

# Noosa Men's Shed Newsletter

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## September is finished.

Over the past month at the Shed, we saw:

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| Wheels off the wagon.                           | Shed Pizza Lunch. |
| "Limb-maker" talk by David Sweet.               |                   |
| Koala cages made for Qld Koala Crusaders Inc.   |                   |
| Gas cooktop & rangehood completed.              |                   |
| A great visit to the Shed by the Noosa Council. |                   |

The time is approaching for the election of a new management committee at the **AGM**. Due to some unplanned events, this AGM has now been deferred until **November**. 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. Fortunately our Shed management committees during the past four years have all been dynamic, which indicates a healthy membership involvement. Long may it continue.

The big event at the Shed this month was the visit by the **Noosa Council mayor, all the councilors, CEO and key staff**. We were fortunate with the perfect weather which allowed the Shed to be shown off looking at its best, thanks to the great efforts of everyone involved. Our guests went away very impressed with the Noosa Men's Shed. Even more importantly, our guests noticed how happy and proud our Sheddors were, as they benefit from each other's company. That is what we are really about.

Frank, Kevin and the other **bee-keepers** had a very successful day last weekend robbing the four hives. About ninety kilograms of honey was produced (*without any additives*), so please buy your honey while you can.

Jerome is seeking **Shed volunteers** for two fun events:

- ♦ Noosa Triathlon 2 - 4 November.
- ♦ Noosa Hill Climb 10 - 11 November.

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| <b>President:</b>                   | Paul Asbury                   |
| <b>VP</b>                           | Ian Broadfoot                 |
| <b>Secretary:</b>                   | Stewart Neuss                 |
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| <b>Metalwork:</b>                   | John Berghauser               |
| <b>Arts &amp; Music:</b>            | Philip Morgan                 |
| <b>Hobbies &amp; Asst Treasurer</b> | Laurie Kelly                  |

**Safety Is a Choice  
You Make.**

## 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).

As these events fall close together, this can strain our volunteer resources. If you, your partner or neighbour want to be involved in these important fund-raising events for the Shed, please talk to [Jerome](#) about it.

**We need you!**

# Important Dates & Events

## Missing Gear

Sometimes tools & items go missing, depriving others from using them.

Please put items back in the original location after use.

On 9 October, Rob Cross's talk is about getting people back to independence after an illness or injury.

A subject close to all of us.



## Justice of the Peace

Shed members should be aware that our web master John O'Halloran is also a JP (Qld) who is happy to provide that service to members when he is at the Shed.

If there are other JPs in the Shed willing to help, please see John O'H who will coordinate it.

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| <b>Mon, 1 Oct</b>                               | <b>Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Noosa</b>                            | Co-ord by Tom Gittings              |
| <b>Tues, 9 Oct<br/>11:00am</b>                  | <b>Rob Cross talk: "Short Term Restorative Care" program</b>       | Co-ord by John Williams             |
| <b>Thurs, 1 Nov<br/>9:30 –10:30am</b>           | <b>Unitywater visit to Shed by CEO George Theo, Kate Cash + 2.</b> |                                     |
| <b>Fri, 2 Nov<br/>Sat, 3 Nov<br/>Sun, 4 Nov</b> | <b>Noosa Triathlon 2018</b>  | Volunteers co-ord by Jerome Stewart |
| <b>Mon, 5 Nov</b>                               | <b>Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Noosa</b>                            | Co-ord by Tom Gittings              |
| <b>Tues, 6 Nov</b>                              | <b>Melbourne Cup function.</b>                                     |                                     |
| <b>November<br/>(date TBA)</b>                  | <b>AGM.</b>  | Co-ord by Stewart Neuss             |
| <b>Sat &amp; Sun,<br/>10 &amp; 11 Nov</b>       | <b>Noosa Hill Climb</b>  | Volunteers co-ord by Jerome Stewart |
| <b>Wed, 12 Dec</b>                              | <b>Shed Christmas Party</b>  |                                     |



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

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

**\* Lots of elbow room on these two days.**

*Conrad Becker and VP Ian Broadfoot with some of the students from Peregrine Springs State School at the presentation of the "Friendship Seat". 31 August 2018.*

## 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.



*Everything was opened for the visit by Noosa Council to the Noosa Men's Shed on 18 September and they were impressed with the Shedders and their Shed! How could they not be?*

## "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).







*The wheels have come off the wagon, but don't worry, Keith Rolton has it under control.*

*Ask him if he needs a hand.*



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

**The Key To Safety  
Is in Your Hands.**

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

**Ian B** saw this device at **Cloncurry** in an open air museum but does not know what it was used for. **Can anyone help please?**



### **Useful Information:**

Below is a link to a Queensland Government page to get copies of blank legal forms such as **Power of Attorney** appointment & revocation, **Advance Health Directive**, etc.

