

Sunnybank District Community

Men's Shed Inc.

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Men in sheds, building communities, working shoulder to shoulder.

Newsletter : December 2013

Thank you , Clinton Dodge.

This month, we sadly say farewell to another shed member, Clinton Dodge.

Clinton passed away in November after a long battle with stomach cancer.

He served a term as Secretary on the

committee and when his health allowed him, became involved in many of the projects taking place at the time. His cheery manner will be remembered by many in the message he included in his Emails each time he circulated the monthly newsletters. He endured much during his sickness, but also gave much to the shed and its members. His fellow members held a minute of silence at the shed when we heard the news, as a mark of respect to one of our members. Thank you, Clinton, for the contribution you made during your time as a member.

The last shed day this year will be Friday 20th December and resumes on January 8th (Wednesday) .

The Christmas Break-up event will be held at the home of Daniel Stark. It will be a BBQ and will be a chance to relax and socialise away from the shed. Contact Dan if you haven't put you name down yet—ring him at 0404 983 502 or see him at the shed.

The committee wish all members and friends of the Sunnybank District Community Men's Shed a Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Open Day

The publicity was good; the Southern Star had "What's ON" reminders for the whole month before the big day; flyers were distributed in nearby letterboxes, and we were ready for a big day.

We didn't plan on 40 mm of rain as we intended setting up outside under the trees. We managed to set up under difficulties and



decided to put all the "for sale" items inside the shed. It was crowded but we succeeded in



displaying the goods . There were always 10 or more people inside at any time , more crowded when the rain eased occasionally. The sausage sizzle was held outside under a marquee and was well patronised during the morning. The Open Day was held to firstly celebrate our first year of operation, secondly to raise much needed funds (over \$500 was collected despite the heavy rain) and lastly to find out what our community expected of us. The last was realised as some of our visitors asked us to make special items for them.



Raymond demonstrated his hobby of violin making during the morning and attracted a lot of interest.

Under cover outside , the Lions had a table and were selling Christmas Cakes and puddings. Many of our visitors inquired about membership and indicated they would call in during the coming weeks . We were pleasantly surprised at the result of our Open Day and plan to hold two of them in 2014.



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Location : Hillcrest St, Sunnybank Hills— Adjacent to Sunnybank Uniting Church parking area.

Postal Address : Unit 5 ,62 Pinelands Road, Sunnybank Hills. QLD. 4109

This shed is the initiative of the Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch and the Sunnybank Uniting Church.



The shed had it's first Bunnings' B-B-Q on 10th November.

Under Phil's direction, a good turn-up of members worked tirelessly to feed the hungry shoppers while at the same time raising much needed funds (about \$500) for the shed . This event was held at Bunnings at Compton Rd. We hope to also be invited to do the same at Bunnings at Rocklea during 2014.

We recently had a visit from the events co-ordinator from the Rocklea stores. She was interested in the things we were doing and indicated some assistance might be forth coming from that store during next year.

Bunnings , with their Community Assistance Program, help many organisations such as ours with equipment when requested and financial assistance via means of sausage sizzles . They also involve us with some of their DIY workshops, held in their stores.

We look forward to a productive relationship with the Rocklea store and Michelle, their activities co-ordinator.



Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it is about learning to dance in the rain

Eleventh hour of the Eleventh day of the Eleventh month—We will remember them.

A team of Shed members , led by Bruce, assisted in the selling of poppies and badges to commemorate Remembrance day 2013.

The poppies were not available to us to sell during the first week but when they were available closer to the day , the interest and sales increased. We also had a better selling position during the second week at Sunnybank Hills Shopping town —right outside the Woolworths check out area.

A flower , common name "blood lily" , sits on my front



veranda for eleven months of the year doing nothing. But as November approaches, it springs into life , and on remembrance day, it also "remembered",

coming to life in full bloom , pretending to be larger than life Poppies.

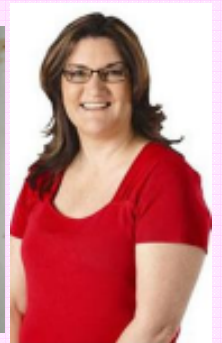
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International Men's Day

The inaugural International Men's Day was held in Trinidad and Tobago on November 19 in 1999. Representatives from organizations such as the UN expressed support for the event, although it is not an official UN observance. A petition has called for the UN to make International Men's Day an official UN observance in the interest of equality.

Our Councillor for Karawatha Ward, Kim Marx, decided to celebrate the day with a visit + cake to the shed.



We appreciate the support given to us by Kim, from printing and sharing the cost of the signs and pamphlets we recently acquired, to the grant for the marquee which we will take delivery of soon. We know we can go to Kim at any time for assistance

The big sign is now in place and it gives the shed an identity that it didn't have before. There are also directional signs on the corner of Hallowell and Hillcrest St. and at the parking area entrance. It will be easier for new members to find us from now on .

