

Noosa Men's Shed Newsletter

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That was March

Like most months at the Shed, this one was a busy and happy one. An early Easter seems to have sped up the final week though.

Apart from all the "usual" things, we have had aerial photos taken from a drone by a Shed friend, the unpacking & installation of new equipment purchased via the Qld Gambling Community Benefit grant, a community radio interview done with David Lee about the bees, a great talk to members & partners by Peter Magarry on the electricity industry and a great Easter Lunch attended by nearly fifty members & partners.

To cap off another good month, the Shed also received a \$3,000 cheque from the Queensland Community Foundation to go towards the cost of the new Gordon Craig Annex just completed by our magnificent building team. <https://qcf.org.au/> A wonderful contribution to a safer Woodwork Shed.

Last Saturday was a most unusual morning for visitors at the Shed. There would have been about eight visitors who came for a look around, and most of them were from other countries like the UK and Canada. They all went away rightly impressed with the teamwork and infrastructure developed over the past three and a half years. We too can learn a lot from other sheds, so please go out of your way on your travels and call in to say hello and have a look around.

On Thursday, 12 April, Sandy Bolton MP will be at the Shed for a quick morning tea before opening the Gordon Craig Annex now housing all the wood lathes. The opening will be followed by a health talk by Dr Crosby Rehtin to which all Sheddors and partners are also encouraged to attend. See the diary dates for details.

Thanks to Kevin Willis, we now have a fourth hive of bees after being be-napped from a local swarm. We hope they like their new home and stay around.

On 17 April about six Sheddors will be helping Unitywater at their Staff Expo down in Maroochydore. It is good to be able to have the boot on the other foot for a change.

I think we have the best web site around for any men's shed and this no accident. We all owe webmaster John O'Halloran a great vote of thanks for the skill, dedication and time that he regularly puts into it for the benefit of us all. It constantly changes and is regularly updated by John, so please check it out and bookmark the address <http://noosa-mens-shed.org.au/>

An **Advanced Health Directive** is a document that states your wishes or directions regarding your future health care for various medical conditions. It comes into effect *only* if you are unable to make your own decisions. You may wish your directive to apply at any time when you are unable to decide for yourself, or you may want it to apply only if you are terminally ill.

Find out more on Thursday, 12 April at 10:45am in the Long shed

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| President: | Paul Asbury |
| VP | Ian Broadfoot |
| Secretary: | Stewart Neuss |
| Treasurer: | Steve Phillips |
| Committee | |
| Membership: | Peter Magarry |
| Long Shed: | Des Valentine |
| Woodwork: | Tony Sievers/ David Heckendorf |
| Metalwork: | John Berghauser |
| Arts & Music: | Phillip Morgan |
| Hobbies & Asst Treasurer | Laurie Kelly |

The whole Shed is looking great. If you haven't been for a while, do come in to have a look around and a chat at least. We do worry about those whom we have not seen for a while. *A Happy & Safe Easter to All.*

Important Dates & Events

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| Mon, 2 April (Easter Mon) | Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Noosa | Co-ord by Tom Gittings. |
| Tues, 10 April 11:00am. | Committee Meeting in the Long Shed | Co-ord by Stewart Neuss |
| Thurs, 12 April 10:00am | Sandy Bolton MP and QCF representative for morning tea and opening of the Gordon Craig Annex. | Over by 10:35am |
| Thurs, 12 April 10:45am (was 17 April) | Health Talk: <i>What happens at the Hospital? + Advanced Health Directives.</i> | Dr Crosby Rechten - (NMS Member). Partners welcome & encouraged to attend. |
| Tues, 17 April 11:30 - 3pm | Unitywater Staff Expo at Unitywater Northern Service Centre, 20 Service St, Maroochydore | Co-ord by Stewart Neuss |
| Tues, 1 May | Lifeline Talk - opportunities the organisation provides to support those in emotional jeopardy. | By Susan Griffiths from Lifeline. Co-ord by Owen Curtis |
| Thurs, 3 May & Tues, 8 May | Bookfest assistance to Daybreak Rotary | Co-ord by Jerome Stuart |
| Tues, 8 May | Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Noosa | Co-ord by Tom Gittings Bunnings closed Monday. |
| Sat, 26 May | Runaway Noosa volunteers. | Co-ord by Jerome Stuart |
| Sat & Sun, 9 & 10 June | Noosa Hill Climb | |
| Wed, 13 June | "Spanner in the Works" health fair. | Co-ord by Owen Curtis |



We are invited to a **"Community Recognition Morning"** at Bunnings Noosa on Wednesday, 23 May at 10:00am.

