

Noosa Men's Shed Newsletter

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The End of the Shed Year Approaches

Over the past month at the Shed, we saw:

Arrival of old wagon.	Photography course done.
Drought collection	Sound bar installed
Paint Shed completed.	Noosa Classic Cycle Race support.
Native queen bees.	Servicing pad completed
Work on gas cooktop & rangehood continued.	
First –Aid refresher course	

As the heading suggests, the time is approaching for the election of a new management committee at the **AGM**. It looks like the AGM will be held on Wednesday, 3 October. Formal notification and the calling for nominations will soon be issued by the Secretary. Please have a think about how you can best contribute to the future of the Shed

Following some boundary bush clearance next door at **SUEZ Water**, the Shed benefited from the donation of about five loads of mulch. Much of this has already been spread over the orchard and has enhanced the general appearance immensely. Thanks SUEZ.

We also scored another hive of native bees from SUEZ to add to our other three bee hives recently purchased for splitting. **David Spann and team** are doing wonders with these stingless bees. See inside for a few photos.

If you have not had a look around the Shed lately, please come in and update yourself to see all the great work being done there. Bring a friend to show them **one of the best Men's Sheds around** and the happy blokes in it!

Thanks to everyone who put a donation into the bucket for the **Drought Relief**. **\$2,129** was a great result.

Don't forget the **Pizza Day Lunch on Sunday, 9 September**. We provide the woodfired oven, you just bring an uncooked pizza, yourself, partner, some drinks and a sense of humour.

President:	Paul Asbury
VP	Ian Broadfoot
Secretary:	Stewart Neuss
Treasurer:	Steve Phillips
<u>Committee</u>	
Membership:	Peter Magarry
Long Shed:	Des Valentine
Woodwork:	Tony Sievers/David Heckendorf
Metalwork:	John Berghauser
Arts & Music:	Philip Morgan
Hobbies & Asst Treasurer	Laurie Kelly

An Important Visit

The Mayor, Councillors, CEO and key staff members of Noosa Council will be visiting the Shed on **Tuesday, 18 September at 11am**. The visit is expected to be for an hour.

For some of the Councillors and staff, this will be their first visit to the Noosa Men's Shed.

It should be a pleasant surprise for them all to see what we have done in just under four years.

Shed Shirts

Noosa Men's Shed shirts can be ordered by visiting **The Branding Office, 1/41 Rene Street, Noosaville**. (Next to the Vet Clinic).

Important Dates & Events

Rubbish Bins

The Shed has only two council rubbish bins which are barely sufficient for our own rubbish.

Please don't use them for personal domestic rubbish.

Missing Gear

Sometimes useful items go missing, depriving others from using them.

Please put items back in the original location after using them.



Safety Is a Choice You Make.



Mon, 3 Sep	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Noosa	Co-ord by Tom Gittings
Sun, 9 Sep Noon	Pizza Day	Pizza oven fired. BYO everything less tea/coffee.
Tues, 11 Sep 11am	Committee meeting.	Co-ord by Stewart Neuss
Tues, 18 Sep 11 am	Visit to Shed by Noosa Council. And Staff.	
Thurs, 20 Sep	Talk by David Sweet on a day in the life of a limb maker	Co-ord by John Williams
Mon, 1 Oct	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Noosa	Co-ord by Tom Gittings
Wed, 3 Oct	Proposed AGM.	Co-ord by Stewart Neuss
Thurs, 1 Nov 9:30 -10:30am	Unitywater visit to Shed by CEO George Theo, Kate Cash + 2.	
Tues, 6 Nov	Melbourne Cup function.	



The choices are yours to make at the Noosa Men's Shed:

Woodwork, Metalwork, Building, Art, Electronics & Computers, Leatherwork, Gardening, Bee-keeping, Inventors & Innovators, Fishing, Band, Walking, Sailing, Aquaponics, Lapidary & Fossicking, + Kitchen Humour.

Shed Opening Hours

Monday	12:30 - 3:30	Woodwork *
	2:00—4:00	Cards/Games
Tuesday	08:00 - 12:00	All Activities
Wednesday	08:00 - 12:00	Woodwork *
Thursday	08:00 - 12:00	All Activities
	1:30 - 3:30	Shed Band
Saturday	08:00—10:00	Gardening & Coffee

* Lots of elbow room on these two days.

