



MALENY MEN'S SHED Inc NEWSLETTER



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From the President: Peter Fitzgibbon



With the passing of another year marked by our AGM, we have witnessed our shed go from strength to strength with new members joining and additional equipment added to our operations. I would like to thank all committee members, past and present, for their support and providing assistance with the smooth operational running of the shed. Being part of a committee, regardless of the organization, does require a level of sacrifice as the additional activities can eat into retirement time. However, it's not all 'doom and gloom', there are some benefits; you get to mix with other organizations either over a 'cuppa' or cold refreshments. When networking with these local groups you realize that you are not alone in your endeavours to provide an enhanced venue for all members. Not sure if being on a committee in retirement consumes more of my time or my time management skills have taken a dive since retirement.

Unfortunately the holy grail of shedders is to have an autonomous workshop/venue and to date this trophy has eluded us, but with fingers crossed we hope to be on the way to achieving our dream by the end of the year.

Although our patron, Andrew Powell, could not attend our AGM, his media officer Jenny Adermann visited the shed on his behalf. I would like to pass on our thanks to Jenny for assisting with chasing up information from the state government relating to the councils rezoning plan. Jenny is extremely busy in her daily job and to take time out to assist the Men's Shed is very appreciative.

The sad passing of Richard Dent

Richard had been a regular since the Maleny shed inception and had imparted his exceptional mechanical skills on to any member in need of a hand. Over the years he'd become a bit shaky on his pins like all of us, but he still endeavoured to be an active part of whichever team he was assisting at the time. For those who may not be aware, Richard was a skilful machinist and ran his own company for a number of years. His skills did not stop at the machine shop as he was also quite accomplished at any building task he encountered. Richard was always friendly with a pleasant nature and a sense of humour, and his infectious smile will be missed around the village precinct.



From the Gardeners: Clive Powell

THE SHRUB PLANTER'S GUIDE

Follow these ten straightforward rules to give any shrub you plant a flying start in the garden.

1. Always make the planting hole about 15 cm deeper and 30cm broader than the width of the container shrub.
2. Cover the bottom of the hole with an 8-10cm thick layer of well-rotted manure, compost, planting soil, or, for azaleas and rhododendrons, peat, mixed with a little of the soil or compost.
3. Stir in a heaped handful of blood and bone, unless you're planting a lime-hater, such as rhododendron. In that case, use superphosphate.
4. If a stake seems necessary, drive it into the base of the hole before you insert the plant. Put the stake on the windward side of the plant to reduce the risk of chafing.
5. Insert the shrub gently, and gradually fill the hole with half-and-half mixture of soil and manure, compost or peat, to which a further handful of blood and bone (or superphosphate) has been added.
6. Shake the shrub up and down from time to time as you fill the hole, and firm down the hole with your fists to ensure there are no air pockets among the roots.
7. Bury the plant up to the soil mark on the stem. Create a saucer-like depression around the stem to direct rainwater to the young roots. This is particularly valuable in sandy soil, which do not retain water well.
8. For the first three years, while the roots are getting established, put an 8cm layer of compost around the base of the plant each spring. Add a sprinkling of general fertiliser.
9. Water generously in dry spells for the first year particularly, giving each plant up to 20 litres of water at a time. You may need to water as often as once a week in a summer drought, but a better guide is to use a trowel to look at nearby soil 8-10cm below the surface. If it's dry, the plant needs watering.
10. If the plant is in a windy spot, set a plastic mesh or sacking screen around it to protect it from drying winds during the first couple of years.

From the Smithy: Ken Scott

The highlight for the month for a group of 10 from the Men's Shed was a visit to the Caboolture Museum on 19th September. Thanks to Pam/organizers we had a very enjoyable morning seeing their terrific setup and a couple of laps on their train to keep us entertained. Jon Fogg from Maleny gave us the running commentary on the history. I recommend a visit. We then had a nice lunch at the RSL. We met Peter and Mike from the



Blacksmith shop and I invited them to visit our Blacksmith setup at Maleny – They came last week and I showed them around. They were impressed by our Bell project. Once Kevin settles in to his new abode I am sure the banging (of the bells) in the shop will resume. After 13 inches of rain we probably need ones that work under water!



