



MALENY MEN'S SHED Inc NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT: KEVIN TREVARTHEN



It's great to see the Shed returning to its pre-pandemic hive of activity (well, close to normal numbers). After the period of lockdown with limited opportunities to socialise it's heartening to see the Shed fulfilling one of its primary roles in providing an outlet and opportunity to mix – at an appropriate social distance – with mates.

But as all the medical experts are saying, we shouldn't be complacent. Victoria provides a salutary lesson and we could all too easily fall back into that situation. The amateur psychologist in me says that many people (myself included) are susceptible to thinking that *“well, we've done the time in jail, everything's tickety boo now, we no longer have to care about that Covid shenanigans”*, and that's just not how it works. So let's all be prepared to remind each other of all the

recommended hygiene and distancing behaviours, and don't be offended if a mate reminds you when you forget.

Dennis and Wayne are negotiating with Woolies to recommence the Saturday morning BBQ, that's in Woolies' hands but we're guardedly optimistic that we'll be able to kick off this important revenue-generating activity in the not-too-distant future. But when we do recommence there'll be some additional hygiene requirements that we **MUST** comply with. And they are serious, we really do have to meet those requirements to be able to continue this. If you're not comfortable with these requirements, or not OK with working on the BBQ generally in these difficult times, that's fine. But if you're up for it please put your name on the list that Dennis circulates.

The Annual General Meeting is coming up on 18th August, please pencil it into your diary as it is an important administrative activity for us. Have a think about potentially contributing to the running of the shed by putting your hand up for a committee position. It's not particularly onerous and it actually quite rewarding.

The Memorandum of Understanding with the *Maleny Cultural & Historical Society* and the *Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club* has been ratified by the Boards of all three of the site occupants and will probably be signed off by the time you read this. This is an important step in ensuring there's a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of each of the site occupants and forms the basis of a professional and supportive relationship between the three groups. This kind of co-operation was demonstrated on Sunday 12th when members of each group worked together to prepare the unmown area between the buildings and the main-road ready for mowing. It already looks great and will be very

presentable, and ready for additional parking if required. Thanks to all those who helped dig out and move the huge number of Maleny's finest rocks.

One trigger for this activity is preparation for the postponed Open Day now scheduled for 14th November. We are hopeful that this will be OK (though who can be absolutely confident nowadays?!). Since there'll be opportunities for sales on the day, have a think about any items that could be made at the Shed that could generate some revenue. (Hint to the woodies, I've received a couple of Facebook messages asking if we make cutting boards).

And finally, speaking of Facebook, I'm going to ramp up publicity on our FB Page, and post regularly on the Maleny Facebook groups as publicity, to potentially generate more members. I know that many of our members are not social media users, however (unfortunately I sometimes think) that's the future and it's a case of not beating it but joining it.

Anyways, Keep on Shedding,

Kevin

FROM THE SMITHY – THE 'MALENY BELL' –
KEVIN HOWELL

Russel Davies has designed and made a new style of bell, which will be known as a Maleny cowbell. The bell has a flared crease on each side – see photo – which gives it a unique tone compared with the many famous bells known to enthusiasts: the Condamine Frogmouth, the Beckett, the Kentucky, and others. After several adjustments, the final design was decided upon and 12 bells were made – note the neat brass welding on the joins to create purity of sound, and the heavy tongue. Ken Scott advised that this was the smallest number required to launch a marketing campaign.

The bells have labels attached and a record book has been opened to register each bell, its number as shown on the label, its size, and other details. If a buyer reports a problem we will have the details and we can make adjustments if required. Ken Scott made and supplied the straps for us.



ABOUT COMPUTERS! – DENNIS HENSBY

TAKING A 'SCREEN SHOT'

If you use a computer, one of the things you may have heard about or may have been asked to do is to take a 'screen shot' of whatever is on your screen. So what is that and how do you do it?



Essentially, a screen shot is a snapshot of your whole screen or a particular window on the screen. You save the snapshot as a digital file then you can do whatever is required with that file, such as sending it to a friend or to a support person. You take the screen shot by using a particular combination of keys, which places the screen shot on the Clipboard. Then you paste from the Clipboard into the photo editor of your choice, edit the screen shot (e.g. trim the edges), then save the result as a file.

