

BUDERIM MEN'S SHED

'The Shed Spread' Seasonal Newsletter

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President Report

By Rick Beasley



It is great to see the enthusiasm which is building for our fundraising effort to raise our funds for the new Shed at Kuluin. The objective of raising \$1 million over the next five years seems

challenging if not daunting.

I am heartened by the attitude of Norm Thursby and the fundraising committee. It is like "how do you eat an elephant?" The answer is, of course, "in small pieces". By dissecting the large amount into various bite size pieces, it does look possible.

A big part of this will be the fundraising by members. This may be the organizing of events or helping with fundraising activities. I would have to say that the enthusiasm I saw at the sausage sizzle



and then the garage sale was really heartening. What a great result from the garage sale!

The contribution from members directly is also an important part of the formula. The funds raised are essential to the total fundraising, but just as importantly shows those outside the Shed that we are committed and doing our bit. The number of members who are contributing on an ongoing basis is heartening.

Not all members can contribute a lot of cash up front. However, the cost of attending our Shed is not great. Instead of paying the usual \$5.00 a week, to add another \$10.00 will amount to \$500 during the year or \$2,500 over five years. If 75 per cent of our members were to do this, we could raise over \$500,000 and assure us the funds to build what will be a world class Shed.

I would ask every member to look at their own situation and see how you can assist with our fundraising. Remember, it is your Shed and the future of your Shed depends on being able to relocate within the five years.

Vice President Report

By Barry Cheales



Now we are well into the year, Shed activities are operating at full capacity with membership now over 280.

The Management Committee continue to meet every second week to keep the balls in the air with plenty on the agenda to see that all the activities are running and that we manage our relationship with various community areas.

We continue to seek assistance with various Shed functions to keep all systems working for the benefit of the members, so if you are willing to assist in some way please make yourself known to Secretary John at the counter.

Our relationship with the University of the Sunshine Coast in particular is rewarding with the support of various student groups Nutrition, Journalism, Exercise Physiology and we look forward to the result of research over the past 18 months on “what are the benefits of the Men’s Shed in the community”.

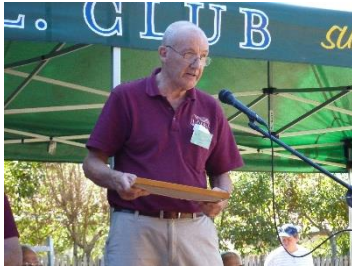
Attendance at our monthly meetings (third Tuesday each month) remains 80 to 100 strong with members having the opportunity to keep abreast of various activities going on, ask questions and hear informative talks on a variety of health subjects.

Additional activities being organised include: bush bee hives, ladies’ maintenance course, Bunnings sausage sizzles fundraiser, consolidation of the Shed computer systems, recent garage sale, First Aid updates, volunteer celebration day, continued interaction with the University of the Sunshine Coast, Seniors week in August – bring a grandchild to the Shed – and requests to assist in Community events.

Please be reminded that we have set dates for the Shed Open Day on November 19th 2016. We have booked caterers for December 4th for the Shed Christmas party under the trees following the great success of our first party for all to attend. Check out our website for more details:

www.buderimmenshed.org

New Shed Progress



A temporary halt to the submission of our Development Application (DA) to Council has been made pending detailed discussions with Shadforth Contractors

who have proposed an approach which offers the Shed some savings but means some changes to the DA information. This is not considered to be a hold up for our five-year plan.

In other respects, our preparations of the various reports required for the DA are on track. Although, things appear to be moving slowly, I can assure you that there is a lot happening behind the scenes.

Fundraising Activities

The Fundraising Committee is continuing to work on our campaign brochure which is necessary for the next stage of taking our fundraising to the general public.

The internal campaign which was launched in March and asked shed members to consider making a donation to our building fund has got off to a great start. We now have over 40 members contributing regularly at a combined rate of \$3,500.00 per month. We would like over the next few months to raise the number of member donors closer to 100.

We are compiling a data base of high profile/high net worth individuals with a view to making a personal approach later in the campaign. If any member has a personal relationship with such a person, please contact one of the fundraising committee members.

Health and Safety Report

Once again we need to highlight the need for all members to be responsible for their own safety and

that of others. Last week a woodworker using a high pitched tool and wearing his own earmuffs was completely oblivious to the other workshop users. All members need be aware the workplace health and safety is everybody's responsibility.

There is also the issue of too many people in workshop spaces. Team leaders' must be able to limit the number of workers to a number he is happy to manage. This number is not fixed by some magic formula but by the leader himself and is not negotiable. The responsibility of the leader is to keep the workshop under control and assist those who need help.

