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# NEWSLETTER

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## BIRTHDAYS

Russell S  
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 Jeff R  
 Stan B

## CALENDAR –March

Thursday	5th	10 am	<b>AGM</b>
Tuesday	10th	10 am	Management M/ting
Wednesday	11th	6.00pm	Shedder & partners tea at Caffe Belgiorno, 7 Percy Street
Thursday	12th	10 am	Members Meeting
Thursday	last	11 am	BBQ lunch

If you would like to contribute information or an article to your newsletter, talk to Editor David N or email [mgmensshed@gmail.com](mailto:mgmensshed@gmail.com)



Members & Partners meal at Federal Hotel



**Nicknames for my colleagues in work**

**Wicket keeper** - puts on gloves and stands back  
**Harvey Norman** - 3 years no interest  
**Sensor light** - only works if someone walks past  
**Noodles** - thinks all jobs take 2 minutes  
**Blister** - appears when the hard work is done  
**Showbag** - full of shit  
**Lantern** - not very bright and has to be carried  
**Deck chair** - always folds under pressure  
**Perth** - 3 hours behind everyone else  
**G-spot** - you can never find him  
**Bushranger** - holds everyone up  
**Wheelbarrow** - only works when he's pushed  
**Limo** - carries about 8 people  
**Cordless** - charges all night but only works for 2 hours

*The Five Principles Of*  
**SHED SCIENCE**

- 1 NEVER THROW ANYTHING OUT.**  
You never know when you might need it.
- 2 I KNOW WHERE EVERYTHING IS.**  
I know by instinct – it only appears to be a mess.
- 3 YES I NEED SEVEN OF THOSE.**  
You can never have too many tools.
- 4 LEAVE THAT ALONE.**  
Can't you see that's work in progress.
- 5 IT WORKS BETTER THAT WAY.**  
Stop asking stupid questions.



Natalie Cook, Minister for Ageing & Well-Being visited for morning tea on a Wednesday



