NEXT MEETING
Mon Mar 7, 2016
> 10:30 for 11:00am
> Mt Gravatt Show Grounds
> Community Hall
> Cost:$6 for meeting
> morning tea & lunch.

DATE CLAIMERS:
> Fri Mar 4 Photography
> Mt Cootha @ 6:30PM
> March 19 Council Elections
> Induction is on Mon Mar 21
> The Shed is closed on Good Friday & Easter Monday
> Thurs Apr 21 – Bus trip Gatton Men’s Shed

See Calendar for other events
ALL Booking sheets @ the Shed Office & Social Meetings

Members: If you need a Justice of the Peace to witness a document, there is a JP at the Shed on most days. Ask at the Office.

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MGMS Community Projects: (1) Vestment chest: Because we are so involved in so many things in our organisation, it is often forgotten that some of our members are continually working on Community Projects. Near the end of 2015, A small team of willing workers led by Dave Bowes, beautifully restored the Vestment chest of draws for St Bartholomew’s Anglican Church at Mt Gravatt. This involved replacing the draw runners and realigned the drawers. Our resident French polisher, Paul Cusack then stripped the lacquer and beautifully restored the surfaces to their original glory. The project was completed just before Christmas, so when the cupboard was delivered, it was very gratefully received by the Reverend Helen Button (see photo). Refer to the letter of thanks as sent by our Patron, Bishop Doug Stevens.

If you feel that you would like to help out with Community Project work, please offer you name to Jim Pollock or Arthur Muhl who will guide you towards work that you like doing. (more p 4)

(2) Girl Guides’ Hut updated: Meanwhile MGMS member, David Hutchins, was over at the Girl Guides’ Hut updating their stairs, veranda and inside cupboards to a high standard. As can be seen in the photos, David also painted everything that required the application of some colour. MGMS received a letter of thanks directed at David’s high quality work standards. (more p 4)
**President’s Report— February, 2016**  Murray Rogash, President

Isn’t it great to be back in full swing again for another year? It’s great to once again see the Shed become a hive of activity after our break. We have been asked by a few members why we are closed for such a long period over Christmas and January. It is simply that we need to give all our volunteers a break - the guys manning the office, heading up all the Rec room activities and the workshop supervisors have had enough by mid December. If you would like to volunteer to assist with any of the abovementioned roles please contact any of the management committee (MC) and I am sure the relevant co-ordinator will be able to fit you in.

It has come to my attention that there have been a few grumbles about different issues regarding the Shed. We understand that, with over 240 members it is not possible to please all the members all the time but we are doing our best to do the best for the vast majority of members most of the time. Please, please, please, if you have any issues troubling you, mention them to a member of the MC. Alternatively, we are placing a form at the office for just this purpose. If there is an issue you feel needs attention obtain a copy of the form from office staff, complete it, place it in a sealed envelope and leave at the front office addressed to the secretary. Any such issues will be confidential to the MC. Rest assured, all such notifications will be addressed. You will find that this method will work a lot better than whinging to one of your mates (who cannot fix it) and not telling anybody who can do something about it.

We have three bus trips coming up this year so put the dates in your calendar. 21st April – trip to Lockyer Valley; June – trip to the Airport; Sept – trip to Toowoomba for the flower festival. These trips are generally well attended and enjoyable. Details will be in the monthly calendars so keep an eye out for them. I’m sure John Wicks will keep mentioning them.

For those who were not at the social meeting on 1st Feb, we received three letters/certificates of appreciation for the community service work some of our members did last year. Undoubtedly we will be requested to perform more such tasks this year and, as in the past, we know that we will have many volunteers to assist. This is a valuable service we provide to the wider community and is recognised as such by all levels of government as well as the community in general.

The number of requests for us to speak at meetings of service clubs etc shows how much the Men’s Shed message is getting out and the level of interest. I spoke at the Macgregor Lions Club last week and there is another talk coming up at the end of Feb. People are amazed at just what we have going for our members.

That’s it for me for this month. Keep utilising the facilities to make the most out of YOUR Shed.

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**Our Vision**

To provide a facility where men of all ages can feel comfortable and gather together to spend time socially, as well as in a practical manner, by participating in constructive endeavors that develop self esteem.
Social Meeting Report
1 February 2016

Meeting opened at 11.20am

Apologies
Rob Johnson, Harry Crosbie, Gerry Henderson, Bill Simpson, Alf Dare, Bob Pope, Tim Bale, Ken Mihill, John Zacchigma, Neville Greenwood and George Humphries.

