.

Having spent thirteen (13) years at Scotts, Ted felt the desire for a new challenge. He moved on to managing the “Price-Rite” hardware Store in Limestone Street with his good friend Bruce

Peters, who started the “Bumpa to Bumpa” franchise which operated next door to the hardware store.

Later, after closing down the hardware Store, Ted worked as an estimator at Industrial Engineering at Wacol, until being retrenched in 1984. He then returned to his previous role at “Vickers Australia”, formerly “Scotts”.

When the company relocated to Karrabin in 1985, he accepted the position of purchasing officer, mostly responsible for buying of materials and equipment for the rail wagon contracts, of which there were many; and continued in this role until his retirement in February 2012.

Travel is a big part of Glenda and Ted’s life and they have travelled twice to Canada and the US; 3 times to New Zealand and more recently to Norfolk Island and Fiji. But overseas travel is not their only calling. Together since retirement, they have embraced the Grey Nomad life on trips down the east coast to Victoria and the Great Ocean Road. They continue to enjoy caravan holidays with friends and ‘get away’ as often as they can.

As to becoming a shed member, Ted says that in February 2012 he saw an article in the Queensland Times relating to a public meeting on March 1 to establish a Men’s Shed in Ipswich under the direction of Dean Olafson.

Ted attended the inaugural meeting and subsequently took on the Leadership role of Secretary on the steering committee of what was to eventually become the “Ipswich Men’s Shed”. Together with other founding members he helped set up and open what is now one of the best sheds in the area and he is proud to have been part of the originating team and all that has transpired since.

In addition to his participation in the Men’s Shed, Ted is also kept busy volunteering at the Ipswich Hospice and co-convening the Art Group for the Ipswich 60 and Better Program.

Thank you for sharing with us Ted and we wish you well in all of your endeavours, both now and into the future.

## Scotts of Ipswich



Scotts of Ipswich was a long established firm in Wharf Street Ipswich, which still operates to this day but under a different name and in a different location to its original setting.

Scott’s Foundry played an important part in the war effort with the factory and its workers being employed to produce munitions such as hand grenades.

In December 1973, Vickers Ruwolt of Melbourne purchased Scotts of Ipswich, Queensland and formed Vickers Scotts.

After the floods in January 1974 which destroyed the Scott’s Foundry in Wharf Street, Ipswich, 30 acres of land at Karrabin was purchased and construction of an iron foundry began.

In 1985 it was decided to close the Ruwolt facility in Melbourne and move the heavy fabrication, machine and fitting factories to Karrabin. At the same time Scott’s fabrication, machine and office block in Brisbane Street at Ipswich was closed.

A new office block was constructed at the Karrabin site. The move to Karrabin was completed in June 1986, with the Bradken Division now assuming management responsibility of the works.

The Karrabin works, is today a principle manufacturing facility for the Bradken Group and currently employs 550 people.

# CHOKO PIE

## INGREDIENTS

### Filling

2 Chokos

Lemon juice from 1 lemon

½ cup sugar

2 tbsp custard powder

1 pastry shell

### Mum's Topping

90g butter

½ cup castor sugar

2 eggs

1 ½ cups coconut desicated

### Preparation

Cut chokos up, cook until soft, mash in water then strain.

Add lemon juice , sugar and custard powder. Cook until thick, pour into cooked pastry shells.

Topping can be either cream or crumble

Mums topping -beat together butter and sugar until creamy. Add eggs one at a time,

Beating after each addition, Then mix in 1 ½ cups coconut until well combined

Bake in a moderate oven 20 minutes. Or top is slightly brown.

Aunty Doreen's- crumble is -melt 2 oz butter , add 2 oz sugar and 2 oz coconut. Mix well , spread over filling and bake in oven (350deg) for 20 minutes or until top is light brown.

Note I make my own pastry and do not cook pastry shell beforehand



BY SUZANNE- SALVATION ARMY

## **BRIAN PARKER'S WHIMSICAL WORDS OF WISDOM:**

If you are feeling stressed and things get a bit hectic, try something different. Put your shoes in someone's lunch. (Um... do they keep getting stranger Brian or is it just me?)

