

A Tribute to Robert “Bob” Edyvean

Dear friend, mentor, Shed mate, and true Australian character

On **3 July**, we lost a man whose presence filled every room he entered — with laughter, with stories, with wisdom, and with that unmistakable Bob charm. Bob Edyvean lived life fully, generously, and with a spirit that lifted others. His passing leaves a deep ache in the Ipswich community, the Men’s Shed, Rotary, and among the many people whose lives he touched.

Bob loved his dear wife **Helen** and his family with a devotion that was obvious to anyone who knew him. They were his pride, his joy, and his anchor. Their loss is immeasurable, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to Helen and the entire Edyvean family.

Bob’s life had many chapters — each one marked by energy, curiosity, and connection. His love of **cars and real estate** brought him success, but more importantly, it brought him friendships. He saw the good in people, and people saw the good in him. As a businessman, he was sharp; as a mentor, he was generous; as a mate, he was loyal.

He was recently honoured for his remarkable contribution to **Go-Karting in Australia**, serving as CEO of Karting Australia and travelling the world representing the sport he loved. It was a recognition he richly deserved.

At the **Ipswich Men’s Shed**, Bob was something special. At 70, he took up **art**, and — in true Bob fashion — he didn’t just dabble, he excelled. His paintings speak for themselves: bold, thoughtful, and full of life. His unfinished large saw blade, which Ian will no doubt complete in his honour, will stand as a symbol of the mateship and creativity Bob brought to the Shed.

I had the privilege of standing beside Bob in the **Ipswich North Rotary Club**, where his wit as Sergeant kept meetings lively and memorable. He always had a story — and he always delivered it with perfect timing.

Bob mentored me when I stepped into the real estate world after leaving my previous life. Together, with Les Thornton at The Professionals Ipswich, we built something strong. But more than business, Bob taught me how to treat people. He once said, *“You don’t know tools — that’s good. You know how to treat people, and that’s what matters most.”* That wisdom is the reason I became President of the Men’s Shed for eight years. He believed in me before I believed in myself.

His Tuesday night dinners with friends — Ian, Dennis, and the crew — were legendary. Many of the world’s problems were solved at those tables, and even more laughter was shared. Those nights will never be the same.

Bob was a true Aussie. A man of humour, heart, and honesty. A man who gave more than he took. A man who made others better simply by being there.

To a great man, a great friend, and a great mentor — **Rest in peace, dear Bob.**

From all of us at the Ipswich Men's Shed, we extend our deepest condolences to **Helen and Bob's family**. His legacy will live on in his stories, his art, his friendships, and the countless lives he shaped.

Terry Carter, President 2026

Question ?

How many houses did Helen and Bob live in?

How many cars did Bob and Helen buy?

How many caravans did Helen and Bob buy?



Two Bob's worth please!



Ian learns from the Master



BOB MOVED IN THE TOP CIRCLES



PAUL RECEIVING A GIFT!



BOB WAS PROUD HIS PAINTING WAS IN QLD PARLIAMENT



BOB PRESENTS TERRY WITH HIS LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SHED

MENTORING HIS ART STUDENTS



PRESENTING SALVOS WITH A PAINTED BLADE



BOB AT HIS BEST!

TUESDAY DINNERS WITH IAN, DENNIS AND OTHERS



LOVED THE MIC AND HIS MORNING TEA SNACKS



WELDING HIS METAL ARTWORK



BOB AND HIS FAMOUS MOON -BOOT



A BEAUTIFUL JACARANDA ON A BLADE



CROSS CUT SAW BLADE



BOB AND TED



OLD CHOOK!



BOB LOVED HIS SCENES



BOB CARRIED THE COUNTRY!



ANOTHER STORY!



BOB AND DOUG SHARE A LAUGH



HIS MORNING TEA ESPECIALLY DELIVERED---PAST PATRON KYLIE ADMIRES HIS WORK

ROSLYN COOPER AND SISTER DEBBIE AT OUR GARAGE SALE



NEWLY INVENTED CHAIN SAW!!

HELEN AND BOB AT THE XMAS PARTY 2017





FRAMED AT LAST!

IAN AND BOB SHARE A LAUGH



ERIC, NEIL AND BOB



POSING AS A SHED 3 WORKER!!

BOB TURNS 80 – AT THE SHED



FAMILY MATTERS!



60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

FRIENDS AT THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY



PARTY GIRL!!



YOU DESERVE A MEDAL, HELEN!!!

AUSTRALIA PAINTING BY BOB!



BOB'S WALLET OPEN! WHAT?

BRIAN PRESENTS LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO BOB! BILL LOOKS ON!



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MORE ARTWORK





HELEN MAKES YOU LOOK GOOD, BOB!



A Mentor and a Friend

Bob guided many throughout his life, offering wisdom freely and with kindness. His mentorship in real estate shaped careers, and his belief in people inspired confidence and purpose. His Tuesday night dinners with friends — filled with laughter, stories, and the occasional solving of the world's problems — will be fondly remembered.

Farewell, Bob

Bob was a great man, a great friend, and a great mentor. His presence enriched the lives of all who knew him, and his absence will be deeply felt.

May he rest in peace.

The Ipswich Men's Shed extends heartfelt condolences to **Helen and the Edyvean family.**

(Fondly remembered loved and admired — Terry Carter)