

# WARMS WORDS - No. 3



Hello and welcome to my first solo effort at our newsletter.

The President's, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports are included for your perusal.

Norman (aka Peter) asked for some indicators as to why we joined the Woodford shed and I hope that at least some of us have given him some information concerning this. It seems to me to be a good basis for forming ideas of the directions in which our shed should travel in the future years.

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov a working bee was held at the Catholic church venue to clear the tree debris as we had left it a bit of a mess last working bee, a good job done I thought. Then some went to Barry Monks to continue with the making of the Lazy Susan project while others went on to Peters for the usual

working and morning tea. Many thanks to Della, Peter's better half, for the delicious sandwiches.

I thought that I might let you all know a little about myself in this newsletter; I will be asking for brief biographies from you all in the future for inclusion in our newsletters.

My wife Judith and I moved to Neurum in December 1988 from the Gold Coast where we lived from 1976 to 1988. Prior to that we were in Alice Springs for 7 years.

We had a small Ladies wear manufacturing business on the Gold coast and moved it to Neurum to continue the making of ladies wear until Judith contracted Ross River fever and was no longer able to work. I then got a job with Queensco cheese factory in Woodford. Judith needed a distraction from the fever so I got her a few rose bushes to play with (400). She loved them so much she decided she could sell the blooms to

**Sign over a Gynaecologist's Office:** "Dr. Jones, at your cervix."  
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**In a Podiatrist's office:** "Time wounds all heels."  
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**On a Septic Tank Truck:** Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

### Treasurers Report

Our finances are:  
membership fees \$1200  
sales of goods \$81.00 and also \$433.00 for attendance fees and \$769.00 for purchases. This just a summary of where we are at the moment which is quite good for the short time we have been going. There is not much else to say about our finances at the moment .

Gary

florists and did so very well. We ended up with nearly 15000 bushes both in the field and later in plastic igloos.

I will continue this story in future issues if you think this idea is worthwhile.

If anyone has an article they would like to include in the newsletter please email the item to me.

Happy shedding, from Brian



can, which given the present keenness shown by all this will not be a problem, Our Secretary, Peter, is still giving 190% and is still achieving great things on our behalf. As for me, I thank all the members who have placed their confidence in me by electing me to be your President, as I remind our Committee, "When this ceases to be fun we don't want you (or me) on the Committee."

One was hoping that by now we would have some positive news in relation to the joint venture with the Rail Museum, but alas, this

was not to be. Should we be unsuccessful, we have a Plan "B" and even a Plan "C"! So all is not lost.

The tree felling work at the Church has been carried out and last Friday was the clean-up. To those who carried this out, a big **"THANK YOU!"** The work was carried out was far better than expected, I believe that what goes around comes around, and I'm sure that the effort on this job will have some benefit, in fact it already has, the Church has given us permission to remove a well dried, large Camphor Laurel,

## President's Ponderings

*It's that time again, that is, as usual this past month has been both busy and productive, Incorporation, Elections, purchase of containers, Christmas Party and the ongoing negotiation for a place to call our own.*

*The Committee has now been elected and their duties handed out in our normal democratic way, all that is now required is for you, the members, to assist these men as much as you*

*this tree has heaps of good usable timber, which, should give us all the opportunity to turn this lovely wood into lovely saw dust.*

*While I am on the subject of wood, in my last News Letter report I put out a call for timber, I am now pleased to say, thank you to all those who responded to this request, we now have plenty for the time being, as with much of the equipment and such that we are having donated we have nowhere to store it at this stage.*

*At our meetings I have raised the issue of Work*

*Safety and OH&S, along with securing a place to have our shed this subject is to be a major priority so please assists us by accepting the many changes we HAVE to make in this regard.*

*We have a very busy few months coming up, then a nice three week break, to lighten the work load for this period I require as much assistance as possible, Peter will detail the tasks, functions and happenings in his report.*

