



## Newsletter No 10

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*Welcome to the Gladstone Men's Shed Committee Newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep all interested parties informed of the progress being made by the committee which would otherwise remain behind the scenes and progress in the shed itself. Please forward this newsletter on to anyone who you think might be interested. Please feel free to give any feed back you feel necessary to the committee or myself at [menshed4680@hotmail.com](mailto:menshed4680@hotmail.com)*  
*Thanks, Mark Robinson. President GMSA*

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

**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. It's going to mean a bit of a walk for us but it's important that we keep friendly with the neighbours. Thanks.

**Shed Committee meetings:** Shed General committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. **The next meeting will be in the shed at 4.30pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

**The Shed AGM** is coming up soon. At the last general meeting we set the date for the **16<sup>th</sup> March**. It will be held at the Uniting Care Communities meeting room at the front of the UCC office at 10am.

This is the time to show your support for the Men's Shed by attending and accepting a nomination for a position on the club committee.

At the AGM all committee positions are declared vacant, nominations are called for each, when the nominees accept, a vote is held and the new committee member is elected. Management committee meetings are held after the General Committee meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. At this moment I (Mark Robinson) am the President and I have made it clear that my wife and I will be moving to Bundaberg in around September this year for work. I would be able to continue as president until that time but would then need to resign. Ian Earnshaw is treasurer and will be stepping aside also due to work commitments. Please have a think about taking on a position in the committee it's not that bad!

**The President's** role is not really very difficult. Usually the President oversees and manages the general running of the club, is the club spokesperson, chairs committee meetings and delegates tasks to committee members.

**The Vice-Presidents** assists President

**The Secretary**

Regularly checks the letterbox, facebook and e-mail for correspondence and forward on to the appropriate members. Is responsible for receiving phone calls from potential new members, enters club members details into club database and records minutes at all meetings.

### The Treasurer

Is responsible for managing club funds, issues invoices for payments received, pays invoices and is responsible for collecting club fees. The Treasurer also Prepares the profit/loss details for the club for the past financial year.

The management committee is elected to handle the basic running of the club's affairs.

Mr John Feddersen has expressed an interest in accepting a nomination at the AGM for the position of Treasurer. John is a CPA and recently retired from full time work at QAL.

John has already served in Executive roles in numerous community groups over many years and is currently holding roles within the Masters Swimmers (Gladstone Gropers) committee as Public relations / Grants and Sponsorship Co-ordinator, safety officer and Level 1 coach. John is also State treasurer for Master Swimming Queensland and on the National Swim meet committee. So he comes highly qualified and experienced. I look forward to John helping to lift the committee to a new level of professionalism.

Ian Earnshaw, our existing Treasurer will be a greatly missed in our committee. His passion for the details has ensured that we have gotten off on a good start. I am sure we might have glossed over some details if he had not pulled us up and made us have a think.

Ian, don't think that this will mean the end of your contact with us in the shed. In fact I am sure it won't, as I will continue to keep you informed with e-mails and newsletters. I would still value highly your in put into any issues which you feel you could contribute. I know that you still have a keen interest in the progress and development of the shed because of the social and health outcomes it promises to give to the men in need in our community.

Thanks for your help in the past and future from the Committee and Myself. *Mark*

**Shed attire** is available at the shed including shirts and hats.

If you want a Men's Shed Shirt ask Ron or Dave, try one on for size, buy it and then Dave will give it to his missus, Michelle, who will put your name, our logo and a pocket on it and bring it back for you. Simple! Caps are \$10 each multi-fit. Only large size shirts are now available at the Shed. Anyone wanting smaller sizes will need to go to Bullivants (Beckinsale Street) and place an order. They are now \$24.75 each. The increase is due to not buying in bulk plus additional freight charge.

**The Shed Widows** Have some shirts of their own, something that they can wear when we have an event that the ladies can attend at the Men's Shed activities. Michelle will embroider the same as the men's logo with WIDOWS underneath it and their names on the other side. Just ask.