Some leaders are being stressed by overwhelming numbers, please when you arrive ask permission from the leader and do not respond negatively if he says "no I can't manage any more". It may be that those coming in for a second day simply miss out or start up another day with a new approved leader. It is a little ironic that our very success is now becoming a problem. Take a minute to think about the dangers of using a chainsaw squatting down. Is that safe? Do you give the team leader the respect he really deserves or are you self-focused to the extent of ignoring others?

Food and Men's Health

Judi and Lauren are student dietitians from The University of the Sunshine Coast and will be visiting the BMS every Tuesday over a six week period.

The inaugural "Blokes BBQ" in May and on June 7th have been a great success. Members prepared a delicious feast for lunch having done all the preparation using the barbeque

On Tuesday June 14th we will be talking about fueling to improve our emissions (poo) and hope you can all come along with your questions.

The students are thrilled to be here and hope you can all make it to the presentation



If you have any suggestions on what you'd like to cook or if you would like to volunteer for the barbeque, please add your name to the notice board or list located in both tea rooms.

Garage Sale

Congratulations on a mammoth effort by those involved in the Saturday garage sale, many hands were involved in the pickup of donated goods as well as the pricing and setup over a number of days.

It must be said that without the organisation and overall supervision of the days by Shed Coordinator Dick Winfield, we would not have had the enormous success that we did. Congratulations to you Dick.

Storage Container

You may have seen the container located in the house driveway, this has been recently purchased for the storage of more machinery purchased at an extremely good price which will be used at our new shed, thanks again to all those involved in the pickup and organising of the equipment and container set up.

Some Members Stories

A Brief History of Al

Al Hingston spent most of his schooling life in a country town in Queensland. After primary school Al and his brothers moved so that they could attend high school.

Manual training was one of the classes Al took during his time at primary school. However, Al had difficulty keeping and cutting to lines that after 12 attempts trying to make a cross half-check, Al's teacher told him "I think you had better move on to the next project. You need a lot of practice."

He was soon allowed to give up manual training and take on history in which he excelled.

Because the country school was only a one teacher school and the fact that, for the past seven years no one had passed the scholarship exam needed to go to high school, Al thought his chances of passing were slim.

Prior to school Al was resigned to work for the rest of his days in a saw mill in the district.

Contribute:

- Can you contribute to the monthly donations for our new shed in Kuluin?
- Are you ensuring that you and others around you are being safe in the workshop?
- Can you help out on the fundraising committee?

Yet, after receiving excellent tuition for the last one and a half years of tuition at the larger country primary school and the determination not to work at the saw-mill, Al not only passed the scholarship, but topped the district.

During high school Al took up a liking to chemistry and soon found his dream career as a Research Chemist with an oil company. Unfortunately, his family could not afford to send him to University, so after graduating and finishing his Army National Service training, Al took up a Pharmacy Apprenticeship with Nev Edmiston in Nambour.

His apprenticeship was three years (lessons by correspondence) and one year full-time at what is now the Queensland University of Technology. After finishing the apprenticeship Al worked all over the Sunshine Coast and the Darling Downs.

After 55 years in his Pharmaceutical career, never did Al think that he would see himself taking up woodturning as a hobby. Becoming an owner of a lathe, after his Fathers passing was the only incentive he needed to try and turn pieces of wood into interesting artefacts.

It wasn't all easy going through; Al had lessons but didn't improve until he joined the Buderim Men's Shed two years ago. With the help by skilled and patient turners Al's wife no longer needs to give his products to the cat to play with!

Leather Enthusiast

Col Haggarty, Leather Group Leader says "you're only limited by your imagination".

There have been a number of new recruits since the beginning of the year; we now have 16 regulars attending twice a week.

It's a gentle introduction that new recruits get; first timers get put with one of the experienced members in the group. You get introduced to the others and then shown how to use the tools. Usually it starts with familiarizing yourself with stamping the leather to produce a pattern and then move to creating a belt. But there's never any pressure – you set the pace on how much you want to learn and be involved.



There's a wide selection of projects that we do. We produce a variety of leather boxes, leather carving, miniature shoes and more!

Lex Freeman, who started the leather group about three years ago, is a craftsman in producing stock whips. He is happy to pass on his knowledge and enthusiasm as is Col Haggarty who is our belt expert.

In February we arranged for Cheryl McIntyre founder member of the Leather Crafters' Association of Queensland to visit us for a workshop. She has a worldwide reputation as a leather crafter and is based in Brisbane. She kept us in order and was generous in giving us information on how to get the most out of our projects. We hope to have Cheryl back again in the next few months.

Some might say that they hear a lot of noise and laughter when passing the leather room – and it's true. But we do get the work done. At the moment we are aiming to increase our stock for sale at the upcoming garage sale to be held at the Men's Shed on 21st May. Cheryl has kindly offered to give us one of her leather bags for which we'll sell tickets.

If you are interested in joining the leather group, drop in and see us.

