



# MALENY MEN'S SHED Inc NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT: KEVIN TREVARTHEN



Gee, it's September already – I don't know about you but for me, in some ways, this bizarre year seems to have flown, and in other ways it seems like January was a long time ago. I'm sure that in the future the euphemism "2020 Hindsight" will take on a whole new meaning.

Perhaps the most significant thing to report in the context of the Shed since the last newsletter has been the Annual General Meeting. It was scarcely a case of wholesale change at the top (ie, there were no other suckers ready to step onto the committee!!) and I am genuinely honoured to continue as President. It's not actually a particularly onerous role, much of the legwork is done by others on the committee. A career in management has skilled me in delegating tasks but taking credit for outcomes (well, positive outcomes at least, while carefully avoiding responsibility for failures...).

I must, however, acknowledge Peter Fitzgibbon's efforts over the past several years in managing the Grants process. Peter has stepped down from that role, which is an onerous and thankless task, but without his great work we certainly would not be in the position that we're in now. Thanks heaps, Peter.

There's not a lot of significant issues to cover since the last newsletter. Everybody seems to be settling back into the shed after the Covid hiatus, with appropriate hygiene and social distancing being generally adhered to. But there is still the occasional reminder needed, both for the group as a whole and individuals. Don't take these reminders personally, as I noted in the last newsletter we're all guilty of forgetting our responsibilities and gentle (or not so gentle) nudges are for our own good. Moreover, the authorities ARE inspecting groups and issuing fines so we must remain vigilant.

We have successfully restarted the Woolies sausage sizzle with the appropriate hygiene adjustments, and that's been working quite seamlessly. This is an important fundraiser for the Shed so it's a welcome return. We have now joined the 21<sup>st</sup> century and can accept cashless payments, with around 20% of transactions going through that method, and we can only assume this will continue to increase.

Progress on the Army Shed continues at a glacial pace. We have now engaged a professional Town Planner (ie we have to pay for his services) to manage our way through the Byzantine council processes to gain Town Planning approval. I find this particularly frustrating because it's time and money that we could put to far more productive outcomes, but it's the current state of the SCRC town planning by-laws, and as they say "ya can't fight city hall". We are cautiously optimistic that we should see some positive progress by the end of the year.

Planning for the Open Day to be held in conjunction with the Historical Society and the Car Club, now scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> November, is continuing. The council permit has been issued, and we will be applying an appropriate Covid plan. Of course, in these strange times nothing can be guaranteed and there's always the possibility of a last minute cancellation, and that's been factored into our risk management plan so that there's not too much sunk cost locked to that date. This will be an important opportunity to promote the Shed, so let's hope that it actually happens this time.

Clive Powell has done a great job with the drafting of the sign for the side of the main road, and we will be erecting this in conjunction with the Car Club who are doing a similar sign. This has been another example of the co-located groups working together.

It's not too far to Christmas and we need to think about a format for a Christmas lunch. Covid restrictions will mean that the previous formats will not be appropriate, so we will need an alternative arrangement, if indeed we have one at all. So put you're thinking caps on and don't be backward with suggestions.

Finally, all members are reminded that they're welcome to attend the monthly Management Committee meetings as observers. They are usually at 9am on the third Wednesday of the month. It's important that we're transparent with our decision making so if you're interested or have input don't hesitate to come along. In the meantime, keep on Shedding.

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### FROM THE SMITHY — KEVIN HOWELL



Laurelle Owen  
Men at Work  
Maleny Men's Shed

We have been very lucky to have the above photo of the Blacksmith's Shop appear in the new Rotary calendar. The main operator with the serious look on his face is Ian Pollard with Ken Scott and his mate for the day looking on. This is the second time we have appeared in the calendar.

We have found that the Condamine frog mouth bells are not easy to make because of the double bends on the sides. Russell has been working on this and is going to look at a blacksmith's shop out west in his time away next week where they specialise in these bells. A blacksmith's shop at Killany also makes Condamine bells and I hope to see these soon. If we really get desperate we may have to call in the engineers!

The shop is being surrounded by new sheds for tractors, wagons and engines. It is also proposed to mount a twin cylinder Ruston electric power plant under a shelter next to the steel pressure vessel to set up a pump to demonstrate pumping water in and out of the vessel.

We are trialling charcoal from Bunnings in the forge, but we found that the lumps are very large and difficult to crush. However, we will keep working on this idea.

### FROM THE WOODIES – WARNE WILSON

Back in action after the lockdown and seeming to be safe from Covid 19 for the moment, the woodies shed has been all go, with many projects under way. It is great to see everyone beavering away, and it is also great to see two's and three's just communicating together – that's what Men's Sheds are all about. If you are young, or not so young, and thinking about coming to have a look at what we do, you are very welcome. Just come in, someone will say G'day and show you around.