**Shed Sessions** The men have decided that all work and no play makes them dull boys so one day a month is to be a social day. Instead of doing jobs, they would have guest speakers, demonstrations, lessons, and socialize.



## Fund Raising and Awareness

Fund raising and community partnerships and awareness initiatives will be an ongoing process in our association. It's the same with most community organisations. We are self funded and therefore developing partnerships and raising funds are required to pay for our programs. Please don't leave it to the same few men.

### **Mr Cyril Golding's Car**

Before his unfortunate passing Mr Cyril Golding donated his car to the Gladstone Men's Shed for use in raising funds. Subsequently Shirley Golding has honoured this and the car is now in our care.

The car is a 1995 Aqua Blue Jaguar XJ6 Sport. 6 cylinder automatic. This Jag has all the usual refinements fitted from new at the factory.

Although the history of this car ensures its mechanical credentials, it is best described as, in "fair" condition. It will be offered "as is" without warranty or roadworthy. Inspection is a must and times will be arranged as required. Tenders are being accepted from the community now.

Contact us to receive a tender document from the shed or at our e-mail address [menshed4680@hotmail.com](mailto:menshed4680@hotmail.com) and put "Mr Golding's Jag" in the subject line.

Interested persons should then complete the tender document, place in a sealed envelope marked "Mr Golding's Jag" and either place in the Tender Box at the Men's Shed at 25 Off Street Gladstone or post to "Tender Box" PO Box 8127, South Gladstone, Qld, 4680.

Tenders will not be accepted after last mail or 5pm Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013.



A surprise donation of \$12,000 from Rio Tinto Alcan Yarwun came as a welcome start to the New Year for the Gladstone Men's Shed.



During construction of the Yarwun 2 refinery expansion, the members of the project team decided to raise money for a local organisation as a way of playing their part in the community. General manager Pat Fordyce said the team had chosen the Men's Shed among the many valued local community organisations as they are working in an area of critical need. "The men do a lot of great work and have a critical focus on men's health, so we decided to donate here."

Rio Tinto Aluminium Yarwun two construction team's Jeremy Hastings joined us at a celebratory BBQ.



The Mayor's Charity Ball will take place on Saturday 11th May 2013.

Proudly presented by GLNG, this exciting fundraising event will be held at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre, Marquee at the Marina. This event follows on

from the inaugural Mayors Ball in 2011 where over \$80,000 was raised.

The gala evening will consist of dinner and drinks, music, dancing and fundraising. We expect to have up to 300 guests in attendance.

It is also our pleasure to announce the names of those charities that have been chosen to benefit from the funds raised at the event; Men's Shed Association Inc within the Gladstone Region, Zonta Gladstone & Variety.

If you would like to be part of this worthy event and help to contribute to three worthy charities in the Gladstone region please contact ... Matt Burnett on 0437 086 401 [MattB@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au](mailto:MattB@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au) or Kelly Hetherington 0458 683 325 [kelly@varietyqld.org.au](mailto:kelly@varietyqld.org.au).

### **Community Partnerships:**

*During the course of setting up the shed we have been encouraged by the contact and support of other government and community groups. It's our aim to foster these contacts into partnerships with the Men's shed. In developing these partnerships we hope that there will be a two way exchange of information and services that will benefit both parties.*

The Shed has been a hive of activity lately with C4C (Community for Children) projects coming in and going out.



Project for The Gardens: We have made about 400 tree identification posts – these will be in place for the 25th anniversary of Tondoon Gardens which will be celebrated later this year. It has been quite a good project as it has provided jobs for our blokes.

We have been approached by Jodi Jones from Gladstone & District Wildlife Carers Assn. to see if The Shed is interested in constructing or pre-fabricating possum boxes for Hollow Log Homes Competition from materials supplied by them. Jodi has promised us plenty of publicity via Facebook and newspaper