



# CENTENARY SHEDDERS

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Men's Shed  
Brisbane Queensland

## Men's Shed project gaining traction

An under-utilised machinery shed was the catalyst for members of the Centenary Suburbs Men's Shed to engage in a project that would involve a number of its members and provide continuity of work. Late in 2019, a project team was formed, to produce a quarter scale working model of a traction engine. The project team lead by Trevor Johnsson produced several outcomes; full use of the machinery shed assets, long term involvement of members working on the project, gaining new skills and involving the wellbeing of all members.

The shed committee sourced a grant from the BCC to purchase the much needed scale model plans of a Traction Engine to start the project. A budget was prepared, to date, the project is well on track for completion in 2022. About 25% of the shed members have become involved with the project in some form.

A core of the members have gained new skills in working the machinery. One member, John Holt, was an economist in his working life, through his involvement with the project has become proficient in operating the lathe and milling equipment making intricate gears for the steam engine. Our project leader went back to TAFE classes to upgrade his engineering skills. Overall the project has been a great success for the Shed and its members. Now nearing completion the project is aligned with "Our Mission Statement" as well as AMSA National men's health initiatives, called "Spanner in the Works".



**Robin Lacy gained his skills as a Fitter and Turner and specialist welder in New Zealand. Throughout his life he has improved his skills working in several countries throughout the World before settling in Brisbane. Robin has applied his expertise in making special parts for the construction of this scale Traction Engine**

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## LATE NEWS ITEM: **MORE STEAM POWER to our elbows!**

On completion of work on the Traction Engine in 2022, continuity of work for the members in the machinery shed has been guaranteed through a generous financial donation from the Murphy Family Foundation.

**The funding will be used to build an Atkinson Standard Steam Wagon.**

More on this story in a following newsletter.



## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

In this issue I would on behalf of all our members like to thank our Sponsors. Times have been tough over the last 18 months or so but these businesses have stuck with us and we sincerely thank them all.

**I am going to mention them by name:**

**1. I would very much like to mention Jim Allen for his assistance in putting our Newsletter together. Details of Jim's business is on our sponsors page.**

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I would urge all readers of our newsletter to contact these folk when requiring assistance or advise. I personally had the pleasure in dealing with Sharon and Russell at Goodyear and can assure all that their service was the very best and I would

recommend them to all members.

We have a sponsors page at the back in this addition that gives you details of these folk so contact them when in need.

David Cope



### A Street Library for the Benawarra Community Gardens Playgroup.

Nature Babes Playgroup are excited to be a part of the creation of a Street Library for the Benawarra Community Gardens. Benawarra organised a grant from Councillor Nicole Johnson and the Centenary Suburbs Men's Shed built & installed the Street Library.

The playgroup committee organised paint donations & painting equipment from the Men's Shed, Bunnings, SQ Painting Services & local community for use by the children to paint the StreetLibrary.

The children and parents who attend Nature Babes had a wonderful time painting the Street Library and especially enjoyed adding their hand prints to make colourful flowers for a garden picture.

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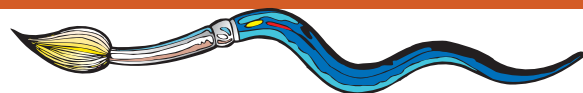
Thank you to all who were involved in making this project come to life. If you are ever in the area, make sure you check it out and any book donations are always welcome.

**Take a book. Leave a book.  
Love a book. Keep a book!**



**WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY**

## THE ART SHED - New Member, Damon Bickle



Damon Bickle has recently joined the arts group, an interesting character, as Editor, I asked Damon to pen a few lines for the current Newsletter. He paints an interesting picture of his pathway throughout his working life, changing direction numerous times and letting his pen do the talking, now he is turning his artistic skills to painting a new picture of his life in retirement.

### Damon writes:

It could be said that we all have talents that can lie dormant until circumstance bring them into the open. When you asked me to write about mine, I thought to myself; how do I cover everything in a couple of hundred words?

