



MALENY MEN'S SHED Inc NEWSLETTER



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From the President: Peter Fitzgibbon

The past month has had its ups and downs, finalizing paperwork to accept the army shed offer was a high but that was short lived. I was then notified that the rezoning plan was still with the government with a 'may be gazetted' by October. It's been years since I had any dealing with council building approval departments and I had forgotten how slow and drawn out any local government approval process can take. But all we can do is keep a 'stiff upper lip' and keep on plugging away.

But apart from shed construction business, the month has been an extremely busy one with the normal Men's Shed business and a sprinkling of social functions. I had the pleasure of attending Flo Woods 80th birthday party, albeit as a dual position, as Men's Shed representative and RSL barman. Then I joined in with other locals for the Show Society volunteers' luncheon and topping off the month, a visit from Judy and her team of ladies from Sunshine Coast University providing a healthy smoko.

The icing on the cake was a call from MCU with a donation for \$50 dollars. So all's still good with the world.



Link to Historical Society web page pertaining to Maleny Men's Shed

<http://www.historicalsocietymaleny.com/mens-shed.html>

Australian Men's Shed Association has a link to the Country Kitchen Cook book

<http://communitykitchens.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/FMS-recipe-book-2017.-FINAL.pdf>

Country Kitchen

<http://www.qcwa.org.au/countrykitchens/meet-the-team/country-kitchens-blog/>



Show Society's Volunteer Lunch



Peter and Flo at her 80th Birthday

From the Gardeners: Clive Powell

ARE OLEANDERS POISONOUS? Yes, they should be treated with caution. Adults have been taken seriously ill after inhaling the toxic fumes of burning oleander branches, and children and animals have died after eating oleanders. The tree's toxin causes vomiting and violent stomach pains as well as affecting the heart and nervous system. Given the proliferation of oleanders in suburbia, one should teach children not to eat any garden plants and to put cuttings in the garbage.

How one teaches animals to do the same thing? I can't answer that one!

From the Smithy: Ken Scott



The "black" in "blacksmith" refers to the black fire scale, a layer of oxides that forms on the surface of the metal during heating. The origin of "smith" is debated, it may come from the old English word "smythe" meaning "to strike" or it may have originated from the Proto-German "smithaz" meaning "skilled worker." [

Blacksmiths work by heating pieces of wrought iron or steel until the metal becomes soft enough for shaping with hand tools, such as a hammer, anvil and chisel. Heating generally takes place in a forge fueled by propane, natural gas, coal, charcoal, coke or oil.

Colour is important for indicating the temperature and workability of the metal. As iron heats to higher temperatures, it first glows red, then orange, yellow, and finally white. The ideal heat for most forging is the bright yellow-orange color that indicates forging heat. Because they must be able to see the glowing color of the metal, some blacksmiths work in dim, low-light conditions, but most work in well-lit conditions. The key is to have consistent lighting, but not too bright. Direct sunlight obscures the colors.

From the Woodworkers: Warne Wilson

The ups and downs: This month, we at last received the long awaited new Jointer which was ordered last November from Gregory Machinery. The blade head cuts faster than the small jointer we had, allowing more efficient planing and it is also suitable for fitting a spiral cutter later. The downer we had was motor failure on the new belt sander/linisher. Once again Roy Brown stepped up to the plate – Roy removed the motor and returned it for us to SEQ Woodworking Supplies in Beenleigh for replacement. Another downer, Keith Sherwood's satisfaction in completing his attractive coffee table suffered a hit when the extremely dry weather we have had lately caused the top to crack in two places. Undaunted, Keith repaired and invisibly mended it; the table now sits at home in pride of place.

Several in our group are on steep learning curves and doing well:

- Jimmy Byun has progressed quickly and he is producing beautifully shaped bowls on the lathe. Jimmy's latest achievement came from a heavy mango blank. He has also made fine-looking sculptured wine bottle holders for competition prizes at the golf club.
- Leon Russoniello brought lathe turning experience to the group and Wayne Schultz has been showing him the art of making handsome looking pens.
- Harry Malcher is at it again with another occasional table; his daughter snapped up the first one and Harry is now working on table No 2.

