



# **MALENY MEN'S SHED Inc NEWSLETTER**



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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT — KEVIN TREVARTHEN**

Maleny and District Shedders, here we are almost half way through the year, blimey where'd that time go? My dear old dad had a theory that time moves faster as you get older, and I'm sure that he was correct. Having said that, he believed that there were specific exceptions to that rule, such as grocery shopping and waiting at hospitals, when time moved at glacial pace. Again, I'd have to concur with his hypothesis. I trust that your time at the Shed doesn't fall into the latter category!



Before going any further I'd have to acknowledge Warne for putting together this newsletter, again enduring the frustration of badgering us slack contributors to meet his generous deadlines. If there are any other budding editors out there, don't hesitate to put your hand up (mmm...I don't think I sold that job particularly well!)

So what's been happening over the past few months? Well, progress on the Army Shed continues at its leisurely pace that we've endured for a few years, though I think there is a glimmer of light at the end of that long tunnel (touch wood...or perhaps touch steel for those in the metal and blacksmith's shop). Despite a lot of legwork, particularly our "Architect-in-Residence" Ian Pollard, we couldn't get significant change from the council's requirements, but Cr Winston Johnson has confirmed a grant of \$6000 to assist in completion of the gravel car park. While that won't be enough to complete the project it will go a long way towards it, but we'll still have to find more fruit from the proverbial money tree.

One of those money trees is the regular sausage sizzle that we conduct fortnightly at Woolies, and occasionally at Bunnings Caloundra. These are important sources of operational revenue, and we've lost a few regular participants, so I'd encourage you to give it a try if you haven't already. They're not particularly onerous tasks and are a great way to get to know your fellow shedders.

As I'd promised in previous newsletters we've kicked off a monthly guest speaker segment, with Amanda from the Maleny Library and my (a bit too long) "NBN for Dummies" segment. Hopefully these will be entertaining or informative (or both). Any ideas for future talks are welcome.

Colin has been working on gaining Deductible Gift Recipient, which will allow donations to be tax deductible but, more importantly, open us to a greater range of grant opportunities. Given that's in the hands of the government entities it will probably move at lethargic pace, but watch this space.

Lindsay, Dennis and Warne have been working on continuing to update our safety procedures and concurrently renew out our Asset Register – thanks to them for this working on this important admin activities.

We've already reminded shedders about the 2021 Open Day that will happen on 28<sup>th</sup> August. Planning is progressing with the Car Club and Historical Society. Again, anyone with some spare capacity would be very welcome on the organising committee.

Finally, I like to welcome the new members who've joined in the last few months, it's great to see new faces and the M&DMS continuing to expand.

I think that'll do from me for now, so keep in Shedding chaps.

## FROM THE SMITHY — RUSSELL DAVIES

### UPDATE FROM THE "HOT BOX", THE BLACKSMITHS



Apart from our usual, bells, tool sharpening, straightening etc., we are working on what we believe to be a horse drawn, probably two horses, a "Farm flat top wagon" (see photo's), quite a challenge given the condition.

Ken, Ian, Harvey and self are all putting our best in, it can only result in success, ah yep!



## FROM THE WOODIES – WARNE WILSON

The woodies have been hard at it during the last few months:



Leon Russoniello and his helpers have made many camphor laurel cutting boards to be sold on the open day August 28<sup>th</sup>. Leon, Alan Poustie, and Don McCabe are shown getting a red cedar log in position ready for slabbing. Russ Hurwood made lots of pens to be given to helpers in the animal pavilion at the Show. Malcolm Baker has built a huge bench seat and painted it red to replace the deteriorating seat outside the smoko room. This is for the line of members who gravitate to it to warm their rickety joints in the sun. John Kent is producing a precision excavator for his young

grandson to sit in and attempt to excavate the house! Mike Foale managed to retire from his post on a Pacific Island with a collection of coconut shells and antique furniture; he can be found most days restoring chairs or polishing coconuts.

A black wattle tree at the east boundary fell after the heavy rain earlier this year, and a working bee salvaged two trailer loads of this rare and beautiful timber.

I include a piece written by Russ Middlecoat, safety officer at Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild and printed in the Guild's 'Flich and Chips' newsletter, not only for woodies, but for all who take a delight in twirling pieces of wood and metal at high speed.

