

Whyalla Men's Shed Newsletter July 2014

Will the weather warm up enough for us not to need the wood fire connected??

New Members

- Welcome to the new member Wayne Hugo.
- A reminder to pay your membership dues by end of July please. If you are not financial you are not covered by insurance and you can't use the workshop.

Grants

- We have submitted an application to the Eyre Peninsula Community Foundation for the funds to safely connect all the new machinery to the recommended standards as we learnt during the Safety Forum in Mitcham.

Promotional materials

- The new sign for the front of the building has been attracting people walking in to make enquiries regarding membership and what we can do for them. Thanks to the Monarch pharmacy group for their sponsorship of the sign.
- Whyalla Men's Shed shirts, aprons and bucket hats are available in a range of sizes. See Kevin at the Shed to purchase the items you want and inform him if your size is not there, we can then reorder additional stock.
- Progress is being made to ensure we have enough stock of wooden and other items for sale at next Westland Shopping Centre promotion, on September the 11th 2014. Thanks to Ken Godden for taking this on.

Repairs in progress

- The metal workers are now able to forge ahead with the manufacture of some benches and security screens on the north side.
- Tiling of the kitchen is now complete, thanks Neil; the finished item is most professional.
- Looks like we can't find the elusive door handle for the completion of the kitchen cupboards (if it reappears please let Gary know eh!!)
- Still no one stepping up to the plate to make some treats for brew time and with Gary busy at work during the week there haven't been scones for a few weeks. Come on Aussie, Come on.
- The gutters have been removed on the northern side of the building ready to clean the debris off the roof before commencing the preparation prior to the paint crew attacking the facias.
- The first stage of the carpet laying in the computer and games room is now complete. Thanks to Gary for supplying the carpet and to Len and others for helping John Kemp the carpet layer.
- We could do with some curtains in the games and computer rooms to keep prying eyes from seeing the equipment and being tempted to enter, any takers? We can cover the cost of material if there is anyone or any partners who is a dab hand with the sewing machine.

Management Committee meeting

The Management Committee had its regular monthly meeting on July 17th 2014.

Key items under discussion were-

- The Grand opening of the shed to be on Sunday 14th September 2014. This to be an open day for the general public and a fundraiser with food, drinks, products and garage sale of excess items. If anyone has any items to donate for sale please contact Bob Melville to list items for sale, Peter Medicott is arranging a new raffle, Ken will be coordinating shop made items for sale and Brian is in charge of coordinating formalities. **Watch this space.**
- Life Without Barriers fence repair (again) Wednesday July 30th at 10.00am at the LWB car park, Brian to purchase strapping and screws. Many hands make light work so please come along and lend a hand.
- Thanks to Bill Collins for the donated wood heater..we're looking into regulations for installation and getting quotes for flue components.
- More computers have been collected from Adelaide for sale to members and the public. Computers have a software license for Windows Vista. Cost to members .. \$50 as is or \$75 if you want the operating system and drivers loaded. Cost to non-members is \$100 as is or \$150 configured. Computers have a one month warranty (return to base). Speak to Kevin if you are interested.
- Funds are starting to run down so we need to be aware of what we are spending. Please discuss any proposed purchases with Kevin, Gary or Brian at the Shed; all expenditure must be approved then by Terry or Gary to ensure we don't over commit.
- Street signs for Shed on Norrie Avenue being investigated
- Fundraising with an approach to Woolworths Viscount Slim to be registered on their BBQ roster.
- Media coverage, this has been exceptional by the Whyalla News and Spencer Gulf TV.
- Improve induction and safety standard process for members which will need to be completed prior to using equipment.
- Hire of facilities, this matter was evaluated for future possible fundraising and community service, however security concerns were raised as to whom, what and when we could accommodate these requests. Brian to produce a draft document for the August meeting.
- Vehicle barrier at William Street. Due to vehicles using the footpath as an entry to the Chemist the new footpath has been damaged so we will erect a barrier to minimize this occurrence. We will be getting some good experience at the LWB car park caper eh!!!
- Jamestown Shed opening on the 10th July was attended by Gary and Brian who came away with a few ideas for our shed and our open day. The actual workshops are small but functional. Good opening with plenty of country food on offer.
- A regular 'social day' for the shed was proposed where the emphasis would be on social activities rather than making things. It was suggested this day might also be used for guest speakers or 'outings', a BBQ or similar food event, or darts or other friendly competitions.
- There was some discussion about reducing opening hours during the colder weather but this was not supported. Instead it was recommended that there be a roster for who would open and close the shed rather than rely on one or two people all the time. Brian / Kevin to co-ordinate.
- There haven't been many volunteers for our regular fundraising BBQs so the Committee decided a roster was in order. Brian to co-ordinate so that everyone does their fair share and we spread the load. In doing this no-one should have to do more than two BBQ's per year. They are fun and not hard work but it does require your time for about 4 hours on the day. Please support this fundraising activity.

