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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I just had a look at our April *Curlew Capers* and saw a photo of a group of shedders sitting outside the Tweed Shire Council Chambers. I am pleased to say that all our efforts are coming together. We now have a grand Shed on Black Rocks Sports Field and we are well on our way to fitting it out. A big thankyou for all your support and the support from the Pottsville Community.

During this time, we have had a number of visitors, namely the NSW Minister for Lands, Paul Toole, our State Member Geoff Provest, our Federal Member Justine Elliot and Tweed Shire Councillors James Owen, Reece Byrnes and Pryce Allsop. It is great to see our elected representatives taking time out to show an interest in our shed's progress. In June, we had a stall at the Tweed Shire Council sponsored



Pollies visit the slab



Justine lends a hand

Wild About Pottsville day on the Pottsville Market Grounds. This was very successful, we had several bird boxes on display and a partly built possum box which children had great fun hammering nails into, to their parents delight.

In July, we were fortunate to have a Bunnings BBQ which was a great success. The Bunnings staff were so impressed with our cooking ability that they offered us the much-sought-after Father's Day BBQ. So, we put our catering and cooking skills on show again on Saturday 2nd September.

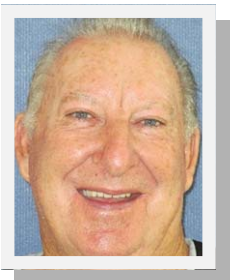
I was in Toowoomba recently and visited three Toowoomba Men's Sheds. This was very enlightening. They were very diverse but had one thing in common and that was friendship and camaraderie.

On a very sad note we lost one of our foundation members during June, Ed Shapland.

Michael Ryan - President

VALE ED SHAPLAND

Ed was a founding member of the PADMS and was always willing to step up and get things moving in our early days. When we took up residence at the school, Ed was instrumental in doing the plumbing for the sink and toilet in the demountable. Along with Les Hardy, Ed was the main builder of the outdoor classroom at the school. Even when Ed's health was not so good, he didn't hesitate to lend a hand around the shed and always made an effort to attend our meetings whenever he could. As recently as Anzac Day, Ed made the effort to help set up the chairs for the ceremony, and enjoyed having an ale or two with his mates afterwards. True to form, Ed even arranged to have a "wake" in December for his close mates at Hastings Point Caravan Park so he could attend. And like the true blue Aussie he was, Ed arranged for his partner Jill, to ensure his mates at the PADMS had some funds to raise their glasses in his memory at the tavern last month. Rest in peace, Ed, you will be sadly missed!!!



CALENDAR

September 14 General Meeting
September 28 Dinner Sports Club
October 12 General Meeting
October 25 Dinner Potty Tavern
November 9 General Meeting
December 14 General Meeting

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2016-17

Michael Ryan
Peter Ruhanen
John Wells
Leighton Meredith
Mal Stapleton
Craig Buttfield
Jim Hutchings

MEMBER PROJECTS

Projects, both current and proposed, are:

- 3 hardwood benches for the disabled riding school
- Under bed drawer for Lego toys
- Microwave shelf for Early Childhood Centre
- Notice/photo board for the play group



Microwave shelf



Under bed Lego storage

FUNDRAISING

The major activities since the last issue were:

THE KINGSCLIFF TRIATHALON

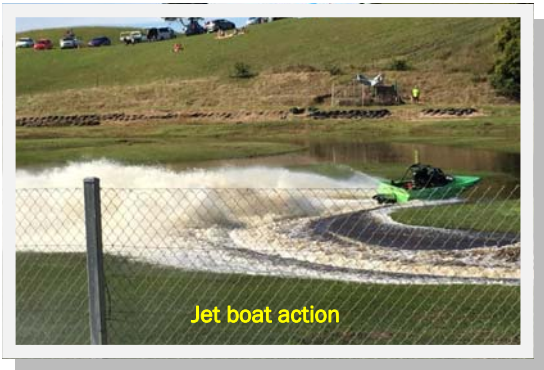
The organisers presented a cheque for \$1,000. Many thanks to the many shedders who acted as marshals.

