



# MALENY MEN'S SHED Inc NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT: PETER FITZGIBBON



Once again, Maleny Men's Shed members have been called upon to give up their precious spare time to manufacture items to aid the greater good. As the majority of us only see work completed on Tuesday mornings, we fail to recognize those members or groups of people who go the extra distance, performing all sorts of tasks to benefit the organization.

Such individuals deserving of recognition include the team of workers renovating Glenferna, the 'Woodies' currently putting in big hours making a table from slabs of timber, other members turning up to do improvements around the village, and of course the out of hours 'paperwork shufflers'. All these people put in an extraordinary amount of personal time ensuring that schedules are met, tasks are within budget and ultimately guaranteeing the shed's operations flow flawlessly. These members are the quiet achievers of the shed who work tirelessly behind the scenes without fanfare. However, they need your help, otherwise they will burnout and move on and we will eventually lose something special within our group.



## DON BOWEN

The Maleny Men's Shed was saddened this month by the passing of valued member, Don Bowen. Don had been a member of the shed since the early days and a big part of the shed environment. When you chatted to Don, you realized that he had a very charmed career due to his management ability. He spent over 30 years as a full-time Army reservist, with a period of his Army time based in the UK. Following his dis-charge, Don put his excellent organization abilities to good use managing transport businesses and spending time as president of multiple clubs and organizations. His stories, sense of humor and guiding words will be missed.



## **LENNY LOWE**



Although the Men's Shed's primary role is to provide a place for men to gather and work on tasks or just chat, occasionally we branch out to assist members with unusual requests. In early 2017 we were approached to assist with obtaining a medal for one of our members who performed National Service duty. Over the past year, Men's Shed members and Lenny's daughter have worked together to obtain a long-awaited Defence Service Medal for Lenny. During a recent 'smoko' break, Maleny RSL president Clarke Alexander presented the medal to a humble Lenny.

## **FROM THE SMITHY: KEN SCOTT**



These bells sold at a recent farm sale for \$1,100 each- the worn out one \$150.

We would like to whip up a bit of enthusiasm to get a quantity of Men's Shed unique bells ready for sale at the upcoming Maleny Show. The show has offered us a free stand to sell our merchandise at this show. I am getting a Men's Shed sticker made to readily identify our Blacksmith made Bells.

See you at the big smoke - in Maleny Men's Shed.

## **FROM THE ENGINEERS: LAWRIE ABRAHAMSON**

It was with considerable sadness that we heard the news that Don Bowen had passed away. Don was a very well liked and respected man who I rode with each Thursday with the motorcycling group to Bellbird Creek Cafe near Kenilworth until his health got in the way of his riding.

I joined Maleny Men's Shed and there he was again, soaking up the ever popular Ray



Stewart banter. A true gentleman who will be sadly missed.

Our team sends a big vote of thanks to Ken Scott who had great presence of mind to offer and collect a large two glass door refrigerator with metal adjustable shelving for our tool storage. It has been pressed into action already and works very well. Thanks Ken.

Last month I mentioned the work Lindsay had been doing to progress his motorcycle restoration hobby. Here are a couple of his turning jobs in position on his rare Ducati.



New spacer under the nut of the rear wheel adjuster



New tool installing the small end bush with a bolt. The tool can also push out the bush

### **FROM THE WOODWORKERS: WARNE WILSON**

We are very busy this month. We are making toys for the Children's' Workshop Tent at The Maleny Wood Expo on Queensland Labor Day weekend, 5, 6 and 7 May.

Leon is busy on the lathe turning 50 new doll designs for the little girls to choose from and to decorate. Harry has started with a new tug boat design for the boys, and he has also made dozens of dolphin key racks which will have pre-drilled holes ready for the kids to screw in key hooks. We put new member Gary to work immediately on the belt sander but we need volunteers to come and help. There are other designs waiting.

The Montville Woodies have already made 150 boats and they are starting on about 100 pot plant holders and a similar number of cutting boards which the kids will sand and then decorate with pyrography. In all they will be making about 500 pieces and we should match them. Last year we ran out of toys to put together and decorate on the Sunday and John Muller, the Montville Woodies President, worked into the night making a lot more cutting boards but again we ran out and had to close the tent down before the Monday lunch time.

Malcolm, Ashley, Peter F, and Warne have been working many extra days to get a solid red cedar table finished before a deadline of March 1. The end result, we hope, will be a great achievement.

### **FROM THE GARDENERS: CLIVE POWELL**



**BEAUTIFUL ORCHIDS;** Orchids are highly adapted to attracting the bees, wasp, beetles, and even birds which are essential for their pollination. The flowers' colours, scents, markings, and shapes are all designed to attract, and even to deceive. The orchids may, for example, and due to the hairs on its petals, feel like a female bee. The male bee, when it attempts to mate, is covered with pollen which is then carried to the next flower.

Other orchids smell of rotting carrion to attract flies, or are heavily scented or brightly coloured to resemble butterflies. Some wild orchids look like moths, spiders, and even frogs.

