



# MALENY MEN'S SHED Inc NEWSLETTER



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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT: KEVIN TREVARTHEN**



Welcome to the New Year, and a New Decade (or perhaps the last year of the old decade, depending on what side of the maths/calendar divide you lie). In my last Prez Sez piece I finished off with a hope for rain after an exceptionally dry spell for our usually verdant district, so I'll take full credit for the recent deluge, maybe a bit too much now but as my dear old mum used to tell me *"you always have to go too far, don't ya"*.

One of the priorities for 2020 that I'd touched on previously is that I'd like to see our membership expand as I believe that the numbers and demographics of the Maleny district could justify a larger number of men taking advantage of our benefits. As part of this we have had some DL size leaflets printed for handing out at events etc, and display outside of the IGA, Woolies, in the Neighbourhood Centre etc. However if you have any other ideas for places to leave a number of them (eg

other community groups, churches etc) please let us know and grab a handful from the office.

We also had a pile of business cards printed, these are useful to hand out and they feature a blank space to insert your name so that prospective members or guests can ask for someone specific if they arrive at the shed. I'd recommend that you carry a couple in your wallet to hand out to anyone that you bump into when they show an interest in joining. They're also kept in the office.

Another opportunity to promote the shed will be a proposed OPEN DAY on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May. This initiative was put forward by the car club, with the object of all three site occupants opening their doors to the wider community. This will be promoted widely, and should see lots of locals attending an event that will have plenty of items of interest. We'll have the opportunity sell some wares, so turn your attention to what we might be able to make as "saleable" items. Details are yet to be ironed out, but it's less than three months away and time flies (especially at our age!).

This proposal from the car club highlights a broader positive development across the site. As I'd flagged in my previous report, the executives of the Historical Society (MC&HS), the car club (BRHCC) and the Men's Shed will be meeting on a regular basis, with the first full meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February. This was very positive, and reinforced the aim of all parties working co-operatively for the benefit of the site and the community.

One of the first considerations will be determining a process where appropriate and fair financial contributions are made to the overall running of the site by each occupant. The maintenance costs of the new(ish) septic system is good example. There are a few options,

and we'll work through these over the next month. Also on the agenda is the drafting of a more formal Memorandum of Understanding that all occupants will sign up to so that protocols and responsibilities are quite clear to everyone. The site has great potential and this initiative is a very good thing, thanks to Kevin Howell and Grahame Bailey for getting this underway.

As always, I'll remind everyone to come to me if you have any suggestions, gripes or issues, or if you simply want to vent about anything (and none of this has to be Shed related, don't be shy!). I spent a career listening to all kinds of issues from all sorts of people and I doubt you'll have anything that would surprise or shock me. I sure can't fix everything, or make everyone happy, but I'll certainly listen.

Anyway, keep on Shedding.

Kevin

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### **VALE LENNIE LOWE**



Many of us turned up in Men's Shed shirts to pay our respects at his funeral January.

It was the biggest funeral many of us could remember, and the eulogies from different areas of his full life impressed us: his prowess with a cricket bat, his family life, his time with the army doing National Service, and many other activities.

We knew him at the Men's Shed for his help doling out hot water for tea and coffee at morning smoko.

He was a humble man and a great man; many members of his extended family wearing floral leis attested to their respect for a good father and grandfather.

Rest in peace Lennie, you were a good and faithful mate.

## **FROM THE COMPUTER CLASSES: DENNIS HENSBY**

### **COMPUTER TIPS**

#### **MODERN SCAMS**

Following on from my short note on Phishing Emails in the last newsletter, several incidents have indicated that more information might be helpful to you. As well, I have heard of a few locals falling victim to these scams.

There seems to be an ever increasing prevalence of scams being sent by email, phone SMS or even those pesky direct phone calls. All are engineered with the sole purpose of extracting money from you. We all need to be constantly alert to the signs. Here is a necessarily limited description of what to look for.

