



MALENY MEN'S SHED Inc NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT — KEVIN TREVARTHEN



Here we are in Spring 2021, the bees are buzzing and the birds are singing and the glorious Blackall Range days are getting longer, and thankfully we're going pretty well with The Pestilence ... touch a piece of that beautiful red cedar!. I hope that all of the shedders have now been jabbed (unless you've got a genuine medical reason of course).

Anyway, that's enough talk of the Wuhan Spicy Cough, onto more important matters ...what's been happening around the Shed?

Well what didn't happen was the Open Day, we won't mention why (see previous para!) which was disappointing but we'll bring it back

better than ever early next year.

The Maleny Cultural & Historical Society had its Annual General Meeting in August, with a new President taking over from Brian James who took over the role as interim President following the sad passing of our great mate, Kevin Howell. Ray Stewart will be familiar to many of the Shedders, being a member and familiar face round the site for many years. Ray is promising a "new broom" approach to the Society after some difficult challenges over the past couple of years. We wish him and his management team best wishes, and we can be a bit selfish about that as the success of the Men's Shed and the Historical Society are somewhat interwoven.

Following that AGM we held a Joint Site Occupants meeting with reps from the Historical Society and the Car Club. This was overdue as the President, Brian, had his hands full with the Historical Society's ructions, but now we're back on track and we covered a lot of topics that impact all the occupants of the site.

Speaking of AGMs, our own is coming up on ## October. If you're interested in giving back something extra to the Shed and would like to be involved in the management of our little group don't hesitate to put your hand up. It's not particularly onerous, is very satisfying and is a great way to make connections to members across the group.

A couple of weeks ago Andrew Powell delivered the marquee which he has donated to the Shed, it features our logo emblazoned on it and I'm sure we'll put it to good use – thanks Andrew! Some comments were made about a yellow platypus, but I explained that this is one of those very rare "Greater Obi Jaundiced Platypus", which only appeared after Woolworths was constructed – make of that what you will!

Things on the Army Shed are moving at the usual glacial pace, and we're waiting for the final approval for operational works, and plumbing approval from the Council, and then we

can actually commence serious work. That shouldn't be too far away (mmm ... where's that piece of red cedar to touch again!). Of course, you would have seen the work that our architect-cum-landscaper, Ian Pollard, has been leading on the retaining wall on the western end of the proposed shed. The talk delivered by Mark Taxis on his experiences in the off shore oil industry was well received by members; who'd have thought that a somewhat obscure subject could be so interesting. We'd like to continue these sorts of talks so if you've got ideas (either someone you know or yourself) let us know.

Finally, it's good to see some new faces joining in the last couple of months, I'm sure they are being made welcome, and we will continue to slowly expand in future.

Keep on Shedding,

Kevin



FROM THE WOODIES – WARNE WILSON

The past three months have seen many projects completed.

Malcolm Baker made the red bench to aid the drive against domestic violence and to replace the old bench in front of the smoko room which had seen better days; also a large art glass sign in an illuminated box for the Soldiers Memorial Hall bar.

Warne responded to a request from the Engineers for a museum type box to display their antique model steam engine which has been fitted with clear acrylic sides and top.

Steve Charters worked on restoring an old timber framed mirror.

Leon Russoniello, Dennis Hensby, and Malcolm collected valuable red cedar logs from difficult positions on farms and arranged for slabbing.

Dennis has been clearing the storage shed to make room for these slabs and for slabs stacked in the woodies shed to clear the floor-space there.

Ross Hurwood has made strong progress in his journey toward mastering the craft of wood carving and learning the skill of razor sharpening carving chisels.

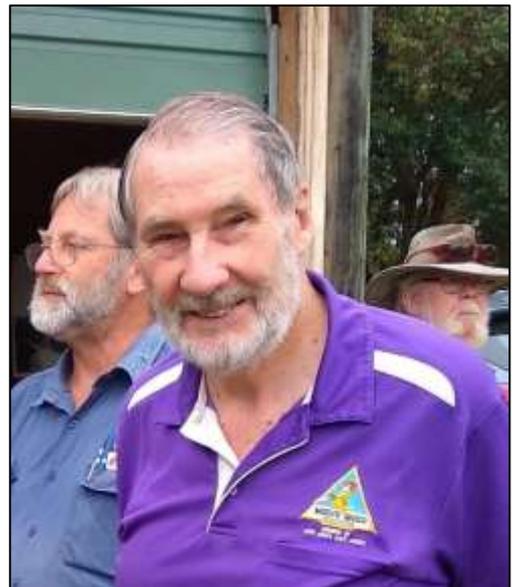
Ian Jones drives up from Caloundra every Tues and Friday to be with us. Ian is learning wood turning under the eagle eye of Leon to surprise us with his learning aptitude.