President’s Comments: Murray Rogash
There will be a six month trial of a new governance structure for the Shed. An Executive Committee has been established to sort out administrative aspects, reporting to the full Management Committee (MC) for ratification. The MC will also deal with operational matters. Hopefully this will mean shorter meetings while still leaving overall control to your elected representatives.

Neville O’Brien has resigned from the MC to concentrate on the information technology area of the Shed and the newsletter. The MC has appointed David Crossley to the vacant position on the MC. David will be Assistant Secretary, helping Brian Wandel as the Secretary.

John Wicks has been opening the Shed on Wednesdays during the holiday period with about 15 members attending each Wednesday.

A retail outlet donated a quantity of items which had been returned by customers. These will be offered for sale to Shed members first and then to members of the public.

Currently, 23 different activities are offered by the Shed.

There were 6,500 visits to the Shed in 2015, with an average of 30 members per day attending Shed activities.

Welfare: Elwyn Jackson
There are 100 members at the social meeting today plus nine visitors.

The Welfare team is being upgraded to provide more support to members.
Ian Young was in hospital but is here today coordinating the catering team.

Community Projects: Jim Pollock
There are no major community projects currently being carried out. Some small projects are scheduled to be started soon.

An area has been set aside at the end of the workshop to enable sorting and repair of the donated items. Four or five members are required to carry out the repairs—anyone interested see Jim or John Wicks.

Shed Operations: Tony Giacomantonio/Dave Bowes
All new areas of the Shed, including the light storage area, are now operating. During the next three months some reorganisation of the workshop will be carried out to improve circulation space.

Training in the workshop will now take place on Mondays with Don Tanner and Wednesdays with Dave Bowes. The Tuesday trainings have been discontinued because of the lack of a supervisor. The Monday and Wednesday trainings will include some training on the use of fixed equipment.

Additional self-organised interest groups will be encouraged. Each group must have a minimum of four members, two of whom have red spots (ie authorised to use fixed equipment in the workshop).

Everyone using the workshop must attend a refresher course on workshop rules and procedures. Several refresher courses will be held in February, then less frequently.

Building: Bill Semple
The Building Committee is currently concentrating on one project—adding sound-absorbing material to the recreation and meeting rooms.

The Shed has received a grant to enable this work to be carried out.

PR: John Wicks
A cleaning roster is posted outside the reception area—looking for volunteers to sign up for half hour shifts.

Mid-month sausage sizzles with an invited speaker will continue—cost is $5.

Tour organisers Evergreen/Scenic will make a presentation at the Shed on 7 March to explain attractive discounts available to Shed members.
There will be a visit to the Lockyer Valley Men’s Shed on 21 April.

Travel: Ian Canham
Planned trips to North Stradbroke Island and Norfolk Island have been cancelled due to lack of interest.

There will be a two week away trip in the mid-year and a trip to Evans Head in September.

There will be a visit to a heritage homestead with bush carpentry on 7-11 November.

Other reports:
New member Errol Marsh wants to start an interest group on keeping native bees.

Next meeting Monday 7 March @ 10:30 for 11:00
Results of Dave Bowes, Paul Cusack and David Hutchins’ high quality work. Letters of thanks are in the newsletter—see pages 10 & 11.
Home Depot is mentioned on many woodwork web-sites. So what would an Australian shedder do in California? Check out Home Depot of course.

I was disappointed. Home Depot is the American equivalent of Bunnings. Perhaps I should rephrase that: Bunnings is the Australian version of Home Depot. Swap Home Depot’s Orange for Bunnings’ green and one could be in any large Australian hardware outlet. Yes, the voltage is 110v, the units are imperial, and (some) brands are American; but the ‘look’ is the same.

Timber (lumber as the Americans say) was another matter. At Bunnings, most solid wood for indoor use is limited to pine and Tasmanian oak. At Home Depot, indoor wood includes walnut, cherry, maple, oak, poplar, various pines (called whitewood).

I also checked out California’s Ace Hardware (photo in his MGMS Shirt). There one could buy a single screw, bolt or nut. Yes, I know that some Australian stores provide a similar service, but they are small and few.

I needed a couple of small steel washers. Rather than pay 9c each, I bought a box of 100. $2.79. Hillman Fasteners, Cincinnati, Ohio. Oh, I almost forgot: Hillman hardware is made in China.

