



## THE IPSWICH MEN'S SHED INC

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**Open Tuesday, Thursday 9am-3pm – Saturday 9am-2pm**

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Christmas is almost upon us again as we look back at a most successful year. My thanks go to all Members and Partners who have contributed to the success of the Shed's year. One of the highlights was the Anzac Day contribution which we made to The Salvation Army Anzac Committee - a most rewarding venture.

The new shed 3 is a welcome addition and completes our sections of timber and steel areas.

I look forward to seeing everyone at The Christmas party.

I thank the Committee for all their hard work and their assistance in running a most successful Men's Shed.

We look forward to 2016 and what it will bring to our local men as they enjoy fellowship and companionship whilst they undertake jobs at the Shed.

My aim is to build on the many successes we have had and become involved more in the community.

Thanks also go to our new editor Laurie who does a wonderful job on the Newsletter.

Our many supporters include:-

The Salvation Army Bundamba Corp

Cr Bruce Casos and staff

Mayor Paul Pisasale and staff

Jennifer Howard, MP and Staff

And many more.



Merry Christmas  
 Terry



# IN THE SHED

(DECEMBER 2015)

## MEET SHED MEMBER:

### Darryl Edwards



Born in Ipswich's St Andrews Hospital to a Welsh father and an Australian (Ipswich) mother, Darryl has lived in the Ipswich area for most of his life.

As a child he was educated at the North Ipswich State Primary School where he developed his sporting prowess as a hockey player.

Through his childhood and into his adult life, Darryl was very much a part of the Presbyterian Church and became a Sunday school teacher for them. It was at an Australia Day Church Camp in Shannon Park Toowoomba, that Darryl met his future

wife Megalyn.

After courting Megalyn for several years, they married and in due course their two talented children were born. Christopher is a computer guru with a dual degree in IT and although Darryl is no slouch when it comes to computers, it is to Christopher that Darryl turns when computer problems elude him.

Jillian his daughter, or 'Miss Jill' as she is known at school where she works as a teacher, is also blessed in her own right with talent and ability and Darryl beams with pride (rightfully so) as he discusses both of his children.

No grandchildren yet for Darryl and Megalyn, but one never knows what the future may hold.

After leaving school, Darryl began working as an electrical apprentice at the Morris Woollen Mills in Redbank which, at that time, were the largest woollen mills in the southern hemisphere. Over time he worked hard and became a qualified Electrical fitter and mechanic.

Not content to rest on his laurels, Darryl soon included Industrial wiring and drafting amongst his abilities as he turned to TAFE Colleges to increase his skills over a considerable number of years.

Naturally his hard work paid off and Darryl went from a shift electrician to the electrician in charge. Later he became the Electrical Endorsee Contractor, a position he held before leaving to start working at the Swanbank Power Station. After joining the staff at the Swanbank Power Station, he became one of the leading hands in the chemical and environmental division.

Continuing his education through TAFE and University in such areas as Newcastle, Brisbane and Ipswich, Darryl mastered construction of electronic boards and drafting using CAD (computer aided design). His talent with the computer was so good that he could not only generate plans for smaller objects such as electronic boards, but his ability also allowed him to draft and design houses, buildings and offices should he wish to do so. In addition, Darryl undertook training at Emerald where his education earned him water and plant tickets which allowed him to work in sewerage treatment plants and in water treatment plants such as Mt Crosby.

From CAD the natural progression was onto data entry. Soon Darryl was working on large and complex spreadsheets, But that did not faze him. Even to this day he continues to use and to expound the benefits of spreadsheets and he loves setting them up. Darryl says that the last book he read and enjoyed was 'Excel for Beginners'. That must have been a long while ago because he is extremely efficient in the topic now and cites using the Excel program as one of the things he enjoys doing most on computers.

Eager to expand his knowledge, Darryl continued studying. Soon he became licensed and efficient at doing such things as workplace safety representation in such areas as fire-fighting, electrical safety and the like. He also developed skills in repairing heavy electrical transformers, repairs to air-conditioning, circuit breakers and control systems, instrumentation and process control, gas fitting, crane driving,

dogging and scaffolding. He says that about the only licence he didn't get during his career was a forklift licence.

