



SUNNYBANK AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED Inc.

*MEN WORKING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER
BUILDING COMMUNITIES*

AUGUST 2023 SHED NEWS

Presidents Report...

Here we are in August already and I'm still getting over Xmas. The month of July was a very busy time for myself and the committee. The 10th Birthday Bash was organised as well as a Bunnings BBQ on the 30th July, thanks to those who attended and helped with the transport etc. A special thanks to Brian S for helping out with supplies.

We also had a number of projects finished and new ones started, so there is plenty to do for the members that like to keep active & help out. As we draw closer to our AGM the committee is hopeful of receiving some positive news about our agreement with the U.C. and securing the future of the shed. We will keep members informed as this process continues.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Balance of Bank account – \$ 9,299
- Balance of Debit Card A/c – \$ 1,257
- Balance of Special Purpose A/c – \$ 1,448
- Balance of Term Deposit #1 – \$ 10,592
- Balance of Term Deposit #2 – \$ 22,090
- Balance of Gift Cards – \$ 450
- Total cash available – \$ 45,135

1. Income for June 2023 amounted to \$6,637.

Expenditure was \$3,908.

Income included a grant of \$2,750 from The Department of Industry for purchase of outdoor chairs. Major expenditure items included purchase of Shed shirt stocks (\$770) plus power and hand tools using funds from the Bendigo Bank grant.

2. Attendance fees for June were \$1,217. The average weekly Shed attendance was 102 members. Average weekly attendance for the months of May and April were 95 and 83..

3. Membership fees for the new fiscal year are being collected. An initial monthly lease payment of \$100 was made to the Moreton Presbytery of the Uniting Church in Australia.

4. The June Profit & Loss Report and the Balance Sheet Report were also tabled to the committee and accepted

BRIAN SHEPPARD – Treasurer

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE



Sam Robinson is our current Vice President. Born, raised and educated in Northern Ireland he graduated as a teacher but never taught prior to emigrating to Australia in 1969.

On arrival in Queensland, he was quickly appointed to a teaching position at Ipswich North State School, and had just taken on a Year 4 class in the same week that man landed on the moon. Having majored in Drama (with a strong interest in stage lighting and sound) whilst at university, he soon sought out the local theatre group in Ipswich (Ipswich Little Theatre Society), where Sam met up with a young actor named Geoff Curtis. So, it was with a lot of joy that the relationship was renewed some 50 years later, when Sam joined the Sunnybank Men's Shed in January 2019.

Although not ever having been a tradie or being very talented in woodwork or metal work, Sam has always been interested in people and in music – two areas that present great opportunities for him at the Men's Shed.

Sam has worked not only as a teacher, but also as a Radio announcer and salesperson and as a lecturer for AIR-TV, helping to train people for all aspects of the radio and TV industry.

He has also been a manager of a unit developing distance education materials for Education Queensland for many years. This began with the overseeing of the development and production of materials being distributed to isolated students around the State and even overseas, on cassette tapes, videotapes, CDs, DVDs and DVD-ROMS as each new piece of technology became available

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

It has been noted that a number of members are performing work without using PPE. All the protection and safety equipment is supplied by the shed and must be worn when performing work in and around the shed.



All supervisors have been advised to remind members that they should be wearing PPE when performing tasks that require protection. This is for your own safety as well as the safety of all members.

**It cannot be stressed enough that
PPE EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE & IS TO BE USED.**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL WAS DUE
FOR ALL MEMBERS ON JULY 1ST 2023**

Payments can be made to the supervisor
by cash or card.

Please ensure that you receive a receipt.

SHED AGM

**ALL MEMBERS ARE ADVISED
THAT OUR AGM WILL BE HELD
ON FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER.**

**ALL POSITIONS WILL BECOME VACANT
& MEMBERS CAN NOMINATE
FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS
USING THE CORRECT
NOMINATION FORM**

VALE GRAHAM McMILLAN

It is with a heavy heart that I must report the loss of shed member, **Graham McMillan** who passed away suddenly after a short illness. Our thoughts go out to Graham's family. Graham joined the shed in 2016 and was 83yrs old.

DES BROOM — LIFE MEMBERSHIP

On Friday 28th July Des Broom was presented with Life Membership of the Sunnybank District Community Men's Shed. Des is a founding father of our shed having been involved since the idea was hatched by the Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch in 2007. Des, a retired RAAF fitter, school teacher & volunteer, has worked tirelessly for the shed.

CONGRATULATIONS DES ON A JOB WELL DONE.



