



**THE IPSWICH MEN'S SHED INC**

<b>Location:</b> 3A Mining Street Bundamba Q 4304 Phone The Shed 07 3436 5857 Or Mobile 0455924784	<b>Postal Address:</b> 3A Mining street Bundamba 4304 <a href="mailto:ipswichmensshed@hotmail.com">ipswichmensshed@hotmail.com</a> <b>comweb :</b> <a href="http://ipswichmensshed.org.au">ipswichmensshed.org.au</a>
--	--

**“Shoulder to Shoulder”-**

**President:** Terry Carter **Vice President:** Laurie Caldwell

**Junior Vice President** Dennis Sinnott

**Secretary:** Brian Parker **Treasurer** Ian Weier

**Registrar:** Ted Wedmaier: **Executive Officer Electrical:** Darryl Edwards:

**Fund Raising/Purchasing** Bob Lewitz;

**Committee:** John Humphries;; Ron Bopf; Ian Ross; Roger Overell; Bob Lewitz

**Patron:** Kylie Stonemen ; **Future Development:** Bob Edyvean

Membership fees \$35 for 1 year – daily fees \$3 plus \$4.00 lunch(Jan 2017)

**Open Tuesday, Thursday 9am-2pm – Saturday 9am-2pm**

**Shed re-opens on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**

Dear Members,

I am happy to present, together with Laurie Caldwell, the December newsletter as we wrap up another successful 6 months of the 2016-2017 year. My thanks go to all who have contributed in any way towards this success. Our sponsors and Councillors and friends of The Shed - thank you! Tonight we will present many well deserved awards and we congratulate the winners for their efforts. On behalf of the Committee, may I wish all a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to a great 2017 at the best Men's Shed around.

**CHRISTMAS EDITION**

**NOMINATIONS FOR SHEDDER OF  
THE YEAR**



**ERIC JONKER  
BOB EDYVEAN  
DOUG MOLLOY  
BOB LEWITZ  
NEIL LEE  
DENNIS SINNOTT  
BRIAN PARKER  
ROBERT BURT  
LAURIE CALDWELL**