#### **IN GENERAL:**

- No, you haven't won something you didn't apply for.
- No, you are not going to receive a package you have not ordered.
- No, you are not so handsome or desirable that some previously unknown female wants to get to know you.
- No, there is not a fortune to be made in commission by helping someone get money out of a foreign country.
- No, there is no new magic potion that will cure the ills you did, or didn't, know you had.
- No, you do not have a virus on your computer which requires immediate intervention by the person who detected it and has just phoned you.
- No, you do not have to update something on your device immediately or you will not be able to use it again.
- No, you do not have to immediately pay money to a government agency for some indiscretion or you will be fined heavily.
- No, you don't have to click on a link to confirm your login name and password (unless you started the on-line conversation).
- No, that new friend you met online, but have never met, does not need money to pay the rent or buy food or for the plane ticket to come and meet you.
- No, your bank will not suddenly request your account details or password – they already know it.
- No, your 'free reward' will never need your credit card details in order to claim.
- No, Microsoft is not closing your Hotmail account if you don't validate it immediately.
- And be judiciously wary of anything unusual a friend sends you – they may have been hacked.
- The Golden Rule: - If it is too good to be true, it usually is.
- The Hensby Corollary: - If it looks suspicious, it probably is.

#### **PHONE CALLS:**

If you miss a call from an unknown number and they don't leave a message, **DO NOT** call the number back - EVER. If it is genuine, they will call you back. If you call the number back, even if the number appears to be Australian, you *could* be redirected to a high charging number in a foreign country and they will keep you on hold as the charges escalate. You will not get your money back from the phone company.

For the nuisance marketing calls that come around dinner time (or any time really), there is little defence other than simply hanging up immediately you hear the short pause before anyone speaks (the computer is switching the call to a human scammer), or you hear the cheery voice you have never heard before. Don't be nice to the caller! Just hang up. You can register your phone numbers with the government Do Not Call Register, but they can't

protect you from calls coming from politicians or charities (which are exempt), or from calls coming from overseas.

### EMAIL:

The scammers are getting very good at mimicking well known on-line companies. They copy company logos and provide quite convincing stories. But they usually make mistakes. One typo anywhere, especially poor English, means it is a fake. A genuine email from a company will almost never provide a link to click on – click that link and they've got you. If you think the email is genuine and it has a link (some companies haven't yet got the message), go to the company website directly and never click the provided link.

To check a link, hover your mouse over the link without clicking. In most cases the true destination of the link will show in a small pop-up box. Be especially wary of any web address that doesn't make sense in English, e.g. [www.wz6rcy.sen.info](http://www.wz6rcy.sen.info).

### SMS MESSAGES:

All the above rules apply. If you are unlucky enough for the scammers to have obtained your phone number, there is not much you can do other than block that number on your phone (but they have lots of numbers to call you from) and delete the SMS. NEVER EVER reply – if you do, you will get many, many more SMSs, and from people you have never heard of.

NEVER tap on a link in a message. Instead, log in directly using another method – it is sometimes best to just phone them. Being lazy may cost you dearly.

Dennis

Suggestions for topics to be covered in future are always welcome.  
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## **FROM THE ENGINEERS: LAWRIE ABRAHAMSON**

The Engineering team is made up of a healthy number of motor cycle enthusiasts within our small group. One of those is Lindsay Hay who, along with Kevin, are dyed in the wool Ducati devotees. Lindsay has kindly penned a few words about a current Ducati engine modernisation that he has undertaken with the aid of our Men's Shed metal lathe, and his Fitting and Turning Trade experience.

The scope was to change the factory fitted valve springs to the style used in later Desmo heads. Along with the replacement of valve guides and the re-cutting of the valve seats. This required the machining of the valve closing rockers to accept the new style springs. These newer style springs allow shim changes without the need of a spring compressor and also reduces the load applied to the whole bevel gear train in operation.

The machining required for this modification was all carried out at the shed along with the manufacture of specialised tooling to carry out disassembly and assembly.





