December 2020

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HUME ENS Sunbury SHED

# SHEDDERS NEWS

MERRY CRISTMAS

FROM THE COMMITTEE

TO ALL THE SHEDDERS

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# President Report

## December 2020

Hi Shedders,

December already, another month slips us by – as the saying goes "time waits for no man" I am pleased to say that the covid restrictions have been eased, but we must still adhere to the covid safe plan we have established at the shed.
Signing in – wearing of masks – hand hygiene – tool hygiene and social distancing.
It's nice to see so many of you back and into the groove of things and we hopefully will get more members back after our Xmas break.
I am pleased to advise that we have been granted a donation of $500.00 from the Commonwealth Bank of Sunbury for our contribution to the Community and the wellbeing of our members throughout this covid 19. I and the Committee will endeavour to look at where we can utilise this money in the best interest of our Shed. We also have another claim for a grant to be utilised to gain a compressor – so we can drive our plasma, and our sand blaster and air tools.
We once again are starting up our Bunnings sausage sizzles, which is a great money spinner for our Shed, the first one is for Boxing Day December 26th – anyone that might want to volunteer for this day is most welcome and see a committee member to register.
Pleased to say that "Quilty" has enjoyed being back at the Shed, but disappointed that there has been no crumbs for her in the canteen!!!!
As most of you are aware I go into hospital on 12th December for a total knee replacement, but hopefully will be back to catch up with you all before our Xmas breakup .
As we say goodbye to 2020, which has been one year to forget - Myself, Maureen and all my Family, would just like to wish you and all your families a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and Healthy 2021.
"YOU NEVER EVER KNOW IF YOU NEVER HAVE A GO"

## *Stephen King's Christmas Light Display*

## *At Turnberry Drive, 8:30pm*

I have been very busy setting up a Christmas light display, I have gone all out this year decorating the roof and front yard with lights etc.

Cheers,

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# Minutes of meeting number 129
# Tuesday 8th December 2020 9.30am

**Minutes of previous meetings**

Zoom meeting casual subscription of approximately $20 approved for a trial period of 3 months.

**Correspondence in**

10 pieces of correspondence were received

**General Business**

1/ Xmas/New Year Closure Shed last date Wednesday 23rd December 2020 and first day back 4th January 2021. KFC on 11th and 23rd December 2020

2/ Prospective members and guest of members -under Covid. New members and guests welcome but must use QR code

3/ Bunnings BBQ Need additional cloth aprons as all members to have washed/new aprons when they start their shift.

4/ Verandah Ian Lupson to obtain permits and costs to construct verandah in readiness to apply for a grant when one becomes available. Budget to get to the permit stage is $500.

5/ Grant for compressor. 2 quotes have been sent to apply for the grant, cost approx. $3,600. Await outcome of grant otherwise shed to purchase as previously authorized.

6/ Missing items and future protocols. Terry Grant left 4 RACV badges and a tool box with tools. The badges have gone missing as well as several of the tools. Despite email and newsletter no one has returned items. A stronger email to be sent out to all members followed by a phone call from the committee members to their contacts.

Albert to liaison with relevant people to formulate a policy for items dropped off at the shed. Including a register detailing who dropped it off, who accepted, date. Also a storage place etc

7/ QR Code to be displayed in several spots in the shed. Committee to encourage and assist members to use the code. The QR codes enables us to double the capacity in the shed. Members will still be required to sign in as well for fire safety purposes

8/ Mask rule to stay inside the shed.

9/ Rob Mitchell will be visiting the shed next week.

Oven cleaning $160 approved

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# Starting the conversation with someone you're worried about

If they don't live with you, find a reason to go and see them. Borrow something, return something, give something, just drop in to see how they're going. Ask if they can come over and give you a hand with something.

Pick your moment. If they can't talk when you approach them, ask for a better time to come back.

Have a relaxed and friendly approach.

Let them know you've noticed a change. Make an observation:

"I haven't seen much of you lately, is everything going ok?"

"We missed you at the last meeting, how are things going?"

"So how are you travelling these days?"

# Listening to their story

Be prepared to listen - not try and solve their problems.