- Ashley Williams is valiantly rubbing down and scraping an antique dining table – we can see the wood in places and he is near the end of this dusty work, finishing and polishing will be more interesting.

Malcolm Baker was away at Cunnamulla for three Tuesdays; we missed you Malcolm, welcome back.

Roy Brown has been doing some homework in addition to his busy Tuesdays at the shed.



Harvey Bryce brought in this bit of wreckage (above), saying that it could do with a bit of a straighten. He said it was historic and it would make a good exhibit for the Historical Society. Roy took it home, kept the wood he could and replaced other parts including the legs and the segmented wheel. Good for another 100 years!



Another of Harvey's ideas, this weather beaten mangle with wooden rollers (above) was faithfully restored by Roy. He highlighted the faded lettering with his router, then gave Clive Powell a whistle and asked him to re-letter it. Between them they did a superb job. It will make an interesting exhibit. Some of us will remember our hard working mothers winding wet clothes through a mangle like this!

From the Engineers: Lawrie Abrahamson

An example of the projects that the machine shop gets into.

Kev Trevarthen wanted to convert the gearshift pattern on his little Moto Morini motorcycle to match his other '70s Italian bikes (i.e. so that it'd be "upwards for down gears and

downwards for up gears"). So we designed a new gear lever with a spigot mounted on the footpeg bracket, and a trunion and rose jointed connector. All these parts were fabricated in the workshop utilising the lathe, power hacksaw and welder.

The proud owner is happy with both the completed brain teasing challenge and the skills learnt along the way.



Footrest before



Spigot welded on and new lever in place



Assembled on "Pride and Joy"

From the Historical Society: Kevin Howell

The Historical Society has just had its AGM and the executive is as follows:

Greg Newton ... President

Wayne Schultz ... 1st Vice President

Harvey Bryce ... 2nd Vice President

Val Harvey ... Treasurer

with the Secretary's position yet to be filled.

An enlarged Grants team has been set up. Those involved are: Debbie Rossow, Greg Williams and Kim Colborn, our caretaker.

A suggestion has been made that we look at making the old timber bridge over Walker Creek an added attraction for the village. Main Roads are to be approached with the idea.

The Historical Society would like to thank the Men's Shed Members for their help in the maintenance of the Village. You have certainly been a great help.

Get to know your fellow shedders!

This month's shedder is popular member, WAYNE SCHULTZ.

Where were you born Wayne?

Jandowae, Qld, 1946.

Please describe the town where you were born?

Jandowae is a small country town in the middle of a farming area on the Darling Downs and is about 80km from our farm at Bell where we lived until 1962. In those days, the road was gravel and sand and was very rough and isolated. I attended primary school at Norbell and later went to Gatton Agricultural College. From Bell, in 1962, the family moved to Pittsworth. In 1967, Coral and I married.

Family?

We have two children, Kim, 48 and Paul, 45. Kim and her husband Darren have two children, Keeley, 16 and Luke, 14.

What brought you to Maleny? And When?

We moved to Witta in 2008. What a beautiful area to grow old in, with the constant green and out of the rat-race of city living. After 9 years at Kawana, city living was 'hell on earth'.

What was/is your profession?

Grain and cattle farming at Pittsworth until 1988. Later, new Mitsubishi sales in Pittsworth for 11 years, then 9 years at Cricks Nambour.

What do you enjoy most about the Men's Shed?

The opportunity to support men who for many reasons need a little help through a life issue, and generally enjoy the variety of personalities and skills we have amongst our shed members.

What would be your advice to young people today?

Follow your dreams, work hard and don't try to keep up with the Jones'. Take life at your own pace.

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

While farming, "stick to black soil and it will stick to you".



