

Murgon Men's Shed Newsletter

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Early Beginnings of the Men's Shed

When Paul Pfeffer (President) recognized it was about time the men of Murgon and surrounds needed a men's shed, he first made sure there were the numbers to back him up. He found plenty of men willing and eager to help, they wanted to be able to go somewhere where they felt they could relax, talk about every day things, their worries and be listened too.

In the beginning the men would meet at David Mollenhauers work shed in Rewald Street. They would meet on Wednesday's and on the 29th March 2014 there were twenty nine men in attendance at a meeting when it was decided to call their group Murgon Men's Shed.

Rewald Street was only temporary, they needed another place in Murgon which would be large enough to house many men and have room to work on different projects. Paul noticed the old railway station and its shed was empty not being used. It was the perfect place. He negotiated with the council and they were happy to let them use the facilities.

They received many donations from local businesses and members of the public to help them get started and on Friday 25 July 2014 they had an 'Opening Day'. Many dignitaries were in attendance that day and at that time Duty Premier Jeff Seeney helped Paul cut the ribbon and declared the Men's Shed Open. As the founder, Paul felt very proud and honoured that he had brought something to Murgon that was in great demand. He said "They had fifty one members in the short time it had been running".

Now of course there are many more and all members work together on different projects that they enjoy. Some are bigger than others and some are very detailed and take a lot of time and patience. Others just like being part of something where they can go and have a coffee and a chat and not worry about their p's and q's.

That's what Paul wanted and it saddens me that Paul was taken from us on Saturday 11th June. Paul was diagnosed with liver cancer last year and had been fighting it ever since. He fought a gallant fight and will be sadly missed by all his friends and family. We will remember him for his generosity, compassion and support.



Rest in Peace

Sue Moreman
Editor

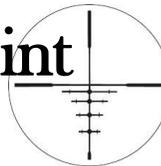


May has been very busy with the men working on an old Sulky built in 1870, USA.



Straight to the Point

Mark Wall (Chaplain)



“ Remember the past, plan for the future, but live for today because yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come.”

A friend of mine recently happened to mention to me how that he had mentioned to a local business that he was surprised that his business didn't have an exhibit in the local show this year.

The businessman replied, "No, it was not worth the effort, as we don't get anything back for the cost of being there".

My friend replied saying, which I consider as quite profound, "That's the problem with people today, they are not interested in doing something unless there is a personal benefit".

From my perspective, 'to give simply because we can is what it means to be human, which is the path to find life and meaning'.

Walk with Lynda



John Crawford, working with leather

Trevor (Jack) Otto and his son Brett who is the CEO of Melanoma Awareness Foundation. Walked from Gladstone to Kingaroy to raise awareness for Melanoma.

The walk was a tribute to Lynda Geiger who had passed away in Kingaroy from Melanoma last year.

Lynda was born in Gladstone, so they decided to walk from Gladstone to Kingaroy, 500km.

Their walk with Lynda raised \$30,000. Well done!



Ladies Day



Ladies Day was on Wednesday 1st June for wives and lady friends to see what mischief the men get up to at the shed.

Four of the men were working on an old tractor built in 1940-1942 International Harvester Co, USA. Mick Kapernick bought the tractor recently for \$400 to restore. When he was a young man Mick drove and worked on the same type of tractor himself. So he is very eager to restore it.



Keith is working on the seat of a different Sully.

After a wonderful morning tea, the women were shown how to put a tyre on one of the wagon wheels.



“ A good friend is hard to find, hard to lose and impossible to forget.”

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NEXT MEETING
EVERY THIRD
WED 10 AM
AFTER SMOKO