



Tongue and Groove

Members' News

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Happy New Year

Well I hope that you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year and that you did not suffer too much of a waist gain.

President's Spot

Happy New Year Shedders...

We are now entering our 3rd year and I can see bigger and better things ahead. The past 2 years have seen our shed grow in so many ways, from the initial inspired idea of Warren Humphries and the persistence of Cr Margaret Grummitt we have grown to nearly 90 members – no mean feat!

We now have all of the equipment necessary to keep our members occupied but it requires the contribution of ideas from everyone. Please use the suggestion box. Personally I would like to use 2012 to follow through on the proposed mentoring programme for small number of students from Labrador State School and perhaps look at the idea of having a regular stall at the car boot sale. I would also like to support local charities with donations of some of the projects we produce at the shed.

There will and must be a review of safety within the shed and to this end we will be undertaking a full safety audit very early in the New Year.

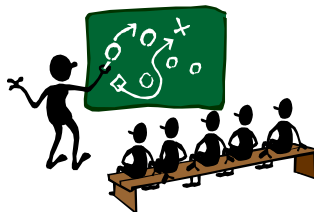
Our activities should involve more than just attending the shed so I plan on a couple of shed visits, attending the Maleny Wood and Craft Show in May as well as continuing the important social events we hold.

Finally I would like to pay tribute to all members who work so tirelessly for the shed and wish all a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2012.

Best regards,

Frank

Meet the Team



For those new members and the rest of us suffering "old timer's disease", I thought it appropriate to introduce those members who have a role in the shed management.

Committee

President	Frank Law
Secretary	Len Thomson
Treasurer	John Taylor
Committee	Warren Humphries Pete Brannif John Botwright Ron Chetham Hugh Wells Peter Fearnside

Shed Captains

Peter Fearnside	Graham Braund
Tony Harris	Ron Chetham
Hugh Wells	Albert Lewis
Pete Brannif	Ken Strobel

Frank Law
John Botwright

Len Thomson

Safety Officer

Tony Lynch

Welfare Officer

Ron Seal

Maintenance Officers

John Muller
Chas Allport

Tongue and Groove Editor

Len Thomson

Membership

As at 1st January 2012 our membership is 89

Use of glue



Guys, the two-pack glue that we have is extremely expensive and the \$2 session fee you pay does not cover the cost of this glue. It is unnecessary to use great licks of it. All you need is a very thin film screeded off with a piece of hacksaw blade. If you are unsure talk to Pete Braniff or Hugh Wells.

Paying daily fees



The majority of members working on personal projects contribute their \$2 per session however, there are some who don't. Remember, the shed provides all the consumables you use and these have to be replaced. Saws need to be sharpened and ultimately, equipment will need replacing. The fees contribute towards this. It is an honour system and we really want to keep it this way. Over to you!

Projects

As was mentioned last month, we really need to get some projects going. Just prior to Christmas 3 young ladies came to the shed asking if we had a retail facility. They were keen to buy some toys and had heard about us through word-of-mouth. They said it was very hard to find good wooden toys

This sowed a thought and perhaps we should ensure that we always have a stock of toys ready to sell and I don't see any problem with putting ourselves out there and maybe doing a little advertising.

Brickbat Corner

There have been a few complaints about the state in which the kitchen is left after some days. It is not the Shed Captain's job to clean the kitchen but he is to ensure it is left clean.

Would you all please do one day as "kitchen bitch" and clean up after smoko. Your co-operation will be appreciated by all.

The Hub Opening

On 7th December the official opening of the Labrador Community Hub took place and again we stepped up to the mark and provided the catering.

When approached, I was told that we would be catering for over 300 people. My first reaction was to decline but then I asked Ken Strobel – "no problem" he said.

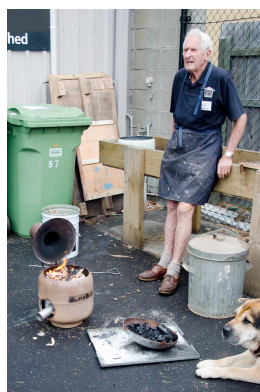
The day went off very well and in the end we did a BBQ and a very nice spread for about 200 people. It was a good fund-raiser for us and thanks to all the guys who turned up to help on the day.



Graham doing what Graham does best. Eating the profits!



Bio-char burner



Peter and his Bio-char burner



L-R Paul, Dave, Hugh, Norm, Ron working hard!



Eddie (I'm not bored) Gerrard

Charcoal burner

Peter Fearnside and his crew continue to play around with their Bio-Char project.

Bio-char is the product of burning any organic matter at high temperature and low oxygen producing Bio-char (charcoal). The Bio-char produced is used to add back to soil as a soil improver. The process also breaks down carbon dioxide releasing the oxygen back to atmosphere and retaining the carbon for storing in the soil and gasses that would normally go to atmosphere are burnt off due to the high temperature. No greenhouse gas emissions.

Well done Peter and the team.

Time for a Laugh!

Three Maoris and Three Aussies

Kia Ora you fullahs (and giddy dingos). Three Australians and three Maoris are travelling by train to a rugby match at the World Cup in England.

At the station the three Aussies each buy a ticket and watch as the three Maoris buy just one between them.

"How are you going to travel on just one ticket?" asks one of the Aussies. "Watch and learn, bro." Answers one of the Maoris.

They all board the train. The Aussies take their respective seats but all three Maoris cram into a toilet and close the door behind them.

Shortly after the train has departed the conductor comes around collecting tickets. He knocks on the toilet and says, *"ticket please."*

The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes the ticket and moves on.

The Aussies see this and agree it was quite a clever idea. So after the game, they decide to go one better on the return trip and save some money (being clever with money, and all that).

When they got to the station for the return trip, the Maoris buy a single ticket for the return trip. To their astonishment, the Aussies don't buy a ticket at all!

"How are you going to travel without a ticket?" asks one of the perplexed Maoris.

"Watch and learn, mate." answers an Aussie.

When they board the train the three Aussies cram into a toilet and soon after the three Maoris cram into another nearby.

The train departs.

Shortly afterwards, one of the Aussies leaves the toilet and walks over to the toilet where the Maoris are hiding. He knocks on the door and says, *"Ticket please"!*



If Australia really is the lucky country then, how come Spain, Italy and Greece each have a new Prime Minister???



Frank and Ken are in a bar. Frank looks at two old drunks across the bar and says to Ken, *"That's us in ten years time."*

Ken says, *"That's a mirror, dickhead!"*

General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd February 2012

Tongue & Groove Contributions

If you have anything that you might like to contribute for publication in the Tongue & Groove, an interesting article, a bit of humour, etc, please get it to me. The Editor reserves the right to accept or reject any offerings.

I am happy also to start a small classifieds section – buy and sell. Expressions of interest please.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Warren Humphries who, just before Christmas, was presented an award for volunteering by Stuart Robert MP.

Vale Doug Thurecht - 17th December 2011

The year finished with the loss of one of our very early members, Doug Thurecht. We did not see a lot of Doug as he was fully occupied as carer for his wife, Catherine. Those who knew Doug will remember him as an absolute gentleman. Doug was taken quickly after a short illness with brain tumors.