[Above: Dennis Hensby busy using the Dewalt thicknesser to plane material for a project, and Leon Russoniello chiselling a stubborn knot off a log prior to slabbing it on the horizontal band saw; with John Taylor and Wally Stowe supervising].

Alan Poustie is progressing in leaps and bounds. Alan has learned the basics of woodturning. His seed planters are in demand and he can turn his hands to other projects on the lathe as well. Congrats Alan!



Leon found immediate assistance with a job he has been given to restore a number of old bentwood chairs. This is a good exercise for beginner woodworkers to learn this special skill with some of the wise old guys! (The difference between a beginner and a wise old guy is that the wise old guy knows how to conceal his mistakes!)

We keep the woodies shed as clean and free from dust as possible, but this note from the National Cancer Institute is worth reading:

Wood Dust (National Cancer Institute) People who cut or shape wood for a living may inhale unhealthy amounts of wood dust. Individuals who use machinery or tools to cut or shape wood are exposed to wood dust. When the dust is inhaled, it is deposited in the nose, throat, and other airways. Occupations with high exposure to wood dust include sander operators in the transportation equipment industry, press operators in the wood products industry, lathe operators in the furniture industry, and sander operators in the wood cabinet industry. Strong and consistent associations with cancers of the paranasal sinuses and nasal cavity have been observed both in studies of people whose occupations were associated with wood-dust exposure and in studies that directly estimated wood-dust exposure.

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## ABOUT COMPUTERS! – DENNIS HENSBY

### SETTING UP YOUR MOBILE PHONE AS A HOTSPOT

What is a 'hotspot' and why do I need it? In essence, you can set up your smart mobile phone to be a portable Internet broadband modem, so you can get Internet on your laptop anywhere your mobile phone can get a signal. The phone does the same job as your Internet modem at home, or as a Wi-Fi dongle (without having to buy one). That is very handy when you are away from home and no other source of Wi-Fi is available.



Your mobile phone is a radio receiver and transmitter, just as a UHF 2-way is. The difference is mainly in the frequencies used, the number of people who can speak at once and the software used to manage the different uses. Wi-Fi is transmitted via a radio signal, though on a different frequency to voice. If we put Wi-Fi and mobile phone together we get a hand held Internet machine, albeit with a much smaller screen. When you set your mobile phone up to do that it becomes a "Wi-Fi hotspot".

So why don't we use it that way all the time? Because it is quite "expensive" in terms of your data allowance, whereas most other sources of Wi-Fi are much less so. When you use your mobile phone as a hotspot to get Internet for your laptop, you are using the limited data allowance on your mobile account. For most people, using your home Wi-Fi is the cheapest (since you are already paying for it), followed by using somebody else's Wi-Fi, e.g. a shopping centre, McDonalds, KFC, etc. Another choice is to purchase a Wi-Fi dongle, but then you have to pay regular Internet access fees to use it. The convenience of a dongle suits many people. You can use your mobile phone as a hotspot anytime you like, but on economic grounds it is probably best to limit such use.

How do you set your mobile as a hotspot? Amongst Android phones there are some variations in procedure, but Apple iPhones are all the same.

On my Android Samsung S4, I can swipe down from the top of the screen to open a list of functions - Wi-Fi hotspot is one of those. A simple press starts up the hotspot and eventually says "touch to set up". Touching the resulting hotspot tag gives a help screen giving the name of the hotspot and the password. Once you have turned your hotspot on, go to your laptop and search Wi-Fi devices for your phone hotspot name. When you connect your laptop for the first time you will need to enter the supplied password, but the next time you connect you should not need the password.

On an Apple iPhone, you open Settings and there in the first group of settings is Personal Hotspot. Pressing that gives the name of the phone, the password and a button marked "Allow Others to Join", which must be turned on. Once set up, you go to your laptop and the procedure is the same as for Android above.

If you think that one day you may wish to use your smart phone in this way, I suggest you try it out first and make sure you can do it, rather than wait until you are a long way from home and really need to use it.

Of course you have to remember to turn the hotspot off when you are finished. Hotspot is a heavy user of your mobile phone battery AND of your data allowance.

