



# MALENY MEN'S SHED Inc NEWSLETTER



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## **From the President: Peter Fitzgibbon**

Each month the Men's Shed experiences highs and lows and this month is no different. I was saddened to hear the news that Grant Roberts had passed away. Grant has been a real success story for the shed. Initially he was a quiet, shy, reserved bloke but over a period of time he came out of his shell, displaying his dry sense of humour and a wealth of knowledge. He found his niche in the metalwork shed and became a regular member of their group. I firmly believe that all members have something to offer and Grant was no exception.

We did have a high for the month with some members participating in the Wood Expo kids corner. From all reports members had a good couple of days interacting with children and networking with other woodies from the district. Thank you to Warne and all those whom helped. Although this type of function takes some effort to coordinate and execute I personally find the experience rewarding. As we get on in years, contributing to the community events such as the Expo is an opportunity to interact with other community groups and, most importantly, is a simple technique to keeping one's sanity in retirement. Although community functions are a good social outlet, we must never forget our underlying responsibility is passing on knowledge to the young.

Keep up the good work.

## **From the Gardeners: Clive Powell**

### **SHELTER IN THE GARDEN**

Windbreaks are often needed in the garden to protect small plants, more so if is in a seaside location to protect the salt air from killing young plants. The ideal shelter is one that filters the wind, reducing the velocity, rather than one that reduces it completely. Any solid barrier such as a solid fence can create turbulence on the lee side and may be even more damaging.

## **From the Smithy: Ken Scott**

Sunday May the 7<sup>th</sup> saw people flocking to the pioneer village for the annual Open day. It was action in all areas and the forge was up and running with our visiting blacksmith Martin showing us his skills and some of his great work once again. Several Men's Shed members were helping and performing when required. Thanks to them. Several items were actually sold – costing labour wise – probably about \$2 hour! We have to lift our game. Ken and Ben gave a short spiel on the sheep/wool and shearing industry sharing our knowledge – it did not take long! Ken brought his Wiltipol sheep in for display and thankfully they were not on the BBQ at lunch time!

Many more ventures are planned now we have some basic skills.



*It is with sincere regret that we record the passing of Grant Roberts, a valued member and regular attendee at the shed.*

*Grant is shown here operating the metal cutting band saw in the engineering shed. During his last few months Grant took a real interest in this machine, not only because he could operate it sitting down, his mates' acknowledgement of his experience, skill, and fine work was a great lift for him.*

*Vale Grant, we will miss you.*

### **From the Woodworkers: Warne Wilson**

We have been flat out during the last month making over 100 wooden items, some of them



with several components to be put together, sanded and decorated by the children in the Barung Land Care marquee "Make Mother a present for Mother's Day". A few of our members came to help and to show the children what to do. The days were filled with enjoyment as we helped a never ending stream of polite young children, and we were touched by the sight of fathers, mothers and grandparents teaching them. Altogether a memorable and rewarding experience for us.

The Montville Woodies also made nearly 200 items, making approx. 300 all told, but we ran out of supplies on the Sunday at lunch time. In the lower picture Glenn Todd, Ron Fishwick, and a father, show three little girls the ancient art of pyrography. "I LOVE YOU MUM" was a popular message on key racks, cutting boards, boats and planter boxes.

Roy Brown has been working hard, both at the shed and at home, on the making of two full sets of replacement tent poles for the Maleny Girl Guides. The twelve poles were fitted with galvanised steel tube connectors to allow them to be taken apart for transport.





*Ray, John, Malcolm and Noel setting up the woodwork shed's new Laguna Fusion state of the art, Table Saw.*

Members are picking up many new skills, and new pieces of equipment are adding to the possibilities of fine work to come. Over the years this shed had been the receiving house for old gadgets, worn out tools, machines, surplus old items and offcuts, wooden and other. Much clutter has been removed, the shed looks good, and we are looking forward to moving, one day, into the new shed.

### **From the Engineers: Lawrie Abrahamson**

Since the April newsletter things have continued as usual with the addition of a Jig to hold and braze, band saw blades, to be built for the wood workers. The kind of interesting job that we like.

The news of Grant Roberts passing away came with sadness to the Engineering Team of which he was a valued member. Grant had his own distinct presence that was appreciated by each member of our team. He was made Honorary operator of our new metal cutting bandsaw. Please note in the photo above the importance of the chair.

The ceremony celebrating Grant's life was well attended by Men's Shed members in their purple shirts. As you might expect the shirts attracted discussions about Grant and Men's Shed activities at the morning tea. At this time it was learnt that Grant was a saw operator at a saw mill, something he kept to himself re operating the Men's Shed saw.

My closing comment is that the approvals for our new shed can't come soon enough.

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### **MALENY MEN'S SHED EVENTS REMINDERS**

- ❖ **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.

## MALENY DISTRICT SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB INC

### Upcoming Community Events – 2017

Maleny Show Ball May 20th - Maleny Show Pavilion.

Maleny Show June 2nd + 3rd - Maleny Showgrounds.

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](mailto:denvergail1@gmail.com)

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### JOKES – GOOD AND ??!

Meanwhile, in the U.S. Thinking that the presidential candidate needed to show a more human side of himself, his committee advised him to visit an aged care home. Walking into the room of an old man, with the cameras whirring, the nominee was surprised when the old man offered him some peanuts from a bowl on the table. "Thank you", said the nominee. After being offered more for the 3rd time, "Why don't you have some yourself?" "Oh, I can't eat them" said the old man, "I don't have any teeth." "So why do you have them?" asked the confused nominee. "Oh, I like the chocolate around them" was the glib reply.



**"THE BEST WAY TO CHEER YOURSELF IS TO CHEER SOMEBODY ELSE UP."**

~ Mark Twain (1835-1910) ~