



SUNNYBANK AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED Inc.

MEN WORKING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER BUILDING COMMUNITIES

APRIL 2022 SHED NEWS

Presidents Report...

Fellow Shedders

The last few weeks have been very busy and challenging.

I missed my "right arm" during this period, as Secretary Paul was on holidays in Tasmania. He is now back with us after having had a very enjoyable time visiting many parts of the Apple Isle.



Last Saturday, I was honoured to be invited to represent our Shed at the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Sunnybank Meals on Wheels. Congratulations go to that organisation on serving their community for half a century. The Sunnybank kitchen has served over 1 million meals in its 50 years. While there, I met the Governor of Queensland and her husband and talked about men's sheds with them both. I also was able to talk with Federal and State Members of Parliament (Graham Perrett and Peter Russo) about our Shed. I was able to talk with Kim Marx' representative as Kim was not in attendance due to her being diagnosed with Covid.

We will be staging an ANZAC Day service at our Shed on Friday, 22 April which will be organised on behalf of the Sunnybank RSL by Des Broom. "Last Friday of the month" activities will be held as usual on Friday, 29 April and the guest speakers will be librarians from the Sunnybank Library.

I will keep all members abreast of developments as they unfold regarding the Sunnybank Church and its land, but I am totally confident that excellent relationships will exist with the West Moreton Presbytery and their appropriate officers.

Training on the various pieces of machinery has been given prominence over these past weeks. I hope Members wanting to use our machinery have taken advantage of these training sessions or have made arrangements to do so with the trainers (who include Des Broom, Mike Langham and Ted Smith). These sessions are an integral part of our member safety requirements which aim to provide Members with the competencies necessary to safely operate equipment. In addition to any responsibility the Shed has in this regard, it is incumbent upon each Member to make sure that he is competent to use Shed equipment as we don't want accidents to happen.

SHED CLOSURE DATES

The Shed will be closed for:-

- (a) EASTER on Friday 15th, Saturday 16th and Monday 18th April.
- (b) ANZAC DAY on Monday, 25th April.
- (c) LABOUR DAY on Monday, 02 May.

END OF MONTH BBQ

Last Friday of the Month (29th April)

- ★ Guest speakers for this month will be librarians from the Sunnybank Hills Library.
- ★ Volunteers to assist with the cooking of the BBQ are needed for this task.

BULLETIN

FRIDAY, 08 APRIL

1. A Garden clean-up morning is being held to:-
 - (a) Weed the beds around the immediate Shed area;
 - (b) Cut down and remove the agave plants along the carpark frontage of the woodwork shed;
 - (c) Cut up and remove parts of the tree that fell over during the very wet weather a month ago;
 - (d) Tidy the lawn areas in the immediate areas around the Shed.

It is suggested that hats, long pants and long-sleeved shirts be worn to protect the skin from the plants, tree foliage and sun.

Cutting down and removal of the agave plants will be quite dangerous because of the spikes, and this task will be performed by only a few selected men using steel-blade grass cutters. A trailer will be used exclusively to transport the remains of this plant to the dump.

A couple of chain-saws would be handy to cut up the fallen tree.

2. The annual termite/pest inspection will be conducted by our friends at "The Bug Guy" that morning as well.
3. Geoff Curtis will be giving us a talk on his experiences as our representative at the recent AMSA Annual Gathering at morning tea.

GIANT STEP FORWARD

Rob J announced to Members at morning tea this week that, very sadly and suddenly, the Congregation of the Sunnybank Uniting Church was dissolved by the South Moreton Presbytery as from 3pm last Saturday (26 March).

Rob J became aware of this development earlier in the week. The immediate action was to try to contact an appropriate person (or people) from the Uniting Church South Moreton Presbytery to ensure that the Shed's occupation of part of the land associated with the Sunnybank Uniting Church would be unaffected by the decision to dissolve the Sunnybank Congregation.

The result of these telephone discussions was that our Shed would be operating as normal and would be unaffected by the Presbytery's decision.

We have been informed that the toilets used by Shed Members would be left unlocked and that our main key (to enter the metalwork shed) would remain in our possession. Also the Presbytery officers would work with SCDMS towards giving certainty to our future use of the land where our sheds are situated.

Going forward, we will continue to use the small sheds in the community garden area for storage etc. We will request that these be included as our responsibility in a new agreement with the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust which will be negotiated. An undertaking was given that the Shed Day Supervisor will conduct an external check of the Church building once during each shed session.

SNIPPETS

Owen P and Tony W have COMPLETED A HUGE CLEAN UP OF THE METALWORK SHED. This shed looks neat and tidy for the first time in many months

SPLINTER PLAYED SATURDAY 2/4/22 AND OLD CHISEL WILL PLAY SATURDAY 9/4/22. Come along & have a listen to our talented members.

GRASS CUTTING AROUND THE SHED has been carried out to the delight of residents in Carramar adjacent to Shed area, as well as making the area much cleaner. There is still plenty of work to be done.

DONATIONS RECEIVED



REPCO

During the first week of the month our shed received a donation, from Repco, of **five tool chests**. They had slight damage so couldn't be sold. Ted is making the arrangements to utilise them to make the shed work spaces more flexible and therefore safer. Any surplus will be offered to other sheds.

This is the second such donation from Repco. We received four similar ones which were repaired by the metal shop and are being utilised in various areas in the shed.

CLUB SOUTHSIDE

Our shed has just had a **\$300.00** donation from the Club Southside, on Mt Gravatt Capalaba road just down from Garden City. Please support this Club as Mike L is in the process of submitting a grant to Club South Side for a 20 tonne Hydraulic Press for the "Metal Shed".

PROJECT COMPLETION

Recently the shed was asked to make a special pool pump cover. After a few measurements were taken a number of members joined forces to complete a reasonable large cover. The frame is timber with corrugated steel sheeting covering the structure.



Cutting & trimming of the metal gave a number of members (*mainly the peanut gallery*) ear ache and a constant calling to stop the noise (*all in good fun*).

The finale product was well received by our client.

A big thanks to all members who were involved in this project. I am told that Des B was the project manager on this one.

Pics show the finished product with installers Des B & Peter G with a very happy client.



HELP REQUIRED

Members are required to assist with construction of a project making mud kitchens? I expect it could take over a 6-8 week period for completion so I'm seeking reliable members to commit 1-2 days per week. If they could **contact me** direct on **0413742868** or alternatively, **see me in person** at The Shed. **Peter Graham**.

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP MEETINGS

These are held on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** afternoons at the Sunnybank Hills Library.

Come along and share stories about yourself and your family, and learn some research techniques.

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