



THE IPSWICH MEN'S SHED INC

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"SHOULDER TO SHOULDER"

President:	Terry Carter
Vice-President:	Trevor Dickson
Junior Vice President:	Rob Crepin
Secretary:	Brian Parker
Treasurer:	Bill Fisher
Registrar:	David Le-Good
BBQ:	Tom Parker
Committee:	Brett Staines; Ian Ross; Eric Jonker. Neville Sargood; Andrew Kumar.

Membership fees \$10 Joining Fee + \$35 for 1 year
daily fees \$4 plus + \$5.00 lunch



August 2026

NEWSLETTER

President's Report – Ipswich Men's Shed

For the Annual General Meeting – 11 August 2026

Presented by President Terry

Members, friends, and supporters of the Ipswich Men's Shed,

It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for the 2025–2026 year, a year marked by steady progress, strong participation, and the unmistakable spirit of mateship that defines our Shed.

This past year has once again shown that the Shed is far more than a workshop. It is a place of belonging. A place where men come to share skills, stories, humour, and support. A place where community is built one conversation, one project, and one cuppa at a time.

A Year of Steady Growth and Strong Participation

Our membership has remained healthy and engaged, with new faces joining us throughout the year and long-standing members continuing to contribute their time, skills, and wisdom. Daily attendance has been consistently strong, and the workshop has rarely been quiet — a sign that the Shed continues to meet the social and practical needs of our members.

We have seen excellent participation in projects, BBQs, social outings, and committee activities. Whether it was a community repair job, a Shed improvement project, or simply a morning spent sanding timber and sharing a laugh, members have shown enthusiasm and pride in what we do.

Projects, Activities, and Community Engagement

Our project works this year has been varied and meaningful. Members have contributed to community organisations, schools, and individuals in need of a helping hand. These projects not only showcase the skills within our Shed but also strengthen our connection to the wider Ipswich community.

Our BBQs and fundraising activities have continued to be reliable sources of income and community visibility. They also remain one of the best ways for members to work together, chat with locals, and enjoy the camaraderie that comes naturally when tongs, sausages, and good humour are involved.

The workshop itself has seen ongoing improvements, with new equipment added and safety practices strengthened. These upgrades ensure that members can work confidently and comfortably, and they reflect our commitment to maintaining a safe and welcoming environment.

Committee Leadership and Teamwork

Strong leadership and steady teamwork remain the backbone of our Shed. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our long-serving Secretary, **Brian**, and Treasurer, **Bill**, whose ongoing dedication and reliability have kept the Shed running smoothly for many years. Their commitment, attention to detail, and willingness to go above and beyond are deeply appreciated.

Our thanks also go to **Tom and the catering team**, who continue to provide wonderful morning teas and lunches. Their efforts bring comfort, connection, and a sense of home to the Shed every single week.

In the garden, **Kevin and his team** have kept our grounds looking tidy, welcoming, and full of life. Over in the metal shed, **John and his team** have worked tirelessly on projects that showcase skill, precision, and pride. And in Shed Two, **Arthur and his team** have continued to produce excellent work and maintain a space that is productive, safe, and well organised.

A special mention must go to **Dave Wernowski**, our Shedder of the Year. Dave continues to support the Shed in every way he can — always willing, always helpful, and always contributing to the positive spirit that defines our community.

Rob Crepin and the team in Shed 1 for all their great work

John Humphreys, Vice President 2025-2026, for all your support and encouragement

Sadly, during the past year, we lost three valuable and much-loved members:

- **Ken Evans**, a quiet achiever who benefited greatly from his time at the Shed.
- **Peter Bolderman**, a true character whose humour and stories brightened many mornings.
- **Bob Edyvean**, our Governance Officer and a guiding force in future development. Bob was also a talented artist, and his paintings remain a testament to his creativity. His humour, wisdom, and experience will be missed deeply as we move forward.

We also acknowledge members currently on our sick list — **Tom Munnin**, **Dave Jarvis**, and **Kevin Ardrey** — and we send them our very best wishes for recovery and strength.

