



Murgon Men's Shed Newsletter



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Overview of the Year

Men, look at where we are now and how far we have come since 29 March this year.

29 March we met in David Mollenhauer work shed in Rewald St where we actually found out that Murgon required a place for men to meet and socialize in. There were 29 men who decided at that meeting to call our shed the Murgon Men's Shed.

Today we have that shed which is full of tools and equipment with 33 members.

An average of 18 members meets every Wednesday, our main

meeting day, to do just that "Socialize"

We are the 1077th shed registered with The Australian Men's Shed Association.

This has not been an individual effort; everyone has had a hand in getting

here.

Look back and be proud of what you have achieved, and enjoy your shed.



Original meeting place
Rewald Street

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Christmas Break

The Shed will be available all over the Christmas period except for 24-27 November.

I would like to thank all of you for your support and help throughout the year.

Everyone have a very Happy Healthy Merry Christmas, Chill out and enjoy the festive season.

I look forward to your company in the New Year.





Feature Member

John Pollard affectionately known as "Polly"

John moved to the area from his Brisbane home. He was manager at Billabong Australia based at the Gold Coast and had numerous trips overseas for work.

Not long after John retired he was struck down with the dreaded "C".

The treatment has knocked him pretty hard but he told me it appears to be working.

Being an avid reader, John has read every book in his house and was getting pretty bored when he decided to join the Men's Shed; he was the person who suggested leatherwork as an activity.

Now John has made a key holder and a belt and probably other things too. He is enjoying the shed and we enjoy his company to.

John's favourite saying is *"Start off slowly and ease back as you go"*



Shed Managers Report

James has bolted his lathe into position and is in the process of levelling his machine.

James said "the 2hp motor will probably use more power than other machines and men working on this machine may have to pay more for the use to cover additional electricity costs".

This however will be

worked out by the committee and will let everyone know in due course.

David's shelves are complete with timber already stacked on them.

The production line for the bee boxes is slowly progressing (hurry up boys there are orders for three hives already).

A big thanks to Helen from the South Burnett Times for the great write up on us be hiving ourselves.

John Armstrong has nearly completed the shadow painting on the tool back-board. When he has completed there will be no excuse for miss placed tools. Big thanks to all who have helped in the shed.



Auction Day

Many thanks to the hard working men on the day especially the auctioneers, Glen and Allen.

I lost my sunglasses on the day and I suspect they were auctioned off by one of these enthusiastic auctioneers.

Also thanks to John and his crew with the BBQ and drink sales. The perfectly

cooked sausages were served with a friendly smile, thanks fellers.

The total sales for the day exceeded all expectations.

As this has been our major income event for the year the money will be spent on improving the shed setup, and making the *Muster Room* more comfortable for

the ever increasing membership.

There were numerous bargains on the day but the sale of the day would have been the "Akubra hat" signed by Slim Dusty.



John, Keith and Terry



Trainers Required

If you are a retired tradesman or an experienced and competent person who would like to help others share the pleasure of working with specific tools.

Please consider becoming a **trainer**.

There is a procedure in becoming a trainer. Ask a committee member for a form.

Safety Tip for the Month

If you are working in the shed and you are about to turn on a machine, it is not only good etiquette, but a requirement that you let everyone know you are about to start.

When you are about to enter the shed, you must check with shed manager first and be aware of others working around you.

Remember, watch out for your fellow member/s.

Always use the appropriate PPE when using tools and machinery.



Shed Fees

We have just received our first electricity bill. Ergon Energy are like a wounded bull, they know how to charge.

I would like to remind everyone not to forget to pay as you enter the shed.

At the moment we charge \$5.00 entry fee.

To break this down each person will pay \$2.00 for a coffee (bottomless cup) and \$3.00 towards the cost of electricity.

I think this is a reasonable cost. Maybe in the future with more members joining, we may be able to reduce this fee.

Thanks fellers.



Third of Our Values

“Listen. We have two ears and one mouth, to be used in that proportion.”

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Shed Times

Hours: 9am to 1pm
Days: Wednesday & Saturday

However in the future we may extend these hours due to the many projects we are undertaking