The story of John Scrimgeour

Every person has a story to tell, John's story is one of tenacity, adventure and a willingness to give it a go.

John completed his leaving certificate in Victoria and then World War II changed his course.

Enlisting in the Royal Australian Airforce (RAAF), and training at RAAF Engineering School, John was posted to 34 Squadron where he serviced DC3 aircrafts' and performed flying duties as Flight Fitter on aircrafts away from base.



Unfortunately, John was a casualty in one of the raids during the Darling bombings

at Fenton, south of Darwin.

When the war ended it took five years for John to settle down. During these years he grabbed whatever work he could find: laborer, surveyor's assistant and crocodile shooter.

He studied with the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme at Sydney University and achieved his matric (Geo-Chemistry). His next career choices included accountant, book-keeping, and administration.

John worked his way from Victoria to NSW and across the Queensland border before arriving in Cairns where John's new life began.

He held a number of clerical positions during the mid-50s to 60s. During that time John met Sophia. During their 25 years of marriage they had a daughter, Lynne, and later lost Sophia to cancer.

While in Cairns a new television company (Channel 10) was established and John was transferred to the company in the position of office manager. John was undeniably proud of this achievement. Unfortunately, health issues forced John to reluctantly leave this employment.

John then stepped into the lofty world of the Commonwealth Public Service. At 42 this didn't stop him from progressing through the ranks. 1987 John transferred to Redcliffe as Assistant Manager and performed duties of Relieving Manager at Chermside and Caboolture.

In 1965 John joined the RAAF reserve in conjunction with his public service duties. This commitment involved special duties with the Air Training Corp as an instructor in aero-dynamics and weapon handling. Utilising his practical, theoretical and people management skills John was promoted to Flight Lt. and in 1974 he was appointed as Camp Commander in Townsville, being a highlight of John's career.

Later John met and married Myrtle. Their union lasted 34 years before losing Myrtle to old age in retirement in Maroochydore. There were no children from this union, but John inherited a step-daughter, Lorelle.

Now John spends his time making model railways and aircrafts; his pride and joy is his A26 Invader and the B24.

John is one of the stalwarts of the Buderim Men's Shed's wood working group, his specialty crafting children's toys.

John reckons that there is real satisfaction in doing something useful, and he finds a genuine satisfaction in the company of others with similar personalities. The fact that John is the shed's most senior member isn't of great importance. It just goes to show that age is but a number; rather it's attitude that counts.

Round the Traps

Wood Turners

All the groups involved are busy with various projects; these vary from items for the Shed sales and also their own personal projects. We have had quite a bit of timber logs donated, we do need to have those pieces put under cover to enable proper drying and cutting for ongoing turning stock.

A number of suggestions have been made but perhaps this needs more discussion between all the groups to put forward a solution and who will be responsible for the implementation.



Metal Work

Good to see the return of the cotton wool king, John Clemones back from holidays. The boys on Tuesday and Friday are always busy with projects, Jeff having quite a bit to do around the Shed itself.

Leadlight Glass

Very busy time up here; generally have 10 – 12 starters in the room which doesn't leave a lot of space so it's just as well it is a very affable group of fella's with a good sense of humor.

We have some projects in hand for customers, a table lamp to be de-constructed and rebuilt in copper foil to lessen the weight of the lamp making it more suitable for the base. The Garden Leadlight figurines are still proving popular and are continuing to be produced for sale toward the Men's Shed.

Sketching

Doug's pupil's standards of drawing continue to improve and they have some very good quality pencil sketches amongst them.

Music

Peter's lads have fluctuations in numbers as all the groups encounter where we all like our holidays, there are some new faces within the group so welcome to them.

Computers

This is always a busy area for Bill and Doug, the learning curve here is very steep at our time of life so thanks for their patience and expertise. The group always seems to have a reasonable number of people in attendance.

Leatherwork

These fella's are always busy and continue to produce some fine quality goods from belts, purses, whips and customer specific goods made to order. Remember Shed men, these items are also for sale within the shed for any interested.

Woodwork Groups

This is a large collective of men using the Shed Tuesday to Friday's. All are busy with projects large and small, these are for personal use and an extensive range of items made for enquiries from the general public and organisations' that regularly use our services.

These jobs come in on a very regular base and require good organisation to produce the finished products.

Wood Carving

Most have been away recently and activity has slowed down, new members would be welcome. See Norm Thursby or Ross Winks.

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Reminders:

- ❖ 21st May Garage Sale
- ❖ 14th June Men's' health presentation
- ❖ 22nd June Ladies maintenance Course
- ❖ 28th July Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
- ❖ 13th to 21st August Seniors Week
- ❖ 21st August Volunteers for Mooloolaba Marathon
- ❖ November 19th Shed Open Day
- ❖ 4th December Shed Christmas Party
- ❖ 22nd December Shut for Christmas