



MALENY MEN'S SHED Inc NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT: PETER FITZGIBBON



The upcoming AGM will see a changing of the guard and I move from being the rooster to the feather duster. My time as president has been an interesting 'journey', to coin a phrase, with land rezoning and erection of our own shed.

Although the shed construction was a monumental milestone within the relevance of our little group and during my time as president, I can't take credit for its conception or accomplishment. A lot of shedders have invested an enormous amount of time and to name a few:

- Wayne started the ball rolling for rezoning and shed plan;
- Mal worked tirelessly behind the scenes attending countless council meetings;
- Lawrie's initial contact with Just Sheds to design the shed;
- Ric, in conjunction with Rotary, financing the slab for our shed; and
- Countless others who offered positive design input.

The accolades don't stop there – a huge quantity of sausages have been sold to finance additional costs. The commitment by all members of our club ensures that our club is held in high esteem throughout the community.

It was by no accident that we received Maleny District Sports & Rec Club Inc. Best Club/Organization trophy for 2018, it was through commitment to the 'shed' and community. Keep up the good work!

BUNNINGS FATHER'S DAY DISPLAY

In an effort to improve exposure of 'Shedders' to the community, Bunning's Caloundra invited regional Men's Sheds to display their wares in space provided within the Bunning's premises. The day proved to be beneficial as 'Shedders' from different locations were able to network and discuss their shed operations. Businesses now recognize the health benefits and rewards of belonging to Men's Sheds and support our endeavours to connect to the community.



ROTARY DINER NIGHT AND DONATIONS



The members of the Maleny Men's Shed include elderly members and those suffering from conditions that restrict their ability to perform meaningful tasks around the sheds and Pioneer Village. We have recently embarked on a program within the Men's Shed involving the set-up of workstations to allow members to remain seated whilst operating certain machinery. Two of our workshop groups have incorporated the concept into their environments with resounding success. Through the generosity of the Maleny Rotary Club grant, equipment will assist the

woodworkers in establishing a seated workstation within their group, allowing the elderly an opportunity to join in and feel part of a team. At a recent function hosted by Maleny Rotary, their president Alan Wilson presented Glenn Todd from the Men's Shed with a scroll saw for our 'woodies' (See photo above). The Maleny Rotary community spirit is outstanding and groups such as ours are humbled by their continued support. The inset photo (right) shows Ric handing a cheque from Rotary to Peter and Col for \$300, the profit from the Rotary tour of the Village and dinner in the Car Club building.



GAIL DENVER'S VISIT

The Men's Shed provides a platform for speakers to address members and impart much needed social and health information or, in the case of Gail Denver, an interesting WWI story. Gail recently addressed the Shedders with a history tale pertaining to the 5th Light Horse soldiers of WWI and the surrender of a large number of Turks to a relatively small number of Australians at a Palestinian town named Ziza. The story detailed how both groups supported each other against the Arabs until Australian reinforcements arrived. A little known piece of history that will be remembered in Maleny by naming of the Light Horse museum grounds as Ziza Park. Gail, with her usual flare, charmed the audience and provided a welcome break from the morning activities.



SUNSHINE COAST TRIATHLON

The Maleny 'Shedders' joined other volunteer groups assisting with marshalling the running leg of the triathlon, a task that generally involves guiding runners and directing traffic. Under the direction of event organizers, we assembled at allocated positions and enjoyed the spectacle of watching the athletes passing, albeit on a very wet Sunday morning. Not too sure about the other 'shedders' but my time passed very quickly with excellent company. Roy had a bash at one of the segments but, not wanting to show up the runners, decided to pull up.



A big **THANK YOU**, Peter, and to the members of your Committee 2017/2018, and your partners who gave you such solid support (especially those who bring in such beautiful sponge cakes for our morning teas), from all members of the Maleny Men's Shed.

FROM THE GARDENERS – CLIVE POWELL

USING A HEAVY ROLLER ON A FORMAL LAWN

Nine times out of ten it does much more harm than good to use a roller on your lawn. Why? The main reasons are :

1. Never try to level an uneven lawn with a heavy roller
2. Never use a roller when the lawn is wet.
3. Never roll when the soil is rock hard.