Ian A & Allan V at the milling machine



Jacko, Jeff R & Ian A modifying a newly acquired hospital bed



Nelson Mens Shed collecting excess equipment



Rob B, Ian B & Jeff R



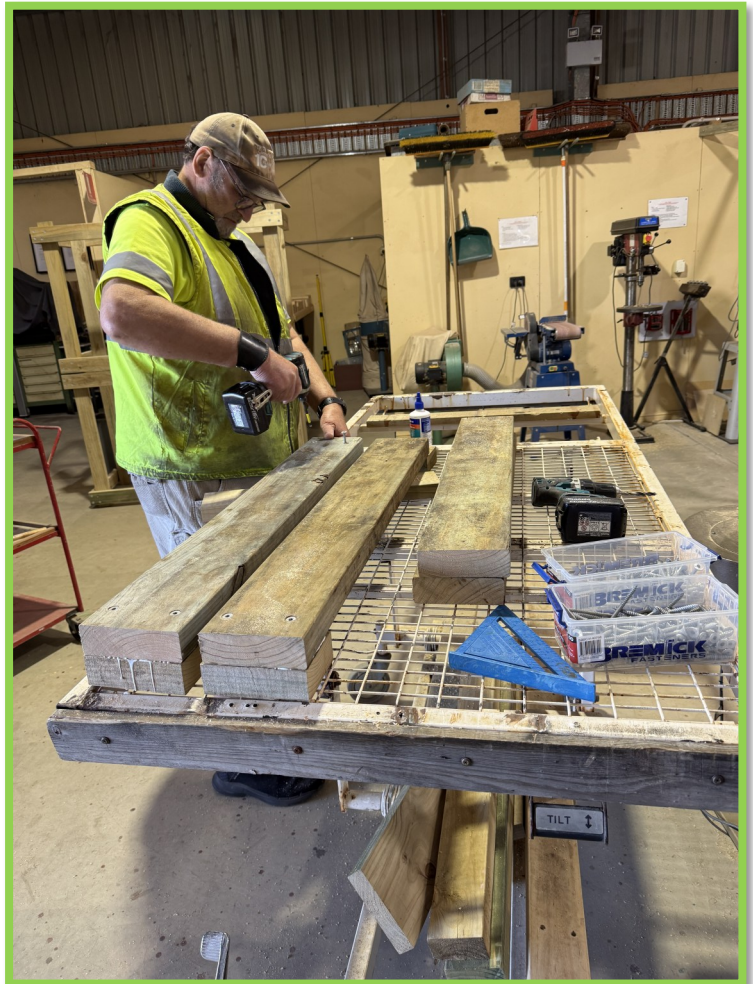
Dick P operating the overhead router

*I thought the DRYER  
was shrinking my  
CLOTHES? ... turns out  
it was the REFRIGERATOR  
ALL ALONG...*

*You can be nervous and confident  
at the same time  
That's what new beginnings are all about*



Grant S & Don C modifying a bench grinder



Dave L making a box

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART	
HOW TO INTERPRET	
ANTIQUE CAR ADS	
IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more



Jeff R & Herman B testing a Jack & Jill seat under the new roof construction



## Memories

A little house with three bedrooms and one car on the street,  
A mower that you had to push to make the grass look neat.  
In the kitchen on the wall we had only one phone,  
And no need for recording things, someone was always home.  
We only had a living room where we would congregate,  
Unless it was at mealtime, in the kitchen where we ate.  
We had no need for family rooms or extra rooms to dine,  
When meeting as a family, these two rooms would work out fine.  
We only had one TV set and channels maybe two,  
But always there was one of them with something worth the view.  
For snacks we had potato chips that tasted like a chip,  
And if you wanted flavor, there was Lipton's onion dip.  
Store bought snacks were rare because my mother liked to cook,  
And nothing can compare to snacks in Betty Crocker's book.  
Weekends were for family trips or staying home to play,  
We all did things together, even go to church to pray.  
When we did our weekend trips, depending on the weather,  
No one stayed at home because we liked to be together.  
Sometimes we would separate to do things our own way,  
But we knew where the others were, without our own cell phone.  
Then there were the movies with your favourite movie star,  
And nothing can compare to watching movies in the car.  
Then there were the picnics at the peak of summer season,  
Pack a lunch and find some trees and never need a reason.  
Get a football game together with all the friends you know,  
Have a real action playing game and no game video.  
Remember when the doctor used to be the family friend,  
And didn't need insurance or a lawyer to defend?  
The way that he took care of you, or what he had to do,  
Because he took an oath and strived to do the best for you.  
Remember going to the store and shopping casually,  
And when you went to pay for it you used your own money?  
Nothing that you had to swipe or punch in some amount,  
Remember when the cashier person had to really count?  
The milkman used to go from door to door,  
And was it just a few cents more than going to the store.  
There was a time when mailed letter came right to your door,  
Without a lot of junk mail ads sent out by every store.  
The mailman knew each house by name and knew where it was sent,  
There were not loads of mail addressed to 'present occupant'.  
There was a time when just one glance was all that it would take,  
And you would know the kind of car, the model and the make.  
They didn't look like turtles trying to squeeze out every mile,  
They were streamlined, with walls, fins, and really had some style.  
One time the music that you played, whenever you would jive,  
Was from a vinyl, big holed record called a forty five.  
The record player had a post to keep them all in line,  
And then the records would drop down and play, one at a time.  
Oh sure, we had our problems then, just like we do today,  
And always we were striving, trying for a better way.  
Oh, the simple life we lived still seems like so much fun,  
How can you explain a game, just kick the can and run?  
And why would boys put a football card between bicycle spokes,  
And for a coin red machines had bottled cokes?  
This life seemed so much easier and slower in some way,  
I love the new technology but I sure miss those days.  
So time moves on and so do we, and nothing stays the same,  
But I sure love to reminisce and walk down memory lane.

**LOVE THE IRISH**



Paddy opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney. "Did you see the paper?" asked Paddy. "They say I died!!" "Yes, I saw it" replied Finney. "Where are you callin' from?"



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