*David Spann & Paul Schauble loading the retrieved native bees (*Tetragonula carbonaria*) at the SUEZ Water Treatment Plant.*



Queen cells in a native bee hive recovered from a tree at SUEZ

Paul Downes about to sink the yellow on a quiet Monday afternoon at the Noosa Men's Shed.

“Out - of - hours” Attendance

Please remember the Shed safety policy on “out-of-hours attendance”.

No attendance outside normal hours unless:

- for a good reason,
- family know where you are, and
- you have a mobile phone.

Frail members should never be in the Shed solo.

No powered tools to be operated unless in the company of another worker, (one of whom must be a Shed leader).



Some of the expensive native bee honey donated by **David Spann** was raffled at the Shed this week. Tess Alexandroff drew David 's ticket as the winner. At David's request, the raffle was re-drawn with Ray McEwan taking home the honey. Thanks to David for this and much more.



NMS WALKING GROUP

On 1st September this year the Shed Walking Group will celebrate 3 years of continuous operation. There are a dozen different walks from the Shed ranging from 2 to 6 kms which usually take 1 hour or less for the short ones.

We are always looking for some more walkers who are moderately fit to join us on the walks. From the start of September our walks will **start at 8am every Tuesday** from the Hobby Shed, so if any member is interested in joining us for some much needed exercise, enjoying the beautiful sights of Noosa and nature, and enjoying friendships with other members, you will be most welcome to join us. Please contact Ron Blackman for any further information.

Restoration project from Mt Mee Historical Society



David Sweet—artist or metalworker?



As Bob the Builder continues to work on the safety rail, the first vehicle for repair has inched onto the servicing slab.



Useful Information:

Below is a link to a page to check if your vehicle is affected by the **Takata airbag recall**. All it needs is your vehicle registration number and State:

<https://www.ismyairbagsafe.com.au/> If you don't have access to the internet, ask a friend to check or ring the manufacturer.

If you think there is some really useful information out there that may be of interest to our members through the newsletter, could you please send the URL link details to **Peter Magarry** at pmaga@ozemail.com.au who will coordinate the column content for the newsletter.

WELFARE NEWS

Hi All,

With the influx of so many new members I thought it an appropriate time to spell out our welfare plan for hospital visits to members who are in hospital for a period of time.

Firstly, we respect the privacy of a member should he not require a visit, and secondly the time for a visit is very important as we generally allow a couple of days after admission or an operation to check and see if you are up for a visit. Visits are normally during hospital visiting hours.

Should a member be transferred to a Brisbane Hospital for treatment we may contact you by phone, text, visit if practicable, or send a 'Getwell Card' to you. This is all about 'mates helping mates' as every member of our Shed is important to us.

The names of our Welfare Team are: Ron Blackman, Neil Watt, Ray McEwan, Tony Sievers, Max Webberly, David Sweet, Paul Asbury, Les Arthur and John Hordyk.

All you have to do to arrange a visit is to contact our Secretary, or another member of our executive committee, who will then pass on your information for our team to respond. Cheers!

Ron Blackman
Coordinator



The new paved path with an even newer instant garden at the side of the Metalwork Shed.



"Buddy Bench" for Peregian Springs State School. A joint effort by Ian in the Woodwork Shed & Conrad from the Metalwork Shed.



David Sweet is a "Prosthetist Orthotist" (a prosthetic limb maker to the rest of us). **David will be speaking about a day in the life of a limb maker with some of the interesting prosthesis he has made for people around the world along with some models.** A talk which should be very interesting. See the Important Dates on Page 2.

Ray finishing off the doors for Jim's Paint Shed with the new garden and



Another busy morning in the Hobby Shed with Jim, Tim & Steve at the leatherwork bench.

Hervey Bay Visit

ON Thursday, 16th August, Paul, John, Ken and Ian attended a gathering at the **Hervey Bay Men's Shed** to meet representatives of **AMSA** and discuss shed matters with members of other sheds.

Hervey Bay MS, has a strong membership base and occupies land provided the local council. Their initial building was an already existing brick house. Since then they have added a metalwork shed and erected an ex-army building that is used exclusively for woodwork. By and large, they are well equipped and are constantly striving for improvement.