Interested in attending? Let secretary Stewart know by 14 May.

Shed Opening Hours

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| Monday | 12:30 - 3:30 | Woodwork * |
| Tuesday | 08:00 - 12:00 | All Activities |
| Wednesday | 08:00 - 12:00 | Woodwork * |
| Thursday | 08:00 - 12:00 | All Activities |
| | 1:30 - 3:30 | Shed Band |
| Saturday | 08:00—10:00 | Gardening & Coffee |

* Lots of elbow room on these days.



Tony Sievers



Stefan Prystupa

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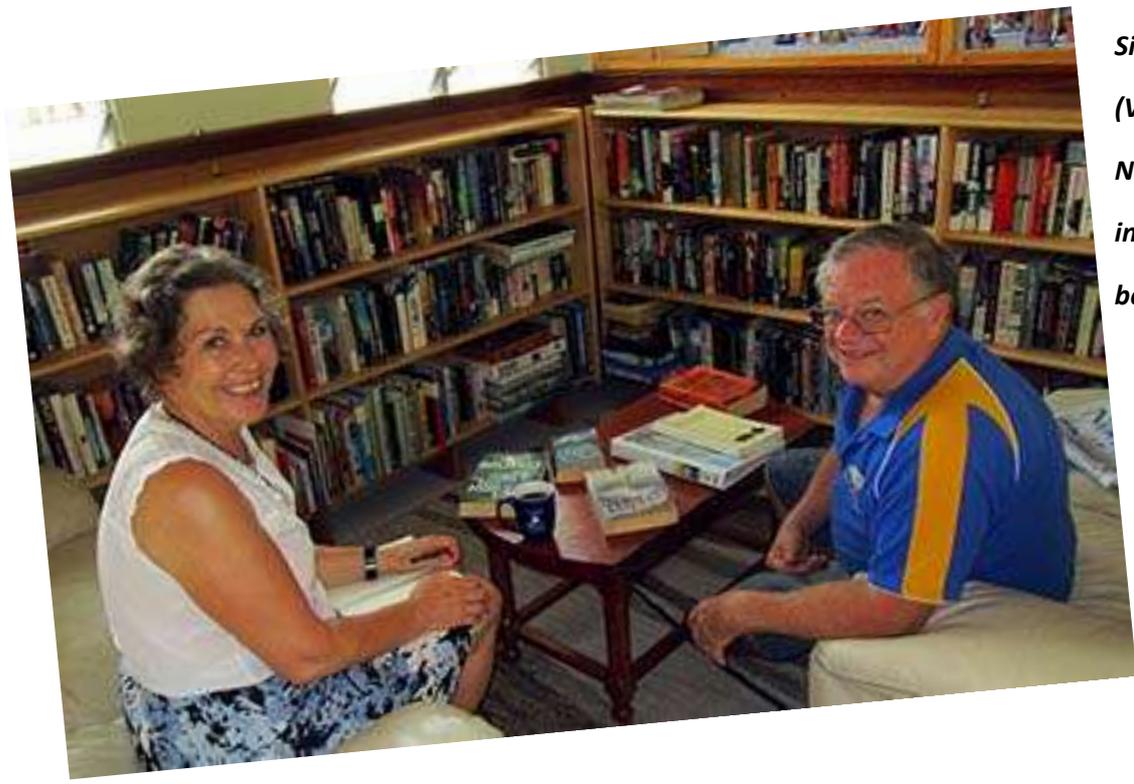
Heads-up for Volunteers. 26 & 27 May. Runaway Noosa will be needing volunteers from us.

