Newsletter #1 APRIL 2017

Note from the editor: This is the first of what I hope will be an ongoing monthly newsletter. With the help of section leaders and other contributors I will try to make it interesting and entertaining, and I invite anyone with an interesting snippet of information, a funny joke, or a paragraph or two of history, to email it to me for inclusion. warnew@bigpond.com

Welcome to the new Men’s Shed newsletter. The concept for a newsletter has been kicking around for a number of years and was initially set up by Doug Brooks but unfortunately the newsletter slipped into the abyss with Doug returning to the workforce. The newsletter is once again being produced by an enthusiastic Warne. He has volunteered his services and hopes to have a monthly newsletter out to the masses. But, and a very big BUT, the newsletter will only survive with input from others, so please help and submit articles, anecdotes or just pictures with a short snippet of information.

The past month has been another busy occasion with meetings and grant presentations, all of which have been enlightening and convivial events. A meeting with the council planning and building approval representatives to discuss our new shed was informative and fruitful. Council offered advice and possible solutions to erecting the shed prior to re-zoning being passed by council. We all live in hope that we will have the shed up before years end, hopefully this year’s end.

Receiving money in any form is always gratifying and even more so when it comes with an evening meal. Rotary held a presentation evening for grant recipients and spouses. The night provided an opportunity to mix with other volunteer groups to share ideas and discuss organizational needs. Entities such as Rotary should be complimented on their ongoing support for community groups such as ours.

I’ll be away until the end of May visiting my daughter but with able assistants the place will run smoothly as always. Don’t forget to get behind Warne and the newsletter. Happy snapping.

WOODIES REPORT: Warne Wilson
March saw growth and increased activity in the woodies section. We have been working hard, making more than 100 wooden items for the MALENY WOOD EXPO SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 29TH APRIL AND MONDAY 1ST MAY. The children will be shown how to put these items together, and to decorate them with colour and pyrography by volunteers on roster from The Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild and our own Men’s Shed. Ammellia from Barung land Care has arranged for a group blue card to cover the volunteers. A lot of kids are expected and they will book in for one hour each.
Several tables will be provided.

VOLUNTEERS WILL HAVE FREE ENTRY TO THE EXPO, A FREE HAMBERGER, AND A FREE COFFEE.

We are still needing volunteers to register for a couple of hours on any of the three days. Please email me (warnew@bigpond.com) if you can be available for an hour or two on any (or all) of the days.

Other activities have included the delivery of our new DeWalt 330mm thicknesser and a spiral cutter. This powerful machine will be of great advantage in general woodwork, it has some innovative features which must be understood before any member can be accredited to use it. Roy Brown has been hard at work making two new sets of tent poles for the Maleny girl Guides, as well as the restoration of a 100 year-old Singer sewing machine. Ross Weaver and Harry Malsher have been constructing a motor bike on rockers (A variation of the rocking horse!) to be raffled. Jim Brock has done a superb job of restoring a beautiful old rocking chair, and John Taylor is restoring an antique bedside table.

SMITHIES: Ken Scott

If you see smoke coming out of the Blacksmiths shop you know someone is on the forge. Clive and others made a great sign to mark our plot. The summer months were used by the boys repairing and maintaining the shed and donated gear.

We are indebted to the donors of the blacksmiths tools of trade & other gear generously supplied by the Ormand family, the Dunlop family, Harvey Bryce, Kevin Howell, Ken Scott, Clive Powell, Roy Brown, Ray Stewart, Richard Dent and many others who have contributed to the Shed. Now the construction phase is nearly completed we are keen to get into the serious task of actually producing the goods. Kevin is well into making the bells, Ian is into ornamental bric-a-brac and others just doing their thing. All are welcome to help out!

Boris K is downsizing his great workshop and gear, and has just given us some valuable contributions of gear and steel and family. We do have some up to help our skills in the near to have some schools visit.