<https://publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/power-of-attorney-and-advance-health-directive>

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](mailto:pmaga@ozemail.com.au) who will coordinate the column content for the newsletter.





*Mayor Tony Wellington and Noosa councillors listen to David Spann talk about Australian native bees during the Council visit to the Shed on 18 September.*

Yes, it was cool to be born in the 1940s. If there was one drawback it was that in those days, we all wanted to be like caterpillars. Eat a lot. Sleep for a while. Wake up beautiful. Now is the time to live each day like it's your last. After all, one day we are bound to get it right.

### Shingles

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

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



*A pleased Bernard Jean from the Queensland Koala Crusaders Inc collecting three koala transport cages from David Sweet & John Berghauser at the Metalwork Shed. 25 September 2018.*



*NMS entries by John Ward, Tony Sievers, Ian Broadfoot & Barry Keast in the Woodcraft Show 2018 organised by the Cooroora Woodworkers Club at Cooroy. Friday, 28 September 2018.*



*Jim Barrass with his locally designed "bi-focal" glasses. Unfortunately it has not improved his game of snooker.*



## Central Australia Camping Trip – Part 1. *(by Ian Broadfoot)*

Jan and I have travelled and camped extensively in the outback in the past and this year felt ready to tackle a couple of additional routes. It is cold under canvas at night in the inland in August but often too hot during the day by October so, this year, we set off on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September to visit Haddon's corner, the historic derelict shearing shed on Cordillo Downs station, drive the Oodnadatta track, view Lake Eyre, see something of Anna Downs cattle station, the Painted Hills and Desert and walk the rim of King's Canyon. With grandchildren visiting for the school holidays, a return by 20<sup>th</sup> September meant we had to maintain a good pace and encounter no serious issues.

Our method of camping is not luxurious but takes the form of an off road, hard floor, camper trailer that is practical, extremely robust and easily towed by the Pajero. The usual preparations involve Jan cooking and freezing meals and packing the dry larder while I grease trailer bearings, check gas cylinders, fill the water tank and make sure all the mechanicals and spares are in good shape. Jan navigates and I drive, her choice- no exceptions.

This trip took us to Morven in SW Queensland then on a roughly circular Central Australian loop heading south west closing again at Morven from the north west. The total distance covered was 7,725 klm. There was nothing especially difficult about the first three days which were all on bitumen roads, to a beautiful, river gum, camp site on Cooper's Creek outside Windorah. It seems strange that two rivers, the Thompson and the Barcoo join just above this site to form Cooper's Ck. The explorer, Sturt who named the watercourse, commented later that there was no current in the water so he was reluctant to accord this seasonally major waterway the status of a river.

The Queensland drought was very much in evidence with the Darling and Western Downs almost devoid of their traditional winter crops of wheat, barley and chickpeas. It was much worse in the grazing country either side of Quilpie. Although we saw some recently pushed Mulga trees which are a traditional lifeline feed in droughts, very few cattle or sheep were in evidence. Destocking seemed well advanced. We didn't see any cattle being walked in the 'long paddock'. Roadkill was unusually scarce probably because there was no green pick or feed in table drains to attract kangaroos.

Before reaching Windorah, we'd stopped for a break at a rest area when four, 53 metre long, road trains pulled in loaded with a total of 520 cattle enroute to Roma saleyards. (Australia's largest cattle selling yards.) The cattle were in excellent condition. They were from a property 70 klm west of Birdsville. The truckies said feed out there would last, at least, until Christmas. Jan caused some amusement when she commented on the truckie's safety footwear, they were wearing rubber thongs!



Leaving Windorah we said goodbye to the bitumen part way to Birdsville and turned south across Sturt's Stony desert, past Planet Downs outstation, with a side diversion to Haddon's corner where the uppermost part of NE South Australia meets Queensland. Apart from the fact you can say you have been there, there is not much reason to visit the corner or sign the visitor's book kept in a steel box.

By this time, we had lowered tyre pressures to cope with the worsening road conditions so when we came to a couple of red sand hills, close to the corner, we confidently crossed them. Leaving the corner was more difficult as sand hills are often steeper one side than the other and the Pajero was in low range and struggling with the 1.3 tonne weight of the camper. We made it on the second attempt. Just as well, as we were the only ones to sign the book that day and we don't like shoveling sand!