With a Windows PC, I use the Print Screen button (Print or PrtSc on some keyboards), usually with another key, depending on what I want a screen shot of. Pressing the Print Screen button on its own takes a snapshot of the whole screen. If you hold down the Alt key then press the Print Screen button (written Alt + PrtSc), this captures only the current window, which is more often what you want. Other computers (including smart phones) use a different set of keys or buttons to achieve the screen shot, but the principle is the same.

Now that you have a 'photo' of your screen on the Clipboard you have to do something to save it. I use the simple image editor Paint, which comes with every version of Windows since Windows 1.0. To start Paint, click the Windows Start button in the bottom left corner of the screen and start to type "Paint". You will see the Paint app listed – click on it and Paint opens. You can also use Corel Draw, IrfanView, Photoshop, or any other image/photo editor you may have. With your image editor open, press Ctrl + V or click the Paste command to insert whatever is on the Clipboard into your image editor. From there you can use all the edit tools available to edit your image then save it wherever you want, e.g. in the Pictures folder.

Note that if you take the screen shot using the key combination of Windows key + PrtScr, the screen dims momentarily and the whole screen image will be automatically saved to a file in the Screen Shots folder under the Pictures folder, without having to paste from the Clipboard. From there you can edit the file as you please.

Have a go at it to see how the process works. Try the different combinations to see the varying results. Then you will have some confidence should the need ever arise.



FROM THE WOODIES – WARNE WILSON

The woodies are operating again and members are generally observing the Covid rules. However, it is easy for the guys to get together out of habit, forgetting social distancing! Remember to wash or sanitise hands before smoko!



Don McCabe brought in an interesting project, two stools which had to be lowered 250mm, each with four bent legs with round tenons at the tops fitting into the frame. Accuracy was important and ideas of hand cutting were discounted. Normally turning them on the lathe was impossible. A 'steady rest' (A cast iron frame with three supporting wheels – see photo) was brought in, and this allowed accurate turning, including the new tenon, to be done. Note the bend at the end of the leg which was then free to fly around while the straight part was allowed to rotate in the steady rest.

A member of the public brought in a dining chair, part of a set, which had suffered damage at the top of a leg. We had the broken parts but it was impossible to glue them all back neatly. Ashley decided to make a new leg and stain and finish it to match.

Judging by Ashley's restoration work in the past, we will look forward to another miracle.

Roy Brown has accomplished a work of art with a bowl of multi-coloured woods he turned on the lathe. The parts in contrasting colours had been neatly fitted together to produce a professional result.

Meanwhile, Malcolm worked to replace and varnish the many hardwood staves in five garden benches with cast iron ends. Thanks Malcolm, your hard work is greatly appreciated. The benches will be sold for club funds at a garage sale later in the year (If the virus doesn't prevent it).

ANNUAL MEETING – LINDSAY HAY HON. SECRETARY

The 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Maleny and District Men's Shed will take place at the historical village on TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST 2020 AT 10AM.

The meeting will include the election of all Board Members: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Men's Representative.

Also elected will be positions for committee members who are not official Board Members: Membership Officer, Welfare Officer

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting will be presented for confirmation, and the Financial Report for the 19/20 will be tabled.

Please Note: You must have paid your 20/21 Membership Fees to be eligible to vote at the meeting, so if you haven't done so yet, please get it to Dennis Hensby at the next available meeting or complete a bank transfer as per Lindsay's email of 25th June.

FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – DESLEY MALONE

Two years ago, the Society was offered a doll collection of 600 porcelain dolls, each handcrafted by Louise Cogzell who has family history to Maleny from the late 1940s. The collection was made over 40 years and Louise & Ron are anxious for them to find a home. Tom & I saw the collection and were so impressed at the number, how astonishingly beautiful they are, all catalogued and named and in immaculate condition. The dolls represent people and cultures from around the world. Characters can be remembered and seen from childhood fairy-tales, novels, movie stars, members of the royal family, farm workers etc. They vary in size, Lady Diana is 1m tall. Louise has requested that they be displayed as a family.



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I presented photos to the MH&HS Management Committee who agreed to accept the offer and we're going to display them in 2 middle rooms in Glenferna. I've secured funding to have specially crafted cabinets made to keep the collection safe and to be displayed in categories for different exhibitions. The cabinets are presently being constructed locally and will be installed soon.