BUNNINGS BBQ

Many thanks to the 18 shedders who participated on what was a perfect winter's day in contrast to the 40° January effort. The editor drew the middle roster and observed the following: "Master chef" Pedro and his offsider "Heston" Roy keeping up perfectly cooked snags at an incredible rate. "Onions" Lex and "Bread man" Bruce between them and "Confusion" Jim relaying orders from our resident Welshman, "Money man" Leighton, (say no more!) and then serving customers with the finished article. What a team, but we will still keep our day jobs! The fortnightly Pottsville Markets are still a good money spinner and the \$50 a time for about 30 minutes of shedders' time is well worthwhile. July BBQ profit \$1,808.17 & Sep Profit \$1941.10. Thanks to Bunnings for these great opportunities to raise much needed funds.

ROUND MOUNTAIN JET BOATS

A team of shedders raised \$500 manning the canteen/BBQ over the two days, with the bonus of a front-row view of the action.



Jet boat action



Do you want onions with that?

OTHER NEWS

POLLIES VISIT BLACK ROCKS

The new Black Rocks construction has attracted visits from the local pollies. Firstly, Tweed state member, Geoff Provest accompanied by the Minister for Lands, Paul Toole, who were doing the rounds of the electorate. PADMS is very grateful to Geoff for his persistent support and to the NSW Government for their grants. On presentation of a photo of the fully erected shed, the department was able to release the 2016 grant of \$38,500 for the shed fit out.

Secondly, just recently, Justine Elliot, Richmond Federal MP accompanied by Tweed Councillor, Reece Jones, paid a visit and reminded members present of the



Our new shed approaching completion

OTHER NEWS (CONTINUED)

opportunity to apply for a federal grant of between \$2,000- \$20,000 when matched by funds or in kind. Thank you to both Justine and Reece for their support.

MAL REVEALS HIS FELINE KNOWLEDGE

PADMS bi-monthly drinks and dinners continue unabated. Thank you to all who attend to make these successful and enjoyable evenings. One recent drinks evening at the club coincided with the club's trivia night. This comprises many tables of serious competitors. The shedders then retired to the bar, but were able to view the proceedings, interrupting with stage whisper answers. The climax occurred however, when photos of various feline species were displayed on the screen to guess what breed they were. The first photo flashed with a quick answer from Mal, "It's a Pussy Cat". (I could have sworn it was a PERSIAN). This resulted in us beating a quick exit.

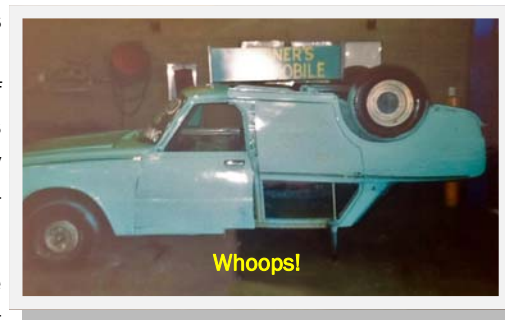
MEMBER PROFILES

ROY DUNSTAN

Roy gave a most entertaining account of his life at a recent general meeting. Roy was born in 1932 in Undercliffe. His career with cars started at 10 driving a T model Ford. He started an apprenticeship at 15 as a panel beater. One of this business's interesting features was a holding yard for vehicles awaiting repair. Apparently, not only was this a resting place for car bodies, it also became a regular involuntary resting place for human bodies, which attracted quite a bit of interest from the local constabulary and the heavies from CID. At this tender age Roy was also exposed to the charms of notorious Sydney madam, Tilley Devine and well known freeloading taxi passenger, Bea Miles. Roy insists that he was able to fend off these confrontations without any scarring.

Roy's next adventure was taking a station hand's job back of Bourke, where he was assigned a camp site on his own by the Darling River. There was a community of Aboriginals on the opposite bank who Roy befriended. His main recreation was pig shooting. Then back to the big smoke, taking a panel beating job and in his spare time helping his brother in law build his house and the starting on his own home. Roy then moved into education, taking on panel beating teacher training at various TAFEs He then moved to Wollongong as head teacher of vehicle trades, with certificates for everything you can imagine you can do to a car! One of his efforts is featured right where he seemed to have put the rear wheels in the wrong place! Roy again insists that this was part of a protest procession against some state government regulation.

Roy's next effort was as assistant to the judge on the bench of the Motor Vehicles Dispute Committee. He was also inducted as a full member of IAME. Roy retired at 60, but that did not slow him down, indulging in a bit of building and concreting, mainly for factories. He moved to Pottsville from Wollongong in early 2016 and PADMS is privileged to have him as a member.



