



SUNNYBANK AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED Inc.

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BUILDING COMMUNITIES*

MARCH 2022 SHED NEWS

Presidents Report...

Fellow Shedders

Very reluctantly, we were forced to cancel the activities that were planned for last Friday (25th), the last Friday of the month of February. Our guest speaker was to drive here from the North Coast, but we were able to contact him to postpone his visit before he left home. Ken Sutton had planned a hamburger bbq for us but understood why it had to be cancelled. Once the weather clears again, we will have another go at weeding, mowing and cleaning up the area around our sheds.

Shirts purchased by Shed Members will now cost \$30 because of an increase in our purchase costs.

Our Shed has been successful in its application for a grant of \$2,000 for first aid courses. The cost of insurance has risen to \$28 per member and your Management Committee has applied to renew the insurance that is so essential through AMSA.

Geoff Curtis will represent our Shed at the forthcoming AMSA Gathering in Albury and will let us know the latest n from AMSA and other Sheds around Australia on his return. Ian Holst has unfortunately had to resign from the Committee because of health reasons, and we thank him for his input as our Committee's Membership Chair over the past 18 months.

A new activity for us, and for Partners if they are interested, is commencing on Tuesday afternoon, 8th March. Your Management Committee has formed a socially-oriented Family History Group which will be convened by Tony Webb and will meet at the Sunnybank Hills Library's function room from 3.30 to 5.30pm. An attendance fee of \$1 will be payable by Shedders but will be free to Partners.

Shed Members interested in being involved in this activity are asked to contact Tony at the Shed.

As I write this column, it is abundantly clear that Brisbane and the rest of South-East Queensland and Northern New South Wales are, again, being devastated by rainwater and flooding. Our thoughts are with any Members of other Sheds who have been seriously affected by these extreme weather events and we will wait to see if we can assist them and all other people badly affected in any way going forward.

ROB JOHNSON



SAFE USE OF MACHINERY

There are lots of things in our metalwork and woodwork sheds which can cause you harm if you aren't careful.

Knowing the risks and how to avoid injury is behind the safety course being run in small groups by Mike, Des, Ted and Wyn for all members of the shed, even if you have done safety induction courses before.

It is happening every Tuesday because that is the quietest day in the shed.

You will be taken around and shown the safe use of each machine which should take about an hour or so.

To sign up just add your name to the list on the notice board and the date that suits you.

If you can't make it on a Tuesday, arrangements can be made for another day either one-on-one or part of a small group.

Each member will be assigned a red, blue or green tag for their name tag to show what level of machinery is suitable for your skill level.

If you attend the shed just for social interaction and bad jokes (no shortage of those) and have no interest in machinery, then the red tag would be fine for you. You have until the 4 th of April to participate in the safety course. If you can't make it by then, you

won't be allowed to use any machinery until you have participated in the course.

This is all in the interest of helping to keep you safe in a potentially dangerous environment, which is the best reason of all.

END OF MONTH BBQ

Don't forget that on the last Friday of the Month we have a shed BBQ & a guest speaker. Over the years we have enjoyed guests such as the Hearing Test Bus and talk with a FREE hearing test, other guests have included presentations by our own Shed members. This is always a great morning and allows for some good comradery.

The March BBQ will be held Friday 25th March normal shed hours apply.

A MESSAGE FROM KIM MARX (RUNCORN WARD)

My thoughts go out to everyone who has been affected by the severe weather event in Brisbane and surrounding areas.

This morning Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner has advised that registrations are now open for volunteers to sign up to the Mud Army 2.0 and help clean up Brisbane from the devastating floods. This clean up will focus on locations across the city, helping residents and businesses inundated with flood water. Council has partnered with Volunteering Queensland to coordinate Mud Army 2.0. Join our city wide clean up and recovery efforts as a volunteer or if you are in need of help. <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community-and-safety/community-safety/february-2022-severe-weather-event-council-updates-and-impacts/mud-army-20>

If you are going for a walk in your area and see things that need repairing (pot holes, road failure, trees down) please call my office on 3407 0566 or email runcorn.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au Monday – Friday between 8.30am – 4.30pm so a job can be logged. Extra dump vouchers will be available for collection from my office as well. The Brisbane City Council Call Centre is open 24/7 on 3403 8888.

- Currently Bin collection is as normal
- Bus services will resume for routes that aren't flooded. Trains and CityCats are still cancelled. Plan your trip at www.translink.com.au

- Libraries are open, but activities are currently postponed. Schools are cancelled (some schools are doing remote learning) Contact your school for more info.
- Federal Government Disaster payments are available to impacted residents:– <https://www.disasterassist.gov.au/find-a-disaster/australian-disasters?state=qld>
- For the latest road closures go to:– <https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/conditions>
- Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance) – call 000
- SES (Flood/Storm Emergency) – 132 500
- Urban Utilities – 13 26 57 (General Enquiries) & 13 23 57 (Faults and emergencies)
- Energex – 13 62 62 (Power outages) & 13 19 62 (Life-threatening emergencies)
- Council's 24hr call centre 3403 8888

Remember, if it's flooded, forget it.

Stay Safe Everyone!

CR KIM MARX
Councillor

SHED MACHINE SAFETY COURSE

SHEDDERS

To comply with the Shed's insurance obligations, the Shed is conducting a course on the safe use of machinery in the shed. All members of the Shed, including those who may have engaged in a course on the safe use of machinery in prior years, are required to participate.

The course is being conducted every Tuesday morning (because it is our quietest day, and therefore causes least disruption) in small groups (4-5). Typically, It would take about one to one and a half hours for the full session.

Please add your name to the list on the notice board for when you are available to take the course. There is an option to have several groups participate simultaneously in a rotation around the machinery. If you are not able to participate in a Tuesday session please arrange with one of the course leaders to participate in a group or a one-on-one session on a mutually convenient day.

The sessions will be conducted by Mike Langham, Ted Smith, Wyn Jones and Des Broom, who are recognised as having extensive experience in the safe operation of machinery.

The course follows AMSA Health and Safety Manual which recommends three categories – Red, Blue and Green. Tags will be affixed to your name tag to signify which machines you may use and under what conditions.

GREEN 1/2: This tag indicates that a person is clear to operate all but the most dangerous equipment/chemicals without much supervision. For a member holding this tag, he must still ask permission of the Member in charge of operations to use a level 3 piece of equipment or handle such materials. Where relevant, the member must show a current permit/licence to operate specific equipment where it is required.

BLUE 1 OR BLUE 2: Members may have a Blue 1 or a Blue 2 Tag. No blue tagged members will be permitted to operate level 3 equipment – these items are to be operated only by Green approved members.

RED: Members with a Red tag are authorised to work with Level 1 equipment and material only with an appropriate level of supervision.

If you participate only in activities which do not involve machinery, you would be assessed with a Red tag as the default position.

NOTE: The above guides need to be used with sound judgement about each case.

The Management Committee has set 4 April as the cut-off day for all members to participate in the safety course. After this date, you will not be permitted to use any machinery until you have completed the safety course. If you are not able to participate by that date, due to holidays, illness etc, arrangements can be made for one-on-one sessions as soon as you are available, but you will not be permitted to use machinery until then.

PAUL MICHAELS
Secretary

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