



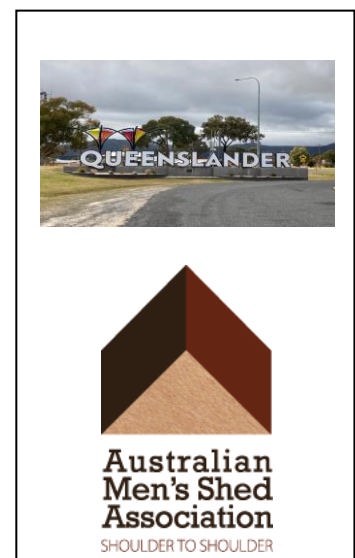
THE IPSWICH MEN'S SHED INC

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"SHOULDER TO SHOULDER"

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Membership fees \$10 Joining Fee + \$35 for 1 year
daily fees \$3 plus + \$5.00 lunch



TERRY'S NOTES

Dear Members,

Thank you to Kevin Pearce for his article and contribution to The Shed.

Recently our Member John Greatrex and his wife Shirley were affected by fire at their property at Mt French near Boonah. Thanks to Members and the Committee, we are planning to buy some hay for John to support his appeal.

We wish our Founder Dean Olafsen, who is having some health issues currently, all the best and we look forward to welcoming you back.

It is nice to see Steven Carmichael and Richard Middleton back after some time away - welcome back guys!

We are preparing for our Christmas party and Shedder of the Year Award.

The Committee thanks and welcomes all new members in 2023 and we trust you are enjoying your time at the Shed.

The sale of the shed which we purchased from Ipswich State High School has not happened yet and we would welcome assistance for this sale.

The Dust Extraction plans are being prepared by Gregory's Machinery and we hope to start its install in early 2024.

2024 will see us instigate new activities and further enhance our wonderful Shed. We ask that you make suggestions and get involved to assist us with these plans.

The Shed recently received a \$2000 donation from The Racehorse Hotel - a wonderful support for our Men's health initiative. Barry has prepared a wonderful plaque for their donation.

See you at the Christmas party.

Cheers

Terry

(On behalf of the Committee)

Kevin Pearce article

AS we near the end of another busy and by any degree successful year, perhaps it is timely to reflect on our shed, its activities and its future.

The Australian Men's Shed Association is the national service provider to more than 1200 sheds.

Its mission "is to promote, advance, and support an effective and sustainable Men's Shed movement by bringing men together enabling them to lead a positive lifestyle while strengthening communities".

The AMSA says, "men's sheds play an important role in the community by providing meeting places where men can find social support and camaraderie".

The AMSA says "not all Men's Sheds are the same."

"If you looked inside, you might see a number of men making furniture, perhaps restoring bicycles for a local school, making Mynah bird traps, fixing lawn mowers or making a cubby house for Camp Quality to raffle", it says. It outlines activities Men's Shed members may be involved in; and says "you will see teabags, coffee cups and a comfortable area where men can sit and talk. You will probably see an area where men can learn to cook for themselves or how to contact their families by computer".

Our Shed is a hive of activity as craftsmen in the Arts Hole and Sheds 1, 2, and 3 turn out amazing work. These activities essentially fund our Shed. However, the Shed must never be regarded as a "workshop". It needs and must be much more than that. Workshop endeavours is the core of its activities and provides therapy, and much more, for a good many of our Shedders.

Other activities such as the garden and kitchen are every bit as important; and provide participants with kindred therapy to that of those other activities. Mental health is a key focus to the AMSA.

Not all Shedders have the agility, training, experience, youthfulness or will to participate in every, especially physical, activity.

To that end, the opportunity for members to partake in less active pursuits such as opportunity to merely sit and talk with fellow Shedders is vital. There has been an ongoing “push” for our Shed to develop a “quiet space”. “Space” is an operative word as most members appreciate lack thereof restricts opportunity to establish such a facility. It is interesting that in the latest publication of the Queensland Men’s Shed’s Association it is reported the Beenleigh Shed is refurbishing a shed where members will be able to relax, talk, play cards, watch a movie and-or whatever.

A visit to the Beenleigh Shed, some time ago admittedly, revealed it did not operate for as many hours as does ours; but it certainly was a busy venue; owned by the local council. The future of our Shed continues to occupy the mind of some members. We have no way of knowing how much longer we will have access to the existing premises. It is doubtful Ipswich City Council would/could provide a suitable premises.

What then?

It may be argued we should not worry until the situation arrives; but that may not be soon enough.

This is a seriously complex question and bears serious thought. Answers are unknown. Finally, since President Terry invited me to write for our newsletter, a matter that needs addressing, and can be attended to immediately, is that shedders need to be very mindful of practising good hygiene.

The simple act of washing one's hands with soap or liquid hand wash is essential to good health. Chaps have been observed, for instance, relieving themselves at the urinal and walking away without washing their hands. This is not good enough.

Likewise, before handling food it is vital hands be washed.

To that end, it is essential that fellows entering or leaving the kitchen close the door behind them.

Flies and especially in our Shed's situation, dust, are unwelcome in the kitchen.



**Written by
Kevin Pearce**



FLOWERS BY BRIAN



Christmas message from the Salvos!

MAYORAL CANDIDATE DAVID WITH TOM



HAPPY 92ND BIRTHDAY GEOFF

BRIAN DOING WHAT HE DOES BEST!

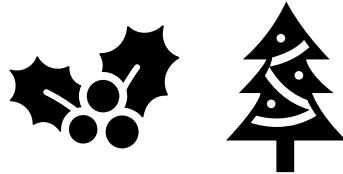


A SCENE FROM OUR GARAGE SALE

SHED CHRISTMAS PARTY

6.30 PM DECEMBER 15TH

KNIGHTS SOCCER CLUB



FINALLY, FRAMED!