

Sunnybank District Community Men's Shed Inc.

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

Newsletter December 2014



The last shed day for the year will be Friday ,19th Dec.

The shed will re-open on Monday 12th January . We

hope the time of relaxing at home and enjoying the season and all it stands for will bring you back refreshed and ready to enjoy the new machines that will start arriving in the New Year.

If you know someone who will be alone this Christmas, the Uniting Church are having a “come and join us” Christmas

lunch. No cost, aimed mainly at people who will spend the day alone, and no obligation except to turn up if you book in. There is a brochure titled “Christmas at Sunnybank Uniting “ in the office for more info. and a contact number.

The committee wish all shed members and their loved ones the very best for Christmas and the New Year. We are all looking forward to starting 2015 with new enthusiasm, some better new machines and plans for expansion getting closer all the time. The Community Garden is also looking forward to the New Year when the garden will be open for members, ideas, and expansion after this year of preparation and building the necessary facilities to develop a garden of this scope.

The **raffle** that was commenced on our Open day has now been drawn. The winners are

1st Prize—Rocking Horse Blue ticket B 13 - Jan Murray from Wishart

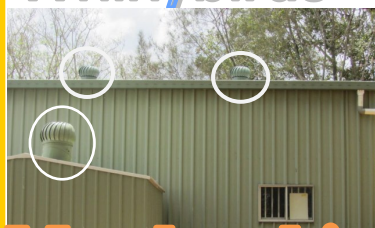
2nd Prize—Aeroplane Black Ticket B 09—Joe Dagg from Coopers Plains

3rd Prize— Serviette Holder—Green C30 Brett Cowan

Lease. The Financial, Investment, and Property Board of the Uniting Church in Queensland met on Friday 28th Nov. and our 5 year lease was on their agenda. If it is approved , and we have no reason to believe it will not be, their Property Officer will then sign and advise us. We should know for certain by the time you read this.

This 5 year lease will open all sorts of opportunities for us as we look for grant moneys and sponsors for our shed expansion program.

Whirlybirds



Bunnings at Rocklea have given us an early Christmas present. Michelle , the Activities Organiser at Rocklea presented us with 2 whirlybirds . They have now been fitted , and together with the one for the office, will make our long hot summers more bearable. Thank you, Michelle

Membership.

We have over 50 on our membership list as we end 2014. Not all are financial but we hope they will come back and see us in the new year. We lost one member recently. Brian Tulley, who was with us for 6 or 8 weeks, passed away during the year. He was suffering from dementia when he came to us, but enjoyed our company as he managed doing some simple tasks within his ability during those weeks.

New skills

A recent member, who had no woodworking experience previously , produced, under Colin's tuition, this piece of apparatus . It will be used in the rehabilitation of stroke and car crash victims who have lost their hand-eye co-ordination .

Well done , Mukhtiar.



Health

Our secretary Des recently spent a week in hospital and is now back with us again. David may have some problems that need addressing in the new year, and Thomas is in the process of finding out if he might have a health problem. Remember the health principles of our shed movement. Regular visits to the doctor even when feeling well, and no “being a man” and refusing to get medical assistance if there is the slightest signs of a problem. **Good Health for 2015**

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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.



We decided to accept the invitation to **PAINT THE RIDGE ROAD** at Grenier Park, Acacia Ridge and join Rebecca on Friday, 21st Nov. to be part of the event. The local state member, Mark Stewart, MP, supplied the stage and sound system and assisted in the setting up process. David and Dan are also part of the stage assembly.

Con set up the BBQ, and was assisted by Colin and Margaret, Dan, Bob, and David.

Sylvia also lent a hand as photographer.

The organisation by Rebecca was excellent, but the response was less than anticipated. The emphasis for the event was on children, with balloons, face painting, and reading sessions everywhere.

The Fire Brigade put in an appearance, along with 2 local members of the police force.

However, the star attraction of the day was the Possum, guided around the grounds by Mark Stewart, greeting and waving to all the children. Note the painted face under his right "paw".



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Donna Lynch from 4BC compered the afternoon in her bright and informative manner

From the committee: The results from the RSL badge sales was disappointing, but the decision was made to continue supporting the RSL in this way and help reduce our debt to them. We decided to purchase a **HeartOn A10 AED Package** (defibrillator) through AMSA.

We have many members without Email facilities. Des has started mailing all important information to them, initially by leaving them at the office to be picked up then mailed if not collected in a reasonable time.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, a number of surplus items from the shed have been offered to interested members. They include 2 wood lathes, a metal vice, and a number of smaller items. The new machines recently purchased will start arriving in the New Year. David and Darryl now have a Circuit tester to assist them in keeping all the leads, power outlets, and safety circuits in safe working condition.

We shall have sample shirts to try on for size in the first weeks of December, and, once ordered, they will be embossed with our logo and become our shed "uniform".

More members with First Aid certificates are required-Interested? See Des.

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Probably the reason we all go so haywire at Christmas time with the endless unrestrained and often silly buying of gifts is that we don't quite know how to put our love into words.

Dates for 2014.

Committee Meeting (3rd Friday)

December 19th

Last day of Shed for 2014. Friday 19th Dec.

Shed re-opens Mon. 12th Jan. 2015

Christmas break-up - December 6th

at the home of Peter and Maria Scully.

21 Murramarang Drive, Parkinson.

(Maps will be available at the Shed)

Carols in the Yard. The Uniting Church will

be holding Carols in the area behind the

Church on Friday 12th Dec. from about

5.30pm. We will be manning the B-B-Q and

also displaying some of our products under

our marquee. Carols follow the food —the

night should finish about 9-9.30pm

.Bunning's B-B-Q's Sun. 28th December.

Masters B-B-Q Sun. 25th Jan-2015