So now we have no excuse to and bells for the open day on

Doug Robinson thrives on hard work – somebody has to turn the handle! His mates are waiting for the right moment, they have bacon and eggs in the pan!

KEEP THE FIRE GOING, KEN.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Lawrie Abrahamson
In a small rustic shed there is a hand full of great guys enjoying engineering work together. Their aim is to develop a workshop to a level where metal can be chosen from our collection of off-cuts, sawn to length in our latest acquisition the metal cutting band saw, usually manned by Grant, then turned in the lathe, drilled or welded.

The requests to do interesting small jobs from those from the broader membership has been satisfying for the experience gained by our team. The metal lathe work requires planning of the task and the order in which the procedures must follow, and the team have been enthusiastic to learn all aspects of this as we tackle small jobs that our group would bring in from home.

Many thanks must go to Peter Fitz who has been very successful with grant applications which recently funded a range of tools for lathe work and the big one, the almost non stop, metal bandsaw. Thanks Pete.

'TIL NEXT TIME, LAWRIE

**GARDENING REPORT: Clive Powell**

"WHEN TO TRANSPLANT AN ESTABLISHED SHRUB"

Shrubs are best transplanted during the cooler months, from late autumn to early spring.

A dormant shrub is far more likely to withstand a sudden change of environment than one which is in active growth.

**MEN'S SHED COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

A number of committee members will be holidaying over the next month and operational duties will be passed around depending on who is available.

For those who are new, committee members are:

- **President:** Peter Fitzgibbon
- **Vice President:** Glenn Todd
- **2nd Vice President:** Clive Powell
- **Secretary:** Malcolm Baker
- **Treasurer:** Colin Kiely
- **Past President:** Wayne Schultz

Periods of absence:

- Peter: 18 April to 26 May
- Glenn: End of April and 2-16 May
- Malcolm: Short period after Easter
- Wayne: Away until mid May.

**Handy Hint**

When starting a cut on metal sheet or bar with a hacksaw, generally the saw blade will jump and slip along the job causing damage. To reduce the likelihood of this happening, use the sharp edge of a half round file to make a notch the width of the saw blade on the edge where the cut is to begin. This will locate the blade and stop it jumping or sliding thus alleviating possible damage.
JOKES – GOOD AND ?? !

Two cows in a field. One says: "Did you hear about that outbreak of mad cow disease?" The other says: "Good thing I’m a helicopter."

And:
A jockey is about to enter a race on a new horse. The horse’s trainer meets him before the race and says, "All you have to remember with this horse is that every time you approach a jump, you have to shout, ‘ALLLEEE OOOP!’ really loudly in the horse’s ear. Providing you do that, you’ll be fine."

The jockey thinks the trainer is mad but promises to shout the command. The race begins and they approach the first hurdle. The jockey ignores the trainer’s ridiculous advice and the horse crashes straight through the centre of the jump.
They carry on and approach the second hurdle. The jockey, somewhat embarrassed, whispers "Aleeooop" in the horse’s ear. The same thing happens - the horse crashes straight through the centre of the jump.
At the third hurdle, the jockey thinks, "It’s no good, I’ll have to do it," and yells, "ALLLEEE OOOP!!" really loudly. Sure enough, the horse sails over the jump with no problems. This continues for the rest of the race, but due to the earlier problems, the horse only finishes third.

The trainer is fuming and asks the jockey what went wrong. The jockey replies, "Nothing is wrong with me - it’s this bloody horse. What is he - deaf or something?"
The trainer replies, "Deaf? Deaf?! He’s not deaf. He’s blind!"

By courtesy of Dennis Hensby

Two Men’s shed gents standing on the street corner in Brisbane
One says to the other — "Which is closest???? — Melbourne OR the Moon????"
"Don’t be so stupid — The Moon of course --- Can you see Melbourne from here? ????"

Two oldies (couple) sitting on the veranda in their rocking chairs - One says to the other, "What has happened to our sexual relations???”
The other replied, “I don’t know - We didn’t even get a Xmas card from them this year!!!!!!!”

