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CALENDAR - January

Shed closed on Public Holidays

Shed closed 1st January

No Shedder and partners tea in January
 Thursday 9th 10.30am Members Meeting
 Tuesday 14th 10.30am Management Meeting
 Thursday 30th 11.00am BBQ

If you would like to contribute information or an article to your newsletter, talk to Editor David N or email mgmensshed@gmail.com



Shedder & partners December dinner at Foodie Bar



I would advise you to lift your left leg right before the stroke of midnight. Why would I do that? So you start the New Year off on the right foot.



LYRIC MISCHIEF

When it comes to national anthems, there's always room for a little creative licence.

At the football, the youngest, and therefore the loudest, ticketholder in our row gave full voice to the line that has long

preserved us as a proud nation: "our home is dirt by sea."

"Hang on," I thought. "Where did that come from?" Then I realised that his previous line had been: "We've garden soil and wealth for toil."

Even before kick off, I was doubting the wisdom of instilling in tiny children at school assemblies the grandiose eloquence designed to galvanise adult allegiance and patriotism.

Right after the half time argument over fractional offside penalties and the need for six more schooners of beer, we considered the anthem issue. Apparently, anthem lyrics are a worldwide trap for young players. A couple of our number cheerfully admitted to singing "Australians let us all ring Joyce..." at school assemblies. And Brian, there's always a Brian, spent years singing: "Australians all eat ostriches..."

Okay, the eating of ostriches unfortunately reminded me of an anthem gaffe of my own. During early schooling in New Zealand, we were required to stand before the flag and solemnly sing: "God of Nations at Thy feet, In the bonds of love we meet." Well, most of us. For years, I patriotically sang: "In the bonds of lovely meat."

And I wasn't alone, with the meat obsession. Paul Young's 1985 hit, *Every Time You Go Away*, contained the heart tugging line: "Every time you go away, you take a piece of me with you." At concerts across the US, audiences sang along with: "You take a piece of meat with you."

Considering the strength of American patriotism, it seems unthinkable that *The Star Spangled Banner* could be parodied without charges of treason ensuing. But at most major baseball fixtures, there's a rebel chorus that transposes "at the twilight's last gleaming" with "at the toilet's last cleaning."

Of course, it's not just anthems that suffer from misheard lyrics. Take AC/DC's great bogon psalm *It's a Long Way to the Top (If you Wanna Rock 'n' Roll)*. We've all had kids who sang it as "It's a long way to the shop (if you wanna sausage roll)."

In the US, Starship sang: *We built this city on Rock 'n' Roll* and sure enough, it became known as: "We built this city on sausage rolls."

Meat, sausage rolls . . . there's a distinct music/food crossover here. The Eurythmics hit *Sweet Dreams (are made of this)* was widely parodied as *Sweet Dreams (are made of cheese)*. And The 5th Dimension's line: "This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius" was quite cosmic enough even before the world started singing about "the dawning of the age of the asparagus."

ABBA . Surely no one could parody ABBA. But *Dancing Queen's* "Feel the beat from the tambourine" was just as well known as "Feel the heat from the tangerine."

And as a tribute to all you Lorraines out there, turning your backs on a wet winter, my favourite misheard line is from Johnny Cash's 1972 hit: "I can see clearly now Lorraine has gone."



Jeff R, Ben the Greek, Graeme R and Dave L supervised The Maze game at Bunnings Christmas family night in December.





Ian L sorting timber lengths for boot boxes



Jeff R & Frank McA cutting timber lengths for picnic tables and garden beds



Ian L gets the job of sanding the filler of the boot box lids



Dave L working on a bench seat



Ansi N & Rob B catching up

*I am getting stronger with age,
I can now lift \$100 worth of groceries
with one hand!*



Glen B punching home the last nail in a double seat drink bench



David N & Glen B giving a hand cleaning up after monthly BBQ



Ron P framing a stained glass window



Having a yarn –Ron P, Rod L, John P, Don L, Bruce C & Graham P



Mark P working on the SE Animal Welfare League's gifting box



Herman B measuring & cutting a table top



Scott B showing another of the knives he makes

Timber turns to furniture in my hands



Don C (right) showing Shane S how to replace and adjust a band saw blade



The first cut of the Comfort Bird



The start of a 'lazy Susan' by Graham T



George R & Jim G polishing Comfort Birds made out of blackwood

The Comfort Birds are made from hardwood by the toy makers. They are about the size of a finch so they fit within your palm. The concept was for palliative care people to handle when they wish to relieve stress. Over the past three years, the Shed has supplied about 80 Memory Birds to Home Hospice Care as well as 100 plus Memory Crosses to HHC and Anglican Priest Father Neil.

Ian Bond

*Laugh out loud
Follow your heart
Enjoy the little things*



*Life isn't about waiting for the
storm to pass,
it's learning how to dance in the rain*

Three brother ages 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together.
One night the 96 year old runs a bath, puts his foot in and pauses.
He yells down the stairs "Was I getting in or out of the bath?"

The 94 year old yells back "I don't know, I'll come up and see."
He starts up the stairs and pauses then he yells "Was I going up the stairs or coming down?"

The 92 year old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea, listening to his brothers,
he shakes his head and says "I sure hope I never get that forgetful"
He knocks on wood for good measure. He then yells "I'll come up and help both of you
as soon as I see who's at the door."

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