



Newsletter No 14

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Welcome to the Gladstone Men's Shed Newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep all interested parties informed of activities and direction of the Shed. Please forward this newsletter on to anyone you think might be interested, and feel free to give any feed back to menshed4680@hotmail.com

Shed Opening Times: The shed will be open two days a week. **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 12 Noon.**

Please note the last day of opening for the Shed this year will be Thurs 19th December. We will open again on Tues 14th January.

Car Parking: Please don't park in the Hotel or QRI car parks and leave the lane way for Lifeline employees and the marked car parks for the businesses.

Also note there is a 2-hour limit for parking in Off St.

Shed General meetings: Shed General meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm. All members are welcome to attend. **The next meeting will be Tuesday 4th February.**

Committee News:

Since our last newsletter Ron Steen has taken up the role of secretary. Many thanks to Bill Taylor for filling that job temporarily. Positions held currently are as follows:

President	Gerry Graham
Secretary	Ron Steen
Treasurer	John Feddersen
Vice Presidents	Roy Aiton
	Col Chapman
	Don Glasby
	Ray Stanley
Shed Coordinators	Ron Jackson
	Dave Moore
Safety Officer	Bill Taylor

The new Shed: Council has approved the Reconfiguration of Lots for the land allocated to us in Moura Crescent. After a few more administrative steps we should be able to obtain a lease on that land early in 2014. In the New Year we will be able to move forward with developing options for design and funding of the new shed on that land.

Shed Happenings: Ron Jackson and Dave Moore.

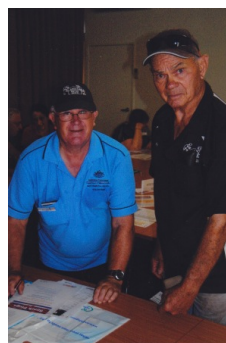
Attendance at the Shed has been steady. On Thursday 21st Nov. we had our highest number – approx. 30 members attended on that day. It was a bit of a tight squeeze around the smoko table.

We are still busy doing a variety of work for the community. The C4C projects continue to be the main jobs and these have provided a steady flow of work for our members. October and November were busy months with 61 projects being completed for C4C. Our liaison lady, Sue Newsome, reported that at a recent C4C meeting the childcare centres expressed their appreciation for the quality equipment provided by the Men's Shed. The hobbyhorses that we have been making have proved popular and we have orders for 20 more – this will keep the boys busy for a while. We finished the 27 'sea horses' for Rosella Park School, which they used for a fundraiser.

We refurbished two jigsaw timber frames for QGC and also made 250 timber card holders for a private job. The window shades we made for Benaraby Hall were collected and installed by the hall committee who were impressed with them. Many generous donations have been received from groups and individuals for whom we have completed projects. These donations are most welcome, and also help enormously with ongoing operating costs of the Shed.



During November, we had a couple of visits to Bunnings to assemble outdoor furniture, barbecues and pet kennels. Quite good attendance of members who helped with this. We have used Bunnings vouchers to buy two new wind-out awnings (cost \$280 each) that we have fitted over the smoko area at the Shed. These have made a big improvement, especially on hot days, and the boys can now sit in shaded comfort while they enjoy a cuppa and a yarn. The Shed took up an offer from Bunnings, at short notice, to have a sausage sizzle on Saturday 23rd November. It proved quite successful with a profit of nearly \$1900 plus we have some drinks on hand. Thanks to all the members who helped on the day.





On the social scene we had a well attended farewell barbecue lunch for outgoing president, Mark Robinson on 3rd October. Don Glasby presented Mark with a special card signed by members and a timber biro made and donated by Jim Woergoetter. We miss Mark and will always be grateful for the contribution he made. Also a few members attended the QGC partnership cocktail party at the Entertainment Convention Centre. It was a very well organised evening with plenty of food and drinks being brought around throughout the evening.

On 31st Oct. we had some guests who conducted health checks on members. This was organised by Safety Officer Bill Taylor. We put on a barbecue lunch, sponsored by Dept. Veterans Affairs, which was enjoyed by the members and guests.



The Shed had a display at the Dad's Family Day at PCYC in October. We displayed various items that we make with the most popular being the fishing rods, painting the house blocks and using the easels. The spinning tops were also a hit and provided a challenge for the kids.

Fund Raising and Community Partnerships

Fund raising and awareness initiatives are an ongoing process in our association. We are continually endeavouring to develop partnerships and raise funds to pay for our programs, and for a permanent facility. We are seeking to expand our network of support, and are keen to hear from community members and businesses that are able to contribute in any way.

We would like to continue recognition of significant sponsors to the Gladstone Men's Shed:



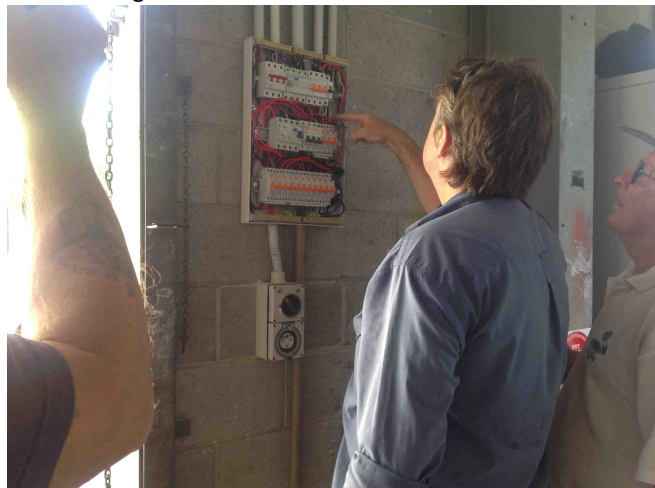
A grant of from the QGC Sustainable Communities Fund has enabled the purchase of woodworking and metalworking equipment, which is now installed and operational.



Thanks to a grant from Ergon Energy we have been able to carry out an electrical power upgrade at the Shed, which is now complete. Much appreciation to Brett Sparkman for doing a great job.

Also a big thank-you to Mal Ford

for putting in many hours running conduit and wires etc around the shed, and to Graham Martin and Ray Stanley who helped us on the weekend. The upgrade will improve the safe working conditions in the shed.



Uniting Care / Lifeline has been very generous to the Shed over the last two years, through the provision of a building in which to operate at the Off Street site. We were very sorry to hear that Leanne will be leaving. She has been very good to us, is definitely a favourite of ours, and we are going to miss her.

Our **Christmas Party** held on 14 Dec was a great success again, with over 80 members, partners and visitors in attendance. Full credit to those who arranged the evening, and especially to those who prepared and served the food. No one went hungry! Ged Carter entertained us well with his dulcet tones, and encouraged others with more dubious vocal skills to participate in Karaoke, much to the amusement of all.

Finally we hope you will have a safe and happy Christmas, and we look forward to welcoming everybody back for a very productive and sociable New Year.

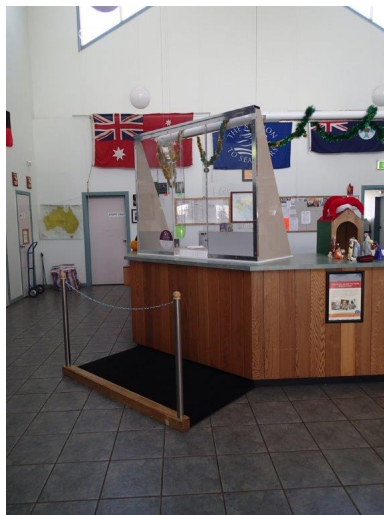


Photo from Mal Ford of the new money changing counter just completed and installed in the Seafarer's Centre.