**PAST WINNERS  
BRIAN PARKER  
IAN ROSS  
RON BOPF**



**SHEDDER OF THE YEAR**  
**NEIL LEE**  
**2016**  
**“CONGRATULATIONS”**



## **OTHER AWARDS**

**GRANT- ROGER OVERELL**

**FUNDRAISER - BOB LEWITZ**

**EVENT - LAURIE CALDWELL**

**BENT NAIL - AL MARTINEZ**

**DRIBBLER - KEN EVERSON**

**OLD TIMER - KEN EVERSON**

**ADMIN - LAURIE CALDWELL**

**H & S - TERRY CARTER**

**SHED 1 - ROB CREPIN**

**SHED 2 - BRIAN PARKER**

**SHED 3 - ROD EVERSON**

**WHERE AM I - NEIL LEE**

**SGTS - BOB EDYVEAN**

**TREASURER - IAN WEIER**

**FACEBOOK SUPPORTER - DULCIE**

**HAWKINS**

**FINES-??????**

# THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS IN 2016



## BUNDAMBA



## Tools & Industrial Supplies



## IPSWICH

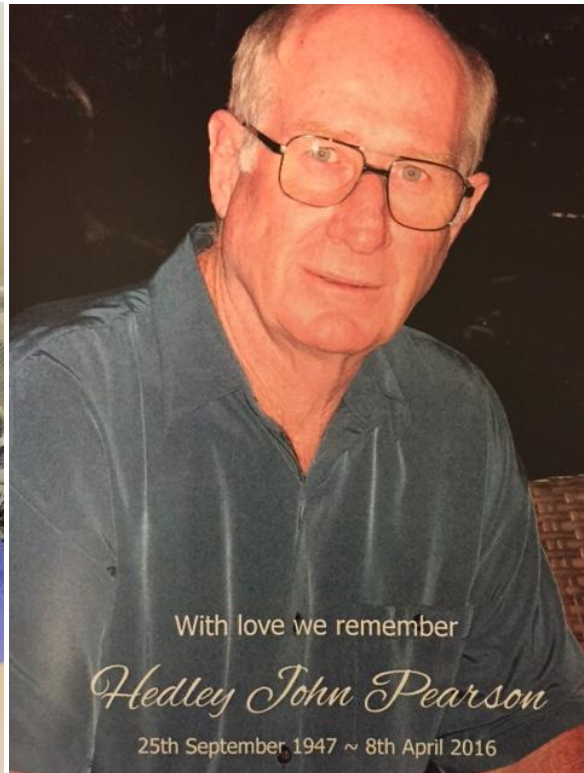


## BUNDAMBA

**MP SHAYNE NEUMANN  
MP JENNIFER HOWARD  
CR SHEILA IRELAND  
CR KYLIE STONEMAN  
CR PAUL PISASALE**



# WE REMEMBER THEM



**BEV DRAPER HEDLEY PEARSON**



**SIGN WRITER KEITH ATWELL**



**WE WISH KEVIN GUNNING WELL**







**OUCH!!!**



**NICE HAT KEN!**



**CUTTING BOARDS ARE US!**





**STEVE WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING  
YOU IN 2017**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHERYL**

## INTRODUCING JIM DWAN:



Born in Wollongong to parents Mike and Joan Smith, Jim Smith later changed his name to that of his maternal grandfather and became Jim Dwan. Jim has one brother Mark and one sister Joanne.

For the first part of his life, Jim lived in Earlwood in Sydney, but by the time he was 3 years of age he moved to Queensland, where his Australian born mother went to work for the company that later became Telstra and his English born father started working for Commonwealth Engineering.

The family later moved to Holland Park, where Jim attended Seville Road State School for 3 years, before adding to his education at the Coorparoo State School. Jim recounts how hard this became with a mile walk to the bus stop, before a 40 minute bus journey to school and then the same coming home in the evening.

Later, he attended Cavendish Road State School until Grade 10, when his parents moved to Mt Gravatt to live. During his school years, Jim's favourite subject was maths and he played basketball for the Woolloongabba Police Boys Club. He also enjoyed playing tennis when he could.

After leaving school, Jim went bush and became a Jackaroo at "Drumlion" – a 40 thousand acre property half way between Winton and Longreach. The property mainly ran Marino sheep with a few cattle. It was on this property that he began to learn many skills, including the breaking in and riding of horses and riding motorbikes as well as adept driving on outback country roads.

Around 1968 – 1969 due to a drought, Jim was sent to "Busthinia" station, east of Barcaldine to look after ewes and lambs on that property. He says that during his time there he did a lot of work fencing and working on bores and windmills and shearing sheep. An interesting part of his time there was spent clearing heartleaf, a weed which- if eaten by sheep - causes them to run backwards, leap in the air and then fall down dead.

By the end of the year rain had fallen and with the drought broken, Jim asked to be moved to Soudan Station to further his own experience. This is an outstation belonging to the 7000 square mile cattle property Alexandria Station, 80 miles west of Camooweal in the Territory. Jim ran Soudan Station as the overseer and sole worker, receiving direction by two way radio, but otherwise left to his own devices.

Now at just 19 years of age, Jim was offered his own outstation to run and manage, which would have set him up for a tremendous future had not tragedy struck shortly thereafter.

Before moving to the new outstation, he chose to take a holiday with a friend. Although Jim was adept at driving on country roads, his friend (who was driving) was not so efficient. Near Woodenbong the driver lost control of the car, smashing through a bridge span, before crashing into the creek below.

Although the friend was relatively unscathed, Jim was not so lucky. He suffered severe head injuries and does not remember much from that time, including leaving the property, being transported to the Royal Brisbane Hospital by ambulance and waking up in a hospital bed some 4 weeks later. His face smashed, his left eye hanging out of his socket and onto his cheek and with severe head trauma, many did not expect Jim to live. But live he did. His recovery was slow and hard but very successful thanks to the microsurgery skills of Doctor Trevor Harris, who slowly restored Jim's face to what it had been prior to the accident.

Two months later Jim left the hospital to begin the next chapter of his life, which now alas, did not include Jackarooing on an outback station.

But you cannot take that sort of life out of a man so easily, and after leaving hospital, while driving to church in Gumdale, Jim passed a riding stables, where he noticed that some horses weren't responding properly. Jim introduced himself to the riding school and was soon hard at work training horses.

