



# MALENY MEN'S SHED Inc

## NEWSLETTER



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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Peter Fitzgibbon**

I attended Noosa Men's Shed for the opening of the ex-army 'long shed' and the experience was an eye opener. The workmanship and building internal fit out was remarkable for such basic structure. The finished product demonstrated what can be achieved with a bit of sweat and support of the community. The Noosa Men's Shed is a conglomerate of buildings providing space for all manner of tasks for a very healthy 170 members. I'm not suggesting that we should embark on such grandiose plans for our sheds, but with a positive outlook and thinking ahead we can deliver working sheds that are suitable for our needs.

Although we may appear to be jumping ahead of ourselves by considering an army shed before we complete the current shed project, we have contemplated an additional shed for possible expansion as part of our business plan for a sustainable organization for both current and future members.

Also, it would be remiss of me not to mention a hearty thanks to all those members who have volunteered their precious time attending community events over the past month.

I've included photos of a basic army shed and the Noosa's finished product.



## President's Report (Cont'd)



A big thanks goes out to Florence Woods whom is soon to celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Flo is very supportive of the Men's Shed and other not for profit organizations around Maleny.

Maleny Model railway morning: Unfortunately the proposed visit to local model railway layouts was postponed until September or October. I'll advise of new dates when the owners are available.

### **SMITHY'S REPORT: Ken Scott**

June has been a bit quiet at the shed – some of our enthusiastic members are AWL while the ones basking in the sun have been having fun.

I would like to see a bit more action and more helpers as it is not a one-man job to keep the fires burning and hammers banging.

It is good to know we have our Fire gear & Escape route mapped!

It will be hot soon enough so now is the time to be involved.

### **GARDENING REPORT: Clive Powell**



#### **WHEN TO FEED YOUR LAWN?**

At least twice a year: once in early spring with a high nitrogen lawn food and once in late summer or early autumn.

If you are looking for something like a bowling green, then little and often is the best policy in summer. Feeding your lawn with a little amount of sulphate ammonia once a month should give that result.

Fertiliser is always better to apply with a spreader rather than by hand as this relies too much on human guesswork. Try to avoid fertilisers with incorporated weed killers, because their excessive salt content will often harm the soil microbes, breaking down the soil's structure and chemical balance.

## **ENGINEERING REPORT: Lawrie Abrahamson**



The month has passed quietly with small tasks completed by our equally small group of merry men.

Very strong progress was made on the tool storage front (as seen in the photo). Through the impressive efforts of our Grants Officer Peter, we now have a tool chest of drawers, heavily discounted by the Bunnings Caloundra store, parked at the metal lathe. The shallow drawers make it perfect for all of the small tools and items used on that machine and other tasks for our work.

A quote was submitted to Peter for a grant mentioned in the June newsletter for a milldrill. It was pleasing to find that the machine and the starter kit fell within the budget limit. There may be somewhat of a wait for our turn to pop up, but it will be well worth the wait.

Another Project follow-up was to be included here but my difficulty with sending the pictures means that they will be included next month.

## **WOODIES REPORT: Warne Wilson**

June saw several improvements in the woodies shed: Dust extraction pipes and fittings have been connected to the table saw and the belt sander, making the air in the shed much cleaner. Roy, Dennis and helpers have cleaned and fixed the glass fronted cabinet to the wall at eye level, allowing many of our special tools to be secured in full view. Malcolm has made a timber rack for the storage room enabling the sorting and neat storage of timber and offcuts which had cluttered the space. The big old cast iron jointer which blocked the verandah has gone to a new home. An old wooden mangle has been restored for the Historical Village (Thanks Clive for restoring the lettering for us).

Harry Malcher has completed his occasional table – he asked, “What now?” I said, “Make another one!” and he has the top made already! John Cutler has helped Keith Sherwood in the restoration of an antique table, they have done a superb job and it is ready for finishing. Ashley Williams is restoring an antique dining table. Jimmy Lee has shown a natural talent for the lathe, he has created two classically shaped red cedar bowls, thank you Noel for helping. Syd Collie is working on an old cyclone which will double dust extraction capability in the shed.



