

# Centenary Shedders

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## Dave is the Bee's Knees.

Dave Emptage began his life in England before migrating to Australia in 2019. He learnt beekeeping from his dad since he was 2 years old in central London. No stranger to a bee sting or two, catching swarms and extracting honey. Dave swore to not keep honey bees in Australia and stick to native bees only, alas he has been roped into caring for the shed bee hives and expanding the shed apiary.

Dave has been a member of the shed for nearly 2 years, bringing his knowledge of working with bee's and imparting his skills onto other members.

We now have two working hives and have purchased a flow hive making it easier in extracting the honey from the hive which is sold to members, along with 2 native bee hives and these are nearly ready to split them into 4 in the spring.



The almost completed "Chook run".



David with his bee's

Dave aims to have 4 or 5 honey bee hives going by the end of the year, with bees wax, candles and polish being available to members soon after.

He has been instrumental in making dozens of hives for our local native bees, which have been placed in several Council Wards in the Western Suburbs.

Dave has a passion for all creatures great and small, he along with other members have recently built a "Chook" pen which will house 20 laying hens with eggs available for the members, especially those who have helped in building the coop and who help with the care of them in the future.

Dave asks for anyone who can to sign up for the "CHOOK ROSTER" to help care for the chooks and collect the eggs

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# Huberts story about his 200th Blood Donation.



Hubert giving his 200th donation of blood at the Brisbane Blood Bank

We arrived in Australia from the Netherlands in 1981 and I felt the need to give something back to this beautiful country. Four years on, I started giving blood to the Red Cross via the mobile collection vehicles parked in convenient locations across Brisbane.

When donating "whole " blood, about 450 grams, there is a twelve week waiting period between further donations. It has taken a long time to reach my 200th donation.

The Red Cross Blood Bank rewards the donors at regular donation intervals. At my 100th donation, they held a ceremony at the Brisbane donor centre, where I was seated in a comfortable chair and treated to a snack after my donation. I was also presented with a red polo shirt promoting the need for donors. You may have seen me wearing the shirt at the Men's Shed!

About four years ago the Blood Bank staff asked if I was interested in giving "plasma" which I accepted. It requires the filtration of the blood to return the red blood cells back into your body and collect the plasma.

This procedure collects 824 ml of plasma and takes less than one hour of your time and is replaced by a saline solution.

Some medical procedures may result in deferring a donation, a process which is monitored by the nursing staff.

Plasma donations can be made every fourteen days.

Another benefit to donate at the city-based blood bank in Edward Street, Brisbane, is a maximum of four hours of free parking in a secure carpark, allowing you to combine some city shopping after making your life saving donation of blood.

## Morning Get Together!

Morning tea at the shed, where many a fictitious or true narrative or story is heard, especially one that is imaginatively recounted and recounted and recounted which happens on a regular basis.



## Bumper of Can's and Bottles! Brad Williams

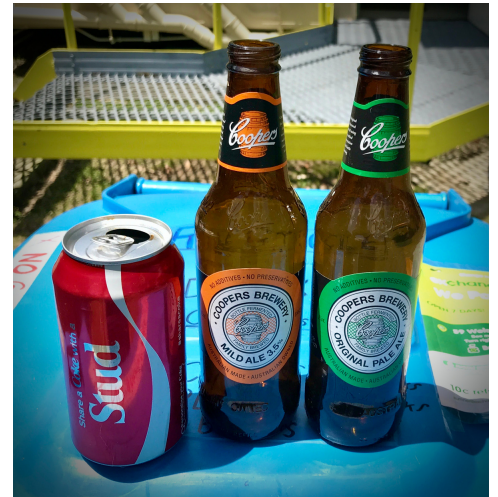
Well, a bumper haul of 466 cans and bottles cashed in today for our Shed! Thanks for saving them from your Christmas-New Year celebrations and bringing to the Shed.

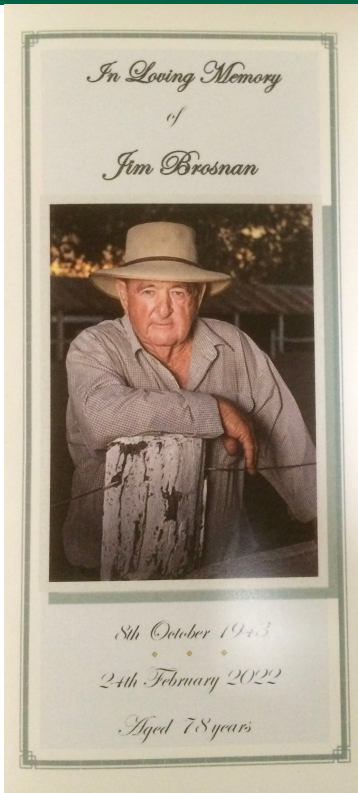
Straw-poll: Coopers was by far the most popular brand of beer! And I see some of you have been 'sharing a coke with a STUD'!

