



THE IPSWICH MEN'S SHED INC

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"Shoulder to Shoulder"

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Membership fees \$35 for 1 year – **daily fees \$3 plus \$4.00 lunch**

Open Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9am-2pm

Dear Members – WELCOME BACK TERRY.

Our thoughts continue to be with Ken Beitzel as he struggles to heal after a return to hospital, and to those of us in the shed who are coping with sickness ourselves or with our loved ones.

The committee meeting was held this month and one of the topics arising was the decision to request that members not pull machines apart without first speaking to a member of the committee. We have some people on the committee with a sound knowledge of woodwork machines. Please discuss with them before undertaking any repairs.

Projects this month include the continuing rebuilding of the boat, gardening and painting, renewing of Jets Club tables and the building of bird gymnasiums to name but a few. A lot of work is also being done by Warren and Ron in the wood-turning area and we send a special thanks to them for a great job well done.

Don't forget, nominations will soon open for committee and leadership positions. Do you have something to offer? Do you want to contribute to the shed of the future? Any questions about what might be entailed? - Speak to a current committee member.

What an amazing surprise this month when ShedZone presented the Ipswich Men's Shed with a 6 x 6 double carport for our own use. Thank you ShedZone and Russell Milligan – more on this later in the newsletter.

Regards Laurie

Printed by Cr Kylie Stoneman

Having run out of participants willing to share their lives with us, we next turn our attention to old Ipswich. Over the next month or so we will look at a fascinating slice of history as suggested by one of our shed members (thank you Ron Banks).

THE RISE AND FALL OF BRYNHFRYD.



Once upon a time, Ipswich had its very own castle. Started in 1886 and completed in 1890, the castle was home to Ipswich resident Mr Lewis Thomas. (We will explore Mr Thomas in more depth next month).

The castle, known as Brynhyfryd (pronounced Brin-Huv-Rid) was an imposing stately home which sat in a very prominent position on top of Blackstone Hill. Brynhyfryd in Welsh means 'pleasant hill' and that is without doubt very true even to this day, where atop the hill glimpses can be had of the 360 degree view extending from the Moreton Bay Islands in the north east to the D'Aguillar Range in the north, around to Cunningham's

Gap and the border ranges in the south and further around to Swanbank in the near view to Mt Tambourine in the far view to the south east.

The grandiose residence was designed by architect George Brockwell Gill and was built by former Ipswich Mayor Peter Brown. There has been some discussion as to how many rooms the 3 storey structure had, with estimates varying between 30 and 49. But what the castle did have was every comfort and convenience. From the start it had its own electric lighting plant. An extract from the book *Coal Castle and Choirs* by Ken Grubb describes the house as having '*a multitude of tanks, enabling water to be pumped from the coffin holes at the foot of the high hill and carried to all parts of the property. A pumping plant was installed to raise the water. After 1901 a spectacular improvement was added. A hydraulically powered lift was installed to travel between storeys. It was operated by water pumped from the coffin holes*".

Outside the house there was a caretaker's cottage, man's cottage, workshop, laundry, bails and barn, a 2 storey coach house, fowl houses and a tennis court. The gardens comprised 15 acres of landscaped terrain using soil dragged up from the alluvial flats. The gardens supplied fresh flowers, fruit and vegetables for the house.

To run the house, Lewis Thomas employed a cook, nursemaid, scullery maid, laundress, groom, chauffeur and various assistants.

Many people visited the castle and it was the place to be, or to be seen. Visitors included Governors, Premiers and even Prime Minister Billy Hughes.

After the death of Lewis Thomas and then his daughter Mary, Brynhyfryd was put up for auction in 1930 but the residence was passed in without a bid. The furnishings were all sold, but the house remained vacant until 1936 when Rylance Colliery and Brickworks P/L acquired the property to mine under the site.

In 1937 a major sale of fittings was carried out and shortly thereafter a series of explosions reduced the castle to rubble, all except for the billiard room and several outer buildings. Following the explosions several underground fires resulted in subsidence and the remaining parts of Brynhyfryd became a hazard to the public. As a result what was left of the castle was demolished in 1960 and the final traces of the historic landmark was bulldozed into extinction in 1973.

Doors and floor tiles from the castle can still be viewed in the little church at the bottom of the hill from where the once proud castle had stood, and a glass etching of the castle can be viewed in Darcy Doyle Place.

Thanks to Ron Banks (Shed Member, Ken Grubb (*Coal Castles and Choirs*) - 2014, Nerida Parry (*The Brynhyfryd Story* – 1979 and Joyce Phillips (*William Morris and Rhondda* – 2008) for information contained in this article.

PC NEWS: DISK CLEAN UP:

Disk Clean Up will search through your entire computer and "take out the trash". Disk Clean Up will NOT affect your documents, music, videos or pictures. In Windows 10 - Right Click on **Start**, left click on **File Explorer**. A list of hardware will appear including the **C: Hard Drive**. Right Click your **Mouse Button** on **C Drive**. Scroll down to **Properties** and click on **Disk Clean Up**.

Disk Clean Up will scan your computer and a TAB will open up, with a list of Categories. **TICK EVERYTHING** in list. Click on **OK** and you will see "**Are you sure you want to permanently delete these files?**" Click on "**Delete Files**".

Disk Clean Up can be run a second time to remove **Windows Update** files that have already been installed. On the second pass click **Clean up System Files**. This may also take up to an hour to run. This will likely free up several Gigabytes of Hard Drive Space.

Thank you Cherri International for this information. www.cherricomputers.com. (07) 5537 8382.



My wife said "Watcha doin' today?"
I said "Nothing."
She said "You did that yesterday."
I said "I wasn't finished."



Our new band-saw brings a smile to everyone's face, while Ian tries to figure out how to pay for it.



Bird gymnasiums, animal corrals and fire engines featured in the shed in June



Another satisfied customer thanks to Dave



Ian's outstanding art



Warren, John and Doug share a joke



While Ken just keeps on painting

Shedder of the Month – July 2017

CONGRATULATIONS – ARTHUR READ





“See this is how we do it in Oz Brian!”
“Mmmmmm!”



THANKYOU SHEDZONE AND RUSSELL MILLIGAN

Earlier I spoke of the amazing support from ShedZone and the carport presented to us. Russell Milligan is the local salesman who came to present it to us. He can be reached on 0438069004.



(Russell Milligan presents Acting President Laurie Caldwell with a new carport for use in the men's shed).

[Remember our sponsor if you need a shed – tell your friends – ShedZone].

AND

As a thank you, the Ipswich Men's Shed presented Russell with a painted Bob Edeyvean saw blade for the ShedZone Office.



Thank you also to everyone who attended the Men's Health Week “Wise Guy's Event” at the North Ipswich Reserve this month and to those who gifted cakes and food throughout the month. The generosity and support of members never ceases to amaze.

A very big thank you goes out to all shed members for the help, support and guidance given to me during Terry's absence. I am proud to be a member of such a great group here at the Ipswich Men's Shed.

Just asking!!!!

“I stepped on a corn flake this morning - does that make me a cereal killer”?

And remember!!!!

The light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off due to budget cuts.

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