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*Ray and Bob, two Government maintenance guys, were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing. "We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole", said Bob, "But we don't have a ladder." The woman said, "Hand me that wrench out of your toolbox." She loosened a few bolts, then laid the pole down. She then took a tape measure from their toolbox, took a measurement and announced, "Eighteen feet, six inches" and walked away. Ray shook his head and laughed. "Well, ain't that just like a 'Miss-know-it-all' woman?" he said. "We need the height and she gives us the length!" Ray and Bob are still working for the Government.*

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*An Irish painter by the name of Murphy, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist and after a short number of years his fame grew and soon people from all over Ireland were coming to the town of Milltown Malbay, in County Clare, to have him paint their likenesses.*

*One day, a beautiful young English woman arrived at his house in a stretch limo and asked if he would paint her in the nude. This being the first time anyone had made such a request he was a bit perturbed, particularly when the woman told him that money was no object; in fact, she was willing to pay up to 10,000 pounds.*

*Not wanting to get into marital strife, he asked her to wait while he conferred with Mary, his wife. They talked much about the Rightness and Wrongness of it. It was hard to make the decision. Finally his wife agreed, on one condition.*

*In a few minutes he returned. "T'would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus," he said "The wife says it's okay. I'll paint you in the nude all right; however I have to at least leave me socks on, so I have a place to wipe me brushes."*

*'Tis a further reason why we love the Irish so dearly.*

# Get to know your fellow shedders!

This month I asked **GLENN TODD** a few questions:

*Where were you born Glenn?*

**Townsville.**

*Please describe the town/city/village where you were born?*

**Townsville is a major city in North Qld and a large military base for our armed forces. I can't remember a lot about the town at the time of my birth but my parents said that the city was still recovering from the war time period as it was 1948. I left Townsville with my parents as a 2-year-old child.**

*Family?*

**I am married to Heather. I have four adult children, two sons and two daughters, and five grandchildren.**

*What brought you to Maleny? And When?*

**We came to Maleny in 2006 from Anstead, a western suburb of Brisbane. We had planned to come to Maleny for several years. We wanted a rural lifestyle with an artistic culture in a beautiful scenic spot, so Witta via Maleny was our final choice.**

*What was/is your profession?*

**Retired now, but most of my working life was with ABC radio and television, I was a technical operator, that is a television cameraman, sound operator, and video editor. I worked in ABC studios in Sydney, Canberra, Brisbane and Rockhampton - news gathering, dramas, documentaries, musicals, outside broadcasts, sports specials. After a forced redundancy in the mid-nineties I worked at many different and varied occupations including Qld Police Officer 1997/1998.**

*What do you enjoy most about the Mens' Shed?*

**Good fellowship and a sense of belonging to a very worthwhile organisation.**

*What would be your advice to young people today?*

**I would advise young people to be involved in social conscience causes. Have a go yourself! Experience the good things in life. Keep an open mind and think of others, not just yourself.**

*What advice would you have liked to receive when you were 15?*

**I wish I had been more confident as a young adult. I should have been a builder, my father was a good salesman and that is what he thought I might end up being. I wish he had allowed me to do a building trade.**



## Looking Back



I might have been rich if I'd wanted the gold  
instead of the friendships I've made.  
I might have had fame if I'd sought for renown  
in the hours when I purposely played.  
Now I'm standing today on the far edge of life,  
and I'm just looking backward to see  
What I've done with the years and the days  
that were mine,  
and all that has happened to me.

I haven't built much of a fortune to leave  
to those who shall carry my name  
And nothing I've done shall entitle me now  
to a place on the tablets of fame.  
But I've loved the great sky and its spaces of blue;  
I've lived with the birds and the trees;  
I've turned from the splendour of silver and gold  
to share in such pleasures as these.



I've given my time to the children who came;  
together we've romped and we've played,  
And I wouldn't exchange the glad hours spent  
with them for the money that I might have  
made.  
I chose to be known and be loved by the few,  
and was deaf to the plaudits of men.  
And I'd make the same choice should the  
chance come to me  
to live my life over again.

I've lived with my friends and I've shared in their joys,  
known sorrow with all of its tears;  
I have harvested much from my acres of life,  
though some say I've squandered my years.  
For much that is fine has been mine to enjoy,  
and I think I have lived to my best,  
And I have no regret, as I'm nearing the end,  
for the gold that I might have possessed.

**Edgar A. Guest**

**Common sense is the collection of prejudices  
acquired by age eighteen**

Albert Einstein

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**MALENY MEN'S SHED EVENTS REMINDERS**

- ❖ 3 September: Festival Maleny Classics Witta Recreation Club, Witta Road Witta.
- ❖ Model Railway Visit Maleny: Postponed until September/October
- ❖ Making Wooden Toys: If you're into making wooden toys, check out web site for some free plans and tips. <http://www.aschisworkshop.com>

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**MALENY DISTRICT SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB INC**

**Upcoming Community Events - 2017**

Maleny Classics September 3rd - Witta Recreation Club, Witta Road, Witta.

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

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That's all for this month, folks. Please begin forwarding contributions for August.

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