



MALENY MEN'S SHED Inc NEWSLETTER



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From the President: Peter Fitzgibbon



Who would have thought that the simple gesture of presenting a letterbox as a gift could sum up what Men's Sheds are all about. Woodies, in particular Dennis, built the letterbox. Ken repositioned the post, and presented the item to Frank at smoko. The man hours expended may have been significant but value in camaraderie is priceless.

Similarly, the action of other groups to help the woodies clear the barn shed, was another example of the cohesive mateship that exists at our shed. With the fragmented nature of our workshops, interaction between groups is essential to ensure harmonious work environment and provide a pleasant atmosphere for all.

As I wander around I generally observe members performing manufacturing tasks for other groups and although you may not be mentioned in dispatches, your actions have been noted. Keep up the good work.



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From the Gardeners: Clive Powell

SIZING UP A PLANTING HOLE

As a general rule, the larger the tree, the larger the hole you will need, a 2m tree, for instance, will need a hole 1m wide and 60 cm deep. Make sure you have at least a 30cm wide clearance around the roots. If you squash them into too small a hole, the tree will have difficulty in growing.

In general, avoid digging deep wide holes as these can become a well into which water drains during rain - wide holes. 5cm or so deeper than the soil level in the container are preferable. Their width protects the tree trunk from mower damage.

From the Smithy: Ken Scott



Things are heating up in the shop with Kevin, Ben, Ray, Ian & Ken firing up the forge & producing rather unique Condamine Bells for sale.

Orders are coming in & demand is increasing. Several sales have occurred so enthusiasm increases in the shop. We do have a few for the school reunion but will take orders at 3 for \$100 – cash is King. Each Bell is carefully crafted and numbered so they will be collectors' pieces in years to come – great for Christmas gifts to replace

your alarm clocks.

From Wikipedia:

“In the Iron Age, humans became aware of the metal iron. In earlier ages, iron's qualities, in contrast to those of bronze, were not generally understood though. Iron artifacts, composed of meteoric iron, have the chemical composition containing up to 40% nickel. As this source of this iron is extremely rare and fortuitous, little development of smithing skills peculiar to iron can be assumed to have occurred. That we still possess any such artifacts of meteoric iron may be ascribed to the vagaries of climate, and the increased corrosion-resistance conferred on iron by the presence of nickel.

During the (north) Polar Exploration of the early 20th century, Inughuit, northern Greenlandic Inuit, were found to be making iron knives from two particularly large nickel-iron meteors. One of these meteors was taken to Washington, D.C., where it was remitted to the custody of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Hittites of Anatolia first discovered or developed the smelting of iron ores around 1500 BC. They seem to have maintained a near monopoly on the knowledge of iron production for several hundred years, but when their empire collapsed during the Eastern Mediterranean upheavals around 1200 BC, the knowledge spread to others.”

From the Woodworkers: Warne Wilson

They've been at it again! That great double, Roy and Clive, have made a beautiful little sign for the Witta Lutheran Church. The old sign was probably 100 years old and this one is made to last another 100!

The Men's Shed Woodworkers members have been gaining skill and experience. Harry has finished another great little table and Jim has learned to make professional looking wine bottle holders for the Maleny Golf Club. Leon is turning ornate legs for a table out of beech and has surprised us by achieving the difficult challenge of getting them all looking the same!



Maleny Lattice gave us a call as they were closing down and we have scored their cut-off saw and a lot of wooden items and several benches that we will knock down to salvage the wood.

This month has seen the complete evacuation of the shed to make way for the Music Festival. This year we had complex new machines to move and we had the extra problem of finding a secure space to store them. Ross Hopper came to our aid – he provided a container, with delivery and pick up free of charge. Normal rental would have been several hundred dollars. Our thanks go to Ross and Maleny Milk for this wonderful community gesture.