From the November 2015 issue of The Rotarian By Brad Webber (used with permission)

A SHED OF ONE’S OWN

Left with a deep emotional void after the loss of his wife four years ago, Ron Bowden discovered the perfect respite, a place filled with the whirring of buzz saws, the clanking of wrenches, and the listening ears of a band of brothers: his local men’s shed. An Australian phenomenon, the sheds are communal buildings equipped for light carpentry and other woodworking, bicycle repairs, or leatherwork, where men (women are welcome too) gather to tinker and socialize. Bowden, now a member of the Rotary Club of Toowoomba East, Australia, initially whiled away time at a shed sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mt. Gravatt in Brisbane before moving to Toowoomba, where he and Past District Governor Phillip Charles helped establish Toowoomba City Men’s Shed Inc., which operates two such structures on the grounds of local churches. Rotary clubs have helped ratchet up the men’s shed movement; Australia now has over 1,000, and more are coming in Great Britain, Ireland, and Canada. People can join for a nominal membership fee; honor boxes fund expenses such as tea and coffee. In 2007, during its second convention (held in a Sydney suburb named Manly, naturally), the Australian Men’s Shed Association drafted its motto from a line in a speech: “Men don’t talk face to face, they talk shoulder to shoulder.” Bowden concurs: “If the men have any problems, then they can talk about them. Ten minutes later, they’ll be working.”

Ron organises the MGMS shirts.
MT GRAVATT MEN’S SHED WELFARE REPORT: February, 2016

Please inform the Welfare Committee if you or a member you know is sick, in hospital or at home. Remember we can assist you with transport to and from men shed meetings and functions. At the Social Meetings, there are MGMS members who are welcoming to other members and visitors.

Elwyn Jackson, Welfare Coordinator: 3162 6587 (M) 0416 021 229

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Things: (from internet)

If you spell out consecutive numbers, you have to go up to one thousand until you would find the letter "a"

Men can read smaller print than women; women can hear better than men.

Bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers were all invented by women.
MGMS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP
MOUNT COOTAHA NIGHT SHOOT
FRIDAY MAR 4 @ 18:30
MOUNT COOTHA LOOKOUT

On Mar 4 the sun sets at 18:16 PM.
For those that are interested in night photography this is a chance to dust off the tripod and try to capture
the lights of Brisbane.
If you get there early there will be a view of Brisbane in the late afternoon light and then the transition to
full darkness over the next hour or so.
It will probably be too late in the day for our traditional coffee but a snack at the kiosk is always an option.

Make your own way to Mt Cootha or meet at the shed at 17:00 to form car pools as needed.
**MGMS Parking:** Once again, the members of the Shed need to park in the approved area over beside the golf range. We are only speaking to a small number of members but the circumstances reflect on all members. The Showground Trust is unhappy with the cars at the end of the Shed. So much so, the Trust sent down a sign on Wednesday Feb 10 to the Shed Office.

Can we all do the right thing for the safety of members and just park where we ave allocated space? If you are not certain, please, ask at the Office or any long term member.

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**Leatherwork at the Shed:** A group of leatherworkers meet each Tuesday from 8 – 12. No skills are needed. Learn on-site and be mentored by skilled leatherworkers who have progressed through the ranks. This is our third year of operation.

The photo shows the group working on furry roo hides to make purses. The finished products have silver clasps and silver chain handles.

*Leather Tutor, Rod Larkin*

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**GETTING OLDER:**

A distraught senior citizen phoned his doctor’s office. "Is it true," he wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told him.

There was a moment of silence before the senior gent replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know why I look this way.

I've travelled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation.

As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son.

"Yes, Dad, what is it?"

"Don't be nervous, son; do your best, and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."
Queensland Maritime Museum Visit:

It was Friday Feb 5th and the MGMS Photography group were having their first excursion for the year. The destination was the Queensland Maritime Museum.

It was great to have nine members attend, on what was a drizzly day. Two members, Graham Jordan and Keith Daffurn made it to the event after absences of several months due to other commitments and one member Colin Gillies joined us for the first time.

Thanks to our guide for the day John Thiele who shared his knowledge and enthusiasm for the Diamantina with the group. As the weather was a bit dodgy the group spent the morning session exploring the Diamantina and finding interesting things to shoot. A lunch recess was called and after gaining some sustenance the keen members of the group went back for the afternoon session.

A couple of the resulting photos are shown here and more can be seen on the MGMS website.

Back row: Rodney Rauschenbach, Keith Daffurn, Colin Gillies, Bevan Beall, Lloyd Akeroyd, Graeme Lee
Front row: kneeling, Bruce Pascoe, Graham Jordan, standing Graeme Carson.

The timber and tin lighthouse that used to be one of the leads marking the entrance to Brisbane Harbour. Removed when Fishermans Island port was developed.