Russ writes:

*"We had an incident in which a member suffered minor injury and a big fright when the bowl he was working on shattered and was ejected from the lathe chuck with such force that it broke the heavy plastic dust extractor funnel and caused injury to his right hand. The lathe involved was one of the Vicmac lathes featuring electronic speed control. A follow up investigation was carried out and three points should be considered.*

- 1. Apparently the work piece did have a crack in it. Turning blanks with such defects should be discarded. If you must use a cracked blank it is highly recommended that the crack be filled with epoxy adhesive. Allow to cure overnight. Also, consider using a chuck blank glued to the base of the turning blank or a face plate screwed to the base.*
- 2. When using a lathe featuring electronic speed control, be mindful of the sensitivity of the speed control. The control knob is a very soft control and can easily cause an over speed for the type of work involved. Remember to operate the speed control slowly and always return the speed control to minimum when you are finished with the machine.*
- 3. I cannot overstress the importance of using face shields (whether your own or club provided) when operating machinery capable of ejecting work pieces and/or offcuts. All wood lathe accreditation officers should make a point of demonstrating to lathe trainees the correct and safe operation of the electronic speed control."*

## ABOUT COMPUTERS! – DENNIS HENSBY

### EMAIL HOUSEKEEPING

Wad'ya mean I have to do housekeeping on email? Surely you can't be serious? Well, yes, I am.

If you do not do regular housekeeping on your email account/accounts, you will eventually run into various problems. Firstly, and obviously, you may run out of space. This is especially true if you have lots of emails with photos, or worse, videos attached. Text takes up much less space. Many email systems keep all emails compressed into a single file. There is usually a limit on such file sizes and when you reach the maximum the system can accept no more emails. Email providers such as Gmail and Hotmail also have size limits on data before they start charging for storage. In addition, as files get larger, it takes longer to index the contents and the system slows right down.

Secondly, the more emails you have, the harder it is to find that one from Aunty Flo wherein she promised you a million dollars upon her death. And the lawyers now want proof urgently as they are processing the will.

Thirdly, emails sometimes/often end up in the wrong place and you may never see the one you really should attend to. Commonly, email systems take their best guess at what might be rubbish and automatically put them in the Junk Email folder for you to check and delete, or move some to your Inbox. How long is it since you checked your Junk folder? There may be other special purpose folders you need to check, but Junk is the usual one that gets neglected.

You need to 'train' your email system to not put emails you want in your Junk folder. You can do this by scanning your Junk folder until you find an email you want. Right click this email and mark it as "Not Junk" (or similar). This will usually do 2 things – it will move that email to your Inbox and it will remember to put future emails from that address straight into your Inbox and not into your Junk folder. You can select more than one email at a time, so that then when you right click on the selection all are moved to your Inbox. Delete all the emails that are left in your Junk folder as they are all junk, right?

Most email systems allow you to create your own folders. Use these to file away emails you want to keep and retrieve easily. Giving these folders descriptive names helps. I have created folders called Caravanning, Genealogy, Health, Car Stuff, Purchases, Travel, etc. Once you have a few of these you can go through your Inbox (and your Outbox/Sent) and move emails into these folders for safekeeping. Delete any emails in your Inbox and Sent you don't need to keep. Keep the number of emails in your Inbox to a minimum, basically just the ones that you haven't read or actioned yet.

When you have finished a clean-up, it may be possible to do a 're-index' or 'compress' of your email file. This will minimize your file storage space and make access slightly faster. If you haven't been doing housekeeping all along, it may take quite a bit of work to get caught up. Once that is done though, you should start reaping the benefits of your work.

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**FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – DESLEY MALONE**

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**JANE HANKINSON DOLL**

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One of the most treasured items in the Historical Society's collection is a doll, gifted to the Society by the Hankinson Family. She belonged to Jane (Trail) Hankinson who was born in Maleny in 1885. Jane's Grandmother was Jane Dunlop, a widow, with 5 young children, who was the first white woman to live on the Range in 1875. Jane's parents were George & Jane (Dunlop) Trail. Jane Trail went to the Blackall Range School, married George Hankinson in 1903 and they had 3 children: Ted, Dave and Thelma. After Thelma's death, the doll was kept by her granddaughter, Adele (Hankinson) McLachlan who passed away recently. The Hankinson Family has given the doll to the Society for posterity. This doll is among the most treasured items in our collection with significant provenance to Maleny's history. She's been identified as a German doll, has a ceramic head, hands and feet, and a soft body. Many descendants of the Dunlop, Trail, and Hankinson families still live in and around Maleny.

