



THE IPSWICH MEN'S SHED INC

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"Shoulder to Shoulder"

President: Laurie Caldwell **Vice President:** Arthur Read

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Secretary: Brian Parker **Treasurer:** Ian Weier

Registrar: Ted Wedmaier; **Executive Officer Electrical:** Darryl Edwards

Fund Raising/Purchasing: Laurie Caldwell

Committee: John Humphries; Ron Bopf; Ian Ross; Norm Toyer; Tom Parker

Patron: Kylie Stoneman; **Future Development:** Bob Edyvean

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

Open Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 8am-2pm

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MAY 2019

The end of April has come round so fast and it is time for yet another newsletter. Sure miss my co-writer Terry, but I'll give it my best shot to write something on my own. The month was not quite as busy as when we had billy-carts, crosses, roller coaster carriage and log cutting machines under construction, but none-the-less we have not been idle.

April has seen the continuation of the cage security, electrical wiring being added and the set-up of the lathe area and the machinery area outside shed number 2; along with the addition of a whirly-bird to the roof of the spray-paint booth.

Some members have also been very busy refurbishing the timber stands in shed 2 and adding additional shelves to pack more timber, more neatly into the racks. You must now do your part in helping to keep the area tidy and returning unused timber to the correct racks.

Thanks to all involved in updating and renewing the shed environs and thanks also to the garden crew who have the grounds looking good. From lawn mowing to planting new flower gardens. From trimming bush to growing veges and pot plants, under the auspices of the garden crew, the shed surrounds have continued to flourish.



SCENES OF THE GARDEN IN THE EARLY MORNING LIGHT – A GREAT TIME TO VISIT



AND THE SHED BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE MANY MEN WHO WORK THERE:



The New "CAGE" nearing completion

Well set-up sheds which have a lot to offer thanks to the hard-work and dedication of many members of the Ipswich Men's Shed.



MACHINERY: Whilst many members are adept at using the machines and take great care, there has unfortunately been a number of breakages lately which have caused damage to various saws, sanders etc. Please think before you use the machines – Are they the right ones for the project you are about to do? Could it be done another less risky way? Take care with machinery and If unsure, please ask for assistance – let us all do our part to minimise damage – we cannot continue to replace machines damaged through negligence or ineptitude.

BBQ: Thank you to every one who attended the Barbecue at Bunnings on Easter Saturday. It was a massive day which at times stretched members to the limit in trying to keep up with demand. A special thank you to Jeff who stayed for the day to ensure sausages and onions were cooked and available to everyone who wanted one. We raised around \$1200 for the day. A great result.

The next one is coming in May on Visakha Bucha Day in Thailand (a bit of worthless information there). Please advise if you are able to assist on the day.

SPEAKING OF FOOD:



A number of members recently completed the Jamie Oliver Ministry of Food Course and received their Certificates of Attendance and Completion. Our congratulations to all those who completed the course. Places are available throughout the year should anyone wish to attend this well worthwhile course. See the Jamie Oliver web site for booking dates and times.

AND STILL ON THE SUBJECT OF FOOD:



Thanks to these three great blokes, we recently enjoyed an amazing sandwich meal which went down a treat with every member working in the shed that day.

Thank you Ian, Tom and Bob for a great banquet.

Can't wait to do it again!

BUT AFTER ALL THAT GREAT FOOD WE NEED EXERCISE:

And a number of members are doing just that. Thanks to a grant, we are receiving free exercise classes based on balances and falls each week in the Salvo's hall – as arranged by Darryl Edwards – Thank you Darryl



A BIG WELCOME BACK:

Recently we have been missing a number of our members, so it great to see a group return to the fold on the same Tuesday – albeit as the walking wounded brigade.

Welcome back: Ken Beitzel, Col Waters, Bob Edyvean and Ian Ross. Our thoughts also remain with Bob Lewitz who was unable to attend.

Terry is destined to return from an Asian adventure of a lifetime. How long he stays before the next trip is anyone's guess.

Ron Bopf has had a number of family issues to deal with (at the time of writing) but hopes to return to the shed in the near future. We are looking forward to catching up with him also.

To anyone I have neglected to mention – welcome back.

QUIET DAYS:

Thanks to the suggestion of members, we have introduced quiet days in the shed every second Friday. No machinery. Games, exercise, chat, companionship and friendship abound and the day is fast becoming successful and popular as an alternative to work days. If you wish to attend, please see Colin or Tom for the date of the next Quiet Friday session.

UPCOMING:

- The next BBQ as previously mentioned.
- The Family Day for wives, family, friends and significant others etc. Come join the fun in June.
- More wood coming from what is to be the biggest Post Office Distribution Centre in Australia. I suggest a look-see if you have time – behind the Redbank Railway Station – so much work going on. Construction, demolition and massive buildings including the new tank building factory due to open soon. Well worth a drive-by.
- The AGM in July. Remember the shed will need a new President and some other positions may be vacated. If you are interested in filling a position, nominations will open in June.
- Electrical work still to be completed in the cage and the spray-paint booth.
- Work for the Salvo's include the making of 3 metal trolleys and the placement of a ramp at the rear of the Salvo's store for disabled wheelchair access.