**Photo 1**

**Photo 2**

**Bevel shaft alignment tool enabling bevel gear shimming for correct mesh.  
Mandrel for removing and replacing valve guides.  
Mandrel used to reduce closing rocker diameter to accept new style spring  
Valve spring compressor for old type spring**

**New type valve spring fitted to closing rocker assembled to the cylinder head**



**Photo 3**  
**Bevel gears shimmed**

## **FROM THE WOODIES: WARNE WILSON**



**Fresh from the Christmas New Year break, the Woodies straggled back one by one to pick up the tools again.**

**The milling machine was in continuous use under Leon's care as massive parts of a huge old cedar tree were transformed into beautiful red cedar boards.**

**Malcolm has been busy constructing a hardwood bench seat for the hospital garden walk. Don McCabe is rounding the edges with a router trimmer.**

Wayne is using his lathe skills to create 30 pulleys for a beekeeper's wire frame jigs.

When a bearing seized on the timber mill, Lindsay Hay came to our aid to source and fit a new bearing. Many thanks Lindsay.



A vernier caliper has gone missing from the glass wall cabinet! We think someone may have taken it home in a tool box by mistake – could the woodies please check?

Ric Townsend has been busy making a Thompson sub machine gun to flourish at a Flappers and Gangsters dance coming up soon; he is making a great job of it, following authentic plans. The long arm of the law might land on his shoulder if he even thinks of using it to hold up a bank!

Harry Malcher works exclusively on toy kits for the Maleny Wood Expo in May, for children put them together and decorate. Harry has made 130 little car bodies and 520 wheels to go with them, dozens of ply butterflies on the scroll saw, and each part is lovingly sanded by hand.

Warne

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## FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – DESLEY MALONE

### INIGO JONES (1872 - 1954)

Australia's most famous long range weather forecaster was Mr Inigo Owen Jones. He born in Croydon, England and settled on a farm at Crohamhurst, near Peachester.

He was educated at the Brisbane Grammar School and later joined the staff of a Queensland Government meteorologist. On 2 February 1893 he recorded an Australian record for one day's rainfall of 37.714 inches (958 mm).



He first began issuing long-range weather forecasts in 1923 and in 1927 he received State Government assistance in his work and he moved from Crohamhurst to Brisbane. He later returned to Crohamhurst to build an observatory with financial help from the Colonial Sugar Refining Company.

His forecasting theory, based on astronomical observations and the repetition of weather cycles, was never proved conclusively, but nevertheless tens of thousands of farmers and graziers throughout Australia followed his long range forecasts.

He died at his home at Crohamhurst and is buried at the nearby Peachester Cemetery. His work continued by his successor Mr Lenox Walker and later by his son Haydon.

The Peachester History Committee holds a very significant collection of Inigo Jones publications.

Desley



## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS 2020**

**Meet the Council Candidates for Div 5** February 19th 6 pm at Maleny Community Centre.

**Concert with Kim Kirkman** - Quota Fundraiser February 29th at 2 pm at Maleny RSL

**The Great Obi Clean-up March.** 4th 6.30 pm at 5 Coral Street, Maleny (Meeting Place).

**In Recital - Qld Chamber Orchestra** March 1st at 2 pm at Maleny Community Centre.

**Spanish Souvenirs Recital** March 1st at 7.30 am at 5 Coral Street, Maleny (Meeting Place).

**ANZAC Day Parade** April 25th at 9.45 am at Maple Street, Maleny and Maleny RSL.

**Maleny Show** May 29th and 30th at Maleny Show Grounds.

To include information in this events list simply email to [denvergail1@gmail.com](mailto:denvergail1@gmail.com)

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### **A bit o' the blarney...**

1. A Muslim was shot in the head with a starting pistol. Irish Police say it's definitely race related.
2. Due to a water shortage in Ireland, Dublin Council's Swimming Baths have announced they've closed lanes 7 and 8.
3. Paddy thought his new girlfriend might be the one, but after sneaking a look through her knickers drawer and finding a nurse's outfit, a French maid's outfit, and a police woman's uniform, he decided that if she can't hold down a job, she's not for him.
4. Paddy is doing some roofing work for Murphy. He nears the top of the ladder and starts shaking and feeling dizzy. He calls down to Murphy and says, "I tink oi'll 'ave to go home. I've come over all giddy and feel sick." Murphy asks, "'Ave yer got vertigo then Paddy?" "No," replies Paddy, "I only live round the corner."
5. After 100 years lying on the sea bed, Irish divers were astonished to find that the Titanic's swimming pool was still full.