Our Shed continues to thrive thanks to the support of our wonderful partners and friends. We extend sincere appreciation to **The Salvation Army Bundamba**, **Llewellyn Motors** for their vehicle loan, **Bunnings**, **MP Jennifer Howard**, **Mayor Teresa Harding**, and our auditor **Gavin Tupper**. Their assistance, generosity, and belief in the value of our Shed make a real difference.

During the year, we completed important governance work, upgrading our **By-Laws** and **Constitution** to ensure the Shed remains strong, compliant, and future-focused. Four members attended the **AMSA Conference in Brisbane**, gaining valuable knowledge and insights to bring back to our operations.

We also faced a major incident — the gas explosion — which reminded us of the importance of safety and vigilance. New practices and rules have now been implemented to ensure such an event cannot occur again. The response from members showed resilience, teamwork, and a commitment to learning from adversity.

Financially, our two **garage sales** were a great success, helping us strengthen our position and continue providing a wonderful Shed for the Ipswich community.

Challenges and Opportunities

Like all community organisations, we faced challenges — managing costs, maintaining equipment, balancing workloads, and navigating the occasional unexpected hiccup. But each challenge was met with practical thinking, teamwork, and the steady resilience that our members are known for.

Looking ahead, we have opportunities to strengthen our membership, expand our community partnerships, improve our facilities, and continue building a Shed that future generations will be proud of.

Looking Forward to 2026–2027. The coming year will focus on:

- Continued improvements to the workshop and equipment
- Strengthening induction, safety and training
- Growing membership and participation
- Enhancing community engagement
- Supporting the well-being of all members
- Encouraging new leaders to step forward and help guide the Shed's future
- Addition of a quiet area (Space)

The Ipswich Men's Shed is in a strong position, and with the continued support of our members, committee, and community partners, I am confident that the year ahead will be productive, enjoyable, and full of good work and good company.

Closing Remark: Thank you to every member who contributed — whether through project work, fundraising, committee service, or simply by showing up and being part of the Shed's daily life. Your presence and participation are what make this Shed a place of friendship, purpose, and pride.

I look forward to another year of building, learning, laughing, and supporting one another.

Terry, President, Ipswich Men's Shed

President -Terry



2026-2027 Committee Members

Elected at the AGM 11/08/2026



Bundamba Fire Brigade Table Project Completed



PROPOSED GARAGE SALE





HARD AT WORK _ GETTING ADVICE!!



ROB'S NEWEST BOX!