My Creed
Poet: Edgar A. Guest

*To live as gently as I can;
To be, no matter where, a man;
To take what comes of good or ill
And cling to faith and honour still;
To do my best, and let that stand
The record of my brain and hand;
And then, should failure come to me,
Still work and hope for victory.*

*To have no secret place wherein
I stoop unseen to shame or sin;
To be the same when I'm alone
As when my every deed is known
To live undaunted, unafraid
Of any step that I have made;
To be without pretence or sham
Exactly what men think I am.*

*To leave some simple mark behind
To keep my having lived in mind,
If enmity to aught I show,
To be an honest, generous foe,
To play my little part, nor whine
That greater honours are not mine.*

*This, I believe, is all I need
For my philosophy and creed.*



TWO WOLVES – A Cherokee Parable

“An old Cherokee chief was teaching his grandson about life...

‘A fight is going on inside me,’ he said to the boy. ‘It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves.

One is evil – he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, self-doubt, and ego.

The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith.

This same fight is going on inside you and inside every other person, too.’

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather,

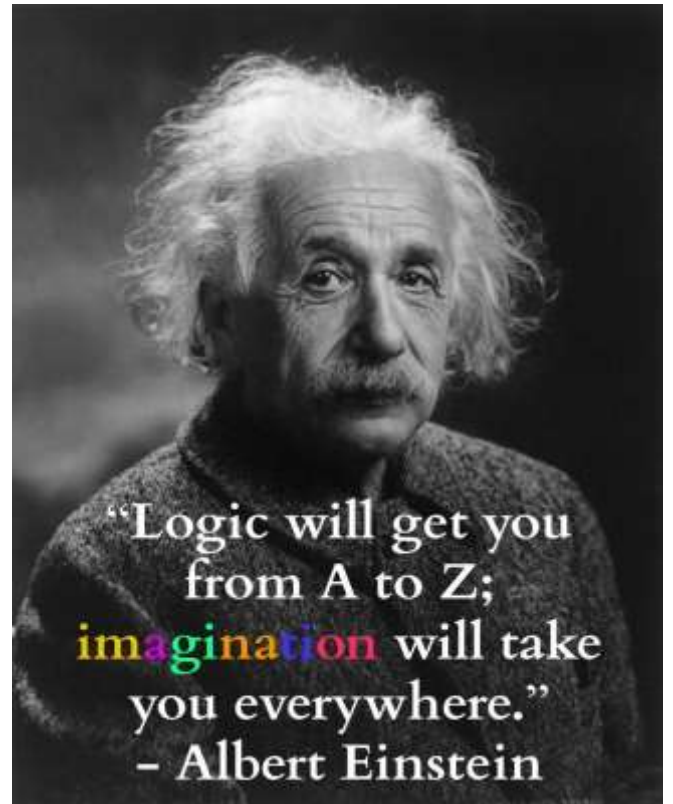
‘Which wolf will win?’

The old chief simply replied, ‘The one you feed.’”



