

Sunnybank District Community Men's Shed Inc.

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

Newsletter November 2015

Little Libraries



For almost as long as the Sunnybank Men's Shed has been in operation, we have been working with and assisting Rebecca Blanney- Queensland United Way Australia, with her aim of getting more young children involved in reading. It started for us when Rebecca approached us to build some acrylic trees for one of her projects. We then attended an open day at a local park to introduce the little trees to the residents and children from that area.

Our next project was making little mobile libraries. We did this in conjunction with other members of the community, including Bunnings at Rocklea, Acacia Ridge branch of Bendigo Bank, Runcorn State High School Dept. of Arts, and Steve Griffith, Local Councillor.



Once the construction stage was finished and painted, an opening event was planned and Wednesday

28th October was selected. A group of shed workers dug the hole the day before and cemented the base unit in place. On the 28th, the first "little library" was fixed in place. Hopefully, this will be the start of hundreds of these... enquiries are coming in from all over Australia wanting to know more about this method of teaching little children to become interested in reading. Well done, Rebecca. It has been a pleasure assisting you in this project.



We were able to assist Shivum celebrate his 27th birthday this month. He arrived at the shed with a huge cheese cake suitably decorated. After the traditional singing of "Happy Birthday", we managed to assist him in making sure none was left.



O.K. what is all this talk about changing the opening hours of this shed. I have been here waiting all night and no-one has come to open up.



What—only Wednesdays, and only through to 2 pm? O.K. so what you are telling me is everything is the same except for Wednesdays, and if 2 or more want to stay back and finish their project they can, till about 2pm.

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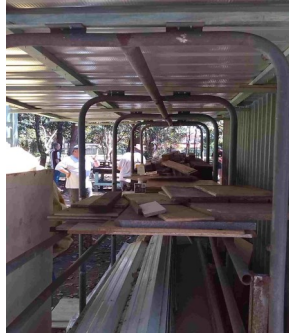
This shed is the initiative of the Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch and the Sunnybank Uniting Church.



Wood rack.

It started as a temporary rack for the long timbers that were being donated to us after the shed became established.

Recently, we realized it needed more than a tarpaulin to cover up the timber. It was decided that a cover be built over the rack to keep the timber waterproof. It has now been completed, as a temporary roof and should last us as a storage area until funds are available to include timber storage in our plans for expansion.



Note from the other side of the globe—

—send my greetings to the boys and let them know we've dodged all the bullets – actually it is much safer than the media would indicate. Jews & Arabs get on in most locations and even trade etc in harmony – it's in their best interests to do so. When we get to the Wailing (West) Wall of the Temple in Jerusalem we will have to watch our step a little more. But the tour we are with have been here 14 times before so they know their stuff. And if God decides to take us home while we are here, then nothing we do will stop that! The Lord gives and the Lord takes away! We are having a great time – we've sailed on the Sea of Galilee, floated & read the Courier Mail in the Dead Sea, ascended the fortress of Masada, seen the city of Jerusalem (as approaching it's quite something especially as "Jerusalem" is playing on the bus stereo) and sat quietly in the Garden of Gethsemane!!!

We're off for a week in Turkey (inc. Gallipoli) next week. *Bye from Ken*

Committee:

We had 2 apologies for this meeting-Ken T and Des. We also had Thomas and Mukhtiar attending for the first time.. Mike presented his financial statement .Our funds are in good shape thanks to Mike. Duncan Pegg has found our insurance is adequate for our shed operation. Ken gave us an update on grant applications . Ken also gave us a welfare report, outlining a better way of keeping track on those among us who might need some assistance but who slip thru the cracks unnoticed .

We received a letter from the mother of a 5y.o. down syndrome child who needs a small set of steps with a handrail to assist him to learn to walk. The discussion flowed between the desire to help someone in need and the possibility of being sued if someone gets hurt using gear that we had made. The committee decided to get more details about the device needed and where the liability ends (when you hand over the device to a trained O.T. who is going to use it to help the child) . The last shed day for the year is Friday 18th Dec. and we recommence on Friday 8th January 2016.

Dates for 2015

Committee Meetings

(3rd Friday each month)

.December 18th

Shed B-B-Q's – last Friday each month.



On the 16th October, we had a Guest Speaker from the Asthma Foundation.

Brett Taylor is one of 5 Education Officers who regularly deliver talks to groups such as ours. As well as giving educational talks, Brett contributes to the day-to-day operation of the 1800 ASTHMA Helpline – a free telephone service that people in the community can ring to speak with the Education Team about their asthma. The Asthma foundation provides support to the 400,000 Queenslanders that live with asthma.

Brett's enthusiasm about Asthma education, how to

recognise the early warning signs, and how to use Asthma First Aid on a patient till ambulance help arrives was well explained to the shed members present. We are now more able to assist a fellow shed mate with asthma thank to Brett.



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