



Noosa Shed News Letter

November 2015

From the President

Firstly, this has been a very busy month both within and outside the Shed. We have received approval from Council for erection of the Studio and the ex-Army shed. The Propagation House has been built and the Garden has been extended. And flourishing.

Funding applications were written at very short notice and submitted

- to Noosa Council for the slab and fit-out of the ex-army shed and
- to the Federal Department of Infrastructure for the slab and fit-out of the Studio.

We await an affirmative response to both applications so we can start erecting these two buildings in the new year.

Outside the shed, we have had a positive response from a wide range of members to assist with our regular Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, the Noosa Triathlon, and the Hill Climb. Trips have also been made to Caloundra and Brisbane to pick up donations. Great to see so many willing to help!

I believe we must continually develop ways through which shed member have the opportunity to voice their accolades as well as concerns about activities and the development of the Shed. **It is critical** that we adopt a schedule of regular membership meetings as one way to facilitate two way information between the committee and the membership. I believe that meetings every two months would seem manageable and we will start this in the new year. Neil has started the practice of posting the committee meeting minutes on the notice board for all to read if interested. Members are also encouraged to speak to any committee member with any of their concerns. Our slogan as a member of AMSA is that Men talk "Shoulder to Shoulder" and that needs to include internal concerns about our shed. John Williams President NMS

David (Davo) Wilson

has been working quietly in the woodwork shop now for a few months. On Tuesday Nov, 24 he loaded up his 2 boxes of wooded toys and donated them to the Salvation Army on Rene St. to be given to children in the area for Christmas. Great work Davo. You will have spread lots of joy this Christmas with your efforts

Gordon Craig has had a rough time in hospital recently, but is home and recovering well.

Welcome Back Ian

Our Woodwork Coordinator Ian Broadfoot has arrived back safely after a month or so in the outback. I'm sure we will hear many tales over the coming weeks.

Positions Vacant

- Position Vacant. At the last committee meeting it was decided that we need a shed Welfare Officer. This person would follow up on hospitalizations, birthdays and the general well being of our members. Ron Blackman has offered to lead this team. If you can assist Ron, please see him at the shed
- Position 2 - assistant to Des in the kitchen. This will be to learn the system and fill in if Des is away at any time. Contact Des

Your Insurance Cover

Did you know that half of your membership fee goes toward your insurance cover?

\$25 of your \$50 fee goes to the Australian Men's Shed Association group insurance scheme. That scheme covers our shed for: \$20 million Public Liability, up to \$600,00 building insurance, \$100,000 on contents and \$100,000 accidental damage to the building and \$10,000 burglary. But you personally are also covered for up to \$2 million for personal injury both inside the shed as well as when you are involved in shed activities outside the shed and even while travelling to and from the shed to home. And there is more. If you make an object in the shed and it breaks and injures someone, you are not liable and the injured person is covered. Very good value eh?

Major Supporters of our shed



Walking Group

The shed Walking Group lead by Ron Blackman has been growing in numbers. They walk as a group over 3—5 km on Tuesday morning, With the hot weather setting in, **from December 1 the group will assemble at the shed at 7am** and be back for regular shed



If you haven't come along to one of the hive opening sessions, this is what you have missed. We have these incredible creatures right on our property. If this has stimulated your interest, watch for the next email advising when the hives will be opened so you can come and have a look

Important news about Viagra

All drugs have two names, a trade name and generic name.

Example, the trade name is Tylenol and its generic name is Acetaminophen. Amoxil is also called Amoxicillin and Advil is also called Ibuprofen.

The FDA has been looking for a generic name for Viagra. After careful consideration by a team of government experts, it recently announced that it has settled on the generic name of Mycoxafloppin. Also considered were Mycoxafailin, Mydixadroopin, Mydixarizin, Dixafix, and of course, Ibepokin.

Pfizer Corp. announced today that Viagra will soon be available in liquid form, and will be marketed by Pepsi Cola as a power beverage suitable for use as a mixer. It will now be possible for a man to literally pour himself a stiff one.

Obviously we can no longer call this a soft drink, and it gives new meaning to the names of 'cocktails', 'highballs' and just a good old-fashioned 'stiff drink'.

Pepsi will market the new concoction by the name of: MOUNT & DO.

These two fellow have a wealth of knowledge to pass along in the Metalwork Shop

Meet Rod Pedigrew

Married to Swedish born Ruth

Children Paul Annabell and John

Working career began in Gladstone in 1964 as a welding engineer for the Alumina Refinery. Moved to Rockhampton for the construction of new rail line from central Queensland to supply coal to Callide and the largest Walking Dragline in the World. Transferred to Brisbane in 1969 and then Sydney to Head Office of Lincoln to improve welding practices. Became an advisor for Lincoln and travelled to many countries in Europe and Asia.

Resigned from Lincoln to run a small engineering works of eight fitters and perfected a machine to rejuvenate synthetic grass tennis courts and later hockey fields and soccer fields

Eventually became involved in workplace training at Gold Coast TAFE. Then back into industry to be the night shift supervisor to assemble the Tunnel Boring Machine under the Brisbane River

Finally retired in 2012 to a sheep station in Quilpie but health issues brought him eventually to Noosa and Noosa Men's Shed

Meet David Sweet

Born in Lyttelton NZ in 1948. Married to Kathy, a school teacher. Two sons Tim and Chris.

While in NZ, I began my apprenticeship with ACI Glass as Fitter/Turner Machinist and finished it with ACI in Brisbane. Returned to Christchurch with A.C.I to help develop a machine to mass produce Pyrex Mix Master bowls. This gave the company the world market. Until then, they were made individually by hand.

Spent some time in England working as a stores/delivery person with Lotus Cars, a soft drink company and then Martini Wine and finally as a machine setter making gold cigarette lighters with Dunhill. Returned to Australia to sell wood and metal machinery with MacPhersons then to Prosthetics and Orthotics [artificial limbs] with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Moved to private enterprise in this field in the early 80s. This involved designing, manufacturing and fitting. I also attended 3 world conferences in Glasgow, Amsterdam and Leipzig.

Retirement in 2014 saw us sell our family home of 40yrs and move to Tewantin. The rest is history, having worked with my hands all off my career, I am enjoying my involvement with the Noosa Men's Shed.

Metalwork Shed becoming a reality.

We have been acquiring tools and machinery from Alfatest in Brisbane which is in the process of down sizing . Through Rod Pettigrew, they have been generous enough to donate many items which will be very valuable to us at NMS. Our cost is only the petrol to go and get it. Even the car trailer has been loaned to us free of charge by Noosa Hill Climb.

Rod himself has donated the combination sheet metal Rollers, Folder, Guillotine. These fellows below are very delighted to have this machine in our shed and will be making good use of it in the future.

We have also been lucky to be given the opportunity to acquire tools and machinery of the deceased estate. Again this wide range of tools and machinery will make it possible to manufacture almost anything in our well equipped shed .

This retaining wall crew below have been at it again and have worked hard to construct another wall around the metalwork shed. Once the gardeners have moved in, the grounds around this shed will be a real show piece.



Christmas Party

*Please Join us
at the shed on*

Wednesday December 16 from 3pm

For Christmas Drinks and nibbles

Please Bring

- * Your partner
- * Your preferred Alcoholic Drink
- * A plate of nibbles to share
- * The Shed will supply soft drink