Have an open mind.

Don't rush or interrupt. Let them speak in their own time.

Let them know you're asking because you're concerned:
"I'm worried about you"
"Sometimes talking about it can really help"
"Why don't you start from the beginning, I'll make us a cuppa."

# Tips for MIG Welding

ANGLE A : Can be varied, but in most cases the optimum angle will be 60 degrees, the point at which the torch handle is parallel to the work piece. If angle A is increased, penetration will increase. If angle A is decreased, penetration will decrease also.

ANGLE B: Can be varied for two reasons: to improve the ability to see the arc in relation to the weld puddle and to direct the force of the arc:

Distance from the work piece.

If the nozzle is held off the work piece, the distance between the nozzle and the work piece should be kept constant and should not exceed 6.4mm or the arc may begin sputtering, signalling a loss in welding performance.

Fine tuning the wire speed

This is one of the most important parts of MIG welder operation and must be done before starting each welding job or whenever any of the following variables are changed: heat setting, wire diameter, or wire type.

Connect the Ground Clamp to a scrap piece of the same type of material which you will be welding, it should be equal to or greater than the thickness of actual work piece, and free of oil, paint, rust, etc.

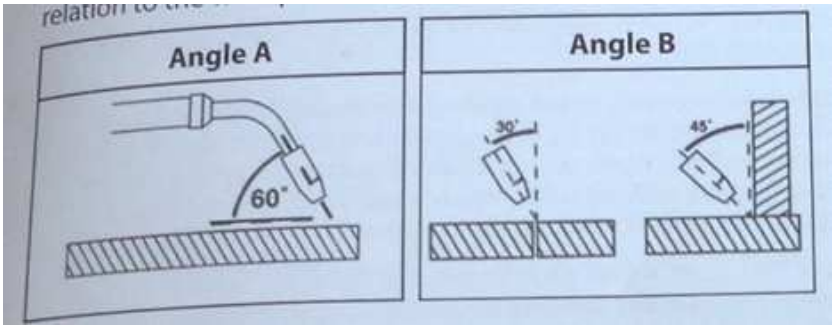
Select a heat setting.

Hold the torch in one hand, allowing the nozzle to rest on the edge of the work piece farthest away from you, and at an angle similar to that which will be used when welding.

With your free hand, turn the wire speed dial to maximum and continue to hold onto the knob.

Lower your welding helmet and pull the trigger on the torch to start an arc, then begin to drag the torch toward you while simultaneously turning the wire speed dial counter-clockwise.

As you decrease the wire speed, the sound that the arc makes will change from a sputtering to a high-pitched buzzing sound and then will begin sputtering again if you decrease the wire speed too much. The point on the wire speed adjustment where the high pitched buzzing sound is achieved is the correct setting. You can use the wire speed control to slightly increase or decrease the heat and penetration for a given heat setting by selecting higher or lower wire speed settings. Repeat this tune-in-procedure if you select a new heat setting, a different diameter wire, or a different type of welding wire.




## *Senior Citizen Jokes: That's Not What I Said!*

Herm is 85 years old and retired. He gets a checkup with his physician. A week or so afterward the doc sees Herm strolling the boardwalk with his arm around a beautiful, comely young female.

The doctor stops him and asks, “Herm, you must be feeling terrific, yes?”

Herman says, “Just following orders, Doc. You told me to get a hot mama and be cheerful."

The physician exclaims, “Herm, that's not what I told you! I said, ‘You got a heart murmur. Be careful.’”

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## *Senior Citizen Jokes: Ice Cream Parlor*

A elderly retiree wobbled gingerly into an ice cream shoppe and carefully, slowly climbed up onto a counter stool. He wheezed for a minute, then ordered a chocolate sundae.

"Crushed nuts?" asked the server.

"No," he answered. "Bad knees."

Dale Wilkes (vice President) presenting Rob Mitchell a certificate of appreciation

# LOOKING FOR COMPUTER GAMERS

Looking for people interested in playing Real Time Strategy (RTS) games, in particular Command & Conquer Generals & Zero Hour.