Working at home and at the shed between other projects, Ashley has finally completed his complex and lengthy task, restoring an old hairdresser's chair which came to him as a heap of parts, steel lifting gear and deteriorated wood. Ashley stripped the wooden parts back to the wood and restored them. The engineers were able to nut out how the moving parts worked and came together. At last, one morning, with the help of Roy Brown, Malcolm and John Taylor in the background, he fitted the cushion into place to finish the rebuild.

Enjoy the photos on the next page which show the varied projects undertaken by our Woodies.



Ashley Williams's antique hairdresser's chair



Presentation of Malcolm's red bench at "Speak Up Now" (Stop Domestic and Family Violence) on 31 August 2021. This fourth red bench made by Malcolm will be situated at the Pioneer Village.



Warne's museum type box made for our Engineers



Steve Charters's restored timber-framed mirror

COMPUTERS EXPLAINED – DENNIS HENSBY

SMART PHONES AND IPHONES



Many of our members freely admit to being technically challenged when it comes to computers and other new technology. There is no shame in that as we all have to start somewhere. My aim has always been to make it easier to understand and use the most useful gadgets.

Of late I have found my mobile phone, a 'smart' phone, becoming more useful as I learn more about it. Often, it is just a case of trying out some new feature and seeing where it takes you. Years ago mobile phones just made phone calls and sent messages; now they can do so much more – if you want them to. Most phone users are familiar with the inbuilt camera/s, so I am not going to cover them here. But here are a few other useful things I have found in the last few years.

Contact list: It is not just for recalling phone numbers; you can add a host of additional data about your contacts. For instance, if you add addresses for many of your friends, you can get your inbuilt GPS to navigate you straight there. You can add photos, birthdates, email addresses, notes, etc.

Calendar: I rely on my calendar app a lot. I have birthdays and other recurring dates entered so that I get a reminder on the appropriate day. I also have entries for regular events and one off events (e.g. doctor's appointments), so I don't forget them. You can set multiple reminders for any event listed in your calendar, so that you get multiple reminders, e.g. 1 day before and also 1 hour before.

Notes: Ever had a moment when you wished you had a pen and paper to write down something important? A Notes app is your pen and paper. You can enter anything you like under a range of headings of your own making – shopping lists, important facts (e.g. your car VIN for when you go to get parts from the dealer), timetables, book lists, even your bank BSB and account number (relax, nobody can take money from your account with that information, but sometimes you need to give your account info to someone).

GPS: My newest toy – Google Maps on my phone. This replaces my old portable GPS and even supersedes the GPS in my car dashboard, which is years out of date. Google Maps is always up to date. It even relays navigation instructions through the car radio using Bluetooth. Even better, it gives me alternate routes, as well as up-to-the-minute traffic congestion info and speed camera locations (updated by other users reporting locations in real time).

Email: I don't use email on my phone because I don't like using email on the small screen, but all the generations after me certainly do. Just be aware that some email systems (e.g. Bigpond) download and store emails on your device, while Internet email (e.g. Hotmail, Gmail) keep the emails on the Internet. If you use the former, I strongly suggest you don't use email on your phone, but Internet email is fine. I'll stick with emails on my PC.

Social Media: As for email, I don't like to use my phone for Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, etc., but you can. For all the post-Boomer generations, social media is probably the main use for a mobile phone – more than for phone calls – so there must be something in it.

Internet: Your smart phone is perfectly able to search the internet and give you answers you may or may not want, just like a desktop PC or laptop. Finding the Search bar is different on every phone, but once you have that located, you just type what you want to search for. Remember, Android is a Google product so every Android phone is primed to search using Google. Apple also has very good search tools (including access to Google) on their iPhones.

Your mobile phone is a powerful hand-held computer and will do far, far more. There are thousands and thousands of apps available, just waiting for you to discover a use for. Try out some that looks interesting to you, then let us all know if you find something worth crowing about.

If you want to know how something works, you can try asking me or another member, ask a grandchild or any teenager, or just Google it. Someone will have already filmed an answer, so Google would more than likely throw up a YouTube video or two that will show you how to do what you want. The main thing is to have a go. You may be surprised at what you can achieve.