A reminder to please remove all caps, and things like wine bottles and fruit juice cans DON'T attract the 10c refund. (If in doubt, check for the '10cents' info on the label.)

Keep up the great effort and remember Aussie Day (even celebrations at home with family) gives another opportunity to collect and bring in those eligible cans and bottles! I know some members even have their neighbors saving them for our Shed!

The cash helps fund biscuits at morning tea AND means more items are being recycled – that's part of my motivation to be the 'garbo' for this activity!





## In Loving Memory of Jim Brosnan

One of our valued members Jim, passed away on the 24th of February.

Jim was a great member of our shed, only too willing to help with any project that we were undertaking. He had a friendly smile and a great sense of humour.

We share our condolences with his wife Elaine, his children and grandchildren. Rest in Peace our old mate.....

## Mr Fixit, taking it to the extreme.

Brian Edmond holds the position of Maintenance supervisor at the Men's Shed, making repairs to all types of equipment used by the shed members.

He is noted for his obsession for well maintained equipment, recently, during the most unusual wet season ,he was asked by the committee to have a look at the dust extractor which was not functioning properly. This piece of equipment ensures clean air is available to the members whilst working in the wood shed.

On inspection, he found the problem was due to the inclement weather which had caused moisture to accumulate within the extraction system binding the dust particles together.

After his inspection of the extraction system and isolating the problem, he was photographed next to the dust extractor looking much the worse for wear.

After a hose down he was back repairing equipment.



## A Resting Place at Last - Trevor Johnsson

The Centenary Suburbs Men's Shed was formed after the 2011 Brisbane Flood. Having no shed at that stage we used to meet for breakfast around a BBQ at Sinnamon Park. One of the early members was a man by the name of Graeme Gillatt. He was living in a house but was shortly moving to a retirement unit and he had a problem. In his front garden he had a set of wagon wheels from a horse drawn cart which he wanted the shed to restore.



He also had all the blacksmith made iron brackets that were part of the original cart that went with the wheels. At that stage we were not able to assist but we did manage to get the wheels to Doug Morrison's place for storage.

A couple of months ago some of us were cleaning out the container and came across a bucket full of iron brackets. Graeme is no longer a member, and the brackets were about to be thrown out when I thought it might be worth seeing if anyone was interested in both the brackets and the wheels. I offered them to the Cobb and Co., Museum in Toowoomba. They already had several restored carts of the same vintage and were not interested but they did provide some interesting history on this type of cart.

The wheels came from a heavy two-wheel dray that could have been used for any sort of general carrying and deliveries. Carts or drays with springs were common for city deliveries and in the country for carrying cream cans from dairy farms to the butter factory. Carts without springs, as this one was, carted heavy materials and hardware etc.,. Special tipping drays were used for road building and on farms to clean out the "muck" from cow yards. Axles like the one we had changed little over 100 years. However, since there was still some paint on the wheels and the hubs looked pretty good the Museum suggested that the axle and vehicle were 20th Century and towards the end of the "horse era", maybe around 1920.

I contacted a couple of sheds to see if anyone was interested and got a reply from a John Wellsmore, a member of the Kenmore Shed who has a private collection of Australia on his property in Brookfield. He offered to take the wheels and brackets, so we loaded onto a members tray top vehicle and delivered them to Brookfield where they have now found a home.

# Replica of Colony of New South Wales Naval History.

One hundred and forty-seven years of Australian early Naval history navigated its way to the Men's Shed for restoration.

Under the watchful eye of model boat builder, Richard Wilson, the replica model of HMS Wolverine will be restored and drop a permanent anchor at the Men's Shed for future generation to view.

The ship was built and launched at Woolwick Dockyard, UK, on the 29th August, 1863. A Jason class three masted, wooden screw corvette, of the Royal Navy, she served in the North American and West Indies Stations in 1860 -70's before being commissioned as the flagship of the Australian Station in September 1875.