By courtesy of Anonymous

By courtesy of Ross Weaver
Thoughts for the Day

“The man who is a pessimist before 48 knows too much; if he is an optimist after 48, he knows too little.” ~ Mark Twain (1835-1910)

"If everyone demanded peace instead of another television set, then there’d be peace.” ~ John Lennon (1940-1980)

GUEST SPEAKER – Ray Whittaker from Legacy – Tuesday 11th April

With ANZAC day approaching and stalls popping up selling Legacy Badges, Ray Whittaker provided timely
insight into Legacy and the support offered to spouses and children of service personnel whom have died during military service. Legacy was established after WW1 and since it’s inception has provided invaluable financial and advocate support to widow/ers. Like all other voluntary entities, Legacy operates on a shoestring budget, so show your support when you see the badge sellers.

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**MALENY MEN'S SHED EVENTS REMINDERS**

- **25 April ANZAC Day Ceremony and Parade** Maple Street, Maleny & Maleny RSL. Anzac Day is on a Tuesday and up to members if they wish to attend a Shed day.

- **29 April to 1st May Wood Expo Maleny Showgrounds** Volunteers needed for kid's corner to aid other woodworking groups. Warne needs numbers for the event so please offer your assistance.

- **3 May Visit to The woodies shed** at the rear of the Montville Sports Ground for a hearing talk and checks if desired. The hearing Clinic will provide a BBQ. For more information, see page 7.

- **6 May Pioneer Village set up.** 7 May Heritage Day - Pioneer Village Volunteers need to help out with set up and man displays. If you can assist see Kevin

- **2 and 3 June Maleny Show**, Maleny Show grounds. Volunteers for setting up/putting away stands in pavilion. Good couple of days working with other community groups.

- **10 and 11 June Gardening on the Edge**, Maleny Showgrounds and District. 2 July Muscle on the Mountain Maleny Showgrounds.

- **8 and 9 July KnitFest Maleny** Township area. Colin may need help to manufacture display frames.

- **3 September Festival Maleny Classics** Witta Recreation Club, Witta Road, Witta.

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**MALENY DISTRICT SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB INC**

_Upcoming Community Events – 2016_

Witta Tennis Golf Day April 23rd - Maleny Golf Club, North, Maleny.
ANZAC Day Ceremony & Parade April 25th - Maple Street, Maleny & Maleny RSL.
Maleny Arts & Crafts Autumn Fair April 30th - Maleny Community Centre, Maple Street, Maleny.
Maleny Wood Expo April 29th + May 1st - Maleny Showgrounds.
Maleny Pioneer Day May 7th - Maleny Historical Village, Bryce Lane, Maleny.
Discover your Heritage May 6th & 7th - Pattemore House, Nth Maleny.
Maleny Show Ball May 20th - Maleny Show Pavilion.
Maleny Show June 2nd + 3rd - Maleny Show grounds.
Gardening on the Edge June 10th + 11th - Maleny Showgrounds & District.
Muscle on the Mountain July 2nd - 9.30am - 1pm - Maleny Showgrounds.
Knitfest - Yarn & Fibre Arts Festival July 8th and 9th - Maleny Township area.
Maleny Classics September 3rd - Witta Recreation Club, Witta Road, Witta.
To include information in this events list simply email to denvergail1@gmail.com

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you’re trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit
Rest if you must, but don’t you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don’t give up though the pace seems slow -
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man;
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor’s cup;
And he learned too late when the night came down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out -
The silver tint in the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It might be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you’re hardest hit -
It’s when things seem worst that you must not quit.

Edgar A. Guest
Members of the Maleny and Mapleton Men’s Sheds have been invited by John Muller, president of the Blackall Range Woodcrafters, to a talk by a hearing clinician plus free health checks and hearing checks if any members would like to have them.

Please read the accompanying graphic for more information. Some members might like to share transport.

That’s all for this month, folks. Please begin forwarding contributions for May.

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