

Noosa Men's Shed Newsletter

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February has Gone

Another month has just passed too quickly. It is probably just a sign that we are very happy and busy and nothing to do with growing older.

Earlier in the month we were given a ride-on mower by the generous Noosa Rugby Union Club (The Dolphins). A special thanks to Pete Williams for his initiative and work with the Metal Shed men to repair the mower to near-new status.

Two years ago, we were in the middle of building the Studio. Now it seems to most of us that it has "always" been there. Since its completion the Building Team have built the Long Shed, the rear extension to the Metal Shed, the Cobbers' Shed, the Trailer Shed, the Bush Shed, and the Bee Shed.

The latest expansion is happening to the Wood Shed on both the North and South sides. If this is news to you, please come in and have a look. You will be impressed with the quality of the work by our dedicated Building Team.

Due to parking limitations in and around the Shed site, we will not be having an Open Day or a Combined Garage Sale this year. We are working on solutions but they will provide only a few more spaces.

Two weeks ago, the Shed gratefully received \$14,056 from the Qld Gambling Community Benefit Fund for tools and equipment for both the Wood and Metal Sheds. More details later in this newsletter.

Once again, we received great support from nine volunteers for Ian Dell's call at short notice to assemble BBQ & furniture for Bunnings Noosa. Another wonderful effort.

The gardens are thriving, activity is in full swing and we have a happy Shed. If you haven't been here for a while, make a visit.

Earlier this month sadly we lost another member - Keith Egan.

At age 96, Keith was our oldest member. He occasionally appeared with his daughter Susan to have something repaired or made.

Always well dressed with his name plate squarely fixed to his shirt, Keith was well organised, generous and enjoyed his times with us.

An inspiration to many in our Shed, he will be missed.

Vale Keith



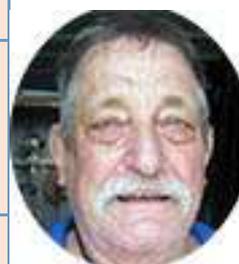
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The choices are yours to make at the Noosa Men's Shed:

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

Important Dates & Events

Mon, 5 Mar	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Noosa	Co-ord by Tom Gittings.
13 March 11:00am	General Interest Talk: Shining a Light on the workings of the Electricity Market & how your bill is impacted	Peter Magarry.- (NMS Member) Partners Welcome.
Mon, 26 Mar	Assist Noosa Rotary with RYDA preparation at House With No Steps	2:00—4:00pm. Volunteers needed. See notice board.
Wed, 28 Mar	Easter Lunch in the Long Shed	See notice in newsletter. Nominations to Harvey.
Mon, 2 April (Easter Mon)	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Noosa	Co-ord by Tom Gittings.
Tues, 10 April	Committee Meeting in the Long Shed	11:00am. Co-ord by Stewart Neuss
Tues, 17 April 10:45am	Health Talk: <i>What happens at the Hospital? + Advanced Health Directives.</i>	Dr Crosby Rehtin - (NMS Member). Partners welcome & encouraged to attend.



Lost Wedding Ring. Len Barty had lost a gold ring. No further action needed—Len found it at home! :)



An **Advanced Health Directive** is a document that states your wishes or directions regarding your future health care for various medical conditions. It comes into effect *only* if you are unable to make your own decisions. You may wish your directive to apply at any time when you are unable to decide for yourself, or you may want it to apply only if you are terminally ill.

Check out the Shed website every week to see the changing photos & news updates by webmaster John O’Halloran.

Heads-up for Volunteers. 26 & 27 May. Runaway Noosa will be needing volunteers from us.

A blank Roster will be up on the board in late March. Jerome has the details..



Shed Opening Hours

Monday	12:30 - 3:30	Woodwork *
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 days.



Graeme Atkins working on a new sand-blasting cabinet in the Metalwork Shed. 27 February 2018.

Hill Climb Dates. 9 & 10 June and 10 & 11 November.

These provide some fun for the Shed volunteers and funds for the Shed. Please put the dates in your diaries.

Metalwork Shed Additions

Our recent success in securing funding through the Qld Gambling Community Benefit Fund has seen the purchase of some new equipment that will enhance the capability of the Metalwork Shed.

We now have a sheet metal pan break machine that will enable members to construct projects out of sheet metal. (Think letter boxes, tool boxes, trays etc.) We also purchased a portable spot welder to enable seam joining on sheet metal projects like those mentioned above.

For the budding motor mechanics, we purchased a trolley jack and under vehicle creeper to make vehicle servicing safer and easier. The shed committee has placed on their to-do list, a new concrete slab at the rear of the metalwork shed. This will provide a clear and safe area for doing some basic vehicle maintenance when constructed.

We also purchased a sand blasting cabinet so that members can clean and restore metal components on their projects. Hare and Forbes in Brisbane gave us a discount on all items, and coupled with a big sale saving on the spot welder, we were able to purchase a new air compressor. This will drive the sand blaster as well as improve our air supply throughout the shed. We now have two used air compressors available for purchase.

New auto darkening welding shields will improve safety and ease of welding operations.

Many thanks to the Shed's grants team for their work in submitting the grant.