*On a final note, thanks to Richard Watson-Brown, we now have venue for our Christmas*

*function. This will give us all the opportunity to not only meet those ladies that have forced us out of their home into a Men's Shed but, as with our monthly meetings it gives us a chance to get to know each other a lot better, SO PLEASE COME ALONG (see attached flyer for further details)*

*LET'S KEEP THE GOOD NEWS COMING*

*Happy Shedding*

*Barry M*

## **Secretary's Scribbles**

Our third gathering on 06 November was also well attended as have been our Friday Workshops. On Melbourne Cup Day, we had more important things to do at our 3<sup>rd</sup> general meeting than punting, including chilling out after

the chilli snags expertly cooked by Charles and Karl. We are going to punt – on being awarded Grants. Member who attended the gathering on 06 November helped me a great deal in some

content of the applications. Thank you.

We owe thanks to our Karl, who took about nine other Shedders in a metal working class on Saturday 03 November. From all accounts, even from some

wives, the "learners" were in a right state of excitement when they returned home! I think they had a ball. Of course, we are especially grateful to Brett Nipperess of BRN Mechanical who made much of his workshop space available to Karl. Brett did take some piccies which we shall gradually release. There were many serious wannabe Ned Kellys and the welding helmets did them justice.

If we are thanking non-Shedders, we also owe a special thanks to Brad (don't know his surname!)

an arborist who came along at Karl's invitation on 03 November to cut down three trees nominated by the Stanley River Parish. About seven of our Members helped him and made sure the driveways of the Parish Grounds were cleared until 09 November when some Members returned to clear the fellings and foliage. A great job well done, guys!

I have sent all Members a schedule of goings on, Shed-wise, in November and December. Please put these dates and events in your diaries and

please become involved a bit more, if you are not doing so already. Thirty (30) guys have filled in Application Forms to become WARMS Shedders and I repeat to all that the Shed can only be what the Members want it to be. On some public activities we need many hands on deck. CU there!

Happy Shedding

Peter, your Secretary



## Contributions from Allan Handsley

### **"A beggar's job is not a happy one"**

So wrote the song-writing team of "Gilbert and Sullivan", many, many years ago.

Most people (me included) just don't enjoy asking people to give something. Over the 'phone, and talking to

perhaps complete strangers, one can find it a certainly oneroustask. I certainly do!

That's just one reason why I haven't, as yet, been able to collect any money or donations of machines and materials, so far. Nor can I offer the guarantee (or even the prospect) of

reasonable success in the near future.

If any Member would like to do it then please apply!

I think I'm not the man for the job! Perhaps you would like to give it a try?

This close to Christmas it's not a good time to be asking people to give. Money is recognisably

“tight”, especially in small businesses now squeezed by “The giants”! At this time of the year many community clubs and organisations press businesses not only for donations of cash but for things like items for raffles and such-like.

Sorry, fellers! I'd like to help but its “just not me”.

**“The WARMS Shed Singers”**

Only five people have expressed a firm interest, so far, with a couple “sitting on the fence”.

Perhaps our vocal performance on Dec 19th might convince others to give it a try. We need a total of 10-12 voices, comprising two tenors and four each baritones and bases.

Or, “whatever you happen to be”!

The songs will be easy to sing and ones proven popular with the listening public (see the attached list). Practice times, duration and venues can be decided once we have the numbers to at least make a start. Everyone's

input and ideas will be encouraged.

The purpose of our Group is to entertain ourselves, perform at functions if invited to do so and perhaps at “Old Folks' Homes”, if they will have us.

You don't have to be able to read music and lyric sheets will be provided.

It can be a lot of fun if you let it!

A list of proposed songs is attached.

And, remember ... singing is proven beneficial to your health. Just ask your doctor!