A blank Roster will be up on the board in late March. Jerome has the details..



Jerome Stuart

Hill Climb Dates. 9 & 10 June and 10 & 11 November. These provide some fun for the Shed volunteers and funds for the Shed. Please put the dates in your diaries.



Sibylle Reisch,
(VP Noosa Community Radio—
Noosa 101.3FM)
*interviewing David Lee about
bee-keeping.*



Frank Olmos



Kevin Willis

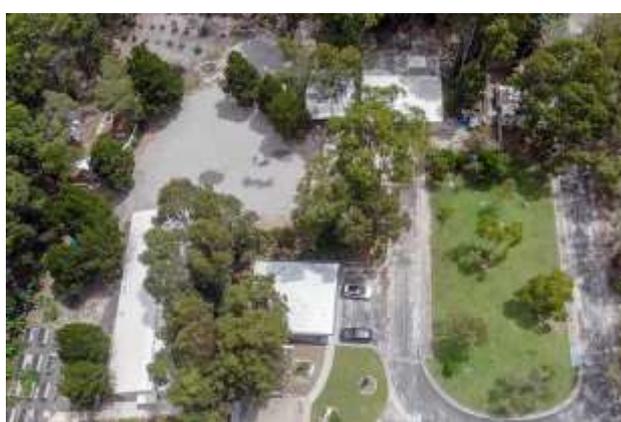
The choices are yours to make at the Noosa Men's Shed:
Woodwork, Metalwork, Building, Art, Electronics & Computers, Leatherwork, Gardening, Bee-keeping, Inventors & Innovators, Fishing, Band, Walking, Sailing, + Kitchen Humour.

Aerial Photos. Late last month, **David Garrett** took some wonderful photos (and a yet unseen video) of the Shed using his own drone. All the images in higher resolution are now at the bottom of the “About Us” page on the Shed web site at <http://noosa-mens-shed.org.au/>

Some small resolution examples of David’s work are below. Thank you David for some great bird’s eye views of our Shed and a permanent record for the future. (*David is also the Stakeholder Relations Specialist for Unitywater*).



Check out all the photos on the “About Us” page on the web site.



Security. The Shed has three similar key safes in use around the site. (There have been times when a safe door is inadvertently left open whilst appearing to be locked).

After you have locked the key back in the safe, **please confirm it is locked by pressing the slide button and attempt to open it.**



Photography Course

Anyone interested in doing a 6 week photography course on Wednesday mornings.?

Tutor - **Philip Morgan** is a former award winning commercial photographer.

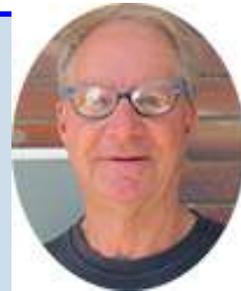
Subjects -

- ◆ How to get the best out of your iPhone or Android phone camera.
- ◆ The best apps to use.
- ◆ Practical sessions on portraiture, landscapes, close up and macro, time exposures, basic Photoshop tricks and techniques, different lenses for different effects, filters (in built and add on), post processing and editing.

For some sessions you will need a digital camera, preferably with either a zoom lens or interchangeable lenses.

See **Philip Morgan** in the Studio. When there are enough interested I'll set the dates.

Cost—\$5 per two hour session.



Easter Bunny working the crowd in the Long Shed



A perfect setting for the Easter Lunch thanks to the kitchen team. See the web site for more photos.



The Travels of Charles. John Williams recently received this update of backpacking Charles and cousin Etien as they crossed the Nullabor Plain. Thanks John as many of us have been wondering . . .

Hello John!

Thank you for the news, I feel really sorry for Des's wife.

The trip is going well, we had a few problems with the car (starter, cooling fan..). The car suddenly stopped in a gas station, we met a really nice Aussie who came and helped us, he started the car with a screw driver! Then we bought a new one together and he invited us to sleep in his house for the night, we made him and his family a nice dinner to thank them..

Tomorrow we are heading to Perth, it will be our final destination, no more money left! I would like to travel more and enjoy more the car, but we will see, maybe we will work a little in Perth.

