

Noosa Men's Shed Newsletter

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Another Month - Another Newsletter

A lot of work by various members goes into this newsletter. Please note the information in it.

Over the past month at the Shed, we saw:

Cooking course.	Photography course.
Card Group - Mondays.	New band saw.
Vehicle service slab.	New gas cooktop & filter.
Native bee box sales.	Paint Shed almost finished.

The recent death of Bill Lodge is our third loss this year. I do know Bill appreciated his "second family" at the Shed, particularly when in hospital. We really are here for each other, whilst we make and break things at the Shed.

Welcome to Jim Barrass who has volunteered to assist Peter Magarry (Membership Officer). With a membership of over 210 men, it is a busy job. (Membership renewals are now due too).

Jim is also forming a "*Lapidary & Fossicking*" group. See the article later in this newsletter.

We again have honey for sale thanks to the beekeepers.

A large sign was recently completed for the Noosa Community Gardens Inc thanks to a lot of work by four Shed members. (See photo). NCG will be formally unveiling that wonderful work in a month or so.

Security continues to be an issue at the Shed. To help with that, the sign-in book and nametags will soon be moved to the "L" corner just behind the Hobby Shed. This will enable the Hobby Shed to be locked by the last user rather than wait for the last sign-off.

Our AGM will be held in early October where all committee positions will be declared vacant. Please have a think about how you can best contribute to the Shed. Talk to the current committee members about the different roles. There can be a lot of personal satisfaction gained and the Shed always needs new ideas and perspectives.

Share the load and your experience.

Vale Bill Lodge

Sadly we lost another shedder this month.

Bill was an early member of the Shed and immediately set about establishing the plan for our now flourishing gardens.

As his health failed over the past year, he could only occasionally visit the Shed to see his beloved garden's progress.

Those gardens will be a living memorial to Bill for many years to come. Farewell mate.



President:	Paul Asbury
VP	Ian Broadfoot
Secretary:	Stewart Neuss
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<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

Shingles

Have you had a vaccination against shingles? If not, talk to your doctor.

(The vaccination is free for those 'aged 70 –79').

Shed Shirts

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

Important Dates & Events

Mon, 6 Aug	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Noosa	Co-ord by Tom Gittings
Wed, 8 Aug 8:30am—Noon	Suicide Prevention Workshop	Coord by Owen Curtis
Sun, 26 Aug	Noosa Cycle Classic cycle Ride - volunteers.	Co-ord by Stewart Neuss



No time for work on a Monday afternoon. Come on in and give it a go!

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 + Kitchen Humour.



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



We had a second koala visitor in a month.

We must be doing something right.

Shed Opening Hours

Monday	12:30 - 3:30 2:00—4:00	Woodwork * 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.

“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).

**Safety Is a Choice
You Make.**

The Walking Group is seeking more walkers to join them leaving the Shed at 9 am on Tuesdays. Bring a hat, water bottle & remember the sunscreen & some jokes. (9 am start for cold August only) .

Monday Afternoon GAMES

- Mondays 2pm to 4pm
- Cards
- Pool or 8 ball
- Darts
- Bocce
- Anything else you can think of.



Come and enjoy the fun!!!!

Proposed Lapidary & Fossicking group

It is proposed that a Shed group be created to fossick for gemstones and cut and polish them.

There are a number of defined fossicking areas within reach of Noosa. A licence is required to fossick and in some places, camping is permitted for a licence fee.

Polishing stones does not require a huge outlay. The equipment to do so can be made from materials presently available in the Shed and the purchase of the appropriate grit and oxide.

Cutting and faceting requires more complicated equipment such as saws etc.

Interested ? Put your name on the activity list on the notice board.

Jim Barrass jimbo2907@gmail.com



Philip Morgan in the Long Shed with his photography course.



Kitchen Gear

The kitchen is again finding they are "losing" stuff, such as knives, soap and paper towel rolls etc.

It is hoped that these items are merely being borrowed by members to do jobs around the Shed, and then forgotten to be returned. Apart from the disruption, the replacement costs are borne by the kitchen,.

So if you do need to use something from the kitchen or any other Shed, ***how about asking first?***



Congratulations to David Lee for his creamed honey



Useful Information:

Below is a link to a page which is very useful for **converting measurements of almost anything you can imagine.**

<http://www.onlineconversion.com/>

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.



Alan Wardle being familiarized with the machines in the Woodwork Shed by VP Ian Broadfoot.

Lead-lighting—Leader?

We have a lead-lighting kit and three members interested in learning more. Does anyone in the Shed know enough about it to teach the others?



Doug Barnes and Paul Kost exchanging ideas about woodturning techniques.

Shed Band

Half a dozen core members get together every **Thursday afternoon** to form the Shed Band. It is made up of a piano, a bass guitar, mandolin, ukulele and two guitars producing various genres of what can loosely be described as “music”.