The Artist Blacksmiths Association of NSW Inc. is a group of amateur and professional blacksmiths who meet on a regular basis for hands-on activities shaping hot iron. The aim of the Association is to maintain the traditional skills of blacksmithing and to foster an awareness of this creative craft in Australia. Members' interests range from the preservation and practice of traditional skills to the development of

contemporary ironwork using modern materials and equipment. Membership of the ABA-NSW can assist in the development of blacksmithing skills through participation in Association events. It offers the opportunity to further knowledge and skills in the company of people with similar interests.

From the Woodworkers: Warne Wilson

We have been short on numbers during the past few weeks, several woodworkers have been away and Jimmy Byon has started a course in aged care in Brisbane which will tie up his Tuesdays for several months. We have a heavy load of commitments ahead of us and we will be short handed. We have the Christmas tree to make for the Uniting Church Christmas Tree Festival (Last year's innovative design was the star of the show) and our imagination for this year's tree has been at work, and it will be different.

Also, next year's Maleny Wood Expo is not far away, and again we will be working with the Montville Woodies to produce hundreds of simple toys for the youngsters to put together and decorate.

If there are one or two members who could come and help us, we would be very grateful. Meanwhile, Ashley is battling on with his antique table restoration, and Leon managed to turn four professional table legs out of beech (all looking the same), and Dennis and Warne have restored four wooden window sills for a Triumph car for a member of the Horseless Carriage Club.

Our yearly exeat from the shed for the music festival was achieved without too much sweat or strained backs as we removed our machines and gear to leave a clear concrete floor; and of course we had to move it all back again two weeks later. We could not have done it without the container Ross Hopper kindly lent us, together with the gratis service of delivering it and picking it up. Hopefully, we will be in the new shed before the music festival next year!

Also, our shed leaked badly during the heavy rain. We cover our good machines with plastic before leaving each week, but we feel the builders could have done the job of filling the nail holes in the roof without missing many of them.

From the Engineers: Lawrie Abrahamson

Joe Eastmure and Colin Kielly have completed their creation of the Jig for silver brazing the joint in the woodies bandsaw blades. I have it on good authority that Warne has had a test run, joining a couple of sizes of blades, and is very happy with the outcome. Customer satisfaction is our measure of quality.

Warne asked for a wood lathe chuck thread adapter to be modified for a machine. An internal non standard thread is never a simple or easy task, good ol' Warne was informed. So the internet to the rescue, and one arrived in my mailbox (the one at my front gate that is) for a mere \$30 freight and GST included. No sweat.

Malcolm and I were pleased to watch the unloading, onto our slab, of the Army shed recently. It has been quite a long time since that application went in, only to be unsuccessful. So for one to be on site now feels a little odd. What do they say about property, "location, location, location" Mmmmm???

From the Computer Classes, Dennis Hensby

In the world of tech there are many different file formats for saving images, i.e. photos, drawings, maps, etc. You can often select the format you want a file to be saved in and you can sometimes convert between one format and another. Some imaging equipment, e.g. cameras, may not let you choose the format as only one type is built in. The format used for a particular file is signified by the file name extension, that is the 3 (or 4) letters after the full stop at the end of the file name. Each format has its advantages and disadvantages, the main one being file size. An image can be saved uncompressed in great detail (e.g. the .RAW or .BMP formats) or greatly compressed to save space (e.g. the .JPG format), or something in between (e.g. the .GIF format). By choosing a particular file type, the amount of compression automatically follows and you don't have to do anything else.

Until recently there were two basic types of compression, lossy and lossless. In lossless compression, the aim is to be able to uncompress the file to display it without any loss of detail. Of course lossy compression produces even smaller file sizes by permanently losing some level of detail, but still aims to do that without you noticing too much. Needless to say, if you manage to convert a file from a lossy format to one of the lossless formats, you will not gain anything as the detail data has already been lost.