## **FROM THE COMPUTER CLASSES: DENNIS HENSBY**

### **WINDOWS 10 SETTINGS**

Ever wondered what the little gear symbol on your Start menu was? It is the entry point to your computer's configurable settings, hence the Settings title. Windows Settings is an expanded and improved replacement for the old Windows Control Panel. In fact, there are still a few Control Panel settings that Microsoft haven't yet migrated to the new Settings format, so Control Panel still exists in Windows 10. It is just deliberately harder to find Control Panel because Microsoft would rather you used Settings.

When you first open up Settings you should see 11 icons – System, Devices, Network & Internet, Personalization, Apps, Accounts, Time Language, Gaming, Ease of Access, Privacy and Update & Security. At the top of the screen is a search box for “Find a setting”. Each of these icons groups together all the settings that relate to the title. If you can't work it out or are feeling lazy you can always use the search box to find the setting you want.

These settings are meant for you to use, but the assumption is that you know what you are doing. So the warning is that you can screw things up, but don't let that put you off. Most of the time you can just undo the last setting change (if you can remember what you did) and everything will be back to normal. Some settings you SHOULD change from the standard – more on that another time.

The format is the same for each grouping (icon). Click on any of the upper level icons to open up a list of related settings. Down the left side is a list of menu items with the current one highlighted. The bulk of the screen in the middle shows all the settings for the current highlighted menu item and these are what you can change. Click on a different menu item and the settings in the middle change to those for that item. On the right side is a variable list of related settings, a get help item and a feedback item (these last two only work if you have an active Internet connection.) Note that some lists of settings are more than a page, in which case you simply scroll down.

A very few settings may open up a separate Control Panel window when you click on them. Such windows are in a different (old) format and you will need to close those windows separately.

To go back up a level, click the Settings arrow in the top left corner or click on the Home item immediately below.

I highly recommend that you at least look through every upper level icon and click on every menu item under them, just to see what settings there are. If you like, you can even change a few of the harmless settings (most of them) to see what happens. Note that some changes have no effect until after you reboot.

For instance, click the Personalisation icon and click each of the menu items in turn. Here you can go to town and change anything you wish with no risk. After all, this is where you can personalise *your* computer. My recommendation is to go to the Themes item then click “Get more themes in the Store” (needs an Internet connection). Many themes are free to download and install. Download several and try them out.

## FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: DESLEY MALONE

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The land on which the Maleny Cultural & Historical Society is situated was part of the farm owned by Ben and Priscilla Bryce. The property was first acquired by Charles Bryce C1900 and stretched from the south bank of the Obi to Walkers Hill, where the High School is today.

Ben Bryce took over the property from his brother Charles and built a 2 bedroom beech timber house that was completed in 1907. Ben and Priscilla had 3 daughters, Isabella, Phyllis and Marjorie, and the girls helped Ben on the farm as their father became blind. After the parent's death, Isabella & Phyllis continued to farm and they both cared for their younger sister who was impaired. Isabella and Phyllis were very involved in the community and both were presented with several awards, including the O.B.E.

In 1975 Isabella approached the Maleny Rotary Club regarding donating the Bryce farm to the community to establish a retirement village and nursing home in Maleny. Government funds were unavailable and Isabella withdrew her offer. The Uniting Church had the funds so Isabella made a similar offer to the church.

The building of four one bedroom units commenced in 1981. "Erowal" was established with the opening of Oak Lodge in 1990, followed by Cedar, Teak and Beech Lodges. The old Bryce house, now known as "Priscilla Cottage" was removed and given to the Maleny Historical Society in 1994/1995.

The work and dedication of the Bryce sisters and their gift of land to the Uniting Church and people of Maleny should never be forgotten and needs to be officially recognised.



## Upcoming Community Events – 2017/18

**MALENY QCWA – Diabetics Awareness: Community Centre, 19 March at 9.30am**

**MALENY WOOD EXPO: Maleny Showgrounds, 5 – 7 May**

**MALENY SHOW: Maleny Showgrounds, 1 – 2 June**

**GARDENING ON THE EDGE: Various Locations 9 – 10 June**

**KNITFEST Maleny, 30 June – 1 July**

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

**DON BOWEN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE** was held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. at the Maleny RSL and we were pleased to see a good showing of Men's Shed shirts. Don's ashes in Malcolm's red cedar box were ridden right into the hall on the back of a motor cycle and placed in position on an Ozzie flag draped table with his sword and hat. A full RSL ceremony followed with Last Post, a minute's silence and reveille.

Glasses were charged and we all joined in a toast to Don.

Farewell, old mate, we will miss you.



## Community's Generosity Helps Range Care

Range Care has once again been blown away by the generosity of the local community after being presented with a \$2,000 cheque from the Maleny Uniting Church, following donations from the general public attending the MALENY UNITING CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL.

The festival, which was held 16-24 December 2017, invites local community groups to decorate and display a Christmas tree in accordance with the annual theme. Last year's theme was 'The Colours of Christmas'.

