



Tongue and Groove

Members' News

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General Meeting

The General Meeting was held on 2nd February and was attended by 34 members.

Next General Meeting

Tuesday 17th April 2012

Clean up outside

There have been a number of nails, screws and other items capable of penetrating tyres, picked up outside the shed. Would you please clean up if you have been working outside.

BBQ



The next BBQ will be held on 23rd February at Leonard Fox Park, Marine Parade, Labrador.

Food provided, BYO beer, wine, soft drink.

New layout

The layout first developed by Graeme and John Muller has served us well up to now however, a couple of near hits and 2 years of experience it is time for a review.

We have been working on a new layout to better utilise the space we

have and improve safety within the shed.

Website

Brian Finn is not a member however, he freely gives of his time to maintain our website. Graeme Muller feeds Brian photos, etc which quickly get uploaded to the site.

I highly recommend that you visit the site regularly to keep yourself up to date.

Brian has placed a handy facility on the Gallery page. Click the subscribe button on the top right hand side and you will automatically receive an email if a new photograph has been added.

The address is:-

www.mensshedlabrador.org.au

Workplace Safety

You may be aware that there was a recent incident in the shed. I have no intention of going into detail but it comes as a timely reminder of the need to exercise extreme care when working with any of the machinery.

We are not as sharp or as quick as we once were so this only adds to the risks involved.

A few "do's and don'ts"

Don't walk away and leave a machine running, even for the briefest of moments.

Do turn machines off but not at the wall or supply switch.

Don't put fingers or hands anywhere you can't see into.

Do ensure machines are switched off and all moving parts have stopped before going near the machine.

Don't be distracted by others whilst operating machinery.

Don't distract or interrupt someone operating machinery.

Do ensure that all guards are in place and properly adjusted.

Don't attempt to use faulty equipment.

Do report any faulty machines to the Shed Captain.

Do keep all machines clear of unnecessary items whilst working.

Do keep your workplace clean and tidy.

Do ask for assistance if you are uncertain about using a piece of machinery.

Do ask for an assistant when using the table saw.

Do use common sense when it comes to the use of personal protective equipment.

Biography Corner

We work side by side at the shed but often don't really get to know each other so I thought a bit of a biography might go well.

At this point there are some 90+ stories to be told. Nearly 8 years of T&G so some of you had better get in quick!!

First out of the vice is **John Botwright**.

John is 69 and shares his birthday with Muhammed Ali, Al Capone and Benjamin Franklin, among others. He is married to Rita and has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

John is an active Christian in the Southport Uniting Church and is very much involved, serving on various committees.

John started work with the Queensland Government in 1960 and worked as a survey draughtsman/senior cartographer and served in this role until his retirement in 2003. Not a bad effort with the one employer.

Following retirement, John became an active volunteer as a driver for the Gold Coast Renal Unit. John enjoyed this for 5 years and made many good friends of other drivers and patients and maintains contact with some of them to this day.

Not content to be idle, John took on the role of manager of what is today the Labrador Community Hub of which we are part. Prior to purchase by the Gold Coast City Council, the Hub was owned by the Southport Uniting Church and it was on their behalf that John took on the responsibility of managing bookings, looking after the finances and taking on a variety of maintenance tasks around the centre. Sad but not unusual, this included making good damage caused by vandals.

John has a number of interests and hobbies which include woodturning, computing, photography, camping, cruising, touring, fishing and boating as well as providing handyman help to neighbours, family and friends.

John was a keen squash player for many years and played competitively at all levels including in higher grades. John supports the Titans NRL team.

The formation of the Men's Shed in 2008 opened up a larger circle of friends and has provided John the opportunity to learn new skills, particularly with woodworking and woodturning. "There is never a day at the shed that I don't learn something" says John. "With the blessing of good health I anticipate many years of serving in the shed and being an active member."



Useful websites

There are many websites that can offer a vast array of information on almost any topic.

If you find one that is of particular relevance to what we do or it is just interesting, please let me know and I will publish it for others.

www.timberbits.com

www.garypye.com

www.wordworkforums.com

www.mensshed.org

February Funnies

JENNY CRAIG ~ FOR MEN A guy calls the company and orders their 5 day - 5kg weight loss program. The next day, there's a knock on the door and standing before him a voluptuous, athletic, 19 year old babe dressed in nothing but a pair of Nike running shoes and a sign around her neck.

She introduces herself as a representative of the weight loss company. The sign reads, '*If you can catch me, you can have me.*' Without a second thought, he takes off after her.

A few miles later huffing and puffing, he finally gives up. The same girl shows up for the next four days and the same thing happens. On the fifth day, he weighs himself and is delighted to find he has lost 5kgs as promised.

He calls the company and orders their 5 day - 10kg program. The next day there's a knock at the door and standing before him is the most stunning, beautiful, sexy woman he has ever seen in his life.

She is wearing nothing but Reebok running shoes and a sign around her neck that reads, '*If you catch me, you can have me.*' Well, he's out the door after her like a shot. This girl is in excellent shape and despite his best efforts, but no such luck.

So for the next four days, the same routine happens with him gradually getting in better and better shape. Much to his delight on the fifth day when he weighs himself, he discovers that he has lost another 10kgs, as promised.

He decides to go for broke and calls the company to order their 7 day - 25kg program. 'Are you sure?'

asks the representative on the phone. 'This is our most rigorous program.' 'Absolutely,' he replies, 'I haven't felt this good in years.'

The next day there's a knock at the door and when he opens it he finds a huge muscular guy standing there wearing nothing but pink running shoes and a sign around his neck that reads, 'If I catch you, you're mine.' He lost 31kgs that week. . .

To Be 8 again! A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching his wife, who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her birthday. 'I'd like to be eight again', she replied, still looking in the mirror.

On the morning of her Birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Coco Pops, and then took her to Adventure World theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was.

Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted. He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, 'Well Dear, what was it like being eight again? Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed. 'I meant my dress size, you f@*#! retard!!!!'

The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is gonna get it wrong.



Congratulations to Warren Humphries on being awarded the OAM in the General Division for his work in volunteering and his involvement in getting the Labrador Men's Shed started.



February Birthdays

Jeff Bennett
Eddie Gerrard
Phil Johnson
Graeme Laing
Mac McKinnon

Happy Birthday to you all.

If I have missed anyone please let me know.

Ladies Lunch

Six of the ladies enjoyed lunch at The Point restaurant on Wednesday. The next one is to be advised.