

BLOKES HELPING BLOKES

Events in

### August

15 Roleystone Market

19 Boston baked bean lunch in the Shed

26 Management Committee meeting

26 2024 AGM.

# This month's birthdays

David Hawke

Neil Baker

Greta Bolhuis

#### **Your Committee**

Phil Aked Pres. Ronnie Hansen VP Henry Zelones Tr.

Ian Hafekost Sec.

Murray Hight

John Stenhouse

**Graham Hantler** 

**Stephen Hughes** 

Jack Dowling

## Shed News September 2024

### Matters arising from the August management meeting:

1. The committee has agreed to go ahead with a quote from Solargain for a 5.72kWh solar panel system. It is a smaller system than we originally considered but we would only receive a feed-in tariff below 5kWh. As Henry says, why give Western Power free electricity. The position will be revisited once we can financially look at installing batteries. 2. Over the last 12 months Henry has obtained grants worth nearly \$30,000 for our Shed.

3. The project to pave the area overlooking the garden area has been given the go-ahead.

4. Henry Is currently seeking quotes for installing decking at the back of the Shed overlooking the garden, to give us more entertaining space.5. The Shed's Annual General Meeting will be held on the 26th of September. There is still time to nominate for the management committee. Nominations need to be to lan by the 12th of September.

6. Moving the workshop dust extractor outside the Shed is a significant project as the new external shed will need to house both the extractor and the water filtration system. The committee will be looking for a member to supervise the project.

7. The tidy up in the workshop and meeting room is ongoing. Surplus equipment will be disposed of.

8. We are waiting for changes to our licence agreement with the City so that we can make a start on planning for the community garden.9. We have a new member Nigel Cobran this month. Please make him

welcome when you see him at the Shed. 10. The Roleystone Market is on Sunday the 15th of September and a

request for volunteers will be sent out soon.

### A Boston Baked Bean Lunch on the 19th of September

Mick Harris, our resident chef with help from yours truly, will be cooking up a sumptuous lunch of Boston baked beans with a side serving of barbecue bread.

It must be said that Bear, who hails from the USA and served as a cook in the US Navy, has never heard of Boston Baked Beans. Perhaps he just grew up in a different part of the country.

So if you want to find out how Boston baked beans are different from the variety you get our of a can then be there on the day.

### Our August talk was all about musical horns

Ian Charlesworth, following his previous talk on measuring the weather, showcased his other talents with a very interesting presentation on musical horns. He brought along seven of his own instruments, ranging from a Ramshorn, the simplest and oldest musical instrument, to a more modern day French horn.

Ian played each of the seven instruments and entertained us with wellknown pieces. All of them well played of course but, with the notes coming from a horn, sometimes made it a test for the audience to work at what the name of the piece was. At least it was to my ears.

The excerpts ranged from *What a Wonderful World* to *Swan Lake* to the *Jupiter Suite* from Holst's Planets. There was also one from Mendelsshon's *Midsummer Night Dream*.

Ian plays for the Classic Sounds Orchestra which must keep him busy with practices. He tells me he plays for four different musical groups, ranging from the classical orchestra to a brass band.

The two pictures below show lan in front of his instruments and holding his French horn.



Days open	17
Attendances	229
Av.attendance	13
Other groups	0