Blues and brass, some of the many controls found all over the Diamantina. The comment was made that the designers made the companionways with plenty of head room but did not allow space for any pipes. This is why the taller members of the groups were constantly having to watch the ceiling.

Any members of MGMS who are interested in photography, no matter at what level, are most welcome to join the group. The schedule is posted in the shed and was been included in the last newsletter. If you are interested you can simply attend a function of your choice, or contact Lloyd Akeroyd for more information.

“Romeo and Juliet met online in a chat room. But their relationship ended tragically when Juliet’s hard drive died.”

1969

Today

Problem?
16th December 2015

Mr B Wandal
The Secretary
Mt Gravatt Men’s Shed
PO Box 239
Mansfield 4122

Dear Brian,

I am writing on behalf of St Bart’s parish to express our profound appreciation for the recent restoration of our vestment drawers. What a wonderful kindness and what wonderful workmanship!

Special thanks to Dave and his team for the hours put in and to Paul for the excellent stain-finishing.

It is now back in service and a testament to the shed’s community mindedness and the skills of the members.

We appreciate our long relationship with the shed and are happy to continue to support the shed as we are able.

Sincerely

Bishop Doug Stevens
Rector
St Bartholomew’s Anglican Parish
22 Wyncroft Street.
Holland Park 4121
January 14, 2016
Ph 34200406
Nell194@bigpond.net.au

The President.
Mt. Gravatt Men’s Shed.

Dear Sir,

Please convey to all concerned our gratitude for the fabulous new steps and and landing that your team constructed at the Wellers Hill Guide Hut for the Girl Guides.
The finished cupboards are also a great benefit in presenting a neat Hut to hire for other small groups.

As our Guide unit is only small the small hires we can manage to attract are necessary to be financially viable.

Please let the workmen who did our Hut know how grateful we are for such a professional job, especially Dave Hutchins.

If this is a second letter of Thanks it is because
A We are very grateful
B It is because I can’t find my original letter of thanks on my new computer...

Cheers

Eleanor Pollock
Wellers Hill District Manager.
Copy Steve Griffiths BCC Moorooka

I really need a day between Saturday & Sunday.
Notice of Meeting
Monday, March 7, 2016

The Community Hall at Mt Gravatt Showgrounds  Cost: $6

Time: 10.30am for 11.00am- start of the Social Meeting
1pm Speaker: Evergreen Tours Europe, Canada/Alaska & Tasmania

Please Note: Any agenda item must be notified to the Shed Office (3343 2216) no later than Friday March 4, before the meeting. Please do not approach the chairman of the meeting on the day.

On Goings and Goings On

Workshop, Recreation Room Timings and Meeting Program for March, 2016

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Mar 19 Local Council Elections–Shed has BBQ at Mt Gravatt

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MGMS Annual Visit to a Men’s Shed

Coach Trip to the beautiful Lockyer Valley

When: Thursday 21st April

Where: Lockyer Valley Community Men’s Shed, Gatton

Start Time: 8.15 am for 8.30 am (sharp) leave from Showgrounds

Return: approximately 5.00pm to Showgrounds

Cost: $28.00 per person (includes entrance to Transport Museum)

Book your seat and pay at our shed office

DEADLINE for booking and paying: Wednesday 13th April.

Itinerary:

Depart the Showgrounds at 8.15 am

Arrive at Gatton approximate 10.00am:

- **Men** have morning tea at the Men’s Shed
- **Women** have morning tea (extra cost) at the Cultural Centre and stay for:
  - free self-guided tours of:
    - Lockyer Legends Hall of Fame, Art Gallery, and Lake Apex
    - See the birds at Lake Apex
    - Walk around the lake (1.2 Km)
    - The Queensland Trucking Memorial

12.00 noon: Lunch at the Staging Post Café and Restaurant at the Cultural Centre.
(Not included in price)

**Lunch Menu:** Alternate drop Roast Chicken OR Roast Beef with roasted Potatoes, pumpkin, steamed vegetables and gravy including tea and coffee station
Price $18.00 per head extra (paid in advance) Please pay when you book

12.45pm: Guided Tour of the Queensland Transport Museum

1.45pm: tour the farm lands of the some of the richest soils in the world (the salad bowl of the nation) before returning to Mt Gravatt arriving about 5.00pm

- Historic village of Ma Ma Creek
  - See where the historic triple Gatton murders of 1898 took place
  - Maybe purchase some local grown produce for your table

Please advise when booking any special dietary requirements.