November 2014

Didn't get any responses from the previous newsletter so do you want to get involved????

The Movember Foundation is a global men's health charity committed to changing the face of men's health. With an official presence in 21 countries, the Movember Foundation is committed to driving significant improvements for the prioritized men's health issues – prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health.

At the start of Movember, blokes take action by signing up with a clean shaven face and for the 30 days of November commit to growing a moustache. These selfless and generous men known as Mo Bros, groom, trim and wax their way into the annals of fine moustache. Mo Bros are supported by the women in their lives, affectionately known as Mo Sistas- together our Mo community raises money and awareness to change the face of Men's health.

With sprouting the new moustache, Mo Bros effectively become walking, talking billboards for the month. At the end of November the Movember community celebrates their Mo growing efforts either by joining in one of the official Movember Gala Parties held around the world or by hosting their own end of month with colleagues, friends or community groups.

Please indicate your support by registering with Brian during the month of August.

BBQ Vegies (a healthy alternative for Bob)

7 minutes preparation + 10 cooking
17 serves of vegies in this recipe

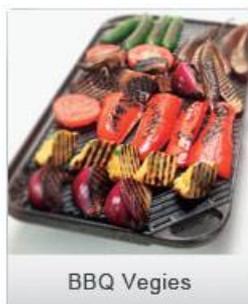
1 tablespoon olive oil
Juice of 1 lemon
1 large red onion, cut into wedges
3 flat mushrooms, sliced thick
3 baby eggplants, halved lengthways
3 baby zucchinis, halved lengthways
1 red capsicum, seeded and cut into six
3 yellow squash, halved
3 firm ripe tomatoes, halved
Olive or canola oil spray

Combine oil and juice in a small bowl. Brush vegetables with this mixture. Heat BBQ and lightly spray with oil. Barbecue vegetables until tender (about 10 minutes depending on thickness), turning after 5 minutes.

Serves 6.

Hint

Leave root end of onion in tact to avoid falling apart. If a barbecue is unavailable use a heavy pan with grill markings on a gas hotplate or place vegetables under a grill on a foil-covered tray, turning after 5 minutes.



BBQ Vegies

Today's Poem

Right now I really can't recall, how many times it's said,
That there's a special bond between a fellow and his shed.

This shed's been in the family for many a long long year,
And now finally I'm getting on I spend most days in here.

But I recall the time I was forbidden, as a boy,
To touch the shelves and rows of tools, that were Dad's pride and joy.

Yet once I was a teenager (no longer an unruly kid),
I learned to use and love the tools as much as dear Dad did.

On holidays from college I'd always come in here,
To savour the familiar smells, while knocking back a beer.

In due course I got wed and moved to some smart trendy place,
But how I wished I had a shed to call my private space.

My parents later passed away and as they always said,
Bequeathed to me my childhood home and Dad's beloved shed.

I've tried to keep it as it was when I was just a lad,
In some ways it's become a shrine - a homage to my Dad.

From time to time I patch it up to keep out all the weather,
And now it's just the gaffer tape that's holding it together.

Many's the time I snuck out here throughout my married life,
To get away from noisy kids, (and sometimes from the wife)

But now she's gone, the kids have left and I'm here on my own,
But I still find great solace here in my special comfort zone.

I S'pose it won't be very long until, I too am dead
But in the meantime I'm content to potter in my shed. **I.G.Fenner, New Milton, Hants.**

Notice

Paul Hogan (Crocodile Dundee) has offered the **members** of the Australian Men's Shed Association complimentary tickets to his show that will be at the Middleback Theatre on Saturday August 23rd 2014. We will have an allocation so please contact Brian should you wish to participate.

Brian Marshall

Whyalla Men's Shed Co-ordinator
brian.marshall2@unisa.edu.au

Mobile: 0408 849 653