Representatives from 17 sheds were welcomed by shed president Jonsey and the local MLA, Ted Sorenson. Then principal speakers were the incoming AMSA Chairman Paul Sladdin, David Helmers the AMSA CEO and Liz MacDonald from Head office. An overview of insurance issues was provided by AMSA's broker, Sean McDermott. A nominee for the role of AMSA Qld board member, Len Thompson, outlined his qualifications for the task. The group answered questions and offered advice and were generally well received.

One issue of interest was the **future modus operandi of AMSA**. This was described as the "Unified Model". Essentially, it is a model where AMSA operated as a national entity governed by a board made up of elected state representatives and independent directors through a national secretariat based in Newcastle. Representatives from the states are to be elected by votes by sheds in the state. State based organizations, if they exist, will be separately constituted entities that may vote in elections but not directly provide AMSA board representation. The state vote in Qld will be held in early October and there are two candidates.

Incoming AMSA President Paul Sladdin said he acknowledged that state-based organizations had something to contribute, especially in dealings with state governments, regional councils and state-based funding bodies. He intimated that there would be an attempt to embrace them but the chosen AMSA model was not a federal model but one that sought to minimize duplication of administration and keep cost under control.

The questions from the floor and the answers provided demonstrated that there was a recognition that the task of state-based directors would not be easy. The sheer number and distribution of sheds requires contact to be maintained through good secretarial and communication work rather than personal visits. More regional gatherings, like then one at Hervey Bay, are also contemplated.

David Helmers spoke briefly about the relationship with the Australian government and how it has matured. At present, a new 3 year funding agreement is being negotiated. The Health Department is the government's preferred overview organisation and there are ongoing discussions around a 10 year men's health strategy. The relationship appears to be strengthening as the years advance.

Predictably, the insurance broker, Sean, spoke about the benefits of the AMSA policy and its sympathetic administration. The message was that alternative insurers may prove harder to deal with when the chips are down.

A good deal of useful information was communicated by Liz who spoke about the **National Shed Development Program**. Drought assistance measures via a shed buddy arrangement, access to useful information including 300 policy documents in AMSA's 'Men's Shed Resources System' and current and future grant rounds.

Interestingly, grants for tools will in future be restricted to a maximum of \$5,000 to new sheds, two years or under, or disadvantaged sheds. Health workshops etc will still be able to access up to the \$8,000 and similar sums may be provided for maintenance programs such as roof waterproofing and electrical distribution upgrades. The annual potential spend on AMSA grants is currently \$800,000 in total. This has to be spread over almost 1,000 qualifying sheds.

All in all, the trip the Hervey Bay was worthwhile and the generosity of the Hervey Bay shedders in arranging the day and providing lunch is acknowledged.

IJB



Wood Workshop News - August 2018

August and September are months when quite a few members go travelling. This impacts the leaders group and on occasions, we may be stretched to maintain leaders for all sessions. Leaders who will be absent for a time during this period include Tony, Les, and the two Ian's. Please support the leaders who will be available to the best of your ability.

Upgrades to the bigger band saws are continuing. Soon all three larger units will be equipped with micro-switches and mechanical brakes. The purpose of the upgrades is to ensure safer operations. At present, saws will run on for quite a while after power-off because of wheel momentum. The upgrades are to shut off power once the brakes are actuated thus bringing blades to a halt quickly.

Recently, a further timber rack was completed. This will enable us to store more supplies from The Stair Company and other sponsors. Members need to remember to differentiate between stocks that are free and stocks that have to be paid for. The latter is mainly made up of materials the shed has purchased from the mill. If in doubt please ask. Even if free wood is used it is a good idea to make a gold coin donation into the payment box occasionally to defray the cost of maintaining the shop.

It may be useful to use this newsletter to mention a few commonly made mistakes in our shop. Mostly these derive from memory lapses about what has been taught during accreditation. For example, when using the jointer it is necessary to undo the infeed table lock before making depth cut adjustments. Trying to reset the depth while the table is locked twists the table and results in poorly machined wood.

Another issue is the planer dropping out on overload. This happens because tapered stock is put into the machine narrow edge first or because the depth of cut is excessive. If you make an error and the knives sound like they are stalling, quickly lower the infeed bed. Better still, measure both ends of stock first and lead with the thicker end. Be conservative with depth of cut. Half a turn of the depth wheel is about 1mm. It is better for the machine and job quality, to make more small cuts than one big one.