Most of the time all you are doing with a roller is compacting the surface of the soil, blocking natural drainage channels and pressing the air out of the ground and making it harder for the roots to penetrate.

To some degree this somewhat applies to cylinder mowers as well, although a light, small-to-medium cylinder mower is not quite as damaging.

FROM THE SMITHY: KEN SCOTT

This photo of an anvil was taken at Samford show recently – not unusual unless I tell you it weighs 400kg and it had a side addition of a square. VERY RARE?



On the home front, our chief bell maker, Kevin, is on light duties – get well soon Kevin!

We put on a display at the smithy for the Rotary visit recently which seemed to be appreciated.

Also, this week Kevin and Ian will open the smithy for the Musos on Wednesday.

We have had a few new helpers, Brett, Keith and Robert, while Ray and Richard are rebuilding Ray's Landrover – Good luck with that!

The big excitement of course is the upcoming tour for the Men's Shed to Bellthorpe on Tuesday 18th, we have 40 odd coming for a property tour/old West Bellthorpe sawmill history/tea plantation/opening of the Bellthorpe International Airport & Aquatic Centre, with the best smokos and Barbeque lunch.

FROM THE ENGINEERS: LAWRIE ABRAHAMSON

The setting-up in our new shed has been a well worth-while labour, in the knowledge that the building is ours and we can finally settle in. The partition to separate the oily metal working machines from the wood dust is in the pipeline and not far away, another milestone. Ric sought funds from the very generous Maleny Rotary Club and was successful. Our thanks to the Rotary Club and to Ric for the negotiation.

The recent Men's Shed outing to Bellthorpe, arranged by the humorous Ken Scott, was a great success. We were taken to places that most of us would not know about. We were treated to demonstrations at the 'International Airport', next to 'The Great Lake' where the pilot turned out to also be a speed boat captain. The morning tea and lunch were very well catered by the Bellthorpe Progress Association.



The visit to the old Brandon's Saw Mill and presentation on the history was of great interest. Those of us with an engineering bent were keen to see how the mill machinery was built. Then to try and imagine the difficulties the pioneers were faced with in transporting and assembling heavy metal components such as the crane.

The visit to the tea plantation and the tea tasting were also eye opening and 'tasty'. The talk we were given was very interesting and the lengths the owners have gone to develop

their own harvester I found very clever. See in the photo the framing started off with two bicycles, tubes and off the shelf clamps, a hedge trimmer and a blower to send the leaves into a bag. Real Aussie stuff, Love it!

FROM THE COMPUTER CLASSES: DENNIS HENSBY

COMPUTER SECURITY

Computer security is a concern to anyone that uses a computer (including a smart phone). So, at the risk of boring you, let's do a quick recap on the subject. It has been said that the only way you can make a computer completely safe is to put it inside a locked safe, encase the safe in concrete, then dump it all into the bottom of the Marianas Trench. Of course, then it wouldn't be very useful.

Commonly, the threats come from people who either enjoy making life difficult for others or who want your money, most often the latter. To do anything, an attacker needs some form of access to your computer, usually via your online activity. We can categorise these threats as viruses, malware, scams, phishing, ransoms, or straight out hacking. Their aim is to either get you to send money for dubious or non-existent services, get direct access to your bank accounts, and force you to pay a ransom to get your own data back, or take over your identity and therefore your bank accounts.

When you lock your house or your car, the intent is to encourage the bad guys to move on and pick on something easier. If they really want to get in, locks aren't going to stop them. Same with computer security. Make it harder and they might move on. The price is eternal vigilance plus installing a few software tools to help.



Computer users have been aware of viruses for at least 30 years. Accordingly most computers have anti-virus (AV) software installed. Like locks on doors, AV software will be required forever, but you **MUST** keep it up-to-date for it to do its job. Malware (i.e. bad software) is also doing the rounds, but because malware is not built the same way as a virus, AV software won't detect it so you also need anti-malware software installed as well.

