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December 2023 W4

Sunday 24	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29
CHRISTMAS EVE Sunrise 4:50am 117° W ESE Noon 11:47 0°N Azth 86°	CHRISTMAS DAY	BOXING DAY 8am Indoor Walkers Indro Shop/Centre Special Event 11am to 12:30 Sydney Hobart Yacht Race Start on the big screen	FULL MOON	8am Indoor Walkers Indro Shop/Centre	
Sunset 6:43 pm 243° WSW					

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This is the last Shed Newsletter for 2023. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To hell with the diet, make sure you get stuck into all that good Chrissy tucker!

Editor Geoff

A Christmas story for Shed newsletter readers...

A couple of weeks back a young homeless guy who was sleeping rough in Keating Park near the shed ran into a spot of trouble at Roma St station where he had been busking and finishing up for the day. Three young thugs (local repeat offenders well known to the cops) robbed him, took the \$28 he had earned then bashed him in the face with a rock and kicked the crap out of him. They snapped the neck off his new guitar (bought on Afterpay with 4 payments remaining) and left him and guitar in a busted broken heap.

After a trip to the hospital the docs stitched him up and made certain he had no broken bones etc. A little while later Tyrone appeared in the workshop and asked if the Shed could repair his smashed guitar so he could get back to busking. Alan Harrison scratched his head and kindly said he would give it a go. Alan spoke to the guitar shop where Tyrone had bought said guitar to see if there were any spare parts available. They had none but gave Alan the name of the manufacturer located here in Brizzie. Alan gave them a call and told the story of Tyrone and the broken guitar, they said they would GIVE Tyrone a new guitar and hoped he was on the mend.

Alan picked up the guitar and gave it to Tyrone the next time he called by the shed. Tyrone could not believe the kindness and support shown by Alan and the shed. After a bit of research Alan figured out how to repair the snapped neck and made it as new again. (Alan can add "Luthier" to his résumé now). When Tyrone stopped by on Thursday, he received back his repaired guitar and again reduced to tears. He has been busking away to the Christmas crowds and the new sweet sounding guitar is really generating some well-deserved income.

So ends this "Shed Christmas Story", Tyrone is back and busking with his new guitars A hearty thank you to Alan Harrison, the Shed's new resident Luthier. Also a special HUGE thank you to National Music for their kindness and generosity in donating Tyrone's new guitar.

<https://www.nationalmusic.com.au>

Please remember National Music for all of your musical needs, they are great people and we need more like them.



Tyrone and his new guitar.

More unexpected kindness from strangers

Once again some generous person has deposited cans/bottles at Containers for Change, this time \$36.70 at Albion, and credited it to the Shed.

Regards
Seton Porter

Xmas Specials at the Shed Shop



Made by Alan and Rick, these make getting the boots off an easy task, recommended.

Fun fact: The last day of 2023 will be this one... **123 123** (yeah, date format mm/dd/yy).

Shed Schedule

Most activities at the Shed are on hiatus until the second week of January when everything will be back in full swing.

*****Special Boxing Day Event*****

Rob Webb will be showing the start of this year's Sydney Hobart race on the Shed's big screen. Prerace starts at 11:00am, the Race and associated mayhem starts at 11:30am. They will be through the heads and fanging off to Hobart by 12:30

This year the weather forecast is looking stormy which will be a good test for the boats and crews. Feel free to drop in and have a watch.



Bike Group News

The bike group has been quietly plugging away, but we have achieved a lot, especially in the last month. The attached report has all the details of bikes delivered, and money earned. There are also a couple of photos.

One thing I did not mention is the wide outreach of the bike group. One of our buyers is from Newcastle, NSW! That is a story in itself.

Bike Maintenance Group December Report

Over the last month we have distributed 31 bikes and brought in \$940.00 (so far!)

On 4 December Sam McGowan, from Village Church at Kelvin Grove, came and picked up 10 bikes for distribution to international students he deals with. This is the second lot of bikes Sam has from us. The first lot was 9 bikes back at the end of June.

Sam tells us the bikes are eagerly 'snapped up'.



Alan, Sam and Adam with the last bike to be loaded of 10 bikes for Kelvin Grove

Next, we sold two bikes, which brought in \$430.00. After a break, on Friday of last week I took a load of scrap metal (bike frames, wheels, and other various bits and pieces), and by segregating the metals, was paid a healthy \$109.00. This past Monday we sold a further 2 bikes for a total of \$400.00. On Tuesday children's bikes were picked up for Mission Australia who will distribute them to the Watson Road State School.



17 children's bikes loaded into delivery truck with the delivery person and his little helper.

The bike group has officially finished for the year. However activity is continuing. We picked up some bikes from a person in Chapel Hill last week, but left a number of old bikes behind. I said I would come back for them to take them for scrap. I was then offered some white goods as well! On Wednesday three of us picked up the scrap. As I write this I am in the midst of separating the aluminium etc from the steel, with the aim to deliver it all before Christmas, thus earning some more moolah.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone.

The bike group restarts on Monday the 8th January 2004.
Look forward to seeing you around the Shed.

Alan Baker
Convenor, Bicycle Maintenance Group

And finally for this week...
Advanced Physics Dept Christmas Tree



<Drumroll> And now for the bit Robin has been waiting for... Shed Jokes!

Have you heard of the Christmas alphabet?
It's like the regular alphabet except there's Noel.

What do you call a broke Santa Claus?
Saint-nickel-less.

I have a pun about carpentry...
but I'm not sure if it woodwork.

The inventor of the ballet skirt was struggling for a name, until he finally put tu and tu together.

A global survey of dog owners revealed that an average dog barks around 350 times a day.
It's a ruff estimate.

Of course, some cow jokes are better than udders...

Had a dream that I was repairing my muffler last night.
Woke up exhausted.

Why did the Tooth Fairy go to jail?
She was guilty of incisor trading.

Once upon a time there was a king who was only 12 inches tall...
Terrible king, but a great ruler.

Two cows in a field in Scotland. Which one is on holiday?
The one with the wee calf.

I should have been sad when my flashlight batteries died, but I was delighted...

I accidentally drank a bottle of invisible ink last night.
I'm in the hospital now, waiting to be seen.

Wore my new jacket to see the local bonfire and it burst into flames.
Started as a smoking jacket, ended as a blazer.

Seemed to be raining coins last night.
I suspect that's what they mean by some change in the weather.

My cabinet installer was arrested last week.
He was charged with counter fitting.

When single ladies get to the age of 50, they tend to get lots of cats.
This phenomenon is known as many paws.

My wife said that I ruined her birthday..
But I didn't even know it **was** her birthday.

I really hope my wife doesn't get me a camouflage jacket for Christmas this year.
I just can't see myself wearing it.