She carried a crew of 250, was a full rigged ship fitted with a 2 cylinder engine, having a top speed of 11.3 knot (21 Km/ph) and a displacement of 2416 tons. She was also fitted with 20x8 inch (20 cm) broadside guns and a pivot mounted 7inch (17.78cm) Armstrong breech loader

For seven years HMS Wolverine operated up the East coast of the Australian Station as far as Brisbane and NewGuinea before being presented to the Colony of NSW in 1882 as a training ship for the NSW Naval Brigade and Artillery Volunteers, challenging enemy ships at the entrance to Sydney Harbour.

She was decommissioned in 1892.

After a refit and conversion to a Barque, she commence service as a merchant vessel between Sydney and Liverpool, UK. On her return voyage she sailed to Auckland NewZealand for repairs and was found to be unseaworthy and scrapped.

Richard said, the model of HMS Wolverine was in reasonable good condition, with a lot of TLC required, she will be ship shape ready for viewing by future generation at the Men's Shed.



Allan Brunner pictured admiring a model of HMS Wolverine, linked to our early Australian Naval history

## Learn about 3D Printing at the Shed.

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A new course in 3D printing will be available on Wednesdays from 10am for a maximum of four people, under the guidance of Hubert Gravendyk and Wayne Bazeley.

The shed recently acquired a JG Aurora 3D printer which has been updated and ready for members to begin a course in 3D printing.

Interested members should be familiar with computers and various software, (Apple or Microsoft.) laptop computers will be provided along with a large monitor if required.

The necessary software required is free online and will be loaded onto the supplied computers:

Fusion 360, a CAD program is available free from Autodesk for non commercial designs and a Cure software package is available free from the internet.

Videos are available on Youtube instructing how to use the CAD program.

Those interested, please contact Hubert at the shed.



### Presidents Report

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Hi. We seemed to have avoided any major Covid breakout thus far. The shed has been careful to ensure that all members and visitors are fully vaccinated to protect our aged membership. Several of our members were flooded and where possible we assisted those persons. We have also having requests from residents to assist with repairing furniture and the like. This has highlighted the need to have our own Ute to enable us to provide assistance by picking up and delivering items and our frequent trips to the tip towing our trailer. Offers of timber and the like have in some cases been declined because we are unable to collect them.

We are applying for grants to assist us with the purchase but obviously grants are few and far due to the funds being channelled into Covid and flood relief.

If any of the readers have any advice to offer or wish to assist the shed please call me on 0412655758.

Regards to all, David Cope



Wayne holds a plastic stencil made on the 3D printer for the Mercedes enthusiast, which can be used to hold over the coffee and sprinkle chocolate through the stencil onto the coffee.



## The Final Test



Darryl Rackley, Bob Mccorquodale, Trevor Johnsson, Ralph Byles (Allchin Builders Group), Brian Brumby, John Holt and Robin Lacey.

On the 5th of May, 2022 after almost two and a half years of construction, which included several periods of shutdown for COVID, the ¼ scale Allchin steam traction engine received its boiler inspection certificate from the Boiler Inspector of the Brisbane Bayside Steam Railway Society. The boiler is now registered with that Club, and it means that the engine can be used at public displays.

All in all, over twenty shed members have had an input in some way with most of the work being done by the following six: Trevor Johnsson, Bob Mccorquodale, Darryl Rackley, Brian Brumby, Robin Lacey and John Holt. A special mention should also go to Mal Lancaster and Gary Dolan who did the pinstriping on the body.

In addition, the Centenary Suburbs Men's Shed would like to thank the following for their assistance with the Project:

The Brisbane City Council who provided the grant to build the engine and riding truck. In particular the Lord Mayor The Right Honourable Adrian Schrinner and Councillors Matthew Burke and Sarah Hutton.

Mr Ralph Byles from the Allchin Builders Group who provided valuable photos and advice on many aspects of the build.

The Mount Gravatt Men's Shed who machined the tyres on the six small wheels because they were too big in diameter for our lathe.

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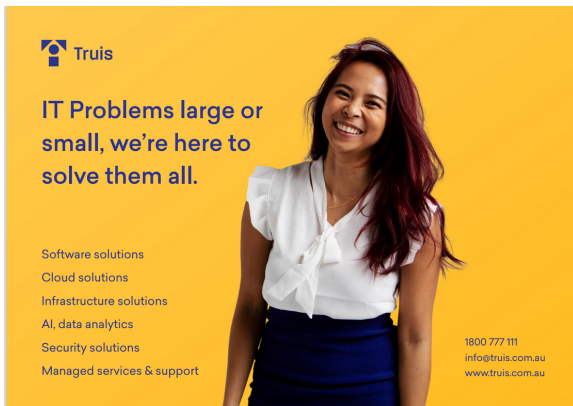


Trevor about to have his first ride.

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