

Whyalla Men's Shed Newsletter late July 2013

Good morning to all,

Well the reality of returning to Whyalla after seven weeks overseas has finally hit and lots have been happening in my absence. Please allow me to thank Gary & Chloe for maintaining the pressure while I was swanning around the US & Canada.

The steering committee met during June & July and the business arising is as listed below

- Our display for the Men's Shed at the Whyalla Male-Out Community Fun Day in June was very well received with many people taking brochures and expressing interest.
- The Wednesday and Thursday meetings from 10.00am to 12.00pm are working well at the Life Without Barriers premises 1-3 Knight Street, Whyalla Norrie. Use the side gate on the right hand side when you look at the building. **Please use common sense when parking and park cars in the paddock beside their car park please.**
- One Stop Carpets donated some old carpet to cover the gravel at Knight Street as the three corner jacks were damaging Peter's wheelchair tyres.
- LWB have asked us to assist with the preparation of a new car park once they have the materials available.
- Whyalla City Council has provided us with a \$500 grant to launch our Shed when it becomes a reality at the old Anglican Church at 55-59 Norrie Avenue.
- Lease arrangements are nearing completion and once these are finalised we will be able to proceed with getting the premises up to scratch.
- A web design is being prepared.
- We have a donated a pool table from LWB Pt Augusta and thanks to Barry Hale Removals for transporting it to Whyalla for us, for use by members once we are in.
- We have 14 paid up members of Whyalla Men's Shed Inc. to date.
- We are registered with the Australian Men's Shed Association and have Insurance coverage.
- There are three applications in the pipeline for grants from Federal & State Governments and the local Council.
- We now have a Post Office Box (2382 Whyalla Norrie) for correspondence, and the common seal of Incorporation.
- Some members and the President have prepared some flat pack projects for members to assemble at LWB with the materials being donated by Bob's Mitre 10 store.
- I am proceeding with the preparation of policies and procedures that will be required once we are up and running. These are in template form from AMSA so I don't have to reinvent the wheel.
- WMS has been offered a fundraising opportunity by joining other community groups as part of the crew that do the BBQ's at Bob's Mitre 10. Sunday Sept 1st, Sat Oct 5th and Sun Dec 1st have been allocated to us. Please contact me if you would like to assist Malcolm Roberts on these occasions.

I trust this note finds you in good spirits and we look forward to getting into our premises soon.

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