**EXCERPT FROM GATES NOTES NEWSLETTER on LinkedIn by Bill Gages
What the So-Called Miracle of Vaccines Shows Us**



New vaccines usually take about 10 to 15 years to make. So, the development of multiple high-quality COVID-19 vaccines in less than a year is unprecedented.

And it's easy to see why that might seem like a miracle. But in fact, the COVID-19 vaccines are the result of decades of careful investment, policies, and partnerships that established the infrastructure, talent, and enabling ecosystem needed to deploy them so quickly.

We have scientists around the world to thank for their years of foundational research. One researcher, Hungary's Dr. Katalin Karikó, dedicated her career to studying messenger RNA, also known as mRNA. For years, her unorthodox ideas failed to gain broad support and funding, and many dismissed the idea that mRNA could be used to make vaccines and therapeutics. But Dr. Karikó persevered. Her story is emblematic of the many scientists whose discoveries—often years in the making—have made it possible for two highly effective mRNA vaccines to be developed in less than one year.

It's a gift that will keep on giving: There are already mRNA vaccine candidates in the development pipeline that could finally tackle some of the world's deadliest diseases, from malaria to cancer.



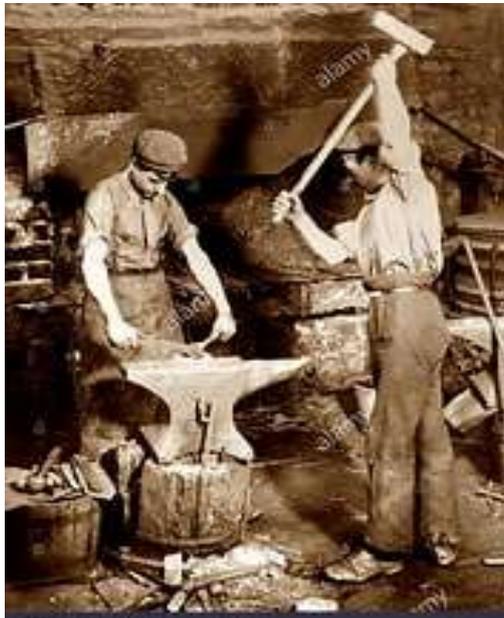
FROM THE SMITHY – RUSSELL DAVIES

Here we are again; these three monthly requests for contributions seem to come round as fast as a Maleny hare!

Most of our members have been away caravanning and taking advantage of the wonderful Spring weather while those of us, when we do turn up, find ourselves multi-tasking between working on the restoration of an ancient wagon and making bells or doing miscellaneous jobs.

A visitor, Annie, bought one of Ken Scott's Condamine bells for \$120.00 giving us an incentive to make more. We decided to make another ten bells and at about four hours each we will be busy until Christmas!

Russell calls himself the 'apprentice' but not the one shown in the photo from 1900!



MALENY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2 9am-4pm	Spring Fair by the Maleny Garden Club at Showgrounds Pavilion
October 15 6-10pm	Girl Friday – Jazz and Blues at RSL
October 16 7am-12pm	Witta Market at The Old Witta School, Witta Road
October 30 1-4pm	Visit Historic Pattermore House (Fairview), Porters Lane
November 21	Maleny Singers and Brisbane City Pops Orchestra (details TBA)
December 10	Maleny Singers Christmas Concert at RSL (details TBA)

... and SOME FUNNIES

A man calls his wife from work, "Honey, my boss has asked me to go fishing with him for the weekend! This is a great chance to get in his favour, would you mind packing my bag so I can pick it up before we leave?"

"Sure," she says.

So she packs for him and he leaves for the weekend. When he comes back, she asks him how his trip was and how many fish he caught.