With no home for the woodies on Tuesday 19 September, Ken Scott organised a group to visit the Caboolture Historical Park, including a tour of the park and morning tea. We found the park and all of its buildings and exhibits to be interesting and well presented. Afterward we had an enjoyable lunch at the Caboolture RSL. Our thanks go to the Park for waiving the entrance fee and providing us with scones, jam and cream, and teas and coffees.

From the Engineers: Lawrie Abrahamson



The fun continues at the Shed as our merry team go about their business with good hearted banter.

One of the pleasures is meeting new fellows as they turn up to check us all out and decide whether to come back again.

One such new member is Bruce Smith who has become a regular now. Bruce has been inducted to be our new bandsaw operator. So should anyone need a sawing job done we again have a go-to person.

As I have said in these pages once before, the job comes with a chair, and Bruce seems quite OK with that.



**Upcoming event at Maleny Men's Shed
Annual General Meeting and Barbecue
Tuesday 26 September**

Get to know your fellow shedders!

This month's shedder is popular member, COLIN KIELLY

Where were you born, Colin?

I was born at Royal Women Hospital Brisbane and brought up in Indooroopilly Brisbane.

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

Indooroopilly changed over the years from a quiet western suburb to huge shopping town area. When I was in grade 12, I watched Indooroopilly shopping town being built. It was literally over the road from us. Where our house was is now covered by the shoppingtown.

Family?

I have two older brothers. One lives in Chelmer and the other in Melbourne.

What brought you to Maleny? And When?

A friend bought land a Conondale with the intention of moving up here after building a house. Originally we were looking at buying some land off them and building here also. However, their land could not be subdivided so we looked around the area. This was about 12 years ago and we bought a house which we rented out for a number of years before I retired. When I retired we had the house renovated, which was 3 years ago. We moved up here because we loved the area and all the local facilities and crafts. I am into spinning, weaving and some leatherwork.

What was/is your profession?

After a couple of years as a clerk in the State Government (which I hated), I joined PMG as an Apprentice Telecommunication Tradesman. After a couple of years I became a trainee Technical Officer. In was in PMG/Telecom Australia/Telstra for 41 years and worked in a number of different areas.

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

I really appreciate the friendships I have developed at the Men's Shed. I also like the ability to learn new skills, especially the lathe work. What I don't like is that there are too many things to do at the Shed and I don't have enough time to get involved with them.

What would be your advice to young people today?

I would advise young people to plan for their future and realise just how quickly the years can fly by.

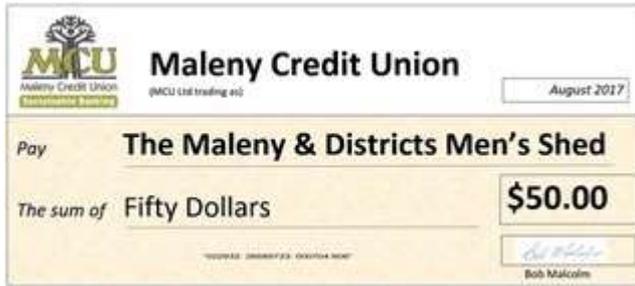
What advice would you have liked to receive when you were 15?

Study harder and don't just get by on your intelligence, I could have done a lot better than I did. Also, buy shares in Microsoft and Apple.

Thank you Colin!

Congratulations Maleny Men's Shed!

From Maleny Credit Union



Your organisation has benefited again this month through our clubs rewards program. Once this \$50 has been deposited into the clubs account you will have received a total of \$100 from MCU in the last two months. We hope these funds are helping your club in some way and we would love to hear your feedback on how the money will be

used. We hope you will receive much more in the coming months.

World Dementia Information Day
Thursday 21st September, 10 am - 2 pm
Nambour State College Hungerford Hall

Many do not know that Dementia is the second largest cause of death in Australia. It is a day of sharing and for networking among organisations and people with dementia and their family carers and for anyone who is interested to learn about dementia. We hope to see you or clients on the Day. www.scdementia.com.au

Morning tea and light lunch provided. Donations accepted. Thank you!

