

# Whyalla men's Shed newsletter February 2014

Coming home after nearly two months away and going the Shed for the first time this year on Monday I couldn't believe what the Shedders have achieved during the past six to eight weeks. The amount of clean up and rubbish removed is amazing, 3 full skips not to mention a truck load of trees, branches, steel and rubble.

So what's been happening since December?

## **New members**

Our membership numbers are slowly creeping up. Welcome to the following chaps.

- J MacDonald
- M. Telker
- A. Main

## **Promotional**

New brochures have been printed with updates being made to the shed location and the committee members, as we have had a few original members resign from the committee for personal reasons (Bill Collins, Nick Harris) and we thank them for their support with getting things off the ground.

The Banners for the BBQ's and other events have finally arrived and were on show on Sunday at the Mitre 10 BBQ.

There are still hats and aprons available for purchase at \$6 and \$12 each, likewise there are two shirts remaining, in large and 2xl, both are \$12 each.

Any new stock to be ordered (shirts, hats and aprons) will be at full price instead of the reduced prices, so get in quick to avoid this.

Any shirt orders need to be given to C. Oosterbroek, and once enough are needed an order will be placed

## **Membership fees**

We're trying to get everyone's membership into sync with the June 30 financial year. So any new members and those of you in arrears will soon receive an invoice for amounts outstanding (prorata) until the end of June. Members who have joined recently and paid for a full year will have any additional money credited on a prorata basis to the next financial year. At the end of June 2014, all members will receive a new invoice for the 2014-2015

with the option to pay for a full year or quarterly. Those opting for quarterly payments will then receive quarterly invoices thereafter.

Please be aware that if you are not financial you are not covered by our insurance and cannot therefore do any work or use any tools in the shed.

### **Relocation from Knight Street**

The members decided early this year to start to meet at the new William Street site rather than at Knight Street. As a result we are in the process of shifting things from the old site to the new one. Many thanks again to our friends at Life Without Barriers for their continuing support for the Whyalla Men's Shed.

### **Shed days**

This is a bit of a moving feast at present because so many of you are keen to see the work on the new site move forward apace. Unless the weather is extreme (40° C or more) the shed is open on Wed and Thursdays from at least 10-12:00. Members are welcome to go to the shed at other times providing there are no less than two people at any one time. If you happen to be driving past and you see the gate open, then pop inside to see what is going on. Where possible in the future we will send an email out advising when members will be working at William Street.

We have billy boiling, tea, coffee, milk and biscuits and some spring water on tap – \$2:00 subs on the day as usual.

### **Termites**

Termite control has been completed. There are some termite affected door jambs that need to be removed and replaced.

### **Windows and doors**

We have security grills now on the front entrance and on all west and south facing windows. These still need to be painted as do the fascias and windows. Most of the broken glass has now been removed and there is a lot of glass to be replaced. Once all external painting is done and the doors at the rear southern side have been replaced we will do the glazing work. Other external doors are also being repaired.

### **Power and plumbing**

We have a couple of generators on loan until the power is reconnected. Despite asking most of the electrical contractors in the town to quote we have had limited interest in the work. This is a big job due to the age of the premises and the vandalism over the years. It will also be more expensive than we had first thought. Notwithstanding, we expect electrical work to commence in the next 10 days and with the help of a contractor supported by some of our

*ex-sparky* members, we hope to have the first stage completed by about mid-march. Further upgrades will be subject to additional funds.

Toilets facilities are a bit dubious at the moment and reserved for no. 1's only! The plumbing contractor should be starting this week and we are hoping to have this work completed by end February, including installation of the disabled toilet and hand basin. We'll be looking for people with good tiling skills and some spare floor and wall tiles thereafter!

### **Shed projects**

- Shuffle boards were completed and presented to Copperhouse Court for the patient's pleasure. Thanks to John Cagney for the materials and Gary for the equipment to make them and to the Shedders who excelled in their new found skills, eh Ken!
  - Peter Medicott has arranged for an official presentation of the Shuffleboards made by WMS to Copperhouse Court & Annie Lockwood residential villages. Those involved in their construction are invited to attend on February 19<sup>th</sup> 2014. Contact Peter or Brian for details.
- Bird tower completed and supplied. The birds were very impressed.
- Members also came up with some new designs for trays and cheese boards using some spotted gum, Tassie oak and pine.

### **Fundraising**

Bob's Mitre 10 has generously given us seven BBQ fundraising opportunities in 2014. The first was in January ably serviced by Malcolm Roberts, Jules Melder, Terry Brown and Gary Misan. The second was last Sunday with Malcolm, Roberts Terry Brown, Ken Godden, Bob Melville and Gary Misan. The next BBQ is on March 9<sup>th</sup> and we will have a roster for future BBQ's just in case anyone feels they will be missing out on an opportunity to hone their BBQing, tasting or customer service skills.

### **Opening of Port Pirie Shed**

The Uniting Church has invited us to the opening of their new Shed on Thursday March 6th from 10.00 to 12.00. We must RSVP by 27/2/2014 so please contact me to express your interest by the 24<sup>th</sup> February latest.

### **Donations received**

- Three tool storage cupboards and a Flash screen for the welding bay from Rob BUTT
- Wooden pallets from Aztec Glass
- Hardwood posts from Gary Brown
- Kitchen bench top from Custom Kitchens
- Flat screen TV from John & Julie Drake

- BBQs from Leo Chur-Hansen and John Visi
- Makita Circular Saw from Paul Holmes
- Kitchen cabinets (second hand) from Sue and David Adams.

#### **Web site**

- The Whyalla Men's Shed webpage should be up and running in the next few weeks

#### **Management committee meetings**

- The January meeting was cancelled due to little progress occurring over the Christmas break
- The February meeting is on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm

The efforts of a few certainly have made a huge difference to the progress toward a working Men's Shed for Whyalla and they should feel proud of their efforts. I feel sure that our numbers will continue to grow from the current 29 as things become shipshape and we can show folks what they can do with both mind and hand.

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#### **STOP PRESS:**

#### **LOST CHAIRS**

Nick Harris accidentally picked up someone else's chairs after the WMS Christmas party at Gary Misan's place. Nick's chairs are blue Director type chairs. If someone is missing their chairs please let me know so I can arrange for Nick to swap them over.