



SUNNYBANK DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED

*Men Working Shoulder to Shoulder
Building Communities*

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JUNE 2023 SHED NEWS

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

OUR SHED

The idea of a Men's Shed in Sunnybank was first an idea of the Sunnybank RSL branch, however the cost of building a shed proved expensive after including all the council regulations. Through RSL members and the Sunnybank Hills Uniting Church the use of an old bus shed was offered. The Sunnybank Men's Shed at last had a place to call home in 2013

A small number of men moved equipment (mostly donated) into the "new" shed and activities commenced quickly attracting more & more members to today's level of 126 members in 2013.

This year we celebrate 10years with a cluster of sheds located beside the Uniting Church car park in Hillcrest St. On the 28th July we will celebrate with a party at the Sunnybank Sports Club where we will celebrate our successes and swap stories of those early days

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 back ground on our President – **Geoff Curtis**

Geoff is Brisbane born and bred, growing up in Morningside and attending Cannon Hill State School before going onto Balmoral High.

~~During year 9 at Palmerston North Geoff moved to Ipswich and attended Bremer High and does not have found memories of Bremer. After finishing year 10 Geoff obtained an apprenticeship as a print machinist at a local company. At 20 years of age Geoff married, lived at Goodna and fathered 2 sons, all while attending night school to graduate with a Bachelor of Business. Geoff rose to management positions in the print industry with a career spanning 47 years. Geoff, like most boys played sport and rode his push bike everywhere, his hobbies included repairing & selling old bikes, trying to learn guitar and acting. Geoff joined the Ipswich Little Theatre 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 to him braking 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 continuing as a member well into the future.~~

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. 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

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

HEAD PROTECTION



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 or extension ladder like:

- * 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.

NEW EQUIPMENT

Members will notice a new BBQ at the shed. This was purchased from BBQ's Galore with a grant received from Australia Post and some left over funds from the First Aid course. A number of new chairs have also been purchased and will be locked away every day in the area previously housing the blue trailer. Both trailers are now kept in the garden area. Recently a range of tools was sourced from AEG making most of our hand tools battery powered. The shed committee will continue to look at equipment required and source our needs from reputable companies

Sunnybank Shed Birthday Bash.

2023 is the 10th Anniversary of our shed

To celebrate we are holding a Birthday Bash on July 28th at The Sunnybank Community Sports Club, McCullough St Sunnybank.

Commencing at 11.30am

Members \$25 non Members \$30.00

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.**

BUNNINGS BBQ

The shed has been offered a BBQ by Bunnings Acacia Ridge on the 30th July.

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

A **BBQ coordinator** is also required to purchase the necessary food for the day and ensure that the product is available all day. Typically the day starts about 7.30am with the members on the morning shift setting up. The day is broken into morning shift 7.30am – 11.00am Mid day shift 11.00am – 2.00pm and afternoon shift from 2.00pm to 5.00pm and returning all equipment to the shed. Register your willingness to help on the notice Board.

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POSITION VACANT!!!!

I am seeking a member, or two, to be our shed photographer and photo librarian and save ALL photos to a central hard drive that we can readily access.

Please contact Geoff C on 0421 376097 or email president@sunnybankshed.org