Lucky Door Prizes!

- 2 X \$25 vouchers- Caloundra Power Boat Club. 54921444**
- Basket of L'Occitane products & photocopying- Opal Aged Care. 5444 9700**
- Morning tea treats – Carers Qld 5451 1882 & Blackall Range Care Group 5445 7044**
- Door Prizes & speaker accommodation – Carers Outlook. 54760642**
- Car Adaptive Bar – Bromilow 5445 5676**
- \$200- Suncare DCafe. 54363900**
- \$200 - Diversicare. 5491 9655**
- \$100 - MGA Insurance Brokers**



Upcoming Community Events – 2017

- SEPTEMBER 26 at 8am** **Witta Tennis Club Kids Fun Day**, Witta Tennis Court
- SEPTEMBER 26 at 1.30pm** **Quota “Spring in the Garden”**, 22 Rangers Road, Maleny
- OCTOBER 6** **Witta Touch Juniors & Seniors start** - Witta Recreation Club
- OCTOBER 7** **Andrew Powell’s Annual Bowls Match** Maleny Bowls Club
- OCTOBER 15** **Lions Mt View Challenge Fun Run**, Maleny Showgrounds
- 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
- DECEMBER 25** **Maleny Community Christmas Breakfast**
Maleny Neighbourhood Centre
- DECEMBER 31** **New Year’s Eve Bash**, Witta Sports Ground

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

**Paddy calls QANTAS to book a flight.
The operator asks, "How many people are flying with you?"
Paddy replies "I don't know! It's your bloody plane. "**

Ban pre-shredded cheese - make America grate again.



5 Lessons in Life from Dr. Seuss

1. Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You.
2. 'Why fit in when you were born to stand out?
3. You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
4. Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.
5. Today I shall behave, as if this is the day I will be remembered.

It Takes Courage *by Author Unknown*

It takes strength to be firm,
It takes courage to be gentle.
It takes strength to conquer,
It takes courage to surrender.
It takes strength to be certain,
It takes courage to have doubt.
It takes strength to fit in,
It takes courage to stand out.
It takes strength to feel a friend's pain,
It takes courage to feel your own pain.
It takes strength to endure abuse,
It takes courage to stop it.
It takes strength to stand alone,
It takes courage to lean on another.
It takes strength to love,
It takes courage to be loved.
It takes strength to survive,
It takes courage to live.

A general noticed one of his soldiers behaving oddly. The soldier would pick up any piece of paper he found, frown and say, "That's not it" and put it down again. This went on for some time, until the general arranged to have the soldier psychologically tested. The psychologist concluded that the soldier was deranged, and wrote out his discharge from the army. The soldier looked at the note, smiled and said, "That's it."



A police officer pulls over a speeding car. The officer says, "I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir."

The driver says, "Goodness, officer, I had it on cruise control at 60. Perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating."

Not looking up from her knitting the wife says, "Now don't be silly, dear - you know that this car doesn't have cruise control."

As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, "Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once?"

The wife smiles demurely and says, "Well dear, you should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did or your speed would have been higher."

As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth, "Woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?"

The officer frowns and says, "I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic \$180 fine."

The driver says, "Yeah, well, you see, officer, I had on, but I took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my licence out of my back pocket."

The wife says, "Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving."

And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket, the driver turns to his wife and barks, "Will you please shut up!"

The officer looks over at the woman and asks, "Does your husband always talk to you this way, madam?"

She says, "No - only when he's been drinking."

