

Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club Inc



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"The Shed" Open and Ready for Business!

On Saturday 31st October, the Witta Tennis Club officially opened their new facility, appropriately named 'The Shed'. Len Lowe, former WTC member and a MDSRC Sports Person of the Year 2009, had the honour of unveiling the new tennis facility.

The building was started in early August 2009, with Stage 1 completed the day before the opening on 30th October! WTC welcomed former members Beryl Newton, Enid Cox, Colin Carbery, Lynda Burgess, Hilda Penney, Don Hassell, Ian and Di Bryce and John Oxenham.

The crowd listened to Beryl, Enid, Lynda and Len as they shared their tennis memories with the members. Other honoured guests were Mike Norman (representing MDSRC) Dick Newman (former Caloundra councillor) Sally Hopper and children, and Barry Field.

The day also marked another milestone for the Witta Tennis Club. In 1984 the club was reformed as a separate entity from the Witta Rec Club, so this year's AGM was WTC's 25th year and will be commemorated with a plaque.



Len Lowe officially opens "The Shed"



Gary Martin presents Peter Gaw with a "special creativity" award (r) Beryl Newton and Lyn Burgess entertain!

(below) Members and guests enjoy the tales of tennis past. (r) Gary, Denis Hickey and Enid Cox share a joke



Update From the President

Planning for the development of the Precinct has again taken up much of the time of your committee in the last three months. We congratulate the SCRC on giving the go ahead for the Golf Club to progress with its driving range and for Greenhills to proceed with the marking out of their proposed walking tracks. Clearly these indicate SCRC's commitment to progress and whilst there are always going to be administrative issues to contend with, the fact that these developments are taking place is encouraging.

At the same time much appears to be happening within Council and we welcome the appointment of John (Fox) Rogers as Project Director. This appointment is pivotal to the development and will focus the local community groups and Council in all facets of the Precinct development. John will be well supported by Steve Gould and Paul Brockwell who have been with the project since Councillor Jenny McKay's involvement and by newcomers Simon Crook (Finance), Neil Blamey (Project Manager) and other SCRC specialists who will be called in as and when required.

In addition, SCRC have gone to open tender and will hopefully have appointed external town planners by the end of this month. This role will obviously provide in depth design drawings that will provide a blue print for development.

Negotiations between SCRC and the CPR Group to conduct business planning strategies for each of the Precinct user groups as well as the Precinct as a whole are progressing well.

The MDSRC committee has obviously been aware of the MCU application made by Barung and is disappointed in all aspects of the handling of this situation. Regrettably, the details of the MCU application for the relocation of Barung to the Precinct were never discussed by their representatives at the Maleny Precinct Advisory Group meetings. Had there been frank, open discussion and genuine co-operation, a solution would have been found. The parameters set out in the Council's **Maleny Community Precinct Approved Concept Plan Development Intent Statement** of

November 2007, allocated 1.5 hectares from a potential 60 ha of rural zoned land on Porter's Farm to Barung Landcare.

Following on from the very successful workshop held by CPR, some interesting preliminary facts have come to light, for example; the population and areas that our sporting clubs service. We expect to see a business plan draft this week. By way of a follow up, we have held meaningful meetings with the Showgrounds and Witta Sports Club committee members and will continue to meet with representatives of the Maleny arts and recreational communities to assist with a better understanding of the development needs for the Maleny community. If any of our arts and recreation members would like to contribute with ideas, or be part of the working group, please contact me. All of the information collected will be fed through to SCRC to assist them with understanding Maleny's various social needs.

As always, all updates are posted as they occur on our website, and in our bi-monthly newsletter. We hope to catch up with members and their families at our Christmas party on 5th December!

Mike Norman



To promote sport and recreation facilities for Maleny and surrounding districts

To create, establish and sustain sport and recreation facilities on The Maleny Precinct

To cooperate with other similar organizations in Maleny and surrounding districts

Affiliate/individual membership: \$20.00

Membership forms available from:

John Brown

Mitre 10, Teak Steet, Maleny

or download one from:

www.mdsarcinc.com

Clubs' Calendar Events

Maleny Croquet Club
Lions Festival - croquet in Maleny
4-7 Nov Maleny Showgrounds

Maleny Croquet Club
AGM 21st Nov 11.00 am

Maleny Show Society
Christmas Afternoon Tea for all show
volunteers 22nd Nov 2.00 pm

MDSRC Inc
Christmas Party, Maleny Bowls Club
5th December 2.30 pm (rsvp)

Maleny Singers
Carols by Candlelight, Maleny RSL
12th December 7.00 pm

Maleny Bowls Club
Christmas Dinner for members
12th Dec. 6.00 pm (rsvp required)

Maleny Croquet Club
Christmas Break Up for members
13th Nov 11.30 - bring a plate,
contact Wendy 5494 2159

The Other Side

Slow Lady Golfers...

Two guys trying to get in a quick eighteen holes, but there are two terrible lady golfers in front of them hitting the ball everywhere but where it's supposed to go.

The first guy says, "Why don't you go over and ask if we can play through?"

The second guy gets about halfway there and comes back.

The first guy says, "What's wrong?"

He says, "One of them is my wife, and the other one is my mistress - there is no way I could be seen with both of them"

The first guy says, "That could be a problem. I'll go over." He gets about halfway there and comes back.

The second guy says, "What's wrong?"

The first guy says, "Small world."