DON MASLEN Don was born in Brisbane and grew up at Alderley. He spent his weekends at the family's weekender at Palm Beach where he developed his love for fishing and surfing, becoming a member of Palm Beach Board riders' Club. Don's plumbing apprenticeship began at Royal Brisbane Hospital and completed with Watson Plumbing involving a lot of country work. He then joined the Qld Public Works in Western Qld where he developed a love for the outback. A highlight was his work in the rebuilding of Darwin following Cyclone Tracy. Don married Rosemary in 1977 and moved to Kingscliff, built the home they are still living in and started his own business, Kingscliff Plumbing Service. After his time with the Apex Club, he is now a member of Kingscliff Lions Club. Don retired in 2011 after becoming a full time Qld TAFE teacher and finally a plumbing inspector for Gold Coast City Council. Don and Rosemary travelled overseas on her retirement in 2014. They now enjoy seeing Australia in their caravan. Don and Rosemary have two children and are blessed with two grandchildren.

LEX CUSH Lex was born in Brisbane and grew up in Moorooka on the south side of Brisbane. His first job was as a storeman, moving on to the maintenance division of IPEC on vehicle maintenance, spare parts and clerical. Toll acquired IPEC and Lex relocated to freight area/warehouse for the next 40+ years. Lex's Brisbane home was at Cooper's Plains. He has been married for 41 years and has 2 daughters and 2 grandsons. He has now been established in Pottsville for one year after holidaying here for many years.

BRENDAN MENAGH Brendan saw the light and moved from Queensland to Bogangar 3 years ago. He saw joining the shed as a great opportunity to meet local residents and become more involved in the community. Brendan has certainly achieved this and we value his company. He is a retired builder involved in most aspects of the construction industry from starting as an apprentice carpenter to project manager. His joining the shed has been very timely as he has volunteered his experience and expertise to liaise for PADMS with the builders and Tweed Shire Council officers, on the building of the new shed and council approvals. Brendan's unusual hobby is bonsai horticulture. This appears to be more than a hobby as photos reveal a whole plantation in Brendan's back garden! Brendan brought several examples into the shed a while ago and we give thanks for his interesting explanation of bonsai propagation and management.

MEMBER PROFILES (CONTINUED)

Brendan's 27 year old daughter and 25 year old son live in Brisbane. He is an avid Broncos supporter and also, to quote him, for the "mighty" Maroons.

Other more recent members are:

RICHARD JOHNSTON, THEO SPYKER, CECIL HAYES and his guide dog "ODEN". Cecil gave an interesting talk on the training of his dog at a recent general meeting.

PADMS membership now stands at 45, not including ODEN!

It is timely here to recognise and give thanks to MAL STAPLETON for taking on the role of liaising with the council on electrical installation works.

FUNNIES

SIGNS IN RESTAURANTS

- No we do not have WIFI, talk to each other!
- No senior's discounts, you have had twice as long to get the money!
- PUSH door to open. If that doesn't work, PULL. If that doesn't work we must be CLOSED!
- Today's offer, buy any two drinks and pay for them both!
- Alcohol will not solve your problems, but neither will water or milk!

It's embarrassing that people don't know one country from another on a map.

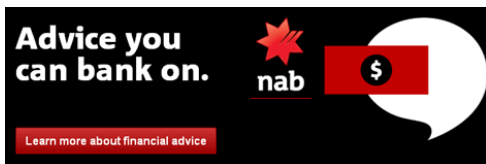
Don't they teach geometry anymore?

A new Archbishop of Canterbury had just been installed and the Queen was anxious to get to know him, so she invited him for afternoon tea at the palace. After some convivial conversation the Queen invited the Archbishop to inspect her new equine acquisition in the palace stables. Having viewed this magnificent stallion, they were moving off when it released a thunderous fart. The Queen, red faced turned to the Archbishop exclaiming, "I must apologise Your Grace". The Archbishop responded, "Thank you Ma'am, but I thought it was the horse!"

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- Pottsville Beach Public School
- Beachside Church Pottsville
- Stocklands Property Group
- Pottsville Beach Sports Club
- Pottsville Tavern
- Splendour in the Grass
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- Tweed Valley Jet Sprint Club (V8 Superboats)
- National Australia Bank



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