Then there are the latest kids on the block like HEIF (High Efficiency Image File), recently adopted by Apple and others. This new format aims to be much better at compression while maintaining high fidelity (lossless). The result is your new iPhone can store even more photos while retaining high quality images. Watch this space!

So when to use what? If you have a drawing consisting of large areas of consistent colour with lines here and there, saving it in a lossy format would not lose any detail you might notice. On the other hand, a precious full colour photo of dear departed Aunt Doris had better be saved in a lossless format and we'll just accept the larger file size.

For more information on this topic search for "image file formats" or even "image file compression".

From the Historical Society: Desley Malone

Caretaker Kim asked if the Men's Shed could make a wishing well for donations by visitors at the Village. She also needs a box for visitor surveys.

We believe that The Historical Society will be getting the police lock up. We wait to hear when it will be handed over so that it can be shifted.

Restoration of Glenferna is progressing really well, thanks to the Volunteers. All the windows have been removed, re-putted, painted and replaced. The outside of the house has almost been painted. Clive has cleaned and prepared the walls in the big room for painting. He will be asking for volunteers to help with the painting of this room very soon. The southern side of the house will be the archives and office. The verandah floor is Hoop Pine. Last week Ed Lawley (our registered builder for Glenferna) and Bernie put the flooring down with invisible staples. Tom has been working on the doors. Some were misaligned when the house was shifted. Desley is preparing a grant application for a compactus style of storage for the archives. The house is lovely and cool to work in on a hot day. Volunteers are always welcome, please let Bernie, Glenferna's site manager, know if you can help.

A grant has been applied for to restore 2 rooms in Lawley House to display Maleny's early history. One room will be for the Timber Industry and include Ashley Sewell's hardwood timbers of Queensland. The second room will tell the history of the Maleny Dairy Industry.

Three Shedders' Volunteering Visit to Cunnamulla

At the end of July a work party of 17 people from Maleny Uniting Church and 2 from Church On The Rise travelled to Cunnamulla to carry out building and painting maintenance on some property homesteads, houses in town and the Uniting Church buildings.

This work was organised in conjunction with the Patrol Padre for Frontier Services. The patrol area for this Padre is over 4,500sq kilometres.

At the moment most of this area has been in drought for over five years. The presence of the work party was appreciated by those recipients, also the town community was glad that we became involved in their lives for five weeks.

Some of the party spent one or two weeks while some stayed for the five weeks. All vollies are members of other groups in Maleny.

It was a most rewarding time to help these struggling people.



These 3 stooges were part of this work party and helped as follows; Malcolm was builder/plumber, Syd Handyman/caravan fixer, Doug handyman/tiler

Get to know your fellow shedders!

This month's contributor is LAWRIE ABRAHAMSON

Where were you born Lawrie?
Perth WA.

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

I travelled by car with my parents and two brothers at the time, when I was about two years of age from Perth across the Nullabor to Mum's home of Queensland. Visits to see family in Perth and touring north and south for a week at a time, over the last five years or so have shown that WA has very pretty countryside and beaches. The vegetation has to survive in harsh temperatures, winds and sandy soil. Therefore the plants are mainly short, hardy species. I prefer the south east Queensland climate and countryside, that's for sure.

Family?

I have two daughters, one in Perth with twin granddaughters, and one here with one grandson. Helen has two daughters and a son who we see regularly, and two granddaughters.

What brought you to Maleny? And When?

When I met Helen she had lived in Maleny for 30 years. When searching for property on the coast or the hinterland, I came to the conclusion that Helen's area was a great choice. We found a home in Witta that ticked all the boxes and a shed that would fit my metal lathe and stuff.

What was/is your profession?