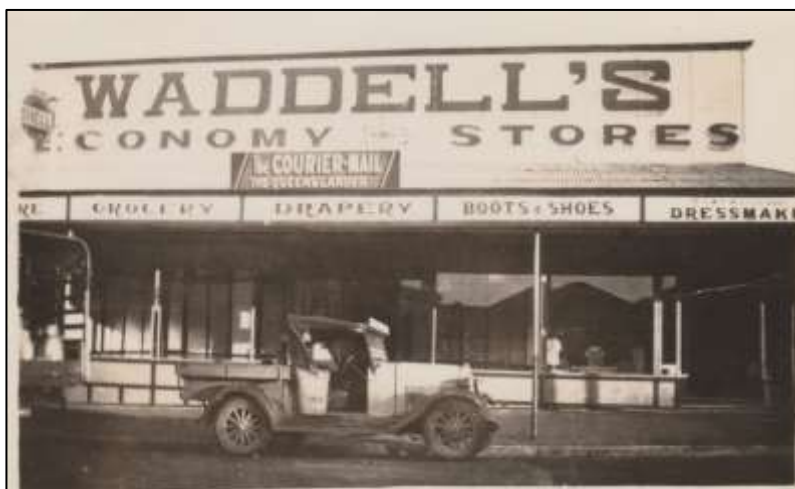
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## FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – DESLEY MALONE

### **BOXSELLS**

15/17 Maple St Maleny

The building where Boxsells stands today was originally built for the Maleny Co-Operative Dairy Assn in 1907. The first butter factory had been built on 5 Maple Street, just down the street, and from 1907 – 1911 this building was divided into three and was the dairy farmer's shop. It was what Bunnings and



Mitre 10 are today for farmers and locals. The butter factory was too small and shifted to Coral Street. In 1911 the building was owned by a former manager of the building, A M Hunt & Co, 1921 Myers & Hurst, 1929 Myers & Waddell, 1933 W J Burnett & son, (Rixon Burnett later), 1933 Waddell's Economy Store, 1961 Edgar Cranney, and in 1971 it became known as Boxsells.

The original building was built of local Beech and demolished in 1995 by Larsen's because of white ant infestation. It's was rebuilt in the same character as the original.

Over the years many shops have originated from this building including a tailoring business, dressmaking, Maleny's first Post Office and bank, Neilen's Transport, a coffee shop, DPI, Red Rooster, Camera Centre, Wine & Cellar Bottle Shop, Arch Medical Centre, Boxsells Real Estate to name a few.



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## KNOW YOUR MACHINES!

**DRILL PRESS:** A tall, upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room.

**DROP SAW:** A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

**PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

**BELT SANDER:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle ... it transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**WISE-GRIPS:** Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**OXYACETYLENE TORCH:** Used almost entirely for setting fire to various flammable objects in your shop. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

**TABLE SAW:** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:** Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

**BAND SAW:** A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminium sheet or plywood into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh\*t'

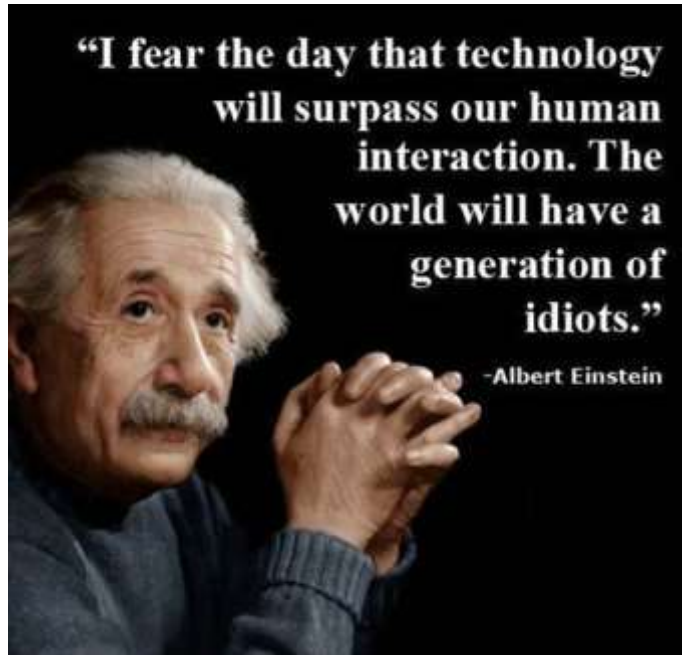
**I'VE BEEN "SOCIAL DISTANCING"  
ALL MY LIFE...**



**IT'S CALLED GOLF**

**"I fear the day that technology  
will surpass our human  
interaction. The  
world will have a  
generation of  
idiots."**

-Albert Einstein



In the sciences, the authority  
of **thousands of opinions**  
is not worth as much  
as **one tiny spark of reason**  
in an individual man.

- Galileo Galilei



AZ QUOTES

That's all for this quarter's issue – stay safe and carry on shedding!

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