



# Sunnybank District Community Men's Shed Inc.

Website : [www.sunnybankshed.org](http://www.sunnybankshed.org)

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

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2016 offers us a brand new slate!

Could this be the year we realise our dream of a new shed???

## Speaking of NEW



Do you have any new ideas???

The committee has been reviewing what we currently do at the shed!

Open your mind and brainstorm i.e. Let any ideas come to the surface, without discarding them!

Could we have men learning to play **cards**?

Would **leatherwork** interest anyone?

What about playing **guitar**?

Do your **computer skills** need upgrading?

Would there be any interest in learning **photography**?

We are only limited by our imagination (and our facilities) but can we access the Church areas?

Drop your ideas in the suggestion box in the office!



## Our Christmas Party

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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.



# Ever heard of HARLIE?

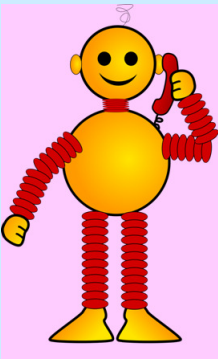
Do you use a **smart-phone**?

Your phone could become even smarter by adding H.A.R.L.I.E. — Human And Robotic Language Interaction Experiment.

“What does it do?” I hear you ask!  
So many questions so early in the year!

A team of researchers from UQ are developing a smart-phone application that aims to monitor voice problems over the phone.

Dr Christina and her team will be visiting us at the shed on Friday 29 January.



They would like us to test some smart-phones running the application in order to ensure that the end product is easy to use and meaningful. We would be asked to chat with the robot for around 5 minutes. Following this our group would give our opinions to the team.

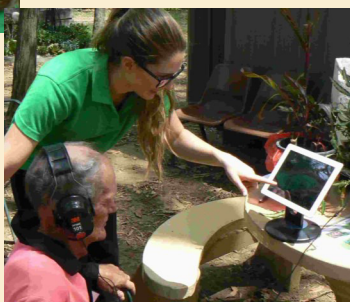
If you've never chatted with a robot before and you would like to be involved in this experimental product, why not help out the researchers with your feedback and be at the shed on the last Friday of this month?

## Hear! Hear!



Late last year we were able to receive hearing tests, courtesy of Eleanor.

She will be back this year, for those who'd like to take advantage of this free service.



## From The Committee

- ◆ We received an update from Mike on the progress on the TADQ boxes.
- ◆ Phil has circulated the shed roster on Dropbox and via email
- ◆ About 5 members helped out with the NAPCAN barbecue at Kuraby.
- ◆ Members are advised when borrowing tools to record them in the book and then to return them after one week
- ◆ Tom is working on some safety signs for the shed workshop.

## A Helping Hand



Des, Wyn, Phil, Kevin and Ken G headed off to Kuraby in answer to a request for assistance.

Napcan, an organisation which assists abused

children, wanted to raise community awareness by running a BBQ. So we took ours along and cooked over 80 sausages for them. Well done, men!

## Dates for 2016

**Guest Speaker Dr Christina from UQ 29 January**

**Committee Meetings** ( 3rd Friday each month)

January 15th at 8 a.m.

February 19th at 8a.m.

March 18th at 8a.m.

**Shed B-B-Q's – last Friday of the month**

—next one 29 January 2016

then 26 February

and 25 March

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