After a five year apprenticeship as a Fitter and Turner and 15 years of industrial experience I trained as a Technical Teacher with Queensland TAFE. The majority of this role was spent in Mackay and Nambour Colleges. While based at Nambour the Institute won a tender to provide training/ upgrading/competency recognition to the Pacific Island Nations. This was great experience and required challenge to carry me through my, by then, maturing years in the job.

Using my Yachting and engineering qualifications and experience I took a sabbatical in 2003 to France and worked for a six month summer on a super yacht based in the Nice Harbour. Our trips with the owner and his family took us to ports on the French Med coast and to Croatia, south to north and back. "Tough job but someone had to do it, I reckon"

Do you have a hobby or do you pursue an interest?

Sailing trips, engineering challenges, riding my Suzuki SV1000 motorcycle with like minded men, with good coffee and conversation at the destination.

What do you enjoy most about the Mens' Shed?

The friendships, the opportunity to call on the knowledge of others, the break from home, the opportunity to play some small part in the community.

What would be your advice to young people today?

Work hard and save so you can face the challenges of travel. It is great motivation to grow your work ethic with a goal for your labour.

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

Life will present opportunities to take a change in direction. Consider these chances and be adventurous in your decision making.



Upcoming Events at the Shed:

- 21 November – Dementia information session.
- 31 October – Fiona from Blackall Range Care – info session on government subsidies for home. Partners are also invited. We have our end of month sausage sizzle on that day, partners may enjoy Glenn Todd's culinary delights too! (Please advise Glenn of numbers for catering.)
- 17 November – Friday – Model railway visit.



Upcoming Community Events – 2017/18

NOVEMBER 7 at 11am	Maleny Rotary Melbourne Cup Lunch at Maleny Manor
NOVEMBER 7 at 11am	Vintage Calendar Girls Melbourne Cup Lunch at Tiffany's
NOVEMBER 11 at 11am	Remembrance Day Maleny RSL Hall + Cenotaph.
NOVEMBER 24 – 26	Maleny Arts & Craft Christmas Fair, Maleny Community Centre
DECEMBER 1 at 5pm	RSL Maleny Christmas Party, Maleny RSL Hall
DECEMBER 8	Maleny Christmas Street Carnival, Maple Street, Maleny A selection of festive music to celebrate the season. All welcome
DECEMBER 8 from 6pm	Maleny Singers Christmas Concert, Maleny RSL Hall
DECEMBER 25	Maleny Community Christmas Breakfast Maleny Neighbourhood Centre
DECEMBER 31	New Year's Eve Bash, Witta Sports Ground
JANUARY 26 7am-12noon	Citizens Ceremony and Aussie Day Expo, Maleny Showgrounds

To include information in this events list simply email to denvergail1@gmail.com



Garden Club supports community groups

The Maleny Garden Club has been running its annual Gardening on the Edge event since 2005 and has raised over \$100,000 since its inception, and in June this year they held another spectacular event, featuring six gardens in total, three in Flaxton and three around Maleny.

At the club's September meeting they presented almost \$15,000 of the funds they raised this year to local community groups.

Cheques were presented to representatives from Maleny Hospital \$5,000, Blackall Range Care Group \$2,600, State Emergency Service \$2,500, Maleny Rural Fire Brigade \$2,500, Maleny Neighbourhood Centre \$600, Maleny Men's Shed \$600, Maleny High School Chaplaincy \$600 and Maleny Primary School Chaplaincy \$600.

Planning is already underway for the 2018 Gardening on the Edge event which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10, with gardens open between 9am and 4pm each day.

The co-ordinator for next year's event is Toni Walters who is already working with local garden owners to put together another interesting selection of gardens on the Range to share and inspire both local and visiting gardeners.



Maleny Garden Club President Dot Jupp (centre) congratulates Lyn Mihalic (Maleny Hospital Auxiliary), Nooreen Harris (Maleny Neighbourhood Centre), Hayden Greathead (Maleny State High Chaplaincy), Kaye Gardner (Blackall Range Care), Ray Hegerty (Maleny Men's Shed), Joe Eastmure (Maleny Rural Fire Brigade) and Reinhard Ryva (Maleny SES)



Reminds me of the Army Disposal team. "If I cut this wire will it go bang".