For those that know the Command and Conquer genre, it had and has again a strong following with players all over the world. Until recent years you could no longer play each other online as Microsoft (EA Games) no longer hosted servers to allow people to play online. However, enthusiasts now support online servers which allow players to again play online (for free) and you can buy a copy of the Command & Conquer games for modern PCs/Laptops (Windows 10) online for $19 the lot.

For those that are already playing or are interested in playing, please contact me and I can discuss further with you to arrange a game among the Shedders or even help you get started.

Andrew Wilson

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COMPASSION NORTH

*"People matter - so, we'll never stop caring."*

# INTRODUCTION TO GEOCACHING

On a recent Thursday Men's Shed Zoom meeting it was suggested members share their outside interests in the Men's Shed Newsletter.

Ian and Sandra Phillips play a GPS based sport called Geocaching.

It can best be described as an electronic treasure hunt where approximately 800,000 teams all around the world place caches/capsules/containers in places of local interest and register the GPS coordinates and a short description of the location and the cache on the Geocaching website. They can be located at a panoramic view, a place of historical interest or simply a nice place for a picnic.

Most teams use their smart phone to review the caches in an area and select which they want to find based on the various criteria available on the app including difficulty, terrain, awarded 'favourite' points, etc. You will be amazed at the number of caches hidden in your local area that you are not aware of. It will also take you to places (even in your own town) you would not normally visit or know are there. It could be said it is the locals anonymously hosting you to their favourite local spots rather than limiting your visits to the routine and expensive tourist attractions. It is also a good way to break a long trip with a rest stop.

The app will usually take you to within 5 to 10 metres of the cache and then you have the challenge of locating it. The difficulty is rated from 1 to 5, one should be simply 'walk up to it'. It can be hidden behind a stump, in a hollow log, under a rock or a magnetic cache stuck to a park bench. A rating five can require you to solve complex puzzles before you leave home or be so small and craftily hidden as to be a real challenge. We have found a cache where the lock on a gate was hollowed out, the roll of paper that represents the log book was inside and the lock reassembled with a magnet holding it together so it looks original. Some multi caches can have up to ten waypoints which takes you on a guided tour of a town or area. (It is an ideal supplement to your 4WD activities).

The terrain rating is again from 1 to 5, where one should be wheelchair accessible and five can be abseiling off a cliff or snorkelling for an underwater cache for the younger teams. You can select caches to make the sport as easy or a challenging as you prefer.

It is all anonymous if you prefer as we are all identified by team names. Once you have found the cache you will find a log book in it where you can legitimise your find by recording your visit. You can log your visit on the go or record your notes so when you return home you go back to the cache notes on the website and record your visit, usually thanking the team who placed the cache with a note on how much you enjoyed the challenge, view, information or the history of the location, etc.

We love the sport as it 'fits' us as we enjoy a drive in the country, a little fresh air and exercise and the challenge of the hunt. We can do it together as a team and delight in caching with our grandchildren. What a great way for grandparents to take the grandkids out on the weekend getting them away from sitting on their technology at home and participating in an outdoor activity as a family.

It is relatively inexpensive as there is no joining or annual fee to become a registered team although more caches are visible on the website if you upgrade to 'premium' with a fee of approximately $40 p.a. The only other cost is fuel and some data. As smart phones are expensive and somewhat fragile and you can be taken into 'the bush' most of us combine the phone/laptop with a more durable handheld GPS and download the coordinates onto it. An 'entry level, GPS will cost approximately $100.00.

For more information visit the website http://www.geocaching.com/ or talk to Ian on 0418 139 199. (There is a less used Australian version but the main game is the international form)

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# New Members

Wayne Tanner (Returned)
Peter Hardy
Wayne miller
Richard Carroll
Joe Debono

# Birthday's for the month of DECEMBER

Albert Achterberg
John Staines
Kenneth Hector
Milne Matthews
Joachim Othmer
Paul Hutchinson

# People of importance

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| President | Ted Riley |
| Vice President | Dale Wilkes |
| Secretary | Albert Achterberg |
| Assistant Secretary | Ian Phillips |
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| Assistant Treasurer | Peter Canning |
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