The plan is for the first performance to be at this year's Christmas party. **The band is always looking to increase its membership, so if you are just a learner or an experienced musician, you will be made very welcome at the Studio, each Thursday afternoon at 1:30 pm.**



A sign for NCG produced through some great Shed teamwork by:

Graeme Atkins

Coordinator

Philip Morgan

Design/layout

Phil Gibson

Wood carver

Les Arthur

Wood carver



Ian Broadfoot & Tony Sievers with the new mower—to be operated by Kevin Goodwin and Team.



Kevin Goodwin



Long Shed Cleaning Roster

As a common use area, everyone appreciates a clean Long Shed. There is a weekly roster for the cleaning of it between noon on Thursdays and noon on Saturdays.

See the roster shown on the calendar on the notice board outside the office door.

Please share the load.

The Shed has a number of staghorn & elkhorn growing in the gardens.

A good source of needed potassium is banana skins.

Please feed the skins to the plants, not the bin.

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Bob the Builder trying to convince the workers that the new Paint Shed is not “over-engineered”.



Conrad handing over the fish table to Lyall, the designer and Kelly, his supervisor from the Noosa Community Training centre.



Security. The Shed has three small similar key safes in use around the site. (There have been times when a safe door is inadvertently left open whilst appearing to be locked).

After you have locked the key back in the safe, please confirm it is locked by pressing the slide button and attempt to open it.

If you are unsure about the operation of the safe, please ask for help, don't just leave it open.

Wood Workshop Information

July 2018

This may surprise. Over 150 members have been accredited to use the wood workshop. Good thing they don't all turn up together!

The latest development is work on the upgrade of the outdoor covered area. We are in the process of adding a bandsaw, a table saw, drill press, air compressor, additional racks, benches and other minor items. **Graeme Atkins** is leading the charge to get the facilities ready for summer.



Members will have noted that we now have five bandsaws. This might look like overkill but they are all useful in different ways. The big unit in the turning annex is primarily for breaking down log sections for the turners. The two mid-size units are for large curves and re-sawing while the two 14 inch units are best for cutting thin stock, tight curves and circles.

It may help less experienced members to know some of the basics. Wide blades are best for straight cuts and re-sawing. Narrow blades handle curves better. Blades with more teeth per inch are usually associated with finer cuts. Common blade types are carbon steel (cheaper and easy to sharpen), bi metal (cost more and last longer but are harder to sharpen) and carbide that are really expensive, handle tougher jobs but are difficult to sharpen.

Some Australian hardwoods are so hard that they blunt blades almost immediately once the timber is really dry. Think Budgeroo, Ironwood etc. These are best re-sawn when green. The resulting boards can be dried later. Some green woods are so wet and sappy they cause build-up on the bandsaw tyres and subsequent sawing inaccuracy.

Factors controlling accuracy of sawing include alignment of the saws basic geometry, frame stiffness, sharpness of the blade, tension on the blade, appropriately set guides, grain direction, speed of cutting, selection of blade for the job and type of stock. Jigs are a great help in getting things right. Avoid side pressure on blades!

Bandsaws are an extremely useful and versatile tool. There is a wealth of information on the internet to assist understanding. There are also many furphy's to be found there.



Make your motto "***If in doubt, ask***". Cheers

Ian



Graeme Sambell, Norn Thornhill & Gavin Menkens working in the garden near the outdoor area of the Woodwork Shed.



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Suicide Prevention Workshop

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Noosa Men's Shed

Venue: The Shed

Date: **Wednesday 8th August 2018**

Time: 8:30am -12 noon *Sign-in from 8:15am*

Free - includes workbook, attendance certificate & refreshments

This workshop is supported by the Unitywater grant program and is open to anyone (over 17) who is keen to gain valuable skills to help keep their friends and family safe from suicide. You can bring your partner to this workshop as the information will be of interest and value to all!

Workshop Features:

- Presentation and guidance from a LivingWorks registered trainer – Susan Griffiths
- Powerful audiovisual learning aids
- The simple yet effective TALK steps: Tell, Ask, Listen, and KeepSafe
- Hands-on skills practice and development.

Register your interest on the attendance sheet at the Shed

What is safeTALK?

safeTALK is a powerful experience. You can expect to feel challenged, empowered, and hopeful. Its steps provide a simple method to engage with people at risk and connect them with resources that can carry out a full-scale intervention.

SafeTALK is a **3.5-hour training workshop**, to increase suicide alertness, which will contribute to a suicide safer community.

Participants

No specific background experience or qualifications are required.

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Bookings: at the Shed or email Owen Curtis owen@selfmanagementsolutions.com.au





Jim Barrass in the Metalwork Shed building a tumbler for polishing gemstones.

Ian Broadfoot installing the new bandsaw in the Woodwork Shed.



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.

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

- You can also **pay cash** at any branch of the Bendigo Bank. Quote the Account details above, including your surname as the remitter or reference. This ensures your payment will be detailed on our statement as confirmation of your payment.

Joe Cirillo working on the new slab for vehicle servicing behind the Metalwork Shed.



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