The trip had been awesome, I never saw so many wild animals, I couldn't be more happy, before yesterday we saw some dolphins! We could touch them, for a little piece of fish, and even swim with them.

Today we have been to the wave rocks its was pretty cool, we took some funny pictures.

I hope you and your family are doing well.

A lot of hugs

Charles



Check out the Shed website every week to see the changing photos & news updates by webmaster John O'Halloran.



Working on the Annex

You Can't Halt Progress

The trouble started when the police sergeant's wife, Sheila, marched into the shed and asked for a membership form. **The Bowyang Men's Shed**, an hour west of Queensland's Black Stump, had been struggling along with just seven members for years but a bolt of lightning or a flood would have been more welcome than the application from the copper's missus.

Bluey, the secretary, pointed out the dilemma the Bowyang stalwarts faced at Monday's smoko. Sheila had not only filled in the form and proffered the annual subs, she had attached a clipping from the 'Brisbane Morning Bugle' quoting how no lesser a luminary than the President of MSA was supportive of allowing women into sheds. Not only that - but rumors abounded future grant allocations might be restricted to 'gender neutral' sheds. The gathering was furious. How could they be blindsided by some big cheese at MSA when the local CWA was desperate for support and there were three 'women only' book clubs and a ladies croquet club close handy.

Holy mackerel, the sheds grant application was sitting on the fuel drum ready for signature and submission. A lot of work had gone into this - although filling out forms was not Bluey's cup of tea. This application was extra special. The old, kero, 'Cold Flame' fridge had expired at the end of summer and a grant to buy new 'cold room, was, well, essential.

President, Bushy, who doubled as the local undertaker on account of his way with words and woodwork, was distraught. What the hell to do? Con, the treasurer, suggested being realistic. There was only one female wanting in- and no one was going to get too cozy with the woman who cooked the grub at the watch house. Besides, Blind Freddy could see it was stupid to be on the wrong side of the law what with the long standing 'flexibility' about the opening and closing times at 'Mad Max's,' Bowyang's only watering hole .

Reluctantly, member's voted to admit Shelia. This was their first big mistake - the thin edge of the wedge. Gloria, the 'cougar' physio from the base hospital, was next, followed by the Brenda from the stock and station agents , two gorgeous Swedish backpackers, conveniently nicknamed 'Charlie' and 'Jess', who were working as jillaroos on old man Norman's spread and Flo the fearsome school bus driver.

The second big mistake was when old Kev, the recycling guru, was grounded by his missus when she discovered teaching 'Charlie' how to use his tools, at 'special sessions,' might not be entirely innocent. To understand this properly, you only need to see 'Charlie', whew!

The male membership suffered its next loss when 'Big Tony' the bachelor welder, decked Jackie the recently divorced cricket tragic, at a shed fund raising barbeque at Mad Max's over who should accompany Gloria to the Nindygully B and S ball. Tony had to go as this sort of violent behavior' doesn't cut it' in mixed company. I was on the ethics committee (yes, we have one of them now), along with Flo, charged with reviewing the dispute. I won't go into the salacious details but there were allegations of 'ball tampering'.

The last straw was the AGM. As usual, the boys were reserved when Bushy called for nominations for the three vacated executive positions. Not so the girls and they had the numbers, six to five. Enter President Brenda, secretary Sheila and treasurer Flo. First order of general business. Accept the AMSA grant but alter its purpose. After all, the pub has a perfectly good cold room but there is no aroma therapy spa this side of Noosa. *All in favour say aye!*



Ian

Safety. All the Shed 's new equipment also requires members to be versed in its operation. Please ensure that you have been through the induction process for the equipment as needed. **If you have the slightest doubt about your accreditation to use the tool, please ask your Shed leader.**

REMEMBER YOUR SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND OUR CONCERN.

Working in the Cobbers' Shed





Bill Metz and Mike Nixon working in the top garden.

The Walking Group is seeking more walkers to join them leaving the Shed at **8am on Tuesdays**. Bring a hat, water bottle & remember the sunscreen & some jokes.

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