The Society has been successful in a Council Cultural Heritage grant to have the doll restored by conservators. But the funding for the display cabinet to display the doll was not successful.

The Hankinson family have offered beech and cedar timber from their property where Jane Hankinson lived for this cabinet. They're willing to pay the Men's Shed if someone is willing to take on this project. Please let me know if you'd be able to take on this project.

*Editor's note: The design and complexity of the display case and cabinet with museum drawer was considered by Warne and Malcolm, but we had to conclude that it was beyond the Men's Shed's capability and limited available time. Sorry Desley!*

## MALENY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 26 1-4pm	Pattemore House Open Day, Porters Lane, North Maleny
July 3 & 4	KnitFest Yarn & Fibre Festival, Maleny's Main Street
July 3, 5pm	Public Star Gazing Night, Brisbane Astronomical Society at Maleny Golf Club, Porters Ln
July 4, 10am	"Talking Crime" from Celebrating Books team at Maleny Community Centre
July 24 & 25 8am-3pm	Maleny Handmade Markets at Maleny Community Centre
July 29 10am	Friendship Morning Tea with the Maleny Hospital Auxiliary at Maleny Community Centre Veranda Room
August 7 6pm	Drag Queen Bingo Beyond Blue Fundraiser at Maleny RSL
August 8 2pm	The Idea of North (a Capella ensemble) Maleny Arts Council at Maleny Community Ctr
August 20 6.30pm	Vix and the Slick Chick at Maleny RSL
August 28	Kevin Howell Open Day, Maleny Historical Society, Men's Shed and the Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club at Pioneer Village
September 11 3pm	"Welcome to Maleny", Maleny Lions at MDSRC Clubhouse and Ziza Field
September 16 10am	Springtime High Tea and Fashion Show at Maleny Community Centre
October 2 9am-4pm	Spring Fair by the Maleny Garden Club at Showgrounds Pavilion

## MEN'S SHED BARBECUE ROSTER

The next four rostered dates are as follows:

- SAT 3 JULY Clive Powell, Ross Hurwood, Dennis Hensby
- SAT 17 JULY Roy Brown, Malcolm Baker, Peter Fitzgibbon
- SAT 31 JULY Lawrie Abrahamson, Joe Eastmure, Kevin Trevarthen
- SAT 14 AUG Russ Davies, Ashley Williams, John Kent



## WHAT IS AMSA? (The Australian Men's Shed Association)

The Australian Men's Shed Association is the national service provider to more than 1000 Men's Sheds in Australia – providing practical support, specialised services and resources.

At the 2nd National Men's Shed Conference in Manly, September 2007, Professor Barry Golding, a Men's Shed researcher from Federation University Ballarat, stated in his key note address that "Men don't talk face to face, they talk shoulder to shoulder". This drew unanimous mutterings of approval from all 350 delegates and the quote became the Australian Men's Shed Association motto.

The concept of AMSA was tabled in 2005 and was formally established in 2007 with the founding principle of freely sharing information between organisations and members for the development and effective operations of Men's Sheds. The Association was originally auspiced by CatholicCare Newcastle and has been strongly supported collaboratively by Uniting Care North Sydney, beyondblue and Mensline. Through the ever increasing number of emerging Men's Sheds, the Australian Men's Shed Association developed into the peak body representing and supporting Men's Sheds in Australia, a model which is now replicated internationally.

With the launch of the Federal Government's National Male Health Policy in May 2010, the contribution of AMSA and Men's Sheds was formally recognised with the allocation of '\$3 million for the Australian Men's Sheds Association to provide practical support to sheds, especially those in areas of high need. Men's sheds play an important role in the community by providing meeting places where men can find social support and camaraderie'.

## ..... and SOME FUNNIES

### THE IRISH DAUGHTER

An Irish daughter had not been home for over three years. Upon her return, her father yelled at her, "Where have ye been all this time? Why did ye not write to us? Not even a line. Why didn't ye call? Can ye not understand what ye put yer old Mother thru?

