



Queensland Men's Shed Association Inc.

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“SHED CHATTER”

QMSA Newsletter

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Welcome to the August edition of the **SHED CHATTER** – we trust you will all enjoy reading it. To all who have contributed, we say thanks. The next issue is scheduled for release in early November 2017. Remember we would all love to hear from your Shed and the personalities, characters and activities that are part of your Shed's life. This newsletter can only reach full potential if we all embrace the concept of sharing information, views, achievements and experiences. **Remember to keep both the QMSA and the AMSA in the loop when there are changes to your contact details.**

The contact for the QMSA is our Secretary, Len Thomson qldmensshedassoc@gmail.com

The contact at the AMSA is the Member Manager, Mel White, amsa@mensshed.com

Don't forget to check regularly the **AMSA site** www.mensshed.org This appears to be the main source for disseminating information from the AMSA.

Please note in your diary that the QMSA AGM which will be held on Thursday September 28th at the National Convention Venue on the Gold Coast.

Regards and best wishes to all our members,

The QMSA State Committee.

Metro North: Indooroopilly Men's Shed

See Indooroopilly Men's Shed on Youtube- this is from Tuesday, July 18, as shown on Channel 9's 'Today National Breakfast TV Show'. Congratulations for a great promotion by Indooroopilly Men's Shed.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5n6T_IYvuMk



CABOT'S 7TH NATIONAL MEN'S SHED CONFERENCE

The Cabot's 7th National Men's Shed Conference recognises the evolution of the Men's Shed movement – focusing on grassroots shed operations and sustainability. Interactive conference sessions will encourage delegates to come together to **share** their lessons, **talk** in depth about experiences and **discover** ways to grow the success of their shed.

On Day 1, enjoy breakfast at the Surfers Paradise Surf Life Saving Club followed by shed tours before our official conference opening at the social welcome reception. Over the weekend – pick from three streams of conference sessions, enjoy an exciting conference dinner on Saturday and cap it off with the close of Men's Shed Week on Sunday. With something for every shedder – this conference will be one not to be missed!

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	Early Bird Before 1 August 2017 CLOSED	Fees after 1 August 2017
AMSA Member	X	\$430
Non Member	X	\$680
International AMSA Members	X	\$430
Group Registration Rate <i>For groups registering more than 3 delegates, a discounted rate is available</i>	X	\$330/pp
Additional Trade Representatives	X	\$550



All fees are GST inclusive

Full Registration Inclusions

Registration includes entry to all sessions, the conference satchel, program handbook, morning, afternoon teas and lunches on each day of the conference, a Shed Tour (including transportation), and the Welcome Reception on Friday 29 September 2017.

Cancellation Policy

Registration

If notification of cancellation is made in writing to the Secretariat prior to 1 August 2017, a full refund will be given (less a \$100 processing fee). After this date no refund will be given, however a substitute delegate may be accepted. Cancellation of hotel bookings should also be made through the Conference Secretariat.

Accommodation

There is no guarantee that cancellations will receive a full refund as hotels reserve the right to charge a fee equal to one (01) night's accommodation or the full duration of the stay on any rooms cancelled.

Visit the conference website for details and to register— www.dconferences.com.au/mensshed2017

QMSA President's message to all Queensland Men's Sheds.

On Thursday 29th June 2017 we held a special general meeting at the Mt Gravatt Men's Shed. We had 43 Sheds represented either in person or by proxy.

The main purpose of the meeting was to make a minor change to the QMSA Model Rules (constitution) in order to clarify the issue of "financial membership" of the QMSA. I am pleased to announce that the vote was unanimously in favour of the motion that all Men's Sheds situated in Queensland, which are members of the AMSA, automatically become members of the QMSA.

There was discussion on several other issues raised by those in attendance. As a result of these discussions I can advise all Sheds of certain things that are happening within the QMSA.

We have lodged a grant application with the Qld Department of Mental Health for an amount of money which we believe to be sufficient for us to have a business plan professionally prepared, so we can then attempt to gain sufficient long-term funding for us to better serve the Sheds of Queensland. As you know, all our committee are volunteers and, at the moment, it is extremely difficult for us to satisfactorily recompense them for the expenses necessarily incurred in performing their roles. We hope that this funding will enable this to be done properly and for the QMSA to be able to appoint a field officer or two to assist the zone reps in their efforts. We understand that we are not currently in a position to offer as much help as we would like to new Sheds starting up, or to those which may need advice on operational issues, and feel that this move would fill the gap.

