



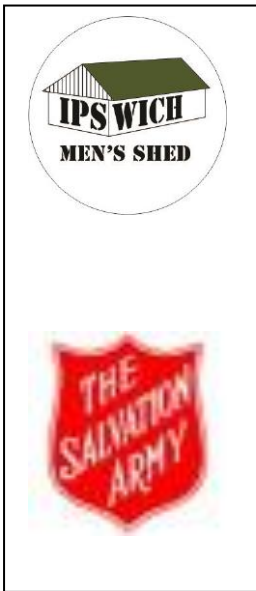
**THE IPSWICH MEN'S SHED INC**

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***"SHOULDER TO SHOULDER"***

- President:** Brian Oberholster  
**Vice-President:** John Humphreys  
**Junior Vice President:** Rob Crepin  
**Secretary:** Brian Parker  
**Treasurer:** Bill Fisher  
**Registrar:** David le-Good  
**BBQ:** Tom Parker  
**Welfare officer** TBA  
**Committee:** Trevor Dickson; David Winnington; Ian Ross.  
Henry Pryor; John Kenneally.  
**Patron:** Lance McCallum MP (Member for Bundamba)

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





**Top -Trevor- David- Rob- Ian- John  
Brian- Henry- Brian (President)- Bill- David**



**John Kenneally  
New Committee for 2024-2025**

## Presidents Diary

My first week in office ended with the sad news of the passing of our founding member Dean Olafsen on Tuesday 13 September 2024 after a long illness bravely born. His funeral was held at the Ipswich Uniting Church on Wednesday 21 September 2024. Twenty-four members from the shed attended the funeral and formed a guard of honour outside the church after the service. A talk was given by Terry Carter, our immediate Past President, on behalf of the shed. Rest in peace Dean and thank you.

Hearing Australia visited the shed on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024 when members were given the opportunity of having their hearing checked. Unfortunately, it appears that since our last check-ups some 40% of those tested have experienced further hearing loss requiring further testing. To this end it is intended to enforce the wearing of hearing protection, erect additional signage and educate members in the wisdom of wearing protection.

On Thursday 29 September 2024 Terry and I visited Day Care Ward 6B at the Ipswich Hospital where an iPad was donated to them. The pad will be used by patients to pass the time whilst awaiting treatment.

With membership reaching optimum levels and with working space at a premium attention will be given to removing material that is no longer required. Attention will also be given to improving housekeeping standards throughout the shed and the cooperation of members will be sought in this regard. A start has already been made with the removal of unwanted steel and thanks are extended to Rob Burt for overseeing its removal.

Planning is well advanced to provide an area where meetings and social activities can take place thus removing the need to use the kitchen. Thanks are extended all involved especially John Kenneally for all their hard work. It is hoped to reach a decision by years end.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of John Stavridis as the new Welfare Officer. John has some progressive ideas on how he intends handling his portfolio and I wish him well.

Providing a suitable dust extraction system in the machine Annex area is still a priority and is being actively pursued.

The re-testing of machine operators is under consideration and will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

If the shed is to go from strength to strength it is important that we develop a "culture of compliance" where all members respect each other and members abide by the rules of the shed at all times.

Brian Oberholster



**Rev. Dean Olafsen (1941–2024)**

*“ALL Aussie boys need a shed,” they say, and Dean Olafsen took that saying to heart. With unwavering dedication, he founded the Ipswich Men’s Shed—a haven where hands crafted, hearts opened, and hidden grief found solace.*

Dean understood that life’s later chapters could be lonely, especially for retirees. So, he created a space where men aged 18 to 80 could gather, tinker, and share stories. The shed wasn’t just about woodworking or metalworking; it was about forging connections. Dean believed that within those walls, laughter echoed, friendships bloomed, and burdens lightened.

As the Bundamba Men’s Shed flourished, Dean’s vision expanded. He dreamed of an annex—a place for counselling, support, and healing. His heart overflowed with compassion for those carrying hidden grief, and he wanted them to find solace within those walls.

The shed itself was more than timber and nails. It was a testament to community support. Donations poured in—from varnishes to woodworking machines—each gift a symbol of care. Dean’s tireless efforts, along with the Salvation Army and local businesses, transformed a flood-damaged space into a vibrant hub.

Dean Olafsen, a man of action and empathy, left an indelible mark. His legacy lives on in the laughter of men who once felt alone, in the hands that shape wood, and in the hearts that found kinship.

May he rest in peace, knowing that the shed he built continues to echo with camaraderie and shared dreams.



## HEARING AUSTRALIA VISIT

### Helping Australians rediscover the joy of sound for over 75 years

Your hearing is our passion. Since 1947, Hearing Australia has provided expert hearing care to Australians of all ages and from all walks of life. And today, we are committed to helping even more people across the nation stay connected to the people and life they love.

With our dedicated team, we're the nation's largest provider of government-funded hearing services for children, young adults up to the age of 26, eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, pensioners and veterans.





