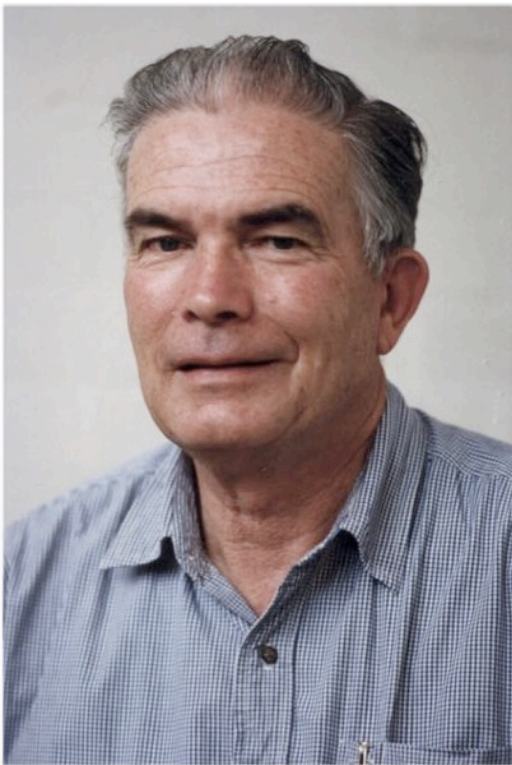


The Founding of Maleny Senior Citizens

In 1976, I was nominated by the Maleny Rotary Club to be Maleny's representative for National Fitness. At the time National Fitness was a government body to foster sport and recreation for people of all ages from all walks of life.



Tom Malone

I concentrated on the youth to start with and focused on fostering new sporting groups that were not already in existence in Maleny. The first one was to organise a soccer club for Maleny. This was highly successful and at present there are over 250 members in various teams in the local soccer club.

I then realised that there were plenty of activities for the youth, but recreation for seniors was lacking. I enquired on how to form a Senior Citizens Club. I went to the Brisbane Seniors Citizens Club in Fortitude Valley to find out how they started up and was advised that I had to form a Committee of the Ageing as a steering committee to form a Senior Citizens Club.

I then called a public meeting, formed a Committee of the Ageing with various members. The Committee of the Ageing then called for another public meeting to form a

Senior Citizens Club. Forty years ago the Maleny Senior Citizens Club was born.

At the time, Senior Citizens' Membership was open to people over 50 years. I was too young to join. It gave me great pleasure to see the Club go from strength to strength over the years. For many years it was the largest club in Maleny.

Tom Malone
Maleny 24 June 2017

Maleny Senior Citizens

40th Birthday Celebration



Oldest members, Una Lyon & Thelma Fritz cutting the cake with 70th & 80th year old members, Tom Malone (founder of the Senior Citizens), Mike Ahern (former Premier of Qld) & Andrew Powell MP.



Mike Ahern





President Lynda A Burgess with Kayrene Corkin, Doug Moore & Beverley Heading, 70th Birthday recipients



Celebrating their 90th this year, Una Lyon & Thelma Fritz with President Lynda A Burgess (Left) & Andrew Powell MP.