



SUNNYBANK DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED

*Men Working Shoulder to Shoulder
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DECEMBER 2022 SHED NEWS

Presidents Report

While we would all like to think that Covid-19 is no longer a threat, unfortunately that's not the case. It is true - and reassuring - that the risks to our health posed by this highly infectious virus are far more manageable now than they were two years ago. However the risks have not been reduced to zero and experts predict more Covid - 19 waves over coming months and even years as new variants of the virus spread through local communities. For that reason, we must be careful to maintain COVID vigilance and not to fall back into pre-COVID-19 habits. Therefore the shed will not be changing any of our morning tea protocols. It has been agreed by the committee that we will continue to serve individual packs of biscuits and milk etc. It is also necessary to continue to bring your own cup for morning tea as all cups have been removed from the kitchen. A small number of paper cups are available in the pantry for visitors.

On the 25th November we had our shed Christmas lunch with over 70 members & guests. Our shed band Splinter played throughout the afternoon. All-in all we had great time, with thanks to shedder Burt and the Algester Sports Club. Also thanks to Bunnings Acacia Ridge for supplying a range of door prizes.

I am looking forward to a great 2023 at our shed with a number of events being planned.

I will take this opportunity to wish shed members, their families and our supporters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Machine Accreditation

David Lack & Fred Hill have developed a system to have a coloured dot to indicate accreditation to use the equipment in the Sunnybank Men's Shed for both the Woodwork and Metalwork areas.

The AMSA Men's Shed Health and Safety document has been thoroughly reviewed and if we were to follow their guide to the letter little work would be achieved, and the members would not be too enthusiastic to endorse. Therefore this document has been used as a guide to formulate a OH&S policy more suited to our requirements. There will be three coloured dots (to separate the Wood working and the Metal working areas) on our name tags

Yellow:

All hand tools which are considered low risk with little, or no training required.

Blue:

Wood Workshop area. Equipment and items which are considered medium risk and are being used by a person who has been assessed as competent, is familiar with their use and requires minor supervision. It is likely that Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is needed and must be used. Safety guards must be in place prior to use. This includes all powered bench tools and powered hand tools which if misused would likely cause personal injury.

Machine Accreditation (Cont)

Red:

Metal Workshop area. Equipment and items which are considered medium risk and are being used by a person who has been assessed as competent, is familiar with their use and requires minor supervision. It is likely that Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is needed and must be used. Safety guards must be in place prior to use. This includes all powered bench tools and powered hand tools which if misused would likely cause personal injury.

It is expected that all members will have a yellow dot. It is also felt that the use of a battery powered drill should be included for the yellow dot.

The blue and red will be used in addition when the member has been assessed as competent to use the equipment for that respective area. It is important that members understand the reason for introduction of this system that it is about the safe operation of equipment and personal safety. The induction/assessment is a requirement of our insurance. We need this documented and maintain updated Shed records to be compliant with our insurance policy.

The level of training provided is basic. Members should be encouraged to ask for advice and assistance from other Shedders and work with a buddy. (This happens most of the time)

A regular training day on Thursday has been commenced, you simply need to add your name to the list on the white board and turn up to shed on Thursday morning

Shed Christmas Lunch

The shed Christmas Lunch was held on Friday 25th November with over 70 attendees. We had a visit from James Martin MP who showed some good humour and join in our fun. Shed band Splinter entertained us for the afternoon. A big thank you goes out to all those who made this a great day. Shed stalwart and tireless volunteer Des B was awarded Shedder of the year. Quite Achiever Awards were presented to John Morrison (for his test & tag work) and Glen Marchant (a great all round shedder)



Des Broom Shedder of the year.
Presented by immediate Past
President Rob Johnson



Guest James Martin MP



John Morrison Quite Achiever



Shed band Splinter who played
the afternoon away with some
great old favs

SHED XMAS CLOSURE
SHED XMAS BREAK
The shed will close on Friday
23rd December & reopen
Monday 9th January

Shed Christmas Lunch Members & Guests



Plenty of fun amongst these pics of members & guests and the 2022 Christmas Lunch

Shed Project



There never seems to be a shortage of projects at the Sunnybank Men's Shed. Recently Bunnings Acacia Ridge asked the shed to make them a holder for plastic table covering material. Their wish was answered and here is the finished job being presented to Bunnings AO Renay Sharp by shedder Burt Beaumont. A big thank you for the donation of Bunnings vouchers that we will be using wisely. If you would like us to make something to help you at home or in your small business please contact the shed between 8.00am & 12 noon Mon to Fri on 0493 369 198

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