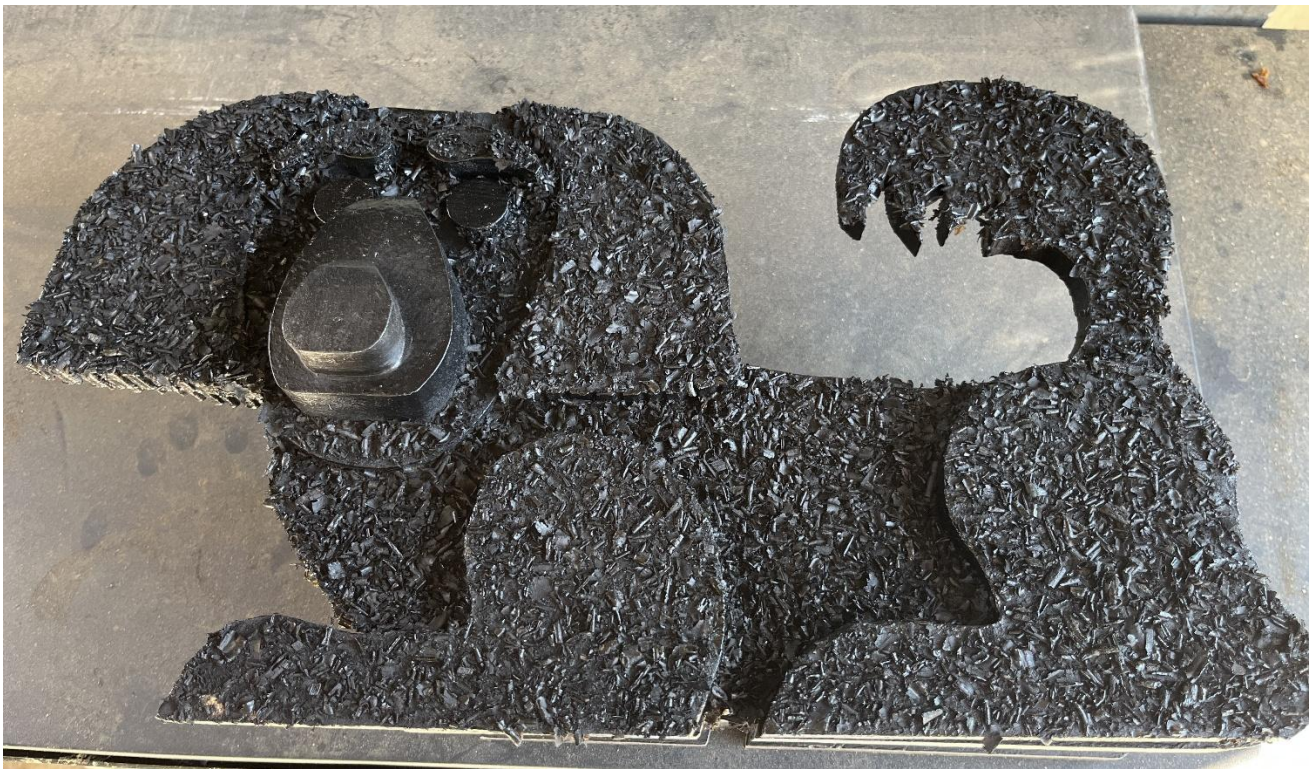


FACES AT THE SHED

ROB AND STUDENT GLEN!



BRIAN'S LATEST PET



NOTE THE FINISH!



VEHICLE SUPPLIED BY LLEWELLYN MOTORS



ADRIAN AND HIS BIRD BOXES

Vale Robert “Bob” Edyvean

The Ipswich community, the Men’s Shed, Rotary, and many friends are mourning the passing of **Bob Edyvean** on **3 July**. Bob lived life to the fullest and was a true Aussie character — generous, funny, loyal, and always ready with a story.

Bob deeply loved his wife **Helen** and his family, who now feel his loss most profoundly. We extend our heartfelt condolences to them.

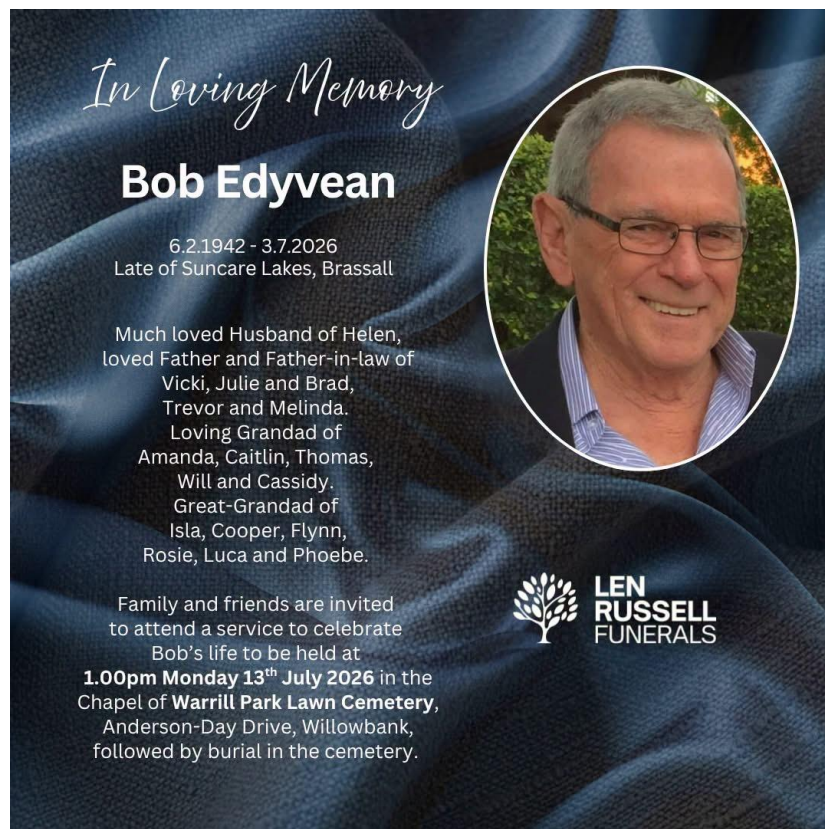
Bob’s life was rich and varied. His passion for **cars and real estate** brought him success and lifelong friendships. He was recently honoured for his outstanding contribution to **Go-Karting in Australia**, serving as CEO of Karting Australia and travelling widely in support of the sport.