On the table saw, if you remove the main guard system to make a special cut, use the alternative riving knife then immediately replace the main guard and anti-kickback pawls. Please remove all offcuts from the vicinity of the saw once your job is completed. Bin all small pieces that are unlikely to be useful to others.

A common mistake with the Bosch sliding compound saw is for members to attempt cutting small pieces of wood that would be more safely dealt with in a band-saw. Remember, we teach never having a hand closer than 100mm to rotating blades. Further away is even better. If the job can't be done in an alternative machine, please employ hold downs.

When using machines connected to dust plants, be alert to the sudden appearance of shavings and sawdust in the work area. Most likely causes are the dust system is not switched on, the ductwork has a blockage or a bag in the dust room has not been emptied. Stop and investigate. Everyone must know how to deal with these situations. When emptying a dust bag isolate the extractor in the dust room.

If you have used the jointer or planer for a significant period of time you must check the dust bags. To ensure efficient operation of the filter materials and make emptying bags a light task, never let bags fill beyond half way. Ask someone to help you as reinstalling bags is a two-person job. If you don't know, ask. It is polite to empty dust bags at the end of each session and never leave the task to the leader.

We have a voluntary but recommended, approach to wearing of personal safety equipment in most cases. One area where there is a mandatory requirement is the use of face shields when turning wood stock that is out of balance. There has been an improvement in compliance lately however it is noteworthy that some of the more experienced participants are pretty casual about the issue. Until you see someone with a broken cheek bone it is probably hard to comprehend just what can happen. We need to do better.

One other safety issue is the wearing of disposable dust masks when the session clean-up is going on. The leaders group has decided to provide free disposable masks for participants. If you want one,

(Woodwork news continued)

just ask the leader of the day. The masks are stored in a box above the glue shelf. Free masks are not for normal daily shed use. You should provide your own. If you have a lung weakness, permanent or temporary, find another way to assist other than dust removal.

There is still an occasional issue with members turning up with fifty-year old pieces of hardwood or lumps of ironwood and the like and wanting to put the timber through our equipment. This stock does immediate damage to saws and knives. Sharpening band-saws and rotating blades takes time and knowledge. As a concession, we are prepared for members to put such stock over the equipment in the outdoor area. If they learn to sharpen as well that would be a good idea. As a general rule, reserve main shop equipment for soft and cabinet quality timbers.

Finally. leaders met in early August and among other issues, they lent support to an idea for the development of an additional annex north of the Gordon Craig annex. If the Management Committee of the shed proceeds with a proposal that has been put forward, this annex could become a new technology centre incorporating, among other things, a CNT router. Retaining the space exclusively for woodwork was not regarded as essential when the current shop only opens four of the possible ten weekly sessions and shop management is already demanding. Shed resources should be directed to as many members as practicable.

Keep enjoying your participation in woodwork and remember - 'If You Don't Know, Ask'.

Ian



Membership Renewal for 2018/2019.

Your annual fee to be a member of the Noosa Men's Shed inc. is now due for the 2018/19 Year. At the end of August we have 157 financial members.

Due to the generous support of our local community and the tireless efforts of our Grants team and members we are able to maintain our annual membership fee at **\$50** and daily attendance fee at **\$2**. This is the same as when we kicked off in late 2014.

Payment may be made by cash, cheque or electronic funds transfer as per the instructions below. This payment is due by the 31st July 2017 and will cover your membership until the 30th June 2019.

Your membership will lapse if payment is not made by the 30th September 2018.

As previously advised the daily attendance fee per visit to the shed is \$2, to be paid on the day. As an alternative to making daily payments you may wish to pay an annual fee of \$100. If you choose this option it will amount to a total payment of \$150.

If you no longer wish to be a member please notify us by email at noosamensshed@gmail.com

Payment Options:

- Pay in person at the Men's Shed by Cash or Cheque made payable to **Noosa Men's Shed Inc.**
- Cheque mailed to Noosa Men's Shed, PO Box 964, Tewantin, Qld, 4565.
- EFT to Account Name: **Noosa Men's Shed Inc.**

BSB: 633000

Account No: 152427001

Remitter or Reference: Your Surname

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The Art Studio and Metalwork Shed at the Noosa Men's Shed.

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