**President Brian and Past President Terry**

**Present to Nurse Unit Manager**

**Dianne Lokan (Ivans Daughter)**

**An iPad for Patient's use during their hospital stay**

**Day Procedure Unit**

Please support Sec Brian

# IPSWICH GEM SHOW

## First Saturday In September

Silkstone State School  
Prospect & Molloy Sts

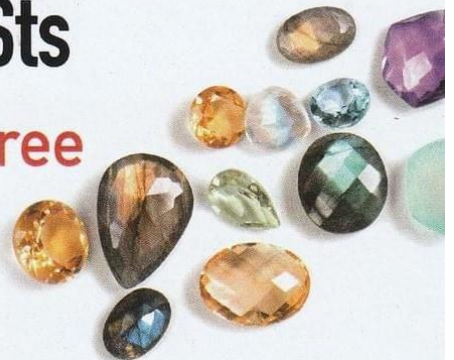
Adults \$4 - Children Free

8:00am - 3:00pm

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Gemstones ♦ Minerals ♦ Jewellery ♦ Fossils



ALL ITEMS FOR SALE

**STARKIDS EARLY LEARNING CENTRE  
FATHERS DAY RAFFLE DONATE PROCEEDS  
TO THE SHED TODAY**



**A VERY GENEROUS DONATION-THANKS  
Quote!! "GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY TO YOURS"**



*Ipswich Mens Shed*

*Garage*  
*Sale*

*Saturday October 26. 2024*

*7am until 1pm*

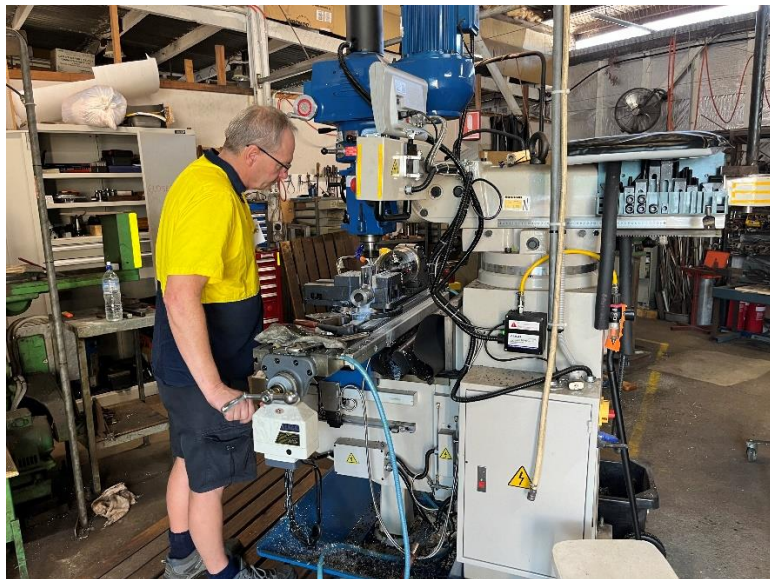
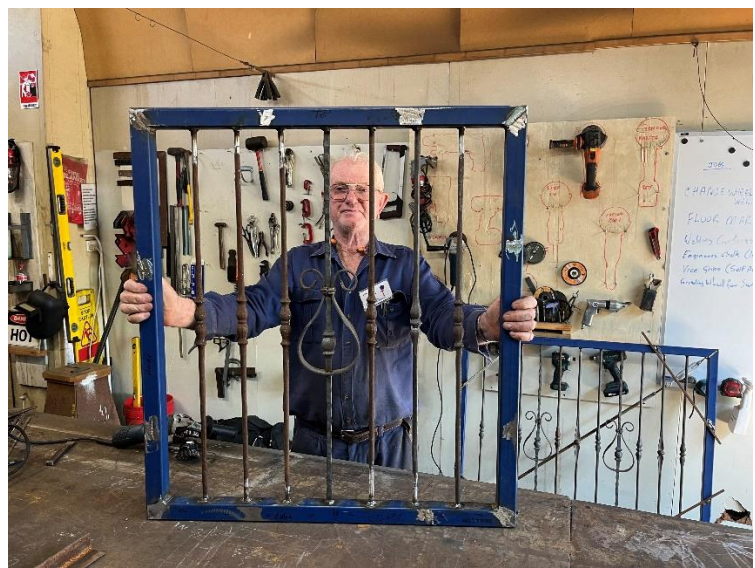
*Don't Miss it !*

*3a Mining Street Bundamba*

**SEE YOU THERE!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAVID**  
**Burns from all the candles !!**  
**“REGISTRAR”**



**CANDID SHOTS FROM TODAY**

## **I HAD A DREAM**

**I HAD A DREAM:** that all members were equal and respected and that the shed was always free of conflict.

**I HAD A DREAM:** That while the shed had a “duty of care” towards its members, members in turn had a “duty of care” for themselves and their fellow shedders and abided by the rules.

**I HAD A DREAM:** That all members abided by the rules of the shed and the wearing of personal protection equipment become an integral part of the culture of the shed.

**I HAD A DREAM:** That the facilities and equipment be used in a manner that would ensure it was left in a condition in which the user would like to find it.

**I HAD A DREAM:** That Members would refrain for offering unsolicited advice and wait until asked for their opinion.

**I HAD A DREAM:** That members refrain from holding private conversations and show respect for members of the executive, when speaking during “smoko”.

**I HAD A DREAM:** That members would contribute to the running of the shed by offering meaningful suggestions, personal gripes would not be entertained.

**I HAD A DREAM:** That all members display the highest degree of honesty and integrity while at the shed.

**I HAD A DREAM:** That the facilities be made available for members to sit in comfort and reminisce about times gone by.

**I HAD A DREAM:** That members refrain from interrupting the conversation of others and wait until their presence has been acknowledged.

**I HAD A DREAM:** That the Ipswich men’s shed continue its involvement in the affairs of the community, especially in the field of mental health. That the shed continues to do “well” to do “Great work” within the Community.

## **I HAD A DREAM:**



**I Wish ???**



**COMING SOON!**



**Ted and Glenda at Wave rock WA.**

**Ian and Cheryl are currently in NZ.**

**Dennis and Lynda in Far North QLD**

**Jeff Rae in Bundaberg**

**Craig Mann recovering from back surgery.**



**this is not a mug shot!!**

**Mick is looking (doing) a job for 60 and better.**

**Many thanks for assisting the community group!**