



SUNNYBANK AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED Inc.

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JANUARY 2024 SHED NEWS

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Here we are in January 2024, I hope all our members have had a good break and enjoyed some family time. I am not big on New Year resolutions so as a rule I never make them. However, I do set goals and I have a number of goals that I hope to achieve for the shed this year. Upon the return to the shed on the 8th January we need to get some activities started, members will notice a list on the white board of a few activities with a members name along side them, before starting any of these jobs please speak to the member nominated, this will ensure everyone is "on the same page" and we can cross the activities off as they are completed.

As you are all aware we have two shed music groups 'Old Chisel' & 'Splinter' The driving force behind 'Old Chisel V1.0' was a shed member named Ron (Ginger) Baker, unfortunately we lost Ron just before Christmas and our condolences go out to Ron's family. I recall Ron from my early days in the music scene in Brisbane, however, he was not even an acquaintance, let alone a friend, that is, until he joined the shed & we spoke about music and realised we each knew people from that era. I always enjoyed Ron talking about the bands he saw live in the UK before he moved to Australia and listening to him play the music he loved 'The blues'. As the years go by we can remember those members who have joined the big shed in the sky, and how they enriched our lives and the community.

Over the break my wife, Filis, spent 14 days in hospital and I had a dose of the blues myself and realised what it is like to live alone. I now know what loneliness is; and I don't like it and my heart goes out to everyone who is left alone & I realise that the shed is much more than creating saw dust or metal filings, it's about comradeship and mateship. I look forward to a happy and fruitful 2024 for everyone.

Thank you

Geoff Curtis (President)

TREASURER REPORT FY 2023

NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2023

Total cash available - \$49,667

Income for November 2023 amounted to \$5,111 and included receipts of \$2,516 for a Bunnings BBQ manned by the Shed on Sunday 12th November. Grants from Sunnybank Community & Sports Club for \$670, and from BCC Lord Mayors' Community Fund for \$240 were received in November.

November expenses amounted to \$2,453. The Bunnings BBQ costs were \$781 which was partially offset by a grant of \$550 from the BCC Lord Mayors' Community Fund.

2. **Income for December** was \$2,135 with expenses amounting to \$2117. The Christmas lunch, held at the Shed premises on Friday 15th December, attracted an attendance of 66 members. The lunch expenses were \$1,037 of which \$406 was subsidized from Shed reserves.

3. Attendance fees for the months of November and December amounted to \$2,167. The average weekly Shed attendance for November was 104 members and for December was 115 members.

4. The Profit & Loss Reports for November and December and the Balance Sheet Report at 31st December 2023 are available from the treasurer.

Brian Shepherd (Treasurer)

FUND RAISING BUNNINGS BBQ

Sunnybank Men's Shed
BBQ at Bunnings Acacia Ridge

on

Saturday 20th January.

5 members for 3 shifts are required
Please add your name to the list on the
white board.

Rob Johnson is the organiser

SHED ACTIVITIES



In the latter part of 2023 Maurice M constructed a donation box for his son's wedding. The box was 100% hand made even the hinges and lock was fashioned out of metal by hand. The skill in our shed members always delights.



During 2023 shed member Graham D used our CNC router to cut out the shapes for bat cars. Above is Brett and others constructing & painting the cars. Cars were donated to charities through Cr Kim Marx

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CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP



The Christmas lunch, held at the Shed premises on Friday 15th December, attracted an attendance of 66 members. Thanks to the members who helped serve the food and to Warwick for the food purchasing. Thanks also to Cr Kim Marx for donating the plum pudding. One of our shed bands Old Chisel kept us entertained throughout the afternoon. A thank you to Pastor Levon for the bottles of wine.

Special Awards were presented to:-

Quite Achiever Awards - Graham Jenkins, Dave Cocker, Owen Parker, Daniel Henley
Shedder of the Year - Glen Marchant

VALE RON BAKER



On the 16th December 2023 we lost one of our members, Ron Baker, to the great music family in the sky. Ron was a great guitar player and was the driving force behind the establishment of both shed bands. Our condolences go to Ron's family & friends

MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

- Neil Bean
- Lance Blanch
- Roger Brown
- David Cocker
- Mark Everson
- Jon Fitzpatrick
- Neil Kurtz
- Ian Rossow
- Ted Smith



**Birthday Friday
12th January**

GRANDAD JOKES

Why did the golfer get a new pair of pants?

Because he got a hole in one

Why can't you hear a pterodactyl go to the bathroom?

Because the pee is silent

How do you make a tissue dance?

Put a little boogie in it

I don't often tell dad jokes.

But when I do, he laughs

What's a karate kids favourite drink?

Waataaaaaaa!

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon?

Great food, no atmosphere.

Why did the mushroom go to the party?

Because he was a fun-guy

GARDENING GROUP

Commencing Monday 15th January Damien Grace will be conducting a **gardening group** under the NDIS scheme. This is by no means off limits to other members and all are welcome. All members of this group will be shed members.

The group will operate from 12 noon to approx 3.00pm on Monday's so in theory this also gives members a chance to open other areas of the shed, providing we have a supervisor.

CNC & LASER CUTTER SHED

Over the coming months the old garden office will be converted to house the CNC Router & the Laser Cutter. Graham D is in the process of repairing a laser cutter donated to us by Mt Gravatt Shed.

To achieve this we need:

- 1 Everything currently stored in the shed needs to be removed and a new location found.
2. Power & light will be installed to the shed (Brian S is arranging).
3. When completed training for interested members will be available.

NEW SHED ACTIVITIES

Are you interested in any new activities for the shed? From reading other shed newsletters here are a few ideas of activities that we could consider:

1. Welding classes
 2. Cooking classes
 3. Learning the art of Bonsai
 4. Travel group (caravan/glamping)
 5. Fishing group
 6. Toy making (wood or metal)
 7. Car restoration
 8. Photography group
 9. Maintenance of gardening machinery
- If you are interested in these activities or if you have other ideas please see President Geoff.

SHED EQUIPMENT ETC

From time-to-time the shed has tools etc donated and are made available to members. The idea is that the items are not just thrown in the bin. However unless an item is on the bench and members are told they can have them. ALL shed equipment is just that, shed equipment. Under no circumstances are items to be sold or taken from shed premises without committee approval. - *President Geoff*

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Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri:— 8.00–12.00 ✕ *All trades and activities*
Thurs:— 8.00–12.00 ✕ *Toy making & woodwork activities*
Alternate Saturdays: ✕ *Music Groups "Splinter" ✕ "Old Chisel"*

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Chair Sam R

End of Month BBQ:

Chair: Warwick V/David W.

Fund Raising/Bunnings BBQ's:

Chair: Robert J

Each sub committee will have at least two members and report, in writing, to the committee each month. Please consider helping YOUR Shed.

**LOOKING FOR A MENS SHED?
 CALL IN AND WE WILL SHOW YOU AROUND
 AND HAVE A CUPPA AND CHAT**

Covered footwear is required