We will also be shortly entering a process to properly update our Model Rules which have been with us since QMSA's formation and, because of our growth, have become outdated. We will be attempting to obtain some pro-bono legal assistance to complete this task. For example, there are several paragraphs in the current document which refer to the change from a non-incorporated body to an incorporated one and these are now obviously redundant – they do no harm, but need not be there.



We have set the date for the next AGM of the QMSA as Thursday 28th September at the venue of the AMSA convention on the Gold Coast. This is the day prior to the commencement of the convention.

In closing, I would like to say that your management committee continues to work on your behalf for the betterment of Men's Sheds in Queensland and Australia.

Yours in Shedding,

Murray Rogash

President QMSA

The Grim Reaper came for me last night and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.

A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time....

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin, 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it. I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!!

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70!!! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.

I was driving this morning when I saw an RACQ van parked up. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself that guy's heading for a breakdown.

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not Happy.

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that, 2:30am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

I saw a poor old lady fall over today on the ice!! At least I presume she was poor – she only had \$1.20 in her purse.

The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.

Sunshine Coast Zone: Noosa Men's Shed

NMS continues to develop and grow with lots of local support and hard work by members. Although not yet three years old, our Shed has 170 members and six buildings on the site of the old Noosa Water Treatment Plant which was de-commissioned in the 1990s and now owned by Unitywater.

We recently officially opened our Long Shed, a donated ex-Army Lysaght Hut made for the Vietnam War in the 1960s. See:

<https://www.facebook.com/7NewsSC/videos/vb.100453416678768/1512735172117245/?type=2&theater> for an example of the good publicity we received which we hope flows on to Men's Sheds generally.

Members have a great choice of activities: woodwork, metalwork, art, inventing, recycling, gardening, bee keeping, sailing, fishing, drinking coffee and playing pool or darts, computers & electronics. We are about to start a leatherwork shop (with some great help from Buderim MS). There is also a move to form a Shed Musical Band soon.

On the social side, we are about to celebrate what we think might be a first for a Men's Shed anywhere - a wedding. Gavin, one of our hardest working members and his fiancé Liz are planning their marriage at the Noosa Men's Shed in September.

Now who can beat that?



Mr Llew O'Brien MP referring to the "Australia's Most Wanted" gallery at the opening of the Long Shed at Noosa on 29 June 2017.

Photo: Philip Morgan

See our web site at <http://noosa-mens-shed.org.au/> for more current photos & activities.

Visitors welcome. (The best days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursday mornings).

Paul Asbury, VP.

Sat opposite an Indian lady on the train today, she shut her eyes and stopped breathing. I thought she was dead, until I saw the red spot on her forehead and realised she was just on standby.

The wife was counting all the 5c's and 10c's out on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself, "She's going through the change."

Metro South: Mt Gravatt Bowls Day Friday 21 April 2017

What a great day!

Mt Gravatt Men's Shed was represented by 10 members and 4 wives.

Forest Lake Men's Shed had 2 representatives and Alexandra Hills Men's shed had 4 representatives.

There was an apology from Centenary Suburbs Men's Shed.

The first session was a fun/learning time with thanks to Ron Walton from the club who tried to teach us all the rules in 30 minutes! Thanks to Ian Svensson who assisted.



After morning tea we got into the real stuff and four competition teams were formed to compete for the Bowls Cup (proudly made and donated by Leo Zorzini—MGMS member): Forest Lake, Alexandra Hills and 2 from Mt Gravatt. Plus there were 2 MGMS novice teams, who just had fun!

Alexandra Hills won the inaugural MGMS Bowls Day challenge, closely followed by Forest Lake. MGMS teams were third and fourth. The two MGMS fun teams were tied at the end of play and had to go to 'golden point'!



We need to ensure that Mt Gravatt will be more competitive next time!

The general consensus was that it was a great day, lots of fun. Some comments were: "we enjoyed ourselves", "let's do it

again" and "in a few months". Just as well there were no fines for wayward bowls into the adjoining game on the next rink or into the gutter as the club would have made a fortune!



Thank you to Paul Cusack our photographer. Thank you also to Reg Walls from the Bowls Club who arranged the day especially for the Men's Sheds. It was a great day and only cost \$10 to play and that included morning tea and a BBQ lunch.

Brian Wandel (Secretary).