At the **Ipswich Men’s Shed**, Bob was a treasured member. Taking up **art at 70**, he quickly became a talented painter, leaving behind works that speak to his creativity and spirit. His unfinished saw blade artwork will be completed by his good mate Ian in Bob’s honour.

Bob’s humour shone at **Ipswich North Rotary**, where his wit as Sergeant kept meetings lively. He mentored many, including myself, and saw the good in everyone. His guidance shaped my own journey in real estate and at the Shed.

His Tuesday night dinners with friends — solving the world’s problems over a meal — will be fondly remembered by Ian, Dennis, and all who joined him.

Bob was a great man, a great friend, and a great mentor. **Rest in peace, Bob.**

A funeral notice for Bob Edyvean. The background is a dark blue, textured fabric. On the right is a circular portrait of Bob, an older man with glasses, smiling. The text is white and arranged in a formal, centered layout.

In Loving Memory

Bob Edyvean

6.2.1942 - 3.7.2026
Late of Suncare Lakes, Brassall

Much loved Husband of Helen,
loved Father and Father-in-law of
Vicki, Julie and Brad,
Trevor and Melinda.
Loving Grandad of
Amanda, Caitlin, Thomas,
Will and Cassidy.
Great-Grandad of
Isla, Cooper, Flynn,
Rosie, Luca and Phoebe.

Family and friends are invited
to attend a service to celebrate
Bob's life to be held at
1.00pm Monday 13th July 2026 in the
Chapel of **Warrill Park Lawn Cemetery**,
Anderson-Day Drive, Willowbank,
followed by burial in the cemetery.

 **LEN
RUSSELL
FUNERALS**

Looking Ahead to the Next Exciting Chapter at the Ipswich Men's Shed

As we move into the next chapter of our Shed's journey, we pause to sincerely thank our **outgoing committee** for their dedication, hard work, and steady leadership. Their efforts have strengthened our Shed, supported our members, and helped build the inclusive culture we value so deeply.

At the same time, we warmly welcome the **incoming committee**, who now take up the responsibility of guiding the Shed through another year of growth, improvement, and community service. We look forward with confidence, knowing that our new leaders bring fresh ideas, commitment, and a shared passion for supporting the men of Ipswich.

Supporting Members Through Challenges

We recognise that many members face personal challenges — health, wellbeing, family pressures, or simply the ups and downs of life. The Shed remains a place where mateship, support, and understanding are at the heart of everything we do. We will continue to listen, include, and encourage every member who walks through our doors.

Welcoming New Members

A special welcome to the **new members who have joined us over the past six months**. We hope you find friendship, purpose, and enjoyment in your time at the Shed. Your involvement, ideas, and contributions will help shape our successes in the year ahead.

Planning for the Future

One of our major goals this year is to explore **alternative locations** for the Shed. Our current site has served us well, but we continue to struggle with limited space and ongoing noise issues. As our membership grows and our activities expand, we must plan for a future facility that meets our needs, supports our programs, and provides a safe, comfortable environment for all.

This will be a significant project, but with strong leadership, member input, and community support, we can move toward a long-term solution that benefits everyone.

Terry

On behalf of the Committee