REGION The Fairfax Times

### Homicide victims rarely talk to police

More than 100 people were killed in Fairfax County last year, but only a handful of those victims spoke to police, according to a new study. The study, which was conducted by researchers at the University of Virginia, found that only 10 percent of homicide victims in Fairfax County spoke to police within 24 hours of the crime. The researchers said that this is a significant finding because it suggests that many victims of violence are not getting the support they need from law enforcement. The study also found that victims who did speak to police were more likely to report the crime and seek justice. The researchers said that this is a concerning trend that needs to be addressed. They recommend that police departments should make it easier for victims to speak to them, and that they should provide more support and resources for victims. The study was published in the journal "Journal of Interpersonal Violence".

### Barbershop singers bring joy to school for deaf

By Anna Brown

A group of barbershop singers from the Fairfax County Barbershop Chorus performed at the school for deaf students, bringing joy and music to the students. The group performed several songs, including "Swanee River Boogie" and "The Barbershop Chorus". The students were very receptive to the performance and enjoyed the music. The barbershop chorus is a group of men who sing in a style called barbershop, which is characterized by its unique sound and harmony. The group has been performing for many years and has a long history of entertaining audiences. The performance at the school for deaf students was a special event for both the chorus and the students. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to experience live music and for the chorus to share their talent with a new audience. The performance was a success and it was a pleasure for everyone involved.

### Miracle cure kills fifth patient

By The Associated Press

A fifth volunteer died Tuesday from an experimental drug touted as a miracle cure for hepatitis B, beyond medical research, as scientists warned the safety of what went greatly wrong in a clinical trial.

Apoptically, the first case was in place eight a year ago, but researchers at the National Institute of Health didn't know enough about how the drug worked to recognize what it meant, the study's lead scientist says.

"Something terrible happened and we missed it," Dr. Jay Hershberg said in an emotional interview describing the horror of realizing the drug was killing people months after they stopped taking it.

"The dreadful thing [is] watching to see what will happen," he said, his voice trembling, before learning of the most recent death. "I just hope we're over the worst."

The drug, Fialuridine, or FIAU, had shown great promise for fighting the hepatitis B virus, which can cause deadly cirrhosis and liver cancer. When dogs passed toxicity tests beforehand, the Food and Drug Administration approved FIAU for human trials.

Too late, scientists would discover that in humans, FIAU stealthily attacks the very building blocks of cells in livers, kidneys and nerves.

Five people treated with FIAU have died of liver and kidney failure, despite liver transplants for three of them. On Tuesday, a 57-year-old woman succumbed after two months in critical condition and two liver transplants at the University of Virginia Medical Center. One volunteer retreated to another institution there, and another is recovering from an Aug. 4 transplant at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.



**A poem to get you thinking:**

## **GOOD TIMBER**

by Douglas Malloch

The tree that never had to fight  
For sun and sky and air and light,  
But stood out in the open plain  
And always got its share of rain,  
Never became a forest king  
But lived and died a scrubby thing.

The man who never had to toil  
To gain and farm his patch of soil,  
Who never had to win his share  
Of sun and sky and light and air,  
Never became a manly man  
But lived and died as he began.

Good timber does not grow with ease:  
The stronger wind, the stronger trees;  
The further sky, the greater length;  
The more the storm, the more the strength.  
By sun and cold, by rain and snow,  
In trees and men good timbers grow.

Where thickest lies the forest growth,  
We find the patriarchs of both.  
And they hold counsel with the stars  
whose broken branches show the scars  
Of many winds and much of strife.  
This is the common law of life.

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**That's the newsletter for February fellows!**

**To any of our members not feeling the best or coping with difficulties – Get well soon and  
come back to us, we miss you!**

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