Preliminary list of possible/probable songs

- 1. Swing low sweet chariot
- 2. Morningtown ride
- 3. When Irish eyes are smiling

- 1. Stout-hearted men
- 2. Blowin' in the wind
- 3. When you and I were young, Maggie

- 1. If you knew Suzie
- 2. Get me to the Church on time

3. Just a song at twilight

- 1. The Gendarmes duet
- 2. Where have all the flowers gone?
- 3. Kum ba Yar

Allan Handsley

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**Goodbye planet Earth Hello planet Mars**

Don't laugh! Both Soviet Russia and the USA are committed to a manned landing on the red planet by the year 2030.

The competition to get there first is very acute and real, China and the European Union may also be significant competitors depending on how their economies fare in the coming years. Right now the Soviets are slightly ahead, having started earlier and planning on possibly using the international space station as a convenient launch point and their

"Energyia" booster rocket – the World's most powerful by far. The cost will be enormous – fifty times greater than the manned lunar landing in 1969.

Whilst that return trip was achieved in just less than one week, the trip to the Red Planet will take between 250 and 450 days depending on where Mars and Earth are in their orbits around the sun at the time of departure from Earth.

For such a trip the crews will have to be put into hibernation for longish periods, and woken up every couple of weeks, to do physical and mental exercises.

Except for the take off and landing new age computers will do most of the flying.

For we earthlings Mars is even more alien than the moon. Mars bound crews are going to have to take everything they will need on Mars with them – including air oxygen water food and habitats.

Planners estimate the supplies at 220 metric tonnes.

The landing is going to be incredibly difficult. The surface of Mars is strewn with

volcanic rocks and abrasive scoria. Since the density of its thin mostly poisonous atmosphere means that the use of parachutes to slow the giant space craft's speed on landing is largely unviable, using huge gas retro jets for speed retardation will use up a huge amount of that commodity and they will need to conserve fuel for their return to Earth- a minimum of 6.5 months later.

Using a lander to detach from the mother craft as it orbits Mars and carry the crew down to the surface is very unlikely because the crew would have to take 6.5 months of supplies with them.

A perfect mission would probably entail the sending of three to five spaceships on the basis that one or two are likely to survive.

For several months of the year winds up to 400 kph lash the surface of Mars carrying abrasive dust (limonite), wear due to corrosion will be excessive.

Surface temperatures can vary from -20C to -141C in a single day the new habitats will have to be heated.

The axis of Mars is similar to Earths tilt so it does

experience "seasons" but overall it is an extremely cold place due to its enormous distance from our common source of heat - the sun!

The lengths of days are almost the same – close to 24 hours, but Mars has a much longer year – 657 days, compared with our 365. Its orbit around the Sun is also much flatter than Earths.

So, with all these difficulties to conquer and the enormous cost involved, why then do we want to go there?

I suggest that

- a) because it is there
- b) the enormous international prestige in doing it especially to be first to do so
- c) Mars may contain millions of tonnes of valuable minerals and water could be trapped under the arctic tundra near its poles
- d) jobs creation and significant advances in technology.

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Authors note	crafts escape velocity from 28000kph to 90000kph thereby shortening the trip by two thirds and no need to	carry liquid or solid propellants for the return trip.
The use of atomic engines to propel Mars bound spacecraft could boost the		

### THE CARING GRANDFATHER

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly behaved 3 year-old grandson.

It's obvious to her that he has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets in the sweet aisle, biscuits in the biscuit aisle; and for fruit, cereal and drinks in the other aisles.

Meanwhile, Granddad is working his way around, saying in a gentle controlled voice, "Easy, William, we won't be long . . . Easy, boy."

Another outburst, and she hears the granddad calmly say again "It's okay, William, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy."

At the checkout, the little terror is throwing items out of the cart, and Granddad says Again in a controlled voice, "William, William, relax mate, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes; stay cool, William."

Very impressed, the woman goes outside where the grandfather is loading his groceries And the boy into the car. She said to the elderly gentleman, "It's none of my business, but you Were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time, you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, You just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa."

"Thanks," said the grandfather, "but I'm William.... The little bastard's name is Kevin.".....