Because AV and anti-malware software have mostly worked, the bad guys have turned their attention to smarter ways of conning you. Once they obtain a valid email address or a phone number, they will either send email or SMS, or even call you, trying to get you to click on a link or give up your credit card number or a password. The only defence is **YOUR** constant awareness and vigilance. Be very suspicious of any email, SMS or phone call you are not expecting. No, Microsoft or your bank will not message or call you (unless you called them first). No, you haven't won a prize in a raffle you haven't entered!

To stay abreast of the latest threats, you could check out (and subscribe to) the Australian Government sites, Stay Smart at <https://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/> or Scam Watch at <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>, or just Google "Stay Smart" or "Scam Watch".

"If you have any questions on this topic, or have a topic you would like to see covered in the future, please email Dennis at dennishensby@bigpond.com."



FROM THE MALENY CULTURAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY: DESLEY MALONE



Dr Tony with his car outside Doctor's residence in Bean Street

Ever wondered about Dr Tony Parer Park beside the Ambulance Station in Bean Street, opposite the hospital? Dr Anthony J Parer was Maleny's only doctor from 1934 until 1952. During his time in Maleny, including the War years, he treated patients not only from Maleny but Caloundra, Landsborough, Conondale & Witta. He took an active and keen interest in all public affairs and was a member of many community organisations in the district. He was the brother of the famous aviator, Ray Parer and cousin of wartime photographer Damien Parer. He delivered all the babies born around the district, including the Neilen Triplets in 1945 whom he named Tom, Dick & Harry.

Dr Parer was an outstanding Rural Doctor and a park named in his honour is a fitting reminder of Maleny's longest serving Medical Superintendent.

FROM THE WOODIES: WARNE WILSON



With just a week to spare before we had to empty the Historical Society shed for the Music muster, we received the keys to our new shed. (Congratulations to Just Sheds and Fair Dinkum Sheds for a very professional construction!)

This led to an extraordinary effort by all hands, young and old – but mostly old – to move heavy benches, machinery, cupboards overflowing with tools and equipment, plus many years' accumulation of junk and dust-covered boxes filled with bric-a-brac.

We are now in the exciting phase of settling in and finding homes for everything before we can get serious about woodworking again and begin taking up where we left off.

The last job we did before moving delighted Margaret Pearson, who provided the nice piece of red cedar and asked us to carve the words "Happy Days" for an exterior sign. Once again our expert duo, Clive Powell and Roy Brown, stepped forward. Clive did the professional artwork complete with a mock-up of his suggested colour scheme, and Roy got to work to produce the finest hand-held router work I have ever seen! A master carver with mallet and chisels could not have done it better. To say that Margaret is delighted is an understatement – she happily held the sign against the new shed wall and agreed to the photo's inclusion in the newsletter.



Roy Brown will be missing in action for a few weeks after a bit of rec leave in hospital – Get better soon Roy!

MAL'S BACK! Marco Polo, AKA Malcolm Baker, is back from his extended round the world adventure with Nancy. In his absence the new shed appeared like magic and the contents of the old woodies shed and the engineers shed were transported with the wave of a wand! It is with pleasure that we will begin finding convenient and permanent places for tools, timber, and equipment.

Another traveller, Leon Russoniello is back too, after a round robin tour of southern Europe and a visit to his family in Italy. Welcome back both of you – we have missed you!



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS 2018

Maleny Neighbourhood Centre "Open Day" ... October 6th 10 am – 6pm ... Neighbourhood Ctr.

Lions "Maleny RunFest" ... October 14th 7 am ... Maleny Showgrounds (formerly Mt View Challenge).

MC & HS Class Reunion for 1968 ... October 14 ... Maleny Pioneer Village.

Andrew Powell's Charity Cricket Match ... October 21 12 noon ... Maleny Showgrounds

Remembrance Day and Re-enactment Maleny Victory Parade 1918, November 11th ... Main Street and RSL Hall.

Maleny Singers "The Marriage of Figaro" ... November 9th - 11th 4pm ... Maleny Community Ctr.

Maleny Singers Annual Christmas Concert ... December 14th ... Maleny RSL, Bunya Street.

Maleny Christmas Street Carnival ... December 14 ... Maple Street, Maleny.