When science finally locates the centre of the universe, some people will be surprised to learn they're not it." *Bernard Bailey*

"A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down." *Arnold Glasow*

"May you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows you're dead!" *Irish Toast*

"One man thinks he can, and one man thinks he can't, – they're both right!"

From Ross Weaver:

TRAVEL PLANS in 2018

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots.

Apparently, you can't go alone.

You have to be in Kahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito.

I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane.

They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there.

I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt.

That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense!

It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart!

At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

A SIGN IN A SHOE REPAIR STORE

"We will heel you,
We will save your sole,
We will even dye for you."

AT AN OPTOMETRIST'S OFFICE

"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've
come to the right place."

ON A PLUMBER'S TRUCK

"We repair what your husband fixed."

ON AN ELECTRICIAN'S TRUCK

"Let us remove your shorts."

ON ANOTHER PLUMBER'S TRUCK

"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber"

AT A CAR DEALERSHIP

"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

IN A VETERINARIAN'S WAITING ROOM

"Be back in 5 minutes.
Sit... Stay..."

AT THE ELECTRIC COMPANY

"We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time.
However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted."

IN THE FRONT YARD OF A FUNERAL HOME

"Drive carefully. We'll wait."

IN A CHICAGO RADIATOR SHOP

"Best place in town to take a leak."

SIGN ON THE BACK OF A SEPTIC TANK TRUCK

"Caution - this truck is full of Political Promises."

Whoever said money can't buy happiness simply didn't know where to go shopping!

"Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair." *George Burns*

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.
Albert Einstein

I thought I was wrong once, but I made a mistake!
Warne Wilson

This may be of interest to the Kiwis among us.

A friend of mine has two tickets in a corporate box for the final Lions Test in Auckland on 8th November. He paid \$1,000 each, (including food & beverage) but he didn't realise when he bought them months ago that it was going to be the same day as his wedding.

If you are interested, he is looking for someone to take his place.

It's at the All Saints Church Palmerston Nth, 2.30pm Saturday November 8th. The bride's name is Wendy -- she's 5'5", about 57 Kg, really pretty, has her own income and is a really good cook!

*I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me;
I'd like to be the help that you've been always glad to be;
I'd like to mean as much to you each minute of the day
As you have meant, old friend of mine, to me along the way.*

*I'd like to do the big things and the splendid things for you,
To brush the gray from out your skies and leave them only blue;
I'd like to say the kindly things that I so oft have heard,
And feel that I could rouse your soul the way that mine you've stirred.
I'd like to give you back the joy that you have given me,
Yet that were wishing you a need I hope will never be;*

*I'd like to make you feel as rich as I, who travel on
Undaunted in the darkest hours with you to lean upon.
I'm wishing at this Christmas time that I could but repay
A portion of the gladness that you've strewn along my way:
And could I have one wish this year, this only would it be:
I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me.*

Edgar A Guest

ROAD KILL

**Four days the cat-corpse lay there on the footpath
before a worker flung a plastic film
through which he lifted it into a body bag,
zipped and dropped the bundle in his ute
leaving behind a death-juice stain on pavers.**

**Red-grey and gaining dust the kangaroo
in rigor mortis lies along the shoulder
gravel as cars and trucks roar by.**

**Against the cutting-slope a wooden cross;
sun glints from cellophane and plastic wrappings
around dead flowers and brighter flecks remaining
of yellows, greens and reds, and cut no doubt
of cloth and plastics wound on wire to lend
that unkempt shrine a longer-lasting look –
sun-rotting memorial to that lad whose mate,
forgetting road and speed, changed a CD.**

Road-kill, road-toll – blood-offerings.

<http://ipoz.biz/Titles/TGC.htm>

Murray Alfredson