Going Home...

Jones had taken his wife to a cricket match. She sat through the first innings, although plainly bored.

In the second innings a batsman gave a tremendous swipe, and knocked the ball out of the ground.

"Thank goodness they got rid of it" she sighed. "Now we can all go home."

Maleny Driving Range Takes Shape

The Maleny Driving Range and Practice Facility is now really beginning to take shape.

Thanks to great volunteer support and good weather, the site has been cleared of weeds, pest trees and rocks. The whole area has been slashed and mulched. Many, but not all, of the depressions have been filled with soil. The remaining holes will be filled over time. The Golf Club has now purchased their own mulcher, slasher and ripper. This gear will be useful later for fairway preparation.

Thankfully, the rain arrived on cue last week just after a very successful working bee on Sunday 18th October. There were 27 willing helpers on deck; the ladies worked diligently all of the time while the men did so most of the time! The grass is expected to grow rapidly after 70mm of rain and the club anticipates that the first mowing will take place early in the week beginning 9 November. Maleny Golf Club is presently exploring ways of using Maleny's effluent, with Sunshine Coast Water, to irrigate portions of the driving range.

Tasks still to be completed include the electric fencing and installation of two shipping containers to hold equipment, balls and a temporary office. The club has also purchased a mechanical ball picker from Horton Park Golf Club and 15 mats from Victoria Park Golf Club, and will be calling shortly for any surplus golf balls from members. Already more than 3,000 balls have been donated. The Golf Club is still looking for a machine to pull the ball picker, such as an old 4WD, quad bike or golf buggy. Any offers or other suggestions would be most welcome; if you can help, or have some ideas, please contact the club president at maxwhi@aapt.net.au



Another First for The Maleny Singers



In December 2006, The Maleny Singers were invited to lead the "Carols on the Green" at Montville, accompanied by the Salvation Army Band. This proved to be such a success that the invitation was repeated again in 2007 and 2008. Since the Singers are Maleny based, it was decided that it would be especially good if this very popular event could also take place in our own town. Consequently, for the first time this year there will be 'Carols by Candlelight' on Saturday 12th December, starting at 7pm, in the grounds of the RSL club, accompanied by the Salvation Army Band. The musicians and The Maleny Singers will be on the balcony of the RSL Club, and families are invited to join in by sitting on the grass and singing along to well known carols and listening to some Christmas readings. What better way is there to begin the Festive Season? Conductor Margaret Taylor and The Singers

look forward to seeing you there, and to wishing all their loyal patrons a joyous Christmas. If you are a singer interested in joining this vibrant group, please contact Margaret tayjac@aapt.net.au

MDSRC Christmas Party

The Maleny District Sport and Recreation Club is holding their Christmas Party at the Maleny Bowls Club on **Saturday 5th December**.

All members and their families are invited for a fun afternoon of social bowls, followed by a Christmas BBQ.

You don't need to bring anything except a hat - the Bowls Club has plenty of equipment for everyone.

The Bowls Club is centrally located with plenty of parking space.

MDSRC CHRISTMAS PARTY

MALENY BOWLS CLUB 5th December

2.30 pm social bowls, followed by BBQ

We will also be drawing the raffle for the beautiful king-sized quilt donated to the club by Helen Johnston! Tickets will still available during the afternoon.

For catering purposes, if you are coming along, please drop us a quick RSVP email - gail@mavmuse.com

Bowls Club Christmas Dinner

All members are invited to this function on Saturday 12th Dec. 6 - 6.30, a delicious 3 course meal will be served by Mark of Maple 3; **RSVP please!!** hultonpm@ozemail.com.au 5494 2335

Show Society Christmas Tea

The Show Society's Christmas afternoon tea will be held on Sunday 22nd November at 2pm at the Showgrounds Pavilion for all of the Maleny Show stewards, volunteers and helpers. Please pass this invite on to your section helpers.

RSVP by Friday 13th November; please call 5494 2008 (and leave a message) or email the Secretary at malenyshowsociety@bigpond.com



Witta Tennis Club

Social tennis as follows:

Monday 8am; Tuesday 7pm; Thursday 8:30am and Saturday 1pm all welcome.

Court hire: contact The Witta Store 5435 8697. For further information and after hours bookings, contact 5494 4055 denishic@bigpond.com

Maleny Tennis Club

Social tennis as follows:

**Monday 6.00 pm - 9-10 pm
Tuesday 1.30 pm - 5.00pm
Saturday 1.30 pm - 5.00pm
Sunday 1.30 pm - 5.00pm**

contact Sylvia or Terry Harker 5499 9989 for fees

Maleny Swimming Pool

Pool times 09/10 are as follows:

**Monday to Friday 6.00am – 8.50am
2.30pm – 6.00pm**

Saturday 8.00am – 6.00pm

Sunday 10.00am – 6.00pm

Lap Swimmers (only) 6.00pm – 6.45pm

The swim pool will remain open from 6.00pm – 6.45pm – Monday to Friday for Lap swimmers only.

Swim Club runs every Wednesday evening - warm ups 5:30pm with 5:15pm start.

All enquiries: contact Tim Dwyer (coach and manager) 5494 2589 or 0488 160 740

Maleny Bowls Club

Social bowls as follows:

Every Friday - 2p.m. for 2.30p.m. followed by a social afternoon - 5.00 for 5.30 pm

**Contact Peter Hulton 5494 2335
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