One of the interesting positions Darryl held during this period was as a chemical plant officer for Swanbank and this required him to take water samples for the EPA testing for such things as contaminants and effluent traceable to the power station. Two of the most dangerous substances being tested for were copper and legionella. Thankfully nothing serious was located during Darryl's time.

He describes how part of his charter was to visit the little bridge near the men's shed, to take samples from the Bundamba Creek by throwing a bottle into the river attached to a string and then recovering it to collect samples for testing. Maybe you drove past; saw someone throwing a bottle into the creek, and wondered why? Now you know – it was Darryl collecting samples.

The Swanbank Power Station officially closed on 24 May 2012 and with its closure so ended Darryl's career. Taking a redundancy he retired and (thankfully) began to dedicate his time to the Ipswich Men's shed conducting safety inspections and viewing and cataloguing our electrical equipment. How good has that been for us in the shed!

This really nice man is incredibly social and is willing to chat if anyone should wish to do so. He can often be found in the kitchen testing and tagging electrical equipment for safety in the shed, but he will always make time for you if you wish to bend his ear awhile.

Darryl describes himself as a non-smoker and non-drinker (who enjoys a regular caffeine fix). He loves family, computers and life. His favourite shows are CSI and Sci-Fi. He is a self-confessed Trekkie fan, but his number one TV enjoyment is watching the news – any news, anywhere – any time.

Something not so well known about Darryl is that he is past member of the Ipswich Orpheus Choral where he sang as a Baritone.

Widely travelled throughout Australia he has been everywhere except to the Northern Territory which he hopes to visit in due course, but his absolute favourite holidays of the past, were the trips he regularly took with his wife and kids overseas - to Bribie Island.

Thank you so much for sharing your story with us Darryl.

## **OUT AND ABOUT:**

### **THE COTTON AND WOOL INDUSTRY OF IPSWICH**

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*(This article reproduced with grateful thanks to the Ipswich City Council) - (Queensland Cotton Company, East Ipswich, ca. 1898 – Image courtesy of Picture Ipswich)*



In 1861 the Ipswich Cotton Company was established at East Ipswich by Cribb, Walker and Brown. The premises consisted of extensive brick buildings and outhouses within view of the railway station at East Ipswich. This was the only cotton mill in Australia at the time and they manufactured cotton goods such as flannel, tweeds and wool for suiting, women's clothing and blankets. At times production was low and the company struggled with the lack of local cotton grown due to adverse weather conditions like dry spells which retarded plant growth. They eventually had to

import cotton from India increasing their production costs.

In 1889 an unsuccessful attempt was made to float the company. Because of a lack of capital the company had to relinquish the business and ceased operations, handing ownership over to the Queensland National Bank.

In 1905 while the business was under ownership of the Queensland National Bank, the ginning of the local crop of cotton was carried out under Government supervision using facilities at the Ipswich Cotton Company.

In 1907 the cotton mill at East Ipswich was taken over by the Joyce Brothers. The Joyce Brothers were a well-known and well-established firm of bag-manufacturers which had branches in London, Dunedin (New Zealand), Sydney and Brisbane. By producing the calico needed for their bag manufacturing company locally they hoped to keep the money in the State.

They renamed the business the Joyce Cotton Mills and opened in 1908. With the takeover of the mill, the Joyce brothers were busy trying to stimulate a revival of cotton growing as dairy farming had become a profitable competitor to cotton growing. The brothers began

supplying cotton seed to farmers free of charge, along with pamphlets on cotton growing. They even went further trying to interest the younger generation by inviting school children to visit the mill to gain an insight into the manufacturing process of cotton. They also offered prizes for the best essay from school children on the growing and manufacturing of cotton. A resurgence of cotton growers prevailed meeting with good returns and Government bonuses for their cotton.

After the successful growth seen in 1908, the cotton mill once again struggled. A decision was made to close the cotton mill in 1913 and convert the business to a woollen mill to be known as the Ipswich Woollen Company.