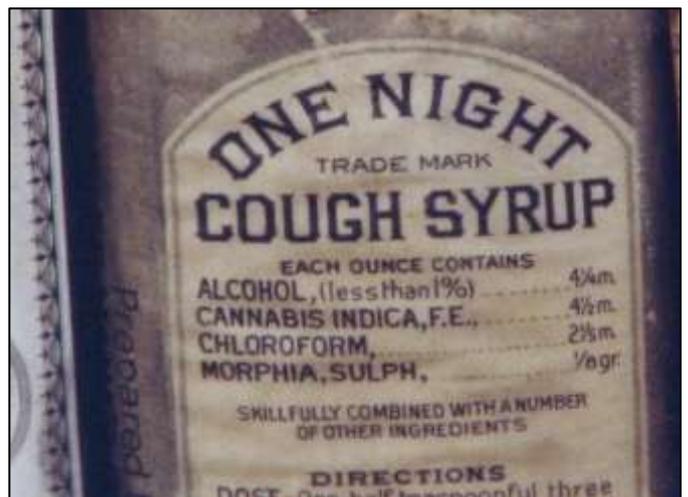
"Fantastic, we caught trout, salmon and even a swordfish. The only problem was you forgot to pack my pyjamas," he says.

"No I didn't," she says. "I packed them in your tackle box."

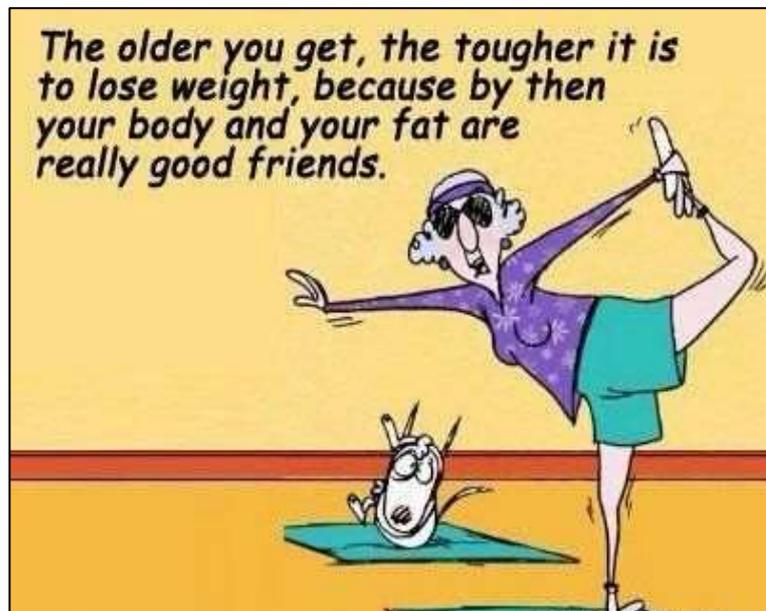
Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He doesn't seem to be breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy whips out his phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps, "My friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator says "Calm down. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence, then a gun shot is heard. Back on the phone, the guy says "OK, now what?"

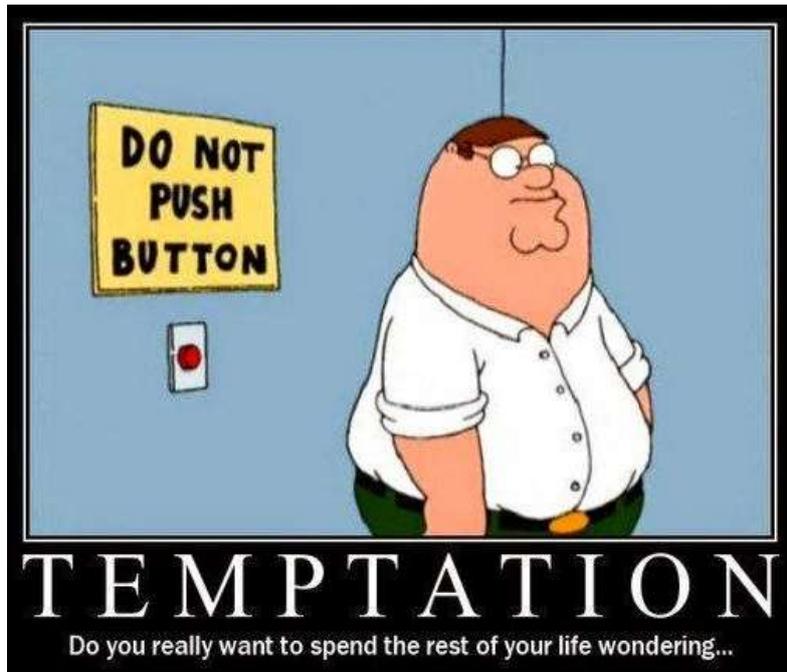
As I get older I realize:

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management, I need people to stop pissing me off.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child I thought naptime was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
10. "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.



The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.





That's all for this newsletter Shedders! And to members not feeling the best at the moment, get better soon and come back to us – we miss you!

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