

Sunnybank District Community Men's Shed Inc.

Website : www.sunnybankshed.org

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

Newsletter : July 2014

Committee:

The committee held it's June meeting on Thursday 19th, due to some members being un-available on the following day.

There was a report about the electricity supply we are seeking—it seems there will be a power pole installed by the electricity suppliers and we will have our own separate supply to the shed (s), when the second shed is constructed.

The idea of finding some storage area for the machines not being used (3 phase machines) and taking up valuable space in the main work area is being re-considered. The cost and time effectiveness involved in moving the said machines to a new storage place might not be worth the effort involved in doing so. More thought is needed and the matter will be discussed again at the next meeting.

The committee decided that the shed will hold an Open Day on September 13th. Our mid-year plan for an open day was postponed because of our involvement in the opening of the new Masters store and this date was selected for the event. More details in the next newsletter.



A few of us shed members are golfers but we don't take the game this seriously, I hope.

THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN
HOBBY
AND
MENTAL ILLNESS

Safety First: Safety is always most important when working with tools, especially power tools. One of the principles behind the induction process currently taking place at



the shed is to establish what tools our members are qualified to use safely, and to establish training for those who have not had the necessary experience at working with a particular machine. The members come from a variety of backgrounds and are not necessarily qualified to use all the equipment safely.

As well as the training in safe working practices, the machines must be regularly checked to make sure the safety features are working correctly and they are in good condition.

If any aspect of using a power tool concerns you, immediately discuss it with the shed supervisor. If it might be an electrical problem, DON'T try and fix it yourself—refer it to the shed electrician.

When the induction process is complete, each name badge will have a colour patch on it which will indicate the members level of competence. This will make sure we all use our given talents to assist each other in making the shed run smoothly AND Safely.



Open Day at the Shed

Saturday September 13th.

From 9 am.

Tell your friends—more information in next Newsletter.

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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.



B.B.Q.

The new Masters Store at Parkinson will be opening in 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 come to fill the roster for these two days— the reward will be worth the effort. Please see Dan and find a spot that suits you so 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.

Do your share of fund raising for the shed and put your name down for one of the spots on the roster. See Dan for details.

Rebecca returned to the shed to collect her acrylic reading trees. (Story -June Newsletter-Learning to Read) .



She is shown here with Phil, our Projects Manager, and Barry who made the trees for her.

There were 14 trees produced, and they will be used at the Watson Road School in Acacia Ridge, where they will assist in helping children in their

early year to read.

A note of thanks was received from Rebecca a few days later:

I just wanted to let you know that I decorated a Reading Tree yesterday and presented it to the AEDI Working Group (group of Acacia Ridge professionals) and everyone LOVED it! It looks as though we are going to present them to each childcare centre and school at the Early Years Expo on August 23rd. Each location will then read to and decorate their very own Reading Tree. This is a bit later than I had originally anticipated but the trees will fit very well at this event and we want to celebrate them and your involvement in public.

It would be wonderful to have a group of you there to present the trees to a child and staff member from each school/childcare centre. Would any of your members be interested in coming along to the Early Years Expo? The more the merrier. If you would like to run the BBQ and/or read to the children, it would be wonderful. We wanted to get some men to come and read to children at this event and you were the first group that came to mind. You were so helpful making the trees and participating at National Simultaneous Storytime that everyone keeps singing your praises!; Rebecca.

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Meeting Area

The meeting area we use now for get togethers and Guest Speakers will become a concrete base for the new shed and roofing cover planned for the near future. The gardeners have been busy providing a new area(pictured) , adjacent to the existing one . We will loose one area and gain a new one. Meeting and relaxing under these trees is a special feature of shed life and we can now look forward to many more coffee breaks in this new area



ABOUT YOUR HEALTH ?

Item from the Southern Star --**Take the Test** Queenslanders over the age of 50 are risking their lives instead of taking a simple bowel cancer screening test, with a report released today finding 643,000 Australians threw away a free National Bowel Cancer Screening Program kit in 2012-13.(end of quote) .

Bowel (or colorectal) cancer occurs in the colon or rectum. It is the second most common cancer in Australia (not including non-melanoma skin cancer). In 2010, 14,860 new cases of bowel cancer were diagnosed in Australia.

If detected early, the chance of successful treatment and long-term survival improves significantly. **Why take the risk—**

More details , www.cancerqld.org.au

Dates for 2014.

Bunning's B-B-Q's

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)

18th July
15th August
19th September