When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ballpoint pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat the problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 billion to develop a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, underwater, on almost any surface including glass and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to 300°C.

The Russians used a pencil.

## **VISITING OTHER SHED'S** **IPSWICH YOUNG MEN'S SHED**



Membership: 40

Details: The Ipswich Young Men's Shed is unique in that caters for a younger age group and deals pretty much exclusively with motor vehicle maintenance, repair, restoring and servicing.

The shed is situated on a very large site with an old church at the front, now used by the youth leader for teaching music to young men and other such activities some evenings. Across a large open area of grass at the back of the hall stands the equivalent of a 4 car garage where most the young men's shed work is done. One shed features a hoist, one is currently used for storage and the centre shed is where most of the work is done.

Additional to this is a good size carpark and an old house, the top floor of which is rented out to a counsellor and brings some income for the shed.

The problem with this shed is that the organizer is quite open in admitting that he is a youth worker and does not have a lot of time or ability to otherwise run the shed. To be affective it requires assistance in the form of a group of people willing to form a committee and to take responsibility for the general running of the shed. Many of the youth will not participate. The current organizer is therefore making decisions of the future focus of the shed and whether it can survive in its current form, or whether it should be opened up as a men's shed to enable a committee to be formed and to encourage vehicle orientated men to participate and pass their knowledge on to younger people.

Because of its uniqueness and the sheer size of the property, this shed has potential but it will be interesting to assess its standing should participation of a committee and willing workers be encouraged.

The shed is currently only open once a week on Wednesdays between 3 and 8pm.

[Why do ducks have wedged feet? – To stamp out fires.](#)

[Why do elephants have flat feet? – To stamp out burning ducks](#)

# THE INNER MAN

From time to time simple 'man food' recipes will be included in the newsletters, such as this month's tasty morsel:

## MOCK WHITEBAIT PATTIES

2½ tablespoons Flour

1 Egg

2 tablespoons Milk

3 tablespoons grated cheese

Salt and Pepper

1 medium sized potato (grated)

1 teaspoon baking powder

Beat egg; add flour, milk, cheese and seasonings. Add potato and baking powder just before frying. Fry in hot, shallow canola oil for 5 minutes or until brown and cooked through on both sides. Great with a sprinkle of salt and tomato sauce. On bread, it makes a tasty Pattie sanga for something different. If insufficient patties, simply double the recipe.

**AN INVITE:** If you have a recipe for tasty tucker – don't keep it yourself – write it down and give the recipe to Terry or Laurie so we can share it with others through upcoming newsletters.

## PC TIPS

This column will be used to bring basic PC tips to members. This is not aimed at regular users who will probably know much of this already, but for the inexperienced user, each month we will give you things to try or information that may be useful.

This month: A hint for those (like me) who are not seeing as clearly as they once did -

*"While holding down the Ctrl button on your keyboard -- rotate the scroll wheel in the middle of your mouse. On most computers this will magnify / shrink the size of websites.*

*Rolling the mouse wheel up will make everything bigger, while rolling the mouse wheel down will have the opposite effect.*

*So, next time you are having trouble reading small text on a website, simply hold down control and use the scroll wheel. Very handy.*

GOOD ONE FROM TED:

Wife texts her handy husband on a cold winter morning:

**"WINDOWS FROZEN ~ WON'T OPEN"...**

Husband texts back:

**"GENTLY POUR SOME LUKEWARM WATER OVER THE EDGES AND THEN TAP EDGES SHARPLY WITH HAMMER" .....**

Wife texts back 5 minutes later:..

**"LAPTOP REALLY stuffed NOW."**

## SHEDDER'S ADS

(This page is available for shedders ads for such things as buy, sell or exchange etc. Submit ads to Terry or Laurie for future publication).

NOTHING THIS MONTH.

