



from the **PRESIDENT Mike Wiggin**
APRIL 2020 UPDATE



Good afternoon everyone!

This is the second monthly update as part of the Showgrounds Community Men's Shed e-newsletter.

The more astute amongst you may note that this is also headed April (just like the first one) although it's a month after the first one. I'm going to take the Donald Trump line on this and deny any responsibility for the error, but – just like him – I will take credit for getting the month correct on this one! Any comments on Cabin Fever at this point would be pure churlishness.

I have had a couple of enquiries about the possible re-opening of the Shed as a result of the relaxation of restrictions in WA, but I'm afraid the Health Dept has advised otherwise. Just as an aside, now is the best time ever to try and get information from a Government website, we've all got heaps of time and nothing better to do! I'll walk back my estimate of last month (August to re-open) though, given the resounding success Australia has had in combatting COVID-19, we can take at least two months off that date I believe.

Activities at the Shed

We now have a date for the installation of the housing for the Dust Extractor and socks at the back of the Shed. Action Sheds is telling us that they expect to be on site for installation on May 12th. This work will be overseen by Glen Shepherd. Thanks Glen.

Now that we have funding for a toilet, Peter Panek has been negotiating with the carpenter and electrician for a quote to complete the work. As Peter points out, this will entail the removal of some of the paving so lovingly put down by the gardeners, but civil works aren't civil works if you don't disturb someone else's project. We are awaiting the quote to see what we need to adjust to get the work done.

Steve Gerreyn told me this morning that the new management system, TidyHQ, is almost complete and ready to be rolled out, so you can expect an email from Steve shortly inviting you to become part of the new system.

Carbatec had to take one of our table saws back due to a fault in blade alignment which made the unit unsafe. This happened just before the Shed shutdown. They have confirmed today that they will be bringing a replacement unit and setting it up on Wednesday May 6th. John Hassell will be overseeing this work. Thanks John.

Thanks to David Beard and Michael Hart for volunteering to propose some guest speakers when we get back into Shed operation. More to come on this.

We are still looking for a couple of volunteers to take ownership of:

- Shed communication including a monthly newsletter

From The SCMS Kitchen Group - Monthly Recipe

Peter Goodes has provided us with a recipe for this month and has promised to do so for all future newsletters, so here it is on the next page.

Tomato and Onion Pie

An old family favourite for Winter. Sometimes forgotten and easy to throw together as an accompaniment to the Family Roast whether meat, poultry or even fish. This side dish works well with roast potatoes, pumpkin and carrots, specially steamed vegies, brussels sprouts, stringless beans, green peas and broccoli etc.

Here We Go!

1. Medium Brown or White Onions, finely cut up, add a little Garlic optional.
2. Throw into frying pan with a dollop of butter or olive oil cook until translucent, add salt and pepper. Place in casserole dish.
3. Then add 1 can, whole or diced Tomatoes (420g), fold through. Note: drain excess liquid from tomatoes and retain.
4. Cover casserole top with breadcrumbs, grated cheese and sprinkle lightly Cayenne Pepper or similar.
5. Oven cook @ approx. 150°C until bubbling happily, cooking time 15 to 20 mins, ready to serve.

Note: With excess tomato liquid try adding to Brown Gravy and don't hold back with Port or Muscat!

Total preparation time and cooking approx. 30 mins.

Degree of difficulty (scale of 1 to 10), rated 2

COOK WELL, STAY HEALTHY and HAVE FUN....Cheers from the KITCHEN GROUP.

And finally for some more light hearted topics.

In order that we can all stay productively employed during the lockdown, I thought I would provide a list of activities for our members, but I got stuck on the first one... does going bald count as a legitimate lockdown activity?

Do you remember me asking about shuffling dinner plates to even out the wear? Well, a week after the newsletter, my wife called me into the kitchen to lift up our plate stack so she could put the top two to the bottom. I may have started something...

I want you all to remember that the Cocktail Hour, or Happy Hour if you like, is a concept, not a set time.

What is the difference between Mechanical Engineers and Civil Engineers?

Mechanical Engineers build weapons, Civil Engineers build targets.

Wife: 'Do you want dinner?'

Husband: 'Sure! What are my choices?'

Wife: 'Yes or no.'

If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't accidentally touch your face.