Everything was going well, right up until a horse crashed him into a house breaking Jim's upper leg in two places and thus returning him to hospital for a further 3 months in traction and with plaster from chest to toe.

While in the hospital Jim began to succumb to breathing difficulties and woke up in intensive care with a breathing tube down his throat and unable to speak. When a nurse came to wash Jim however, his voice returned sufficiently enough to argue with the nurse, but according to Jim, "It was love at first fight".

The R/N's name was Sue and with her young 2 year old daughter Kim, they had recently moved to Brisbane from Sydney and were now living in Balmoral. After getting to know Sue better, Jim signed himself out of hospital – still covered in plaster from chest to toes. He moved in with Sue and Kim into their Balmoral home and in due course he and Sue were married and Kim became his daughter.

It was not an easy time for Jim however. While Sue was at work, Jim often took Kim to the park to play. This involved shuffling his plaster bound body and legs down 23 steps at the front of the house, before a half kilometre waddle to the park and back.

After 3 months the plaster came off and with a third party pay-out which was roughly the equivalent of a year's pay, the next chapter of Jim's life now began anew.

**(NEXT MONTH WE CONTINUE THE STORY OF THE LIFE OF JIM):**

## **ALEXANDRIA STATION:**

Jim is indeed fortunate to have had the opportunity to work on the Alexandria Station and one of its outstations - Soudan. Here are some interesting facts about Alexandria station.

Situated on the Barkley Tablelands in the Northern Territory, the station has been in existence ever since the lease was first acquired in 1877. It is on 1,611,800ha or 3,982,844 acres of land, making it the second largest cattle station in Australia. It can run up to 70,000 head of cattle depending on the season and the composite cattle breeding program on the station is acknowledged as the largest program of its type in the world.

The closest town to the station is Camooweal, but the main shopping is done in Mt Isa. Fresh vegetables are delivered weekly, but bulk stores only arrive every 2-3 months. Mail is delivered weekly.

There are 55 staff running Alexandria and its two outstations, and during the mustering season Alexandria is a hive of activity. Each outstation has a stock camp of six people, as well as a mustering stock camp and weaner camp at Alexandria.

The station has two road trains pulling 6 decks each, which are mainly used to cart weaners to the main cattle yards for processing.

A full time bore mechanic is employed to maintain upkeep of 164 bores, along with 5 full time pumpers, employed to start pumps and clean troughs.

Each year over 6,000 round bales of Mitchell grass is cut and stored on the property to feed weaners during the mustering season.



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

It is said laughter is the best medicine. Be wary of dosage levels though. 100mg to start with before you develop a tolerance, and then gradually increase the dosage. Speak to your GP.





## HELPFUL HINTS:

- Kill weeds fast with a jug of boiling water mixed with a few tablespoons of salt. This is a great way to eradicate pesky weeds from between the pavers, without wrecking your back or fingernails.
- To clean glass and mirrors, use coffee filters not paper towels. They leave no streaks or lint and they're cheap.
- Shine your bathroom tiles using lemon oil. It also helps prevent mould and mildew.
- To eliminate that ring in your toilet, drop in a bubbling denture tablet, and leave for at least 30 minutes or overnight. The stain will come off with just a few swishes of the brush. (Thank you Friday Flyer – Gold Coast for these helpful hints).

## PC TIPS: BEWARE OF DRIVER & PC CLEANING UTILITIES

RAM (random access memory) or memory as commonly referred to is an area of your computer where a task that you want to perform is loaded into. Your programs, files and other data is temporarily stored here. This is volatile memory, as it only stores information when power is applied to it.

What happens when your RAM gets full? This is when the hard disk comes into play. A small portion of the hard disk (HDD) is used as virtual memory to temporarily store files that are not being used at that time. The writing and reading of this data to the hard disk is called paging. Since writing to and retrieval from the hard disk takes a significantly longer period to execute, this causes frustration amongst users.

If you find your hard disk activity light constantly flashing, maybe it's time to increase the amount of RAM in your computer.

(Thankyou Bonny Chattergoon at Chattergoon ICT Services (0431062752) for this enlightening information).