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## QUEENSLAND MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**MEMBERS LAURIE CALDWELL AND JOHN GREATREX ATTEND A TWO DAY CONFERENCE OF THE STATE COMMITTEE RECENTLY**

### **ANZAC DAY 2016 "LEST WE REMEMBER THEM"**



**JEFF COMPLETES ANOTHER GREAT JOB!**



**BRASSALL BAPTIST CHURCH MEN'S SHED VISIT US RECENTLY**

## MEN AT WORK



**ROB SANDING A CLIENTS DRESSER**



**PETER WORKS ON PUZZLE PARTS**



**BOB ED RECENTLY PAINTED THIS CRAYFISH**



**WELCOME BACK CHRIS  
(GRANDPA AGAIN )  
WELL DONE !**



### Shed Boss Duties.

- Unlock the shed and gates by 8:30 AM
- Wear the Shed Boss Vest for the day.
- Check mobile phone for any messages and respond
- Make sure shedders sign in and collect name badge
- Collect daily fees at smoko and mark attendance book
- Provide adequate food for lunch as per list for the day.
- Direct shedders without a job onto projects for the day.
- Field questions from shedders meet any visitors, take charge of the gong.
- Make sure there is water in the urn and milk,tea,coffee etc. available for Smoko.
- At end of day leave cash in the safe.
- Lock up all the shed doors and gates ensuring lights and unnecessary power is switched off.
- On Tuesdays take the bins out to Mining St.