(Ipswich Woollen Mills, Joyce Street, East Ipswich, 1920s – Image courtesy of Picture Ipswich)

With the end of the Second World War came a decline in clothing and textile manufacturing. John Morris, along with partners Dr. E. Brown and solicitor J. E. Walker had established The Queensland Woollen Manufacturing Company at North Ipswich in 1877. Together they purchased the Ipswich Woollen Company and the two mills became known as Australian Fabric Manufacturers. The manufacturing of Woollen fabric and carry out dyeing was done at the East Ipswich site. The North Ipswich site became the head office and carried out finishing as well as

making worsteds, fine smooth yarn spun from combed long-staple wool.

In 1930 John Morris left the company after a falling out with his partners and purchased the former meatworks building at Redbank with his son Ivor. New equipment was brought in from England. In 1934 the Redbank Woollen Mill began business with just 5 employees.

Ipswich was home to the only three woollen mills in Queensland. Unlike the cotton mill, the woollen mills flourished and together with the mines and the Railway Workshops became one of Ipswich's biggest employers.

The Australian Fabric Manufacturers business was then purchased by the Sydney-based firm of Max Frost. Due to the drop in orders because of high competition the business closed in the early 1970's.

The Morris Woollen mill in Redbank struggled when the Federal Government lowered tariffs and the Australian market became flooded with cheaper textiles. The mill was bought by Primace in 1980 and became Sunrock Wool Pty Ltd. The business closed three years later.

### **An interesting Fact: Swanbank Power Station – World Record**

In 2011, Swanbank E set a world record for the continuous operation of an Alstom GT26 gas turbine. It had been running for 254 days when it was shut down on 9 July 2011 for planned maintenance.

### **JUST A MINUTE:**



Laurie Caldwell –

Favourite type of book – Fiction

Last movie seen – James Bond 'Spectre'

- Favourite TV shows – Action/Sci Fi – The Good Wife, Dr Who, Fargo,
- Least liked TV show: Any reality show
- First car – A blue Morris 1100
- Favourite Food – Corned silverside with mustard sauce
- Favourite Music – Country and 50's, 60's and 70's easy listening
- Interests – Men's Shed. Travelling. Photography. Writing and journalism.

# IPSWICH SHED UPDATE



Col James having a really hard day at the Ipswich Men's Shed - in the new relaxation room - in the process of being built. A bed and lounge chair currently in place and more to come. Paint is now stored in this area also and is readily accessible. Who said the men's shed is just for work?

The canopy people mover which was repaired by the metal workers has been moved from the engineering workshop and presented to the Salvation Army for final painting. A great job by all involved.



Andrew Orr setting up the trailer – it was covered in Christmas lights run off a generator and was towed by Barbecue Bob's Ute in the recent Christmas Parade. Well done Andrew (and others who assisted with the set-up).

**NOTE: The shed will close after the Christmas Party on 22 December 2015 and will re-open on Tuesday 5 January 2015**

Don't forget to add your name to the attendance list and to register what you will bring for the Christmas party on 22 December. Should be a great day – see Kev Wilkinson for details.



The garden continues to flourish and particularly the corn currently being guarded by a "garden infested with brown snakes" sign. Hopefully few people will tempt fate picking the corn until the shed can get what they need from the stalks.

December gardening hints include:

- Start using your ripe fruit and vegies.
- Think of alternative watering solutions for your garden if you are travelling.
- Get your outdoor entertaining area ready for the Christmas season
- Use pressure washers to clean driveways, decks and garden paths.

Rob is doing a great job sorting out screws, nails, tools etc in the wood shop. Our thanks go to him for a job well done





Ron Bopf hard at work turning a bowl on the lathe.

From this picture it almost appears that he should have the nickname “Dusty”.

He appears to be having fun though. Hope the bowl looks good when it’s finished Ron.

### THE BOSSES AT WORK



And other hard-workers:



Thought for the month – “It’s amazing what doors can open if you reach out to people with a smile, friendly attitude and a desire to make a positive impact” - *Richard Branson.*



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE.

