



Newsletter No 3

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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 feedback you feel necessary to the committee or myself at mrkr0880@tpg.com.au
Thanks, Mark Robinson. President GMSA

Issues from the last meeting

We have finally received our Incorporation documentation along with our Inc number, which is IA39698. Our registered name is **GLADSTONE MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION INC.** Which aligns us with our parent bodies, Australian Men's shed Association (AMSA) and the Queensland Men's Shed Association (QMSA). We can now proceed with rubber stamps and any other name changes that need to be done as well. We have an ABN number which is 86366363924. Our Treasurer Ian is in the process of obtaining the other Tax and Financial Documentation.



Men's Shed & Committee Contact Details.

We have obtained our own Post Office Box at South Gladstone. The Number is **P.O. Box 8127**. Could you please direct all you snail mail to that address from now on.

We are still working with a borrowed E- Mail address at the moment but when our Website is up and running we should be able to have our own address there as well.

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Shed Committee meetings. Shed General committee meetings are held on the **first Tuesday of each month**. Some issues have arisen with use of the room at Uniting Care. The Uniting Care Girls have a problem with the Tuesday times of 4.30 as they have permanently booked out the room until 5pm. Also the QRI Hall across the road has Country and western nights on Tuesdays and parking has become a problem. There are a couple of ways to solve this which will be discussed at the next meeting. **The next meeting will be in the shed at 4.30pm on the 6th of March.** Please don't park at the QRI. At the last meeting members were given some homework. We asked them to write a list of things that are most needed in the shed and why we needed them. For instance, maybe we need a Planner/Thicknesser, why? So we can use recycled timber. Please feel free to make your own list and bring it to the next meeting. Or email it to menshed4680@hotmail.com. A couple of items were immediately identified at the meeting as needed as soon as possible.

1. Some industrial fans for the shed as it is quite stuffy and hot in the shed.
2. An Electric Urn of a reasonably large capacity as we only have a kettle at the moment which needs to be boiled a couple of times during smoko.

If anyone can help us out with these items it would be great.

The Business Plan. A draft of our proposed business plan was handed out. Members were given a copy to take home and read and review. This document is very important as it describes; who we are; what we do; and where we are going. If you would like a copy e-mail menshed4680@hotmail.com and I will send you one. None of us has done this before so your feedback is most important.

Shed Opening Times. From now on the shed will be open two days a week. **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 12 Noon.** Bring your sense of humour, some closed in shoes and \$2 for smoko. Don't forget to pick a name tag off the wall, write your name on it and pin it to your shirt. (*We want to know who we are poking fun at.*)

Promotion Colleen from the Gladstone News met with us at the shed to discuss what projects we are organizing and where we are at with the Shed. They promised to give us some exposure and support us as much as possible. They met the men at the shed on Thursday the 2nd Feb to have a talk and take some photos. They also brought morning tea! The subsequent article was well written and an absolutely great promotion for us



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.

Uniting Care Communities

The RSL

Rotary

Blue Care

AMSA/ QMSA

Shed 19

Community Solutions

Nhulunlu Health

Queensland Health

Mental Health Fellowship

Gladstone Regional Council

Gladstone State High

Rio Tinto

QAL

Bunnings

G.A.G.A.L

In developing these partnerships we hope that there will be a two way exchange of information and services that will benefit both parties.

Funding Mark Robinson and Ian Earnshaw attended the QGC Community fund information session at Rydges recently. The session was very informative and they came away encouraged to submit an application for the next round. Anyone interested in joining a sub committee please let us know. Phone or e-mail.

Shed Progress Meanwhile as all this goes on, work setting up the shed progresses.

Tiles are laid in the Kitchen area, wood lathes are set up on benches, work tables have been constructed and the name tag board was put in place.

A demonstration was given on the use of a wood lathe at the last meeting.



Remember when the life line building, where we are now, was a pottery business? Some sixteen years ago it was a thriving business that was renowned through out the region. At one stage filling an order for 2000+ mugs for a QAL milestone.



The pictures show the front of the building. The area at the back where we have smoko and Jim Mellins and his son at work at the Kilns.



Australian Men's Shed Association

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This year has been one of growth, with 220 sheds joining AMSA this year taking our total membership to 676 Men's Sheds. This growth has placed an enormous strain on the resources available and the Staff, Board and State Associations have done an amazing job throughout the year in continuing to provide practical support to sheds and communities developing a Men's Shed.

Men's Sheds have now become a fixture of Australian culture and are now having an influence across the globe with the dramatic growth of Sheds in New Zealand, Ireland, England and Canada, and all have developed national Associations. Further sheds have developed in the US, Africa and Asia, and is a testimony to the positive influences that sheds make on men and the community. As a result in 2011 AMSA took the leading role in the establishment of the International Federation of Men's Shed Associations



AMSA has launched their new interactive website, as well as improved information and services the website has imbedded links to our partner site, the Shed Online, founded collaboratively by Beyondblue, Movember and the AMSA. Like the original Men's Sheds, The Shed Online is a place for men to socialise, network, make friends and share skills. It aims to recreate the atmosphere of real life Men Sheds, a safe space where men can feel

confident to discuss and exchange information. The Shed Online aims to foster a sense of community and build men's social networks. The New AMSA website is now live at <http://www.mensshed.org> The new site offers more information and is interactive with the Shed Online Forum. The site has a new improved shed locator, please take the time to find your shed and check your details. Also featured in the site are photos and presentations from the Brisbane conference, links to State Association's as well as links to our YouTube page, remember if you have any videos you wish to post please send them to us at amsa@mensshed.net

Visit our site now and bookmark us in your favorites and take part in our on line polls as we will be regularly updating the site.

Looking forward into 2012 AMSA is planning many new projects and development of resources early in the new year, we will be distributing an updated version of the —Mens Shed Manual this new version is near-ing completion and will be in the format of an interactive computer program that will include all the information on establishing a shed as well as an entirely new section on day to day management of a shed, the program will also be packed full of many resources a shed requires.

Men's shed boat project a winner

Source: Fraser Coast Chronicle

ONE OF Australia's smallest sheds has taken out a big award, proving size is not everything when it comes to tools.

Earlier this week, Hervey Bay Men's Shed received an award for the most innovative shed program in Australia - in which they are building a boat. Once completed, the boat will assist PCYC with its new handicapped yacht club and will also be volunteered for other community events.

Terence Playfair has been building timber boats as a hobby since his youth and said he enjoyed sharing his knowledge with the other shed members.

He said countless hours had already been volunteered to the project but the 38 members had not sat idle and had contributed to many other community projects. A fundraising effort will soon begin, where the boys will be hoping to raise enough money to get the boat across the line. In the coming year, Hervey Bay Men's Shed hopes to lease a piece of land it can use to build bigger premises to work from.