Clean SHED and empty bins as required

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR SHED BOSS ROSTER  
APPLY NOW AS PLACES ARE GOING FAST!**



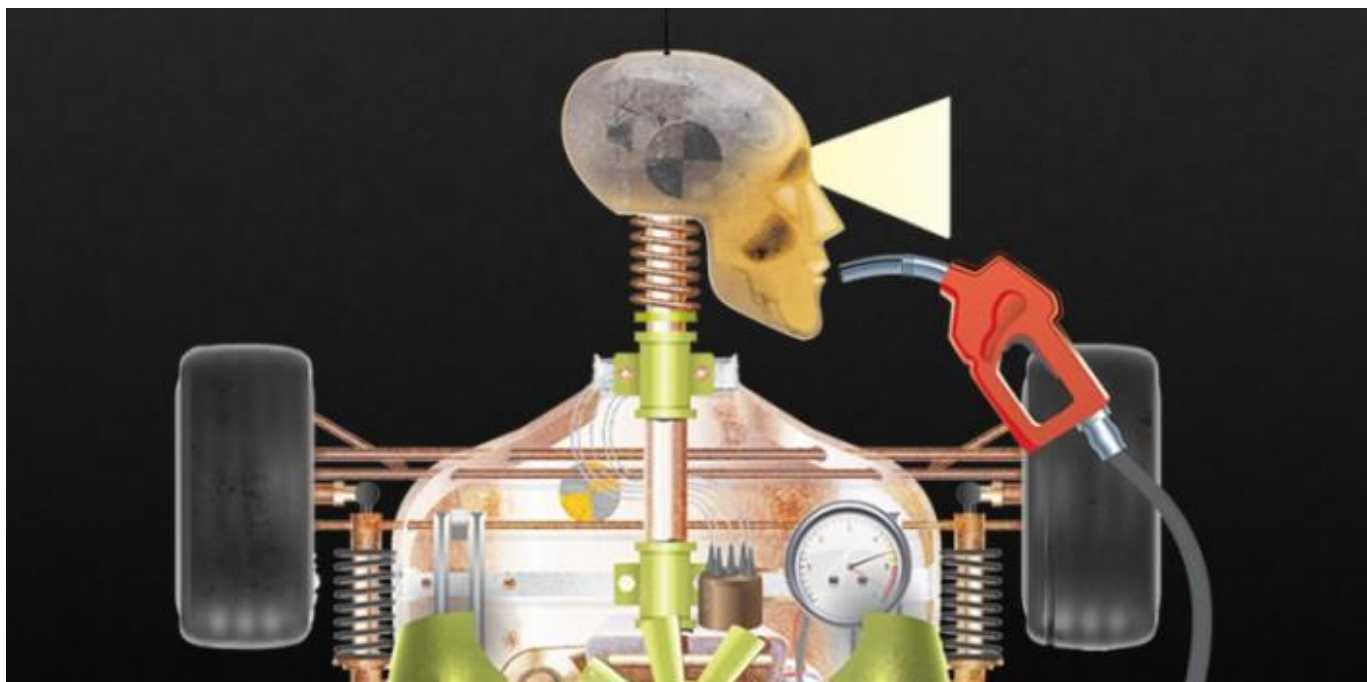
## **IPSWICH MENS SHED RULES**

- **DURING OPERATING HOURS, ENTRY IS RESTRICTED TO REGISTERED ADULT MEMBERS, POTENTIAL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY**
- **VISITORS PREFERABLY BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT OR AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ATTENDANT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- **ALCOHOL/DRUG FREE**
- **SMOKE FREE**
- **CLOSED FOOTWEAR AT ALL TIMES**
- **SUITABLE CLOTHING MUST BE WORN**
- **SAFETY SIGNS MUST BE OBSERVED**
- **ALL SAFETY GUARDS MUST REMAIN ON ALL MACHINERY AS PER MANUFACTURES GUIDELINES AT ALL TIMES.**
- **ALL EQUIPMENT REMAINS THE PROPERTY OF THE IPSWICH MENS SHED**
- **REMOVAL OF ANY EQUIPMENT MUST BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE**
- **THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT OF ENTRY AND EXPULSION**
- **OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT ONLY BY EXPERIENCED OPERATORS OR UNDER SUPERVISION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE OPERATOR IS CONSIDERED COMPETENT**
- **MEMBERS MUST RESPECT THE OPINIONS OF ALL MEMBERS AND REFRAIN FROM DEROGATORY REMARKS TO ANY GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL**
- **ANNUAL FEES ARE PAYABLE ON COMPLETION OF APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE BY THE COMMITTEE**
- **NON FINANCIAL MEMBERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WORK IN THE SHED AS THEY ARE NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE**
- **DAILY FEES ARE PAYABLE AT SMOKO ON EACH DAY OF ATTENDANCE**
- **ANY SPRAY PAINTING MUST BE DONE IN A DESIGNATED SAFETY AREA AND NOT INDOORS**

**THESE RULES ARE PROVIDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND ARE FOR THE GOOD AND SAFETY OF ALL CONCERNED. AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS THE NEED ARISE.**

**WE NEED TWO VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST AT BUNNING'S TO SUPERVISE THE MAKING OF BOXES ON 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL -1<sup>ST</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> 7<sup>TH</sup> 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

# Spanner in the Works?



Us blokes can generally be quite fastidious about our machinery. It doesn't matter if we are farmers, timber workers, truckers, miners or car owners when a service is due on our machinery we either do it ourselves or we get the mechanic to do it. This is especially so when the value of our machinery is significant – sometimes hundreds of thousands of dollars! With the correct maintenance schedule we can keep our machinery running optimally and can often avoid costly repairs – problems can be identified and fixed early before they become major. Our most valuable piece of machinery however is our own health – if we are incapacitated then we are unable to operate all the other machinery that we own. But when it comes to us blokes looking after ourselves we are generally not very good at it! We mostly don't have a “maintenance schedule” and tend to use the “wait and see” approach. Physically, if we have an ache or pain, our attitude is often that of “I'll battle through this” or “I'll wait a while and see if this gets better by itself”. For most of us we get away with this most of the time

**NEW RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE FOR MEN'S SHEDS** A range of new resources has been added to the website AMSA 'Shed Resources' tab including **Manuals**– Test and Tag, Work for the Dole, 'Spanner in the Works?' website User Guide, Running a Spanner in the Works event at your Shed- updated version

- **Information Sheets**– various Test and Tag factsheets such as Test and Tagging intervals extract from AS3760, Australian Guidelines and Standards, Equipment Register ; several factsheets regarding Incorporating in NSW
- **jobactive Information Sheets** in particular, information about the Work for the Dole programme and the jobactive system effective 1 July 2015
- **Men's Shed Succession Planning– Policies and Procedures- Management and Planning folder**