Range Care's CEO, Jenny McCafferty, gratefully accepted the donation at a formal presentation with the Maleny Uniting Church's Minister, Catherine Solomon, and members of the Maleny Uniting Church at The Cottage, Range Care's dedicated social respite centre in Flaxton.



Photo (left to right): Murray Robertson, Robyn Robertson, Rev Catherine Solomon (Minister, Maleny Uniting Church) Malcom Baker, Nancy Baker, Jenny McCafferty (CEO, Range Care)

"All donations that we receive are directed back to providing care to people in our community," said Jenny. "These generous donations from members of the community and the Maleny Uniting Church will be put to very good use at our social respite centre to improve activities for our guests, and we thank everyone who made a donation." To find out more about the work of Range Care visit [www.rangecare.com.au](http://www.rangecare.com.au).

*With special thanks to Malcolm for his assistance with transport, and to all those at the Men's Shed who helped in the making of our tree this year, Warne.*



And ... just a couple of "funnies" to finish ...

**ONE WISH!** A man on his Harley was riding along an Australian beach road when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, God said, "Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish." The biker pulled over and said, " Lord, build a bridge to Tasmania so I can ride over anytime I want."

God replied, "Your request is materialistic; think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking, the supports required reaching the bottom of the Bass Strait and the concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind."

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, "Lord, I wish that I, and all men, could understand women. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, why she snaps and complains when I try to help, and how I can make a woman truly happy."

God replied: "You want two lanes on that bridge, or four?"



### **FAKE NEWS AT ITS FINEST**

Judy Wallman Trump, a professional genealogy researcher in southern California, was doing some personal work on her own family tree.

She discovered that President Donald Trump's great, great uncle, Remus Trump, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. Both Judy and President Trump share this common ancestor.

The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows in Montana territory. On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is this inscription: "Remus Trump, horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889."

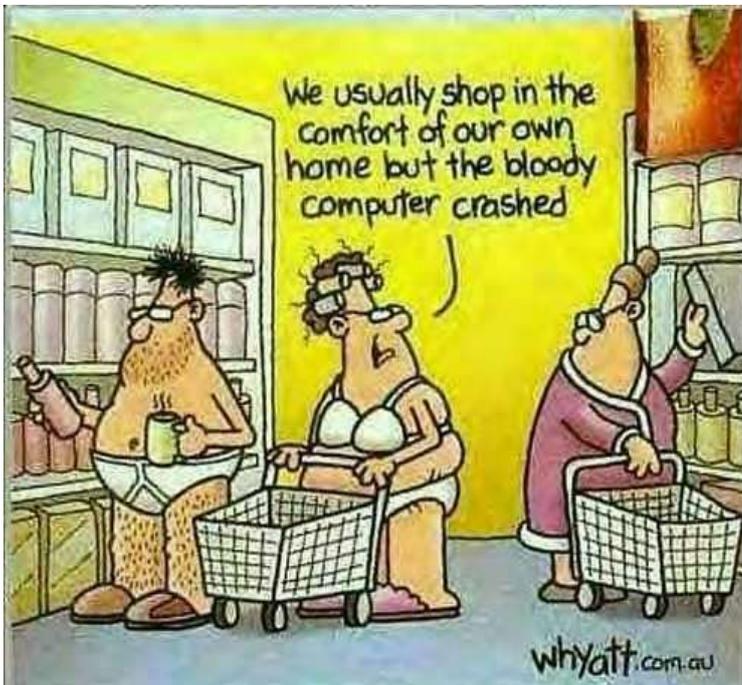
So Judy recently e-mailed the President for information about their Great Great Uncle Remus.

Believe it or not, President Trump's staff sent this response back.

Remus Trump was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad.

In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency.

In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."



*Shearing at Castlereagh  
By Banjo A.B. Patterson*

*The bell is set a-ringing, and the engine gives a toot,  
There's five and thirty shearers here are shearing for the loot,  
So stir yourselves, you penners-up, and shove the sheep along,  
The musterers are fetching them a hundred thousand strong,  
And make your collie dogs speak up — what would the buyers say  
In London if the wool was late this year from Castlereagh?*

*The man that 'rung' the Tubbo shed is not the ringer here,  
That stripling from the Cooma side can teach him how to shear.  
They trim away the ragged locks, and rip the cutter goes,  
And leaves a track of snowy fleece from brisket to the nose;  
It's lovely how they peel it off with never stop nor stay,  
They're racing for the ringer's place this year at Castlereagh.*

*The man that keeps the cutters sharp is growling in his cage,  
He's always in a hurry and he's always in a rage —  
'You clumsy-fisted mutton-heads, you'd turn a fellow sick,  
'You pass yourselves as shearers, you were born to swing a pick.  
Another broken cutter here, that's two you've broke to-day,  
It's awful how such crawlers come to shear at Castlereagh.'*

*The youngsters picking up the fleece enjoy the merry din,  
They throw the classer up the fleece, he throws it to the bin;  
The pressers standing by the rack are waiting for the wool,  
There's room for just a couple more, the press is nearly full;  
Now jump upon the lever, lads, and heave and heave away,  
Another bale of golden fleece is branded 'Castlereagh'.*