

# The Shed News

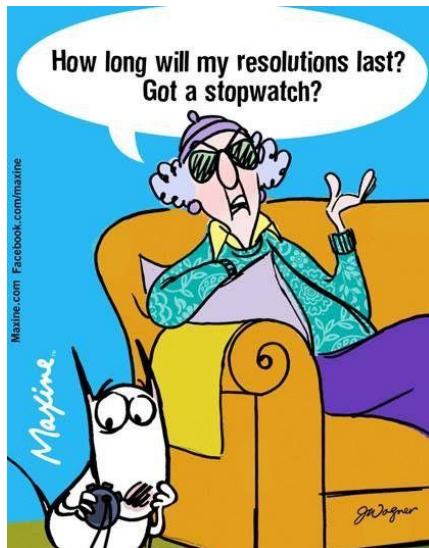
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. SOME RESOLUTIONS TO THINK ABOUT.

- TRY A NEW HEALTHY FOOD EACH WEEK
- LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY
- SET ASIDE ONE HOUR A DAY TO ACHIEVE A DREAM
- ENJOY THE LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE
- MAKE A NEW FRIEND ONCE A MONTH
- LEARN TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES



"Hurry! Our New Year's resolutions start in ten minutes."

## Presidents update

Gentlemen,

Another roast dinner better served to celebrate a white Xmas rather than an Aussie 35C lunch (Christine ignores my pleas each year for a BBQ at the beach) is over. Hope you and yours had a happy & safe Xmas/New Year, the hangover headache is starting to resolve and you received the presents you wanted rather than deserved.

Our Shed 2023 year starts next week as we venture to our "temporary Shed" in Bittern.

Warby & I are meeting with the Westernport guys Monday morning to finalise arrangements and obtain a key. John H is packing a bag with coffee, biscuits and stuff while most of our partners (well!! mine anyway) can't wait to wave goodbye (she keeps muttering something about "peace at last - peace at last - thank God almighty; peace at last").

## Arrangements for Shed activities

- Tuesday and Thursday each week , Bittern shed
- Wednesdays – Baxter CFA
- Monthly light lunch at Community hall

From 08:30 Tuesday, January 10th the next chapter in our Shed history begins at Bittern.

For those that can't make it to Bittern or simply want "coffee & a yarn with mates", the Baxter CFA station 10:00 till 12:00 Wednesday, January 11th is your spot.

Thursday, January 12th 08:30 it is back to Bittern and includes a BBQ lunch.

The Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday routine will repeat each week **with the exception of the last Wednesday in each month.**

On this day we will gather in the grounds of Baxter Community Hall for our "coffee & a yarn" plus a light lunch, 11:00 till 1300. It will provide us an opportunity to observe at first hand the progress, if any, of our Shed rebuild.

## Funding and moving forward

Although the structure of our operating future is now in place our future financial obligations are uncertain. We are unable to determine with any degree of confidence future expenditure or revenue. Yet again Frankston Bunnings are extending their support.

Whilst it is too early in our rebuild to seek material donations such as timber, screws & nails, paint & sandpaper, etc. or hand tools such as electric drills, saws, planners, etc. it is not too early to seek revenue raising opportunities.

Historically a Frankston Bunnings sausage sizzle has been our major yearly fund raiser. Of recent times we have responded to the opportunity of two sausage sizzles in the year with each providing us a net profit of more than \$2000 for our days shared labour. Recognising our current situation Frankston Bunnings have offered us five sausage sizzle dates (21/1, 12/3, 6/5, 20/8 & 9/12) in 2023 plus any Fridays we might want to nominate.

Saturday January 21st is our first sausage sizzle and (in the words of that elderly American a few years ago) ""*We Need You!!*""

I know Saturday 21 is not far away.

I know some of us have made plans for activities Saturday 21.

*BUT: "We Need You!!"*

Break the day between 08:00&16:00 into 1 hour blocks and send me an email or text nominating if you can which 1 hour block or blocks you can help: [bil.chris@bigpond.com](mailto:bil.chris@bigpond.com) or 0409 501 950

## **Baxter Shed**

Our Insurance Assessor inspected the damage to the contents of our Shed on the morning of our Shed Xmas breakup. Although unable to give us an accurate indication of replacement/repair cost she did agree to our removing "attractive items" from our relatively unsecured building. The Shire granted access for this purpose. Warby and John H now have these items stored in their sheds so hand tools offered for sale at a local pub shouldn't be ours.

Remember at this point in time our Shed has been declared structurally unsafe to enter. Entry requires Shire approval. Entry requests can only be negotiated with the Shire by our Executive Committee, primarily by Graham.

## **In conclusion**

By definition a New Year replaces the old one.

Meeting the challenges of our Shed rebuild offers us a potentially exciting 2023.

Not every outcome will be exactly what we want but they will all be outcomes we can and will influence.

C'ya at Bittern or CFA Baxter

Stay safe

Bill W