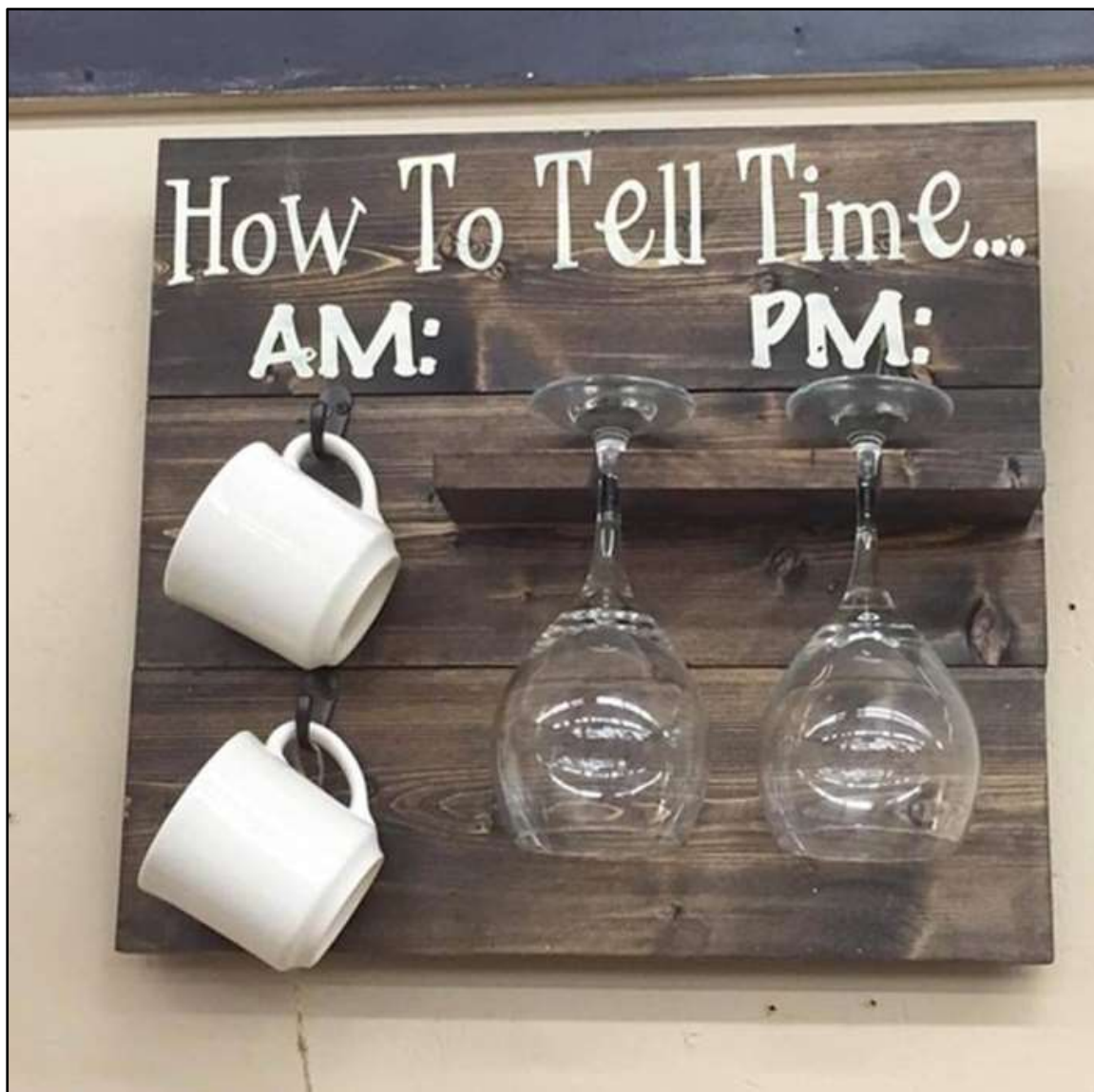
Great minds discuss ideas;
Average minds discuss events;
Small minds discuss people.

-- Eleanor Roosevelt



“Logic will get you
from A to Z;
imagination will take
you everywhere.”

- Albert Einstein



Don't mess with seniors!

An elderly man was having hearing problems and went to see a specialist. The doctor fitted him with some hearing aids that brought his hearing back to full strength.

After a few weeks the man came back to make sure the new equipment was working properly, which it was.

The hearing specialist said, "It all seems perfect. Your family should be delighted you can hear everything now."

"Oh no," the man responded. "I haven't told any of them. I just sit quietly, listening carefully. I've changed my will four times."

MALENY DISTRICT SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB INC **Upcoming Community Events - 2017**

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| SEPTEMBER 3: | Maleny Classics – Witta Recreation Club, Witta Road, Witta |
| SEPTEMBER 3: | Maleny Music Festival 2017 – Maleny Showgrounds |
| SEPTEMBER 20: | Maleny Lions Welcome Dinner Maleny Show Pavillion |
| OCTOBER 7: | Andrew Powell's Annual Bowls Match – Maleny Bowls Club |
| OCTOBER 15: | Lions Mt View Challenge Fun Run – Maleny Showgrounds |
| NOVEMBER 11: | Remembrance Day – Maleny RSL Hall |
| NOVEMBER 24-26: | Maleny Arts & Craft Christmas Fair – Maleny Community Centre |
| DECEMBER 8: | Maleny Christmas Street Carnival – Maple Street, Maleny |
| DECEMBER 25: | Maleny Community Christmas Breakfast – Maleny Neighbourhood Centre |
| DECEMBER 31: | New Year's Eve Bash – Witta Sportsground |

That's all for this month, folks.