



SUNNYBANK AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED Inc.

MEN WORKING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER BUILDING COMMUNITIES

FEBRUARY 2022 SHED NEWS

Presidents Report...

Heartiest Congratulations go to prominent Shed Member, Des Broom, who, with his wife Roslyn, were named as the joint recipients of the 2022 Brisbane Lord Mayor's Senior Citizens of the Year on Australia Day. Because of restrictions imposed by the Covid virus, presentations of all BCC Australia Day Awards to Des and



Ros and all other recipients have been deferred and will be made on Thursday, 24 March. I am sure all Sheddies will agree that Des' and Ros' Award is very well deserved, as they have

done sterling volunteer work for their community over many years, and continue to do so.

A meeting was held earlier this month with the members of the OH&S Sub-Committee and Shed personnel who are leaders on the use of machines and equipment. One of the Meeting's purposes was to find ways to review and/or assess the competence of those Sheddies who use our various machines. The Meeting was very profitable and forward-looking and resulted in a plan to remind all Members who use our equipment the correct and safe way to do so. It also proposed a system of coloured dots to be placed on name badges that would indicate a Member's relative expertise on machinery, beginning with "green" for the lowest level of expertise and "red" for the highest. Further information will be given shortly on this system's implementation. One of the Shed's obligations is to ensure that all Members who attend the Shed and use equipment are safe whilst doing so, as health and safety matters are our highest priority. It is a long time since competencies of our Members have been assessed, so this review is well overdue.

Shed Members are asked to bring their own protective items (examples are noise reducing ear pieces and goggles) to the Shed when they plan to use equipment. This has been considered necessary as another practical way of limiting the spread of this respiratory Covid virus that can enter a person's body in various areas around the head.

In an attempt to expand the offerings of our Shed, it has been suggested that a Family History Group be formed. Sheddies interested in this type of activity are asked to contact Tony Webb or myself at the Shed. Also, Tony would like any Members interested in participating in metalwork projects to contact him.

Our Shed and Pinelands Lions Service Club recently joined forces to run a fund-raising Bunnings BBQ. A Profit of \$740 was shared in accordance with the relative manpower provided by each organisation, with our Shed receiving \$400 and Pinelands Lions \$340. Thanks go to all the volunteers who participated on the day.

As the spread of this Covid virus is still rampant in Brisbane and other areas in Queensland, I thank all Members who have indicated to the Supervisors that they are "fully vaccinated", are practising physical distancing, practising personal hygiene by using the sanitizer that is provided, and for not attending

the Shed if they are feeling unwell. Once again, our Shed's top priority is to ensure, at all times, the health, safety and well-being of our Members whilst they are at the Shed.



A notice advising that the Australian Men's Shed Association is once again conducting a nationwide gathering in Albury, has been sent by Secretary Paul to all Members who are on our

email list. Please read this communication which gives details of the event.

In past years, our Shed has sent 2 or 3 Members to such gatherings as our delegates, funded by SDCMS. Any Sheddies who are interested in attending this year's gathering are asked to submit an expression of interest to Secretary Paul (secretary@sunnybankshed.org) by Monday, 14 February for consideration by our Management Committee.

Attending such gatherings is a wonderful way of meeting fellow Sheddies from all parts of Australia and learning how other Sheds operate and meet the needs of their Members.

ROB JOHNSON

END OF MONTH BBQ

Unfortunately I didn't take any photos last Friday at the Shed BBQ.

HOW ABOUT A WORD PICTURE?

Ken Sutton asked a few members to share, *off the cuff* something brief from their childhood which we wouldn't know about them. It proved an apt link into Tony W's short talk about him re- searching his genealogy. It provoked many comments from those present. Of course there may be a few skeletons but also relevant and important medical information to be unearthed. Rob J. lent his support to Tony's idea about starting up a personal history group at the shed. Next a mention was made of the various free resources available from the local library and the archives office in Runcorn.

In addition, if you're interested in a book review, I just finished reading a great book from the library – "Fatherhood: Stories about Being a Dad" by William McInnes. "He is one of Australia's best-known storytellers and actors... These tales are just like a friendly chat over the back fence, or the banter of a backyard BBQ... memories of hot summer days and cooling off under the sprinkler.. that time Dad tried to teach you to drive – and then got out of the car and kissed the ground... Fatherhood is full of memories: the happy, the hilarious, the sad, bad, and the unexpectedly poignant moments... you will recognise yourself and those you love somewhere in these pages."

I hope this helps. All the best,

KEN

PROJECT REPORTS

- **TRIPOD CLOCK** – Customer Paul Michaels – *project on hold*
- **DOLLS HOUSE** – Customer Roslyn – *Daryl applied undercoat*
- **GALLEY CUPBOARD** – Adrian (Algester Sports Club) – *Project on hold until further notice*
- **LITTLE LIBRARY** – Bendigo Bank – *Waiting for client approval*
- **CEREMONIAL MACE** – Meg Woolf – *Frank M working on project*
- **SANDWICH BOARD** – CWA Sunnybank – *Completing offsite*
- **SANDWICH BOARD** – Rhonda B – *Client approved to be completed*
- **POOL PUMP COVER** – George C – *Des B and Peter G are working on the roof*
- **SMALL WINE BAR** – NabilW SHED MEMBER – *Continuing to work on project*

If any members have an interest in any of the above projects please see Project Manager Peter Graham to help organise the work that needs to be done to complete the projects. All projects must be discussed with Peter G and be logged onto the database to allow all members to be aware of the projects undertaken at the shed.

COMMONWEALTH BANK DONATION

A \$500 cheque was presented by John Schroder, Commonwealth Bank of Australia Sunnybank Hills Branch Manager from the Commonwealth Bank Community Donation Program of Australia.

In presenting the cheque John said he was "really excited to be able to provide the Sunnybank Men's Shed with this donation so the Shed can continue doing great things in our local community".

John spent an hour at the Shed talking to Shed members and looking at our resources.



MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Peter G; Daryl E; Ron (*Ginger*) B; Col R; Ian (*Tremors*) T; Peter G; Graeme D

THOUGHTS ABOUT SHEDS

As most of SDCMS members know I am the Brisbane South QMSA Zone Rep. This position allows me to visit many sheds, early last year I even went to Bundaberg for a regional Cluster meeting and met a number of Sheddors and even visited a couple of sheds. It is very interesting to visit & listen to what various Shed members have to say; which has led me to term the phrase 'All Sheds are the same, but All Sheds are different'. By this I mean we all have similar aims and ideals and concentrate on Men's health & well being; however different sheds do

different activities. Running any shed during Covid has been difficult and curtailed most of our movements throughout society. I am pleased to say that the majority of sheds in my zone are adopting a 'No Vac No Admission' approach.

Shed and Shredders are an interesting concept and is something I absolutely enjoy at all levels. Sheds should be for the members, they are not money making machines or places of strict laws; more a flexible set of rules with some money making activities. I see & hear many

activities going on in sheds, Sheds that are ONLY social, Sheds that were born out of a groups interest in music, woodworking shed making specific articles, such as toys to be given away at Christmas, Sheds that run weekly cooking classes for men, sometimes in commercial grade shed kitchens. Some sheds are air conditioned, there are many variations. I welcome the opportunity to discuss my QMSA activities with any of the members who are interested.

GEOFF CURTIS
QMSA Zone Representative

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