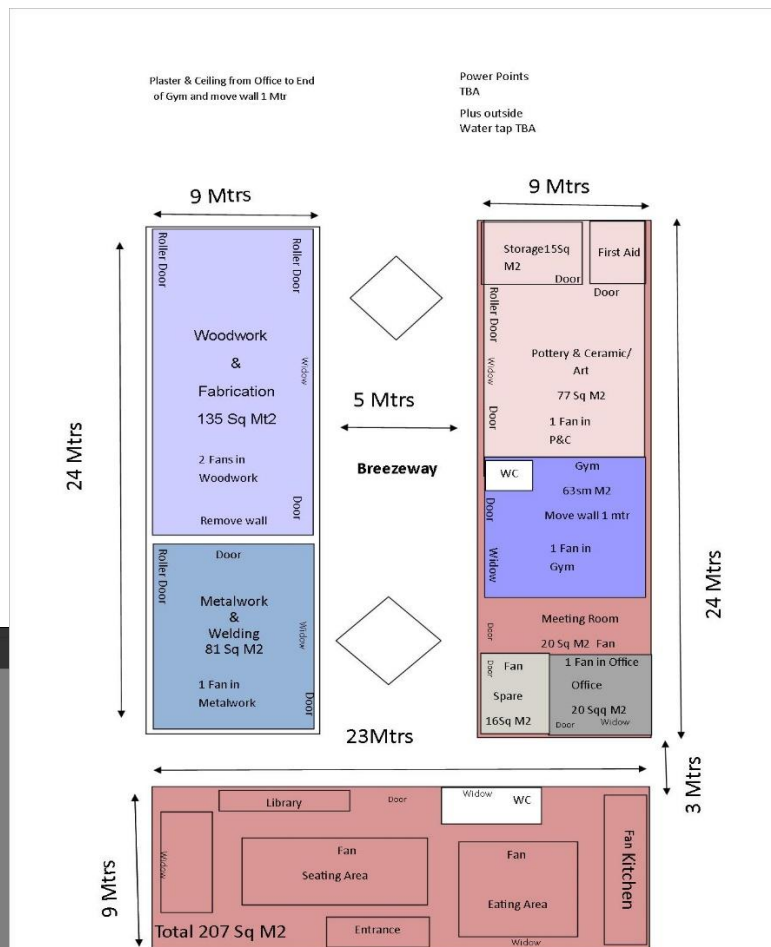
Capricornia: Rockhampton Men's Shed

The Rockhampton Men's Shed is constructing a Community Centre and expanding its Men's Shed Services. There are currently limited services within the Rockhampton Men's Shed catchment area (Stockland to The Caves) in the north of Rockhampton to service seniors, and families with limited transport options and limited finances. Limited family resources is seeing an increase in domestic violence, the services Rockhampton Men's Shed offer will directly support these families to alleviate the pressure of being isolated.

Social Isolation is also occurring in all parts of our community. Small not-for-profit organizations will also be able to use the facilities.

This organization aims to bridge the inter-generational gap by providing services that bring the community together. In addition, the benefits of better community interaction will directly see an improvement in the health and well-being of the community.

This project cannot happen without the generous support of the community.



At present we are awaiting approval from the State Government for a lease on land in the confines of the CQ University in Rockhampton. When this is approved we will need to fund the clearing of the land before we embark on the building of our three sheds to house a metalwork and woodwork shed, an arts and craft shed that will also in the first place contain a gym and an IT section as well as our much needed office which is currently at the secretary's house. The third building will be a community centre to act as a recreation room for our members as well as a building to house activities for the community.

Any help to assist us with this project would be most appreciated. Regards, Jim Lawler

Far North Queensland: Sailors get a Cooktown Men's Shed helping hand.

Club Shed Cooktown has extended its welcome and support to a number of local and international sailors in recent times.

Shed manager David Cass commented that it was great the Cooktown Men's Shed could offer membership and repair support to sailors in need of a workshop to facilitate repairs and maintenance.

Local yachtsman and owner of the yacht 'Spindrift IV' Mr Jack Martin said the 'Club Shed' had been an enormous help to him in effecting timber repairs and maintenance work. 'It has been a life saver for me as a pensioner, to have access to all the tools and timber processing equipment, it's just the best!' 'It's a great social thing for me too, down at the 'shed'.'

Local long term shed member, a retired experienced mariner/engineer, Mr Frank Dostal has been assisting local Czech yachtsmen, Mr Martin Dolecek and Patrik Zamazal with repairs and advice to repair their yacht Alya II .

Alya II came to grief on a shallow bank on route to Cooktown and thanks to the efforts of many locals was recovered and shipped to Cooktown for extensive repairs.

Martin Dolecek and Patrik Zamazal became Club Shed members and as a result were able to access all the Men's Shed has to offer, including the expertise of Frank Dostal.' It's great that we can use the huge workshop and timber resources to help us fix up our yacht' Martin said.

