

Sunnybank District Community Men's Shed Inc.

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

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Committee:

The committee meeting held on the 16th May was one of the

most important meetings to be held in some time.

Firstly, the development application that has been granted to us had 2 provisions attached to it. The time is running out to have these provisions adjusted and complete the whole process. That should be finalised by the time you read this.

Secondly, the grant of \$20,000 we received from the Council has placed the obtaining of prices and quotes for a new shed and 3 phase power on the top of our priorities.

Much work will be done during the rest of May by a number of sub-committees, each given a section of the whole picture to examine and produce recommendations for the next meeting.

The third item on the agenda was the removal of some stored machinery from the shed (to storage away from the shed) and re-design the space acquired into a more efficient working space.

Another matter discussed was the up-coming involvement with the opening of the new Masters store at Parkinson in July. The plan that teams of shed members would be doing some light construction work at the store prior to the opening has been cancelled. Apparently, the store is still regarded as a building site, and we would not be able to do assembly work there without proper certification. We may do some assembly on a weekly basis once the store has opened. Manning the new stores BBQ's during the opening weekends will involve many of our members. After nearly 18 months of writing submissions for grants and searching for ways to expand and improve, there is now a very positive feel to the way that the committee and members are looking toward our future. We are grateful to the local members and councillors who have given us so much support during this time.

Learning to read,

Earlier this month the first Australian child signed up to Dolly Parton's *Imagination Library*; the creation of the country music sensation, and the cornerstone for United Way Australia's early literacy strategy, **Read Learn Succeed**.

Charlie was one of eight children from Acacia Ridge (about 25km from the Brisbane CBD) who signed up for the program at a launch event hosted by The Benevolent Society's Early Years Centre in Acacia Ridge. This small but momentous step was a proud moment for **United Way Queensland** who had the privilege of being the first to implement this program in Australia!

Why Acacia Ridge? Acacia Ridge, like 500 other communities across Australia, has been identified as an at-risk community. Statistics show that over 35% of children from this community start school unprepared relating to their language and literacy skills.

The **Sunnybank Shed** has been asked to be part of this program by building some reading aids to assist the young readers in their learn-to-read endeavours. The aids are **small acrylic trees** (pictured with Con, Rebecca, and Dan) where children can attach something to indicate their achievement in finishing a book. The attachment of their object of choice tells all who see it — "**There ! I have read a whole book**".

An event was held at the Watson Rd. School promoting the United Way's work in Acacia Ridge where Dan and Con, with some help from David manned the BBQ and fed many hungry children. We will see Rebecca again when we present her with the 14 finished trees, ready for use at the School.



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

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



Helping Hand.



Wayne, from the child mind-ing centre, come over to the shed and asked to borrow a wheel barrow. He said he had some sand to shift. Some 30 minutes later, some of our shed gardeners saw him and real-ised the amount of sand involved, so with extra bar-rows and spades, a small group went over to assist him. A second truck load arrived soon, and the team worked hard to shift the extra sand. Wayne was grateful for the helping hands that came from the men's shed to assist him and his offsider, Jeanette.



Subs The annual subs are due on the 1st of June. The amount for 2014/15 is \$35 (the levy we pay AMSA has increased since last year) and there is only a \$10 membership fee if you are joining for the first time. Michael, our treasurer, will be happy to write you a receipt when relieving you of the \$ 35. If you have changed you address, your Email address, or phone or mobile No., please inform Lance, our membership officer so your details can be updated. Also, starting from June, you will be required to have an induction session with either Lance or Ian, our Shed Manager. This will enable the committee to better understand what previous experience you have had and know what you are able to use safely in the shed and where some training might be needed. The overall safety of our shed depends on members working safely within their limitations and understanding the safety precautions necessary in a shed of this size.

Visit We received a visit from a group of men from Coopers Plains Blue Care facility. Mobility was a problem for some of them, so a walk thru the shed was not considered viable. Des seated them under the trees and explained to them the ideas behind the shed movement and showed them some of our products. David also joined him and spoke about the advantages of having another male working beside you and the freedom of being able to talk about health and any other issues that concern you while you are working shoulder to shoulder. They thanked us for our time and interest and intended talking about the visit when they returned to their home base.

A client requested a large storage box that could be used as a seat, with a hinged lift up lid. Lance, our membership officer, is having a good look at the final product before it is collected.



B.B.Q. The new Masters Store at Parkinson will be opening on the first week of July. For the whole of July, the store will be holding opening specials and a large customer interest is anticipated. We have been asked to man the sausage sizzle on the opening weekend- 5th & 6th July. There should be huge crowds and we anticipate that we will raise much more than the normal amount when we take part in these functions. Two days in a row will be hard on the members so we need all who can to fill the roster for these two days— the reward will be worth the effort. Please see Dan and find a spot where you can play your part in the future of the shed. There is also another Saturday BBQ at Masters, 26th July. This will be a big day also-the specials will still be available and customers should be plentiful, but again, we need men to fill the rosters. Dan is having trouble filing the rosters —make it easy for him and volunteer.

Dates for 2014.
Guest speaker for June will be from the Office of Fair Trading. The talk will be on consumer protection such as *Avoiding scams - Online shopping— Door to door trading* (including telemarketing and *Australian Consumer Law.* Date; Friday – 20th June.
Bunning's B-B-Q's Sunday 8th June
 Sunday 3rd August :
 Saturday 11th October:
 Sun. 28th December.
Masters B-B-Q's Saturday 5th July
 Sunday 6th July
 Saturday 26th July
Committee Meetings (3rd Friday)
 20th June
 18th July
 15th August
 19th September
Shed B-B-Q's – last Friday each month.

Australia Biggest Morning Tea.
 The Men's Shed joined the ladies from the Friday Craft group at the Church for the BIG morning tea. There were about 60 present and a fine as-sortment of food was available to those who attended. The event, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, is held at many venues all over Australia to raise money for Cancer research and our effort raised \$120. Des thanked the ladies for the invitation and the hospitality shown to us; and Margaret, on behalf of the Ladies, thanked the cooks for the spread that we all enjoyed.



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