Being one that likes to put pen to paper, I reckoned I should give it a go and see if it was possible. During the sixties, I lived in Indooroopilly, and worked at a trade until 21, with most weekends engaged as a musician in a popular band on the Brisbane social circuit. I guess I could claim that as - talent no.1

By age 27, I realised that my trade and music wasn't going to satisfy my desire to move forward in life, so in 1970, I started a local pool service business, called Pool Mart. Over the years, it grew into a retail and wholesale chain, and kept me



**Damon pictured at the Arts Shed working on his first painting**

occupied until I retired in late 2019. I suppose keeping myself employed might be considered - Talent no. 2 Then in 2009, in the lead up to the centenary of WW1, I revisited my musical past and wrote the music, lyrics and narrative of 'The Fields of Pozieres', which was recorded by a member of the original 10 Tenors. I produced it as a 48- page CD booklet commemorating the 23,000

Medals for bravery at Pozieres and Mouquet Farm. I suppose my tribute could be considered - Talent No. 3 I also have a desire to write short stories, which I find mentally stimulating, so with a stretch, maybe I have a talent in the making - Talent no 4.

And then you introduced me to the Centenary art class, and lo and behold, I couldn't resist having a go. Now, I'm not sure I could call this a God given talent, but it sure is fun to put paint on paper to see if it is possible. If not, then it really doesn't matter, as I sure enjoy the social friendship of my fellow artists, and friendship is a talent they all have in abundance.

Thanks Mal,  
Damon Bickle



**Art class capturing the moment**

# ARTISTIC



# SHEDDERS

# A BRILLIANT team making BRILLIANT photo boxes

making a BRILLIANT income stream for the Shed...

Two years ago the main source of funding for the shed was through manning BBQ's at Bunnings stores, with the onset of the Covid Virus , they discontinued access to groups who manned the BBQ's and the shed committee had to find a new income stream for the day to day needs of running the shed.

In June 2019 Brilliant Prints, a supplier to professional photographers, artists, interior designers and commercial clients came to our rescue. The company situated in an industrial estate off Monier Road, had a need for the manufacture of a prestigious photo display box for their clients throughout Australia and numerous overseas clients.

An agreement was reached between the two organisations and a dedicated number of shed members set about refining their skills making 'Brilliant photo



Some of the dedicated members who work on the manufacture of the Photo boxes. Bob Wilmot, Col Howarth, Graham Chen, Jon Churven and Peter Moraitis.

display boxes' for Brilliant Prints. Two years on, under the guidance of Jon Churven, this team of dedicated workers have made 1014 photo display boxes, that has returned enough funding to keep

the shed viable. to meet its financial obligations. Jon is looking for additional help for his team in making the photo display boxes.

## UNUSUAL

The shed receives some unusual requests to refurbish cherished historical items, from a one hundred year old wooden laundry trolley to a more recent request to refurbish a surfboard. Tony Wench is pictured beside the surfboard which was refurbished and painted at the shed.

Shed members wish Tony a speedy recovery from his recent knee surgery, no, his injured knee wasn't caused from hanging five from the surfboard, it was definitely age related.

Tony beside the refurbished surfboard



## REQUESTS

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**WE CAN DO**

# Wild Life Nesting Boxes in the Walter Taylor Ward

Working in conjunction with Councillor James Mackay, the Centenary Suburbs Men's shed members are constructing wildlife nesting boxes for use in the Walter Taylor Ward, with designs suitable for all types of native wildlife, including Barn Owls, possums, birds and sugar gliders.

Barn owls are particularly important because they are significant contributor to keeping our rat population under control. Unlike the Powerful Owls, these more widespread birds readily take to man-made nesting boxes. A nesting box program to attract Barn Owls to Chapel Hill's Reservoir has commenced, increasing biodiversity to the area.

Cr James Mackay saw another area of his Ward in need of these man made nesting boxes after the expansion of the Toowong campus of Queensland Academy of Science, Maths and Technology, when regrettably some trees were removed for the expansion. With the installation of a combination of bird boxes and possum boxes the school P&C hopes to increase the biodiversity on the campus.

Cr Mackay said, "I'm thrilled to have a long- term partnership with the Centenary Suburbs Men's Shed. While a man-made nesting box may not be as good as a natural tree hollow, our program of rolling out wildlife nesting boxes is on going and I'm looking forward to seeing increased biodiversity in our neighbourhoods."

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**Kevin Eastman and Peter Hall with Cr James Mackay (Centre) pictured with some of the wildlife nesting boxes**

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