# VISITING OTHER SHED'S

## FERNY GROVE MEN'S SHED (TRAM SHED) :



Without doubt one of the largest Men's Shed's in the Metro North Zone (in relation to total area and number of sheds), is the Tramway Men's Shed in Ferny Grove.

With around 5 or 6 sheds, and an office and dining area (recently extended, air-conditioned and refurbished thanks to the local member) the eighty members are not short of space in which to work. Mind you, they need a lot of area to work in because of the large amount of work they have to undertake.

Having over forty trams and some trucks and trolley buses to restore and/or maintain, as well as buildings, museum, rail tracks, tram equipment and extensive grounds to be managed, this shed will likely never run short of work or projects to be undertaken.

In addition to the two main tram storage sheds, there are both engineering and wood shops on site which are well equipped and well maintained by eager members of the Brisbane Tram Men's Shed.

Open on Tuesdays from 0800-1600HRS, for Men's Shed members, work is undertaken on this day to prepare the site for public visits and tram rides on Sundays.

Whilst the sheds, trams and museum are not open to the public on Tuesdays, this a friendly shed with members who are proud to show off their achievements and assets to members from other Men's Sheds. Arrangements can therefore be made for group shed visits to the Brisbane Tram Museum on Tuesdays and on occasions such as this; trams will be brought out for rides for shed members.

One thing that the Brisbane Tram Museum Men's Shed group does exceptionally well, is maintaining an extensive and well produced web site. Well worth a visit, see it at:

[www.brisbanetramwaymuseum.org/mens\\_shed.php](http://www.brisbanetramwaymuseum.org/mens_shed.php)

# WAMURAN & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED



Unlike many men's sheds which rely on churches, community centres or councils for their existence, the Wamuran shed stands fully owned, debt free and on their own land. This gives the shed a great deal of opportunity to move forward in a positive way and the committee is active in keeping the shed to the forefront in the metro north zone.

The shed itself has a workshop area measuring 12 x 10, but with the building being two storied, the 84 members actually have a 24 x 10 shed to work in.

The ground floor consists of woodworking equipment, lathes (including a digital wood lathe) and wood benches, with a smaller section being for metal-work. A metal grinding section and a welding bay stand outside and alongside the shed.

Upstairs are a number of offices, storage areas and a large dining and meeting room with TV, computers, kitchen and the like, for those not wishing to be involved in wood or metal work on the lower floor.

For members who are not quite as active as they once might have been, the shed offers wheelchairs on the lower and upper floors and an electric stair climber for the less agile amongst them. An army stretcher is also available on the upper floor in case of emergency.

Wamuran raises a lot of money for the shed through barbecues which are most often held weekly. They also raise a lot of money from donations. Two recent and sizable donations are helping with the installation of a dust extraction system on the lower floor and the erection of a large awning along the back and side of the shed, which will increase shed space exponentially.

Some of the projects carried out by the shed include the building of small garden bridges (a big seller for the shed), computer instruction, cooking, and wood-turning for table legs etc. This shed also has an active social club and caravanning group. They are soon to purchase a cold metal bender which will provide a new challenge for some members in the shed.

Situated behind a community centre but with a view from the back of the shed looking out over an orchard valley backdrop, visiting this shed is a pleasant way to spend some time. Wamuran shedders are very welcoming and keen to show what they have achieved within a relatively short time. Take the time to drop in for a visit if you have the opportunity. Once there, you might even get the opportunity to meet and chat with the shed's most famous member - Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove. Quite an honour for Wamuran shedders.



# SHEDDER'S ADS

(This page is available for shedders ads for such things as buy, sell or exchange etc. Submit ads to Terry or Laurie for future publication).

**FOR SALE: Six-legged 8 x 4 slate billiard table. Accessories include lighting hood, billiard and snooker balls, Kelly's pool set etc. View / pick-up at Raceview. See Kev Pearce at shed on Tuesdays or phone 3202-1880 or 0419027506. Very keen to sell.**



Ian Ross has this beautiful matching lounge and dining suite for sale , Contact Ian



Terry has this piano for sale POA

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ONE OF DAVES MANY JOBS

- WELL DONE BRIAN!



JEFF'S KITCHEN-



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