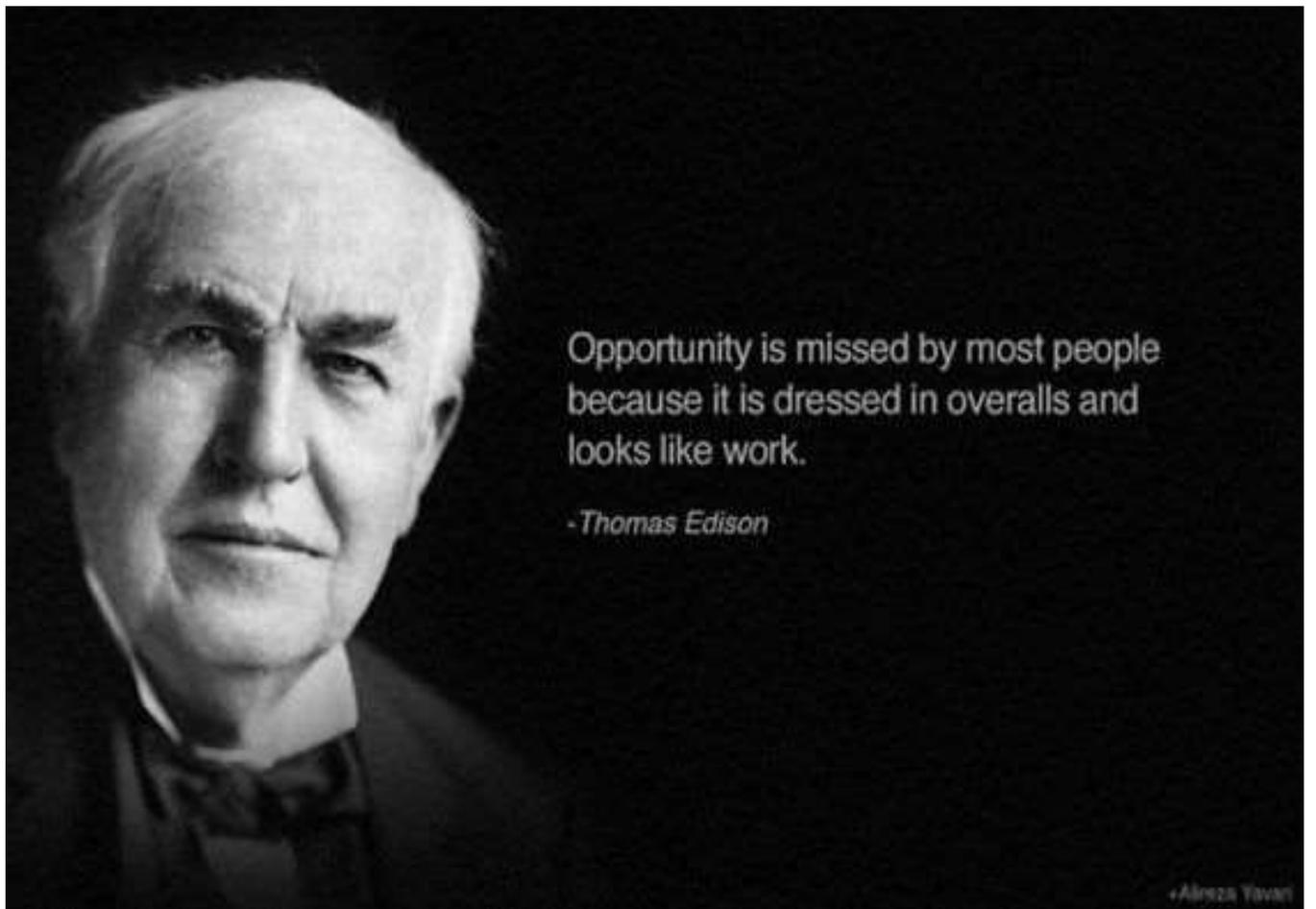




And another thing
Francis...
all this fuss over
Same Sex marriage.

I just don't see what the
big deal is.

Harvey and I have been
having the same sex
for 54 years
and to tell you the truth
it isn't worth
getting all upset over.



Opportunity is missed by most people
because it is dressed in overalls and
looks like work.

-Thomas Edison