John Berghauser



Safety. All the Shed's new equipment also requires members to be versed in its operation. Please ensure that you have been through the induction process for the equipment as needed. **If you have the slightest doubt about your accreditation to use the tool, please ask your Shed leader.**

REMEMBER YOUR SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND OUR CONCERN.

Woodwork Shed Upgrades

Thanks to the grants team's efforts we recently secured funding from the Qld Gambling Community Benefit Fund to upgrade some of our equipment. We are now in the process of installing a Laguna ,ten inch, table saw, A Laguna, sixteen inch, six row spiral cutter head planer, a second large Hare and Forbes wood lathe and a gouge sharpening system. Laguna brand equipment is designed in USA and is highly regarded for its quality. The new planer is a real gem that became affordable when Gregory machinery, in Brisbane, helped us with a generous discount.

The Metabo, ten inch, planer is available for purchase if any member would like to upgrade their own workshop.

In spite of recent rain, the building group has made great progress with the "Gordon Craig Annex" development. Ray's wood paneled walls are looking great. Michel and David are busy with the wiring while Les has excelled himself in building three benches for Jim to varnish. David, from Noosa Garage Doors, installed and motorized the two roller doors. The building crews, financial contributors, suppliers and members will all be recognized in messages and photos placed in a time capsule to be hidden in the walls before completion. The woodworkers are grateful to all the builders for their tireless efforts and workmanship.

Changes in the Woodworking Area

This note is to bring you up to date.

The new, more powerful, table saw has been installed and commissioned. We expect some will say they liked the old one better. Nevertheless, we need to adapt to change. The most notable difference is the positioning. In future, cutting wide panels will see the bulk of the material pass the blade to the right. We may add a small table extension to make this easier. The guard system is also different. The saw has an auto rise and fall guard with anti kick back pawls. These ensure stock travels in only one direction. There is no top dust extraction. It is all done from beneath the table. There is a quick release to remove the guard and a secondary riving knife that allows through cuts with the knife in place. Please ask for a demonstration if you do not understand the differences.

The new thicknesser will be installed this week, subject to a 15 amp power outlet being installed by our electricians. This machine is much wider, bigger and more powerful than the unit being retired. With six rows of cutters in action the finish should be exceptional. Please, ask for a demonstration before using the plant.

Within four or five weeks, we expect to move the wood turners out of the main shop into the new annex. The space vacated will be rearranged, probably to include Gordon's carpenter's bench and one or two machines presently on the main floor.

The main floor will also be rearranged to ensure there is more room around certain machines.

The Annex will feature four wood lathes. The three we have at present and a further large, electronically variable speed, H & F unit. There will also be a large bandsaw for breaking down turning wood and general re-sawing.

There will a sharpening centre, including the high speed grinder and a new Robert Sorby sharpening system. It is intended to standardize gouge sharpening as recommended by Sorby. (If members want gouges with different profiles they will need to provide their own tools. It is too difficult to do otherwise.)

Four benches are being prepared for the annex and two mobiles and tool storage racks are under development. Attention is being given to lighting needs and installation of a further air hose and compressor.

If you would like more information talk to the leadership group.

Enjoy woodworking, Tony and Ian.





Phillip Morgan & Norm Thornhill at the Bunnings assembly job. 19 Feb.



Charles & Etienne prepare a gourmet light lunch. 8 Feb.



John Gygar helping Rick Rickard at the wood lathe.



Kevin Luscombe in the Top Garden



Ray McEwan





VP Ian Broadfoot running four new members through a machine familiarisation in the Woodwork Shed. 20 Feb

Your Unwanted Tools

Would members please check out their sheds & garages for unwanted TOOLS. The Cobbers Shed is looking for **Sash Clamps** or **Long F Clamps** required for use with current projects for which we have ORDERS.

We could also use a Large (0.5 inch) Router seeing that we now have two discarded Router tables consuming precious space.
Thanks, Rod Pettigrew



SPECIAL EASTER EVENT
MIDDAY, WEDNESDAY 28th MARCH

AN EASTER LUNCH
FOR MEMBERS & PARTNERS
COST \$8 per person
BYO drinks
Bring a plate of nibbles or sweets

SEE HARVEY IN THE KITCHEN TO PAY



The Team at the Bunnings Noosa Sausage Sizzle again.

Thanks fellows.

Christmas Party 2018.

Will be on Wednesday, 5 Dec.



A General Community Date Claimer. Mon, 26 March. Queen's Baton will be passing through Noosa and staying overnight. Route and times to be made public soon.

Old shade cloth & carpet. The gardeners are looking for pieces of old shade cloth, carpet, etc to use as weed matting on the paths between the raised garden beds.
See **Mike Nixon.**



Banana Suckers. The banana trees in the top garden have produced more suckers than we can use. If you would like some to plant at home, please see Mike Nixon.

Wood Workers - if you would like more elbow room to work, try coming to the Shed on a Monday afternoon or a Wednesday morning.



The Walking Group is seeking more walkers to join them leaving the Shed at **8am on Tuesdays**. Bring a hat, water bottle & remember the sunscreen & some jokes.

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