To include information in this events list simply email to denvergail1@gmail.com

HANDOVER DAY AT THE NEW SHED!

After four years waiting for and chasing approvals, Peter Fitzgibbon, our President, accepts our new shed from the builder in front of a line-up of happy Shedders.



Lawrie and his Engineers, and the Woodies, will share this wonderful asset, which we hope will result in much better secure working conditions. The shed is large, high, and airy, with plenty of windows, plus two roller doors, and a personal access door.

In his report, Peter mentions the tenacious work by Wayne and Malcolm which resulted in this handover day.

We must again thank Rotary for its support, especially in the grant for the slab.



Part of the motley line-up at Glen Todd and Clive Powell's end-of-month BBQ, sophisticated these days with salads, paper plates, and plastic knives and forks. One brave soul recently called for accompaniment with Harvey's mandolin and some dancing girls! Someone else said the line-up looked like a 1930's soup kitchen! However, the monthly BBQ is an important part of the Shed's activities as participants from the various groups get together.

MEN'S SHED VISIT TO BELLTHORPE 16 SEPTEMBER



Organised and guided by our fearless leader, Ken Scott, a contingent of 40+ members and partners visited the magical land of Bellthorpe, half an hour south of Maleny.

We shared rides to negotiate crests, dips, and hairpin bends like the Italian Alps though beautiful forest country.



Highlights were:

- the derelict sawmill where we learned some of the history of early Bellthorpe;
- wonderful country hospitality at the Bellthorpe West Hall for morning tea;
- a visit to the Arakai Tea Estate for tastings and a look at the plantation; and
- Ken's farm for a bountiful BBQ lunch with delicious meat supplied by the Bellthorpe Black Angus Estate.

Ken was in his element as he led a pontifical procession with huge Australian flags down to the dam for the opening of the "Bellthorpe International Airport" where a drone and various model craft were demonstrated.

A great and memorable day!

THANK YOU KEN, AND THE GOOD PEOPLE OF BELLTHORPE. You must have put a lot of work into providing such an enjoyable day for us.

DID YOU KNOW?

Where the phrase "Happy as Larry" originated?

It originates from an undefeated Australian boxer called Larry Foley (1847 - 1917) who, in the 1890s, before boxing was fully legalised, won the biggest prize of about \$150,000. And a newspaper article in New Zealand applauding his win ran the headline "Happy as Larry". And the phrase stuck.

Larry remained undefeated throughout his boxing career.

Now that you know about this bit of trivia, I bet you're feeling as "happy as Larry"!

P.S. Those people across the ditch still try to take credit for Larry's citizenship even though he was a true blue Aussie. Well they tried for the "Don" and missed. Still, we've got Russell Crowe.



John Lennon "Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans."



Amelia Earhart "The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity."

A woman walks into a dentist's office and says, "I think I'm a moth".

The dentist replies, "You shouldn't be here. You should be seeing a psychiatrist ..."

The woman replies, "I am seeing a psychiatrist."

The dentist says, "Well then, what are you doing here?"

And the woman says, "Your light was on."

John Parry is late for an important meeting. But he can't find a place to park. In desperation, he begins to pray.

"Please Lord, if you help me find a parking spot right now, I promise to go to church every Sunday and never drink vodka again!"

A moment later, he sees a beautiful empty spot right next to the entrance.

"Never mind Lord. I found one!"

Do not go gentle into that good night

Dylan Thomas, 1914 - 1953

Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Though wise men at their end know dark is right,
Because their words had forked no lightning they
Do not go gentle into that good night.

Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright
Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Wild men who caught and sang the sun in flight,
And learn, too late, they grieved it on its way,
Do not go gentle into that good night.

Grave men, near death, who see with blinding sight
Blind eyes could blaze like meteors and be gay,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

And you, my father, there on the sad height.
Curse, bless, me now with your fierce tears, I pray.
Do not go gentle into that good night.
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.



That's it for the September issue, Gentlemen and others of more gentle persuasion who might happen upon it.

For those battling maladies of one sort or another we wish you good luck and speedy healing.

**Warne Wilson,
Editor**