10TH BIRTHDAY BASH

Our 10th Birthday Bash is over and if I may say so it was an outstanding success. We had 80 members & guests in attendance and from the feedback I have had everyone enjoyed themselves. Our guests included Graham Perrett MP, James Martin MP and representing Cr Kim Marx was Michelle Allsop. John Greatrex, the president of QMSA was also present as well as Grant Fraser & Greg Rowe from the Uniting Church Robert Lippiatt, Sunnybank RSL was an apology. Paul Micheals introduced a video on the history of our shed which he & Murray Mills produced. Des Broom and Ian Holtz spoke of their experiences since they and others developed the shed in-conjunction with the Sunnybank Sub Branch of the RSL.

More pics & stories later in this newsletter

AUGUST MONTHLY BBQ

The last Friday of August is the 25th, and as usual we will have a BBQ and a guest speaker. Our speaker seeker David W has been able to book Senator Paul Scarr, Deputy Opposition Whip in the senate, to speak to us on the NO vote for the Voice referendum. Many members were present when Graham Perrett MP addressed us on the YES vote. It will be interesting to listen and discuss this subject with Senator Scarr. This month will also be the first opportunity we have had to use our new BBQ, so I hope to see as many members as possible coming along. As normal this will be a \$5.00 day and a light lunch will be supplied.

THANK YOU FROM DES BROOM

I would like to express my gratitude to all members of the shed honoring me with Life Membership. It is not something that I strived for but it certainly is humbling. I will continue to support members for as long as I am able. It gives me a sense of satisfaction helping others. This leads me to follow-up on my speech from Friday 28th at the function – VOLUNTEERING. Joining a Men's Shed is not just helping yourself. It is helping the community, it is helping others. Volunteering is an Australian way of life. Thank you to those members who volunteer at 'OUR SHED' – committee members, supervisors project organisers, those who work on projects, fund raising, BBQ helpers, rubbish disposal, machinery maintenance personnel, those who order our morning tea supplies, those who keep the grounds tidy, etc, etc. A special "THANK YOU" to all those members (you all know who you are) who volunteered to start a committee to begin planning and developing the Sunnybank District Community Men's Shed INC. So I say to our members – Step outside your comfort zone do something at the shed that you didn't think you were capable of. You too will reap the rewards.



Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for a short time and come out wrinkle free



and two sizes smaller

BUNNINGS BBQ – 30/7/23

A big thank you to all members who helped make this BBQ a success,



12 members were rostered on at different times of the day, with 4 members per shift.

I am told that we needed to send out for more sausages and bread just after the lunch time rush, always a good sign.

Our profit for the day was just over \$1200.00. An amount that will offset some of our monthly costs.

Thanks to the members on the morning and afternoon shifts for getting the trailer to Bunnings and packing up and taking everything back to the shed.

Special thanks to Brian S for his efforts.

AUGUST MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

Jim Knight

Fred Hill

Peter Tyquin

Owen Lucas

Burt Beaumont

Peter Graham

Jake Hamilton

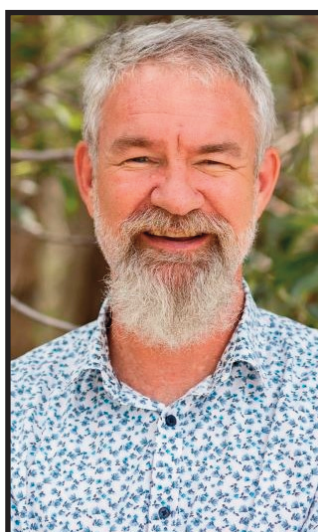
George Dixon

Wayne Aquilizan

QMSA — REGIONAL CO-ODINATOR INITIATIVE

By now many of you have met Frank Pearce, our Regional Coordinator. The Men's Sheds Regional Coordinators Initiative is an Australian government program that aims to support and promote the establishment and development of men's sheds throughout the country.

The program provides funding to hire regional coordinators who work with men's sheds in their area to help them access resources, improve their facilities and activities, and build relationships with their communities. Frank is available to help all sheds in Queensland (irrespective of their membership status) with:



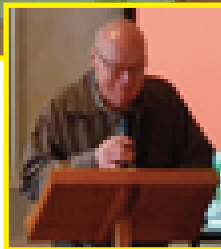
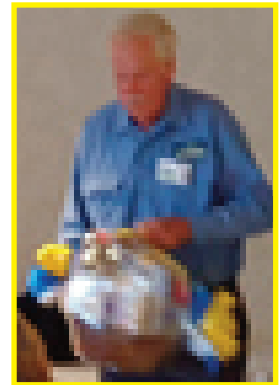
- Providing health and wellbeing information and resources

- Seeking funding from National Shed Development Programme
- Forming partnerships with health providers
- Helping sheds to organise and promote regional health events to benefit men and their communities
- Making sure grant information and applications are available to men's sheds.

Through this initiative, the government aims to promote social connectedness and community participation among men, reduce social isolation and loneliness, and improve men's mental health and wellbeing.

Frank can be contacted on 0427 646 776 or at regionalcoordinator@qmsa.org.au

10th BIRTHDAY BASH — 28/7/23



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