



# SUNNYBANK AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED Inc.

*MEN WORKING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER  
BUILDING COMMUNITIES*

## JULY 2023 SHED NEWS

### Presidents Report...

The modern Men's Shed movement started in Australia in 1998 when the first community men's shed was founded at Tongala in country Victoria. Since then the movement has expanded rapidly with over 1200 sheds now spread throughout Australia (*more sheds than there are McDonalds stores*) And many more throughout the world.

#### BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR SHED

The idea of a Men's shed in Sunnybank was first an idea by the then committee at the Sunnybank RSL sub branch, however the cost of building a fit for purpose shed proved too costly after including all the council requirements. Through the continued efforts of the RSL members the Sunnybank Uniting Church offered the use of an old 'bus shed' (*now the metal work shed*). The Sunnybank Men's Shed now had a place to call home in 2013.

This year we celebrate 10 years with a cluster of sheds located beside the Uniting Church carpark. On the 28th July we will celebrate with a Birthday Bash at the Sunnybank Sports Club to celebrate our success and swap stories of by-gone years.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Income for May 2023 amounted to \$5,201. Expenditure was \$3,514. Income included grants of \$2272 from Bendigo Bank and \$1000 from Australia Post

1. Major expenditure items were All Risks Insurance: \$849 and 18 volt power tools for the Metal Shed: \$996.
2. Attendance fees for May were \$1,099. The average weekly Shed attendance was 95 members. Average weekly attendance for the months of April and March were 83 and 93
3. Our first electricity bill since the Solar PV system was installed on 23rd February has been received. The bill amount was \$100.35. For the 3 week period prior to 23rd February the electricity cost was \$29.70 per week. For the 10.3 weeks from 23rd February, the cost was \$15.20 per week which was offset by the Solar feed-in to the grid mounting to \$14.10 per week, giving a net cost of \$1.10 per week.

*Brian Sheppard - Treasurer*

### KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE



Thought we could start a small section each month introducing committee members. As I have not discussed this with any members I thought I would start by giving everyone some background on our President – Geoff Curtis. Brisbane born and bred, Geoff grew up in Morningside and attended Cannon Hill State School before going onto Balmoral High.

During year 9 at Balmoral Geoff moved to Ipswich and attended Bremer High and does not have fond memories of Bremer. After finishing year 10 Geoff obtained an apprenticeship as a print machinist at a local company. Geoff is married, lives in Stretton and has 3 sons and 8 grand children. Geoff attended night school to graduate with a Bachelor of Business and rose to management positions in the print industry with a career spanning 47 years. In his youth Geoff played sport and rode his push bike everywhere, his hobbies included repairing and selling old bikes, trying to learn guitar and acting. Geoff joined the Ipswich Little Theatre in 1966 where he performed in a number of plays and directed one play and even won a place to attend NIDA in Sydney, however Geoff's Dad would not agree for him breaking his printing apprenticeship. It was at this time that Geoff met Sam Robinson, now a shed member and Vice-President, renewing their friendship some 40+ years later. Geoff enjoys the friendship and activities at the shed and hopes to continue as a member well into the future.

### OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

Whilst wearing a hard hat is not mandatory within the Mens Shed, this is a timely reminder to wear some head protection when doing work around the home.

*Any function performed requiring the use of:-*



- a step ladder
- cleaning gutters
- cleaning windows
- painting

Consider also wearing, for example, a bicycle helmet. It may save your life or minimise serious or permanent head injury.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS 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 BIRTHDAY BASH

### ALL MEMBERS & GUESTS

are invited to attend

The Sunnybank Men's Shed

## 10th Birthday Bash

on

Friday July 28th

at

The Sunnybank Community Sports Club,  
McCullough St Sunnybank.

**COMMENCING AT 11.30AM**

Members \$25 non Members \$30.00

## BUNNING'S BBQ

### SUNNYBANK SHED HAS BEEN OFFERED A FUNDRAISING BBQ AT BUNNING'S ACACIA RIDGE ON 30TH JULY

To run a successful BBQ we need as many people as possible to help. From previous experience a total of 12 members are required over 3 sessions during the day.

A **BBQ co-ordinator** is also required to purchase the food and manage the activity throughout the day (*ensuring that members arrive for their shift & supplies do not run out*).

Typically the day starts at:-

**7.30am** picking up the trailer and BBQ tools and setting up at Bunning's

The shifts are:-

**Morning:** 7.30-11.00; **Midday:** 11.00-2.00pm;

**Afternoon:** 2.00 - 5.00pm returning trailer & equipment to the shed.

*Please register your willingness to help by adding your name to the notice board*

## NEW EQUIPMENT

Members will notice a new BBQ at the shed. This was purchased from BBQ's Galore with grant money from Australia Post and some left over funds from the First-Aid course. A number of new chairs have also been ordered and will be stored in a locked area previously housing the blue trailer. Both trailers will be kept in the garden area. Recently a range of battery powered hand tools were purchased from AEG. Most of the plug in hand tools have been replaced. The committee will continue to look at equipment required and source our needs from reputable suppliers.

## POSITION VACANT

The committee is seeking a member or two to be the **shed photographer & photo librarian** and save all pics to a central file that can be accessed in the future.

**This includes:** taking photo's of projects, shed activities and our guest speakers.

Please contact Geoff on **0421 376 097** or email president @sunnybankshed.org

## GUEST SPEAKER

Our End of Month Friday BBQ & guest speaker was held on 30/06 and attended by 30+ members. Our guest speakers, arranged by David W, were from The Black Dog Ride and spoke to us about the organisation and the motor bike-fundraising rides they do around Australia.

Thanks to Jeff & Trevor from Black Dog Ride for their time



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### BUG GUY

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