We have other dolls in the cottages at the Village. Priscilla Cottage displays the Bryce family possessions which includes a beautiful little girl doll given to Isabella Bryce on her 3rd birthday in 1917 when her Uncle Alex was serving in WW1. The Lawley House collection includes 2 celluloid baby dolls dating pre WW11, both dolls with provenance to Maleny's pioneering families. Just recently we've been gifted a Hertwig doll dated C1880, from Germany. The little girl who owned this doll was Jane (Trail) Hankinson b 21.05.1885 whose grandmother was Jane Dunlop, the first white woman to live on the Range. This doll needs to be restored and preserved before she can be displayed in Lawley House and will be our most outstanding item with provenance to Maleny's history.

The Louise Cogzell dolls will enrich our collection and give our visitors including school groups more to enjoy. It'll be a wonderful asset to the Pioneer Village, tourist industry of Maleny and to the local community. Two retired school principals (with more than a shipping container of memorabilia between them) will be helping set up the school display on the back verandah of Glenferna after the dolls are installed. The Telecommunication Room is still under construction. Members of the Men's Shed are helping with this project.





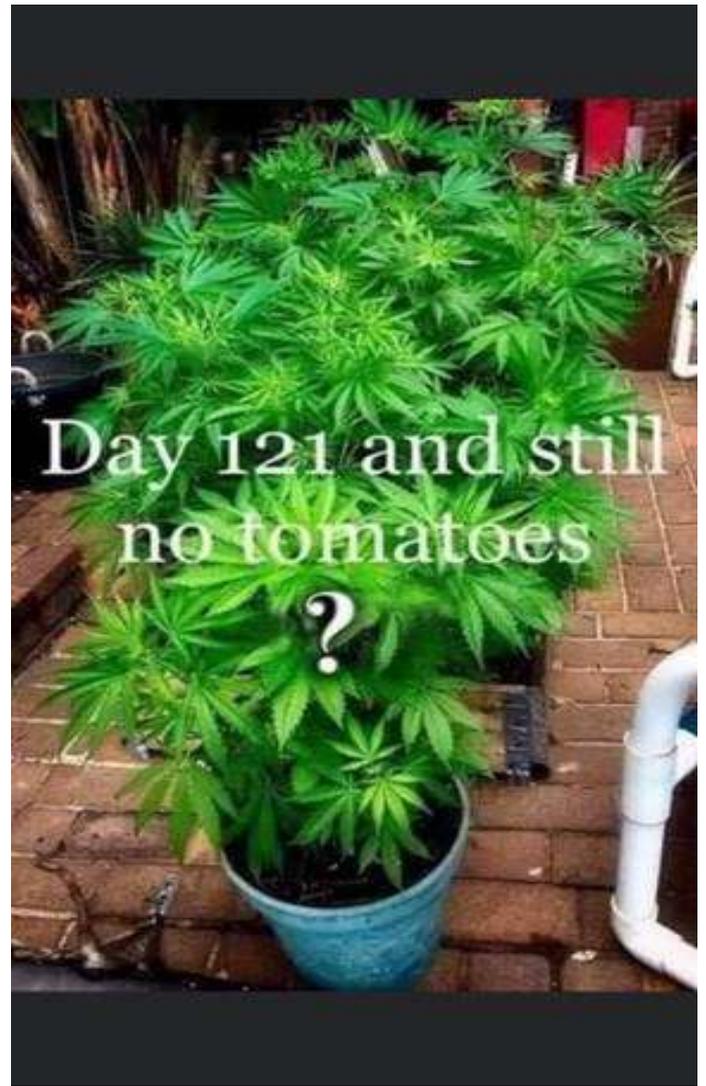
We're looking forward to the Open day on 14 November.



**DURING THE MIDDLE
AGES THEY CELEBRATED
THE END OF THE PLAGUE
WITH WINE AND ORGIES
DOES ANYONE KNOW IF
THEY HAVE ANYTHING
LIKE THAT PLANNED
WHEN THIS ONE ENDS?**

(ASKING FOR A FRIEND)

Be aware she can move in any direction



That's all for this time friends – stay safe and carry on shedding!

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