The girl, crying, replied, Sniff, sniff...."Dad.....I was too embarrassed, I became a prostitute." "Ye what!?! Out of here, ye shameless hussy! Sinner! You're a disgrace to this Catholic family, so ye are."

"OK, Daddy...as ye wish...I just came back to give Mummy this luxurious fur coat, title deed to an eight-bedroom mansion plus a £5 million cheque. For me little brother Seamus, this gold Rolex. And for ye Daddy, the sparkling new Mercedes limited edition convertible that's parked outside, plus a membership to the Limerick Country Club." She takes a breath and continues, "And an invitation for ye all to spend New Year's Eve on board my new yacht in the Caribbean."

"Now what was it ye said ye had become?" says Dad. Girl, crying again, sniff, sniff...."A prostitute Daddy!" Sniff, sniff."Oh! Good heavens, lass, you scared me half to death girl! I thought ye said a 'PROTESTANT'. Come over here and give yer old Daddy a big hug.

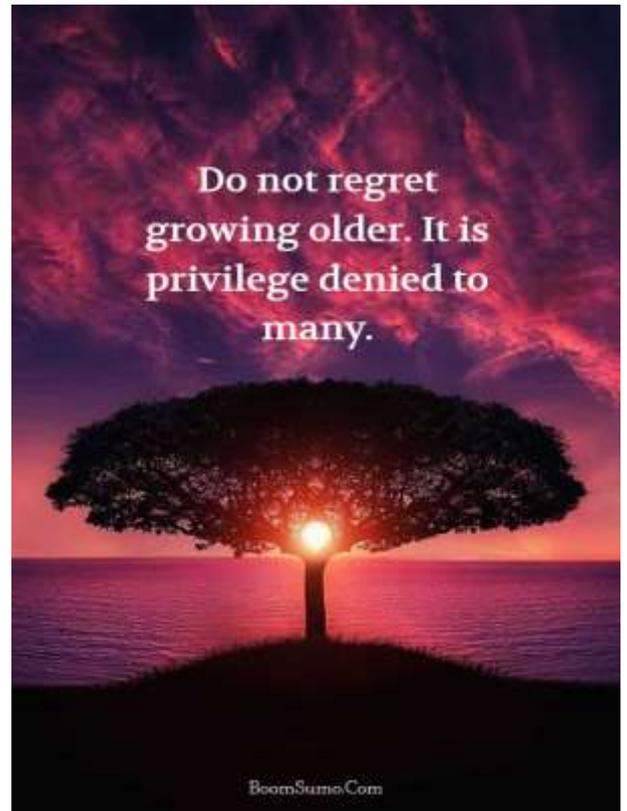


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### A LITTLE BIT OF WISDOM

*"If you think you can, you can. And if you think you can't, you can't."*



## We Are Going by Oodgeroo Noonuccal

*They came in to the little town  
a semi-naked band subdued and silent  
All that remained of their tribe.  
They came here to the place of their old bora ground  
Where now the many white men hurry about like ants.  
Notice of the estate agent reads: 'Rubbish May Be Tipped Here'.  
Now it half covers the traces of the old bora ring.  
'We are as strangers here now, but the white tribe are the strangers.  
We belong here, we are of the old ways.  
We are the corroboree and the bora ground,  
We are the old ceremonies, the laws of the elders.  
We are the wonder tales of Dream Time, the tribal legends told.  
We are the past, the hunts and the laughing games, the wandering camp fires.  
We are the lightening bolt over Gaphembah Hill  
Quick and terrible,  
and the Thunderer after him, that loud fellow.  
We are the quiet daybreak paling the dark lagoon.  
We are the shadow-ghosts creeping back as the camp fires burn low.  
We are nature and the past, all the old ways  
Gone now and scattered.  
The scrubs are gone, the hunting and the laughter.  
The eagle is gone, the emu and the kangaroo are gone from this place.  
The bora ring is gone.  
The corroboree is gone.  
And we are going.*

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**That's all for this newsletter everyone! A shout out to shedders not feeling the best at the moment and especially to Wayne Schultz. Come back soon Wayne, we miss your smile.**

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