Club Shed Cooktown is supported by the Gungarde Community Centre, The Australian Men's Shed Association and a wide range of local and interstate sponsors/ organisations.

For more information on Club Shed Cooktown please call David Cass- 0439 348 425 or Richard Anderson- 0477 505 047.



Yacht in Cooktown harbour is Jack Martin's 'Spindrift IV'



Frank Dostal after repairs to Alya II's rudder

The four most beautiful words in our common language: I told you so.

Never laugh at your wife's choices...



You are one of them.

Left to right- Patrik Zamazal, Martin Dolecek and Frank Dostal



Jack Martin is applying fibreglass to a yacht tender.

A thief broke into my house last night....He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.

Fraser Coast/Bundaberg: Gayndah Men's Shed

Hope you are all enjoying the benefits of being able to get together every now and then and enjoy each other's company.

Gayndah Men's Shed has been open for about seven months and, in that time, has increased the amount of equipment and built membership to forty members.

The coffee table and smoko is a popular corner and the pool table is utilised regularly. We were fortunate in having a local member with a spare. Thanks Steve.

A number of members have skills not being fully utilised now and they are a pleasure to watch when they go into action.

Members continue to assist in the community wherever possible and the Shed enjoys the support of all.

Many members keep in touch with other sheds in the area and it provides excellent friendship.

Look forward to talking again soon.

Don Waugh.

Secretary, Gayndah Men's Shed.

Metro South: Wynnum Manly and Districts Men's Shed

On Thursday 13th July we received good news from the BCC, it has approved our Development Application (DA) and now we can begin to start work at the site. First, the fence has to be erected, beginning on the 24th July, this will take about one and a half weeks to complete, then next month the construction of our sheds will begin.

Our long 6 year wait has paid off at last. But, we have had some unexpected expenses put on us when we received our DA, there is an account to be paid before we begin of **\$17,152.49**. This is for **Infrastructure Charges**. We had not budgeted for this outlay so we need to get more money to get the sheds up and running, **this puts more pressure on us**, because before we can get the grant of \$100,000 from the Federal Government, **we have to outlay it first, then send them the account for reimbursement.**

Thank you to Wayne Aberdeen for the time and effort in negotiating with the Federal Government, Brisbane City Council and fine tuning the DA and much, much more, this saved me from having a nervous breakdown!!!!



We are fortunate to have a professional fundraiser helping us with our grants, 'Julie' has supported our shed for many years at our garage sales, and we are very grateful for her assistance.

Metro North: Shed West- Bellbowrie News

We are happy to report that we are earning a reputation amongst visitors from other Sheds that we are a friendly bunch of men. We aim to be known as "The Friendly Shed".

Since our inception almost six years ago we have produced a weekly newsletter to keep our members informed of what is happening at our Shed and Kenmore Shed since we are both part of Shed West and the only Shed in Australia to have two campuses.

Bellbowrie Shed has an idyllic setting on the National Parks site at Moggill. Our Shed consists of a typical low set, three bedroom cottage that now houses a meeting room, kitchen, and office library and leatherwork room. Last year, we added a 12m x 6m workshop.

We were successful in obtaining a \$15,061 grant from the latest Brisbane City Council Men's Shed Grants Program to replace the much worn floor coverings in the cottage, purchase a radial arm saw, chisel morticer and dust extraction unit. In addition we included in the application a set of spiral cutters for Kenmore's thicknesser and a welding machine.

In return we get Kenmore's old thicknesser already fitted with spiral cutters and releasing our current machine to go to another Shed possibly the new Theodore Shed.

Metro North: Ipswich Men's Shed

An OFFER of FREE MATERIAL

To all sheds, Ipswich Men's Shed has a contact that provides steel tubing and steel pallets to Men's sheds free of charge (only pick-up is required.)

Please call Ipswich Shed 07 3436 5857 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-2pm

Or email ipswichmensshed@hotmail.com if interested.

Regards, Terry Carter

Metro Zone North – Representative. Tools and Equipment Available.

Gerald Barber the Metro North Zone Representative, knows of tools and equipment available, much of which he believes at no cost to Sheds in need. If your Shed is interested contact Gerald His email address is Gerald.barber1@gmail.com

Shed Chatter Articles:

ALL Queensland Men's Shed are encouraged to submit a report on what is happening in their local Shed.

But, it would be appreciated that the submission was in an attached Word file with any photo/s in the position/s the Shed would like the photos to be displayed.

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