Turning south again, we remained within Queensland until reaching Arrabury station where we branched off into South Australia via the Cordillo Downs alternative track to Innamincka. There was a further diversion of 72 klm return to reach Cordillo Down's historic shearing shed. This shed is

reputed to have been Australia's largest shearing shed. One season in the early 1900's bike riding shearers shored 87,000 sheep on Cordillo.

Because there is no useful structural timber in this part of the world, the Cordillo shearing shed was constructed from local stone and mud cement. We really wanted to see the abandoned building but road conditions became very bad slowing travel to a crawl. Whichever way we went, we had to make over 550 klm for the day to reach our next camp. Figuring the easterly route was better, we returned to the Arrabury road and made for Nappa Merrie station, the site of the famous Dig tree where explorers Robert O'Hara Burke and his associate, Wills, died during their expedition to cross Australia from south to north and return.

It was really bad luck when the main Burke and Wills expedition party that had waited for many weeks at the creek for the lead explorers to return from their northern trip, decamped on the very morning of the day that the starving and ill explorers made it back to base. The tree blaze 'dig 3 feet' was a reference to the location of a food cache left by the departing party under the now famous tree. (There is a very good book about the expedition simply named 'Dig Three Feet'.)



Night was falling when we reached Innamincka, and set up camp, again on Cooper's Creek. It was while uncoupling the camper trailer that I had an accident jamming my finger in the tow coupling. The skin and flesh of the index finger of my left hand rolled away from the bone like a folded carpet. Fortunately, we were able to stem the bleeding, push the wound back together, sanitize and bandage it. Then we headed up to the Australian Inland

Mission to see the nurse who was there last time we visited. Sadly, the mission is closed and the closest medical professionals are in Leigh Creek or Maree both almost 700klm away. The pub staff suggested we call the flying doctor on the radio but that seemed like overkill so we worked some more on wound cleaning, bandaged it tightly and a couple of days later made it to Maree where a Flying doctor nurse redressed it and declared it safe to continue. These good people do not charge for their services so it is important to leave a donation.

This minor accident experience opened our eyes to the difficulties still faced by residents and travelers in remote Australia. It is hard to believe but in Innamincka, which sees hundreds of 4WD tourists during the season, not only is there no medical outpost, there is no longer a business reliably staffed to repair tyres. Self help prevails and travelers assist each other under an unspoken code of conduct. Almost all the tourist interface is conducted at the pub which is run, mostly, by backpackers. A welcome, two minute hot shower costs two dollars in the slot at a concrete round house structure in what passes for the town square.

On this early part of the trip we'd crossed out of the channel country around Windorah into extensive, treeless, Mitchell grass plains and back into the channels that meander in sympathy with Cooper's Creek. Mitchell grass is a native species that has wonderful regenerative ability following rain. It is fair to say that with the exception of minor parts of the stony desert, conditions for cattle raising were favorable and all animals sighted were in good condition. Certainly it was dry but there was plenty of nutritious grass and numerous well maintained watering facilities. In these areas, cattle owners seem to have an excellent grasp of how to work with the land and its harshness.

Apart from a few wedge tail eagles, kites, and the odd kangaroo and emu there was not a lot of large wild life in evidence during the run to Innamincka. Smaller birds were easier to find around waterholes.

After a day of complete rest, apart from a visit to the historic, stony red, Innamincka cemetery where we were surprised to discover the most common cause of death in the district in the early 1900's, was drowning during floods, we are heading 500 klm down the Strezlecki track, past the Moomba gas fields and Mount Hopeless, to Lyndhurst, the next fuel stop. **To be continued.**





*Thanks to Gunter Wirth & the Metalwork Shed for the new toolbox on the Shed trailer.*



*John Gygar suitably attired as the pizza chef for the first real test for the new pizza oven. A great Sunday lunch was had by all.*

### **Membership Renewal for 2018/2019.**

If not yet paid, your annual fee to be a member of the Noosa Men's Shed Inc. is now overdue 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 will cover your membership until the 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.



Ron Poulson from [Pioneer Valley Rotary Club](#) making a presentation to the Noosa Men's Shed VP Ian Broadfoot in recognition of the funds collected for drought affected farmers. Thanks also to the [Rotary Club of Noosa](#) for working with Pioneer Valley Rotary in helping ensure the funds go entirely to the farmers and their families.



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