

Shed News

10th April 2012

Welcome to the second issue of Shed News.....

Membership

Membership is growing. We now have 46 Individual members and 2 Business members. The committee encourages all members to try and sign up other prospective men to join. Lets be proactive in spreading the word.

Donations

Funds — We have received a number of donations also; and to those people the grateful thanks of the Men's Shed are extended.

Equipment — A number of people have come forward with expressions of interest in donating equipment and tools which we are also grateful for, all of these will be collected after we have a Shed.

Publicity

Please speak to all men you know and invite them to the 3rd Friday BBQ (Mountain Bike Site) or the Soup/Stew Day (Senior Citizens Clubrooms- May, June, July and August)

Alpine Shire

Five committee members attended Bright offices of Alpine Shire for a meeting with Alison Banks Manager of Community on Thursday 5th April and had an explanation given of the assistance that the Shire could provide for The Mount Beauty and District Men's Shed Inc. The assistance in is the form of a loan to purchase 6m x6m shed and helping us secure a lease soon. The outcome of the meeting is that we as members of Mt Beauty Shed need to decide on our preferred site and the Shire will then commence drawing up a Lease . To help you decide on how you will vote I will include a list of pro's and con's for both sites in as unbiased a way as possible. It is proposed that the vote will be conducted 20th April 2012 at the next BBQ ; please email, write or phone by the 19th April 2012 5.00pm if you are unable to attend and wish to record your preference of site.

Site adjacent to **Neighbourhood Centre:**

PRO'S: Central location; parking; toilet access at Alec McCullough Hall; possible partnerships with Little Athletics, Junior Soccer, Scouts, Guides and Tennis Club shared toilets and lunchroom; Shire support for partnerships; 6m X 6m shed at excellent price available; healthy exercise for those within walking distance.

CON'S: Any noise we make may annoy Neighbourhood Centre, Schools and TAFE – may restrict days and times of operating; 5 trees to be removed and associated earthwork after stump removal (need professional tree fellers) some assistance from Shire; need to use carpool for infirm and unlicensed Members; probable delay in obtaining clear access to site as 2 transportables need to be relocated (3rd party involved) Site adjacent to **Team Mount**

Beauty (current BBQ area)

PRO'S: Toilets readily accessible; water; sewerage; electricity in vicinity; car parking ; noise – less of an issue as more distance to neighbours; view; favorable comments from members at BBQ's; possible partnerships with Lions, Rotary and Team Mount Beauty; additional activity in the area will enhance Security for all clubs; healthy exercise for those within walking distance; 6m X 6m shed available at an excellent price; need careful examination of lease conditions.

CON'S: Lease and sub-lease- as whole area is under long term lease to Team Mount Beauty with whom we would need to undertake a sub-lease; location would definitely need to carpool for infirm and unlicensed members; 2 trees to be felled- some assistance from the Shire.

Committee Meetings

The committee will hold its next meeting at 9am on 20th April 2012. If you have any matter that you would like raised please contact Bruce for inclusion on the Agenda.

Who is on the Committee? Ian Docking President; Dick Puttyfoot Vice-President; Paul L'Huillier Treasurer; Bruce Brereton Secretary; Bill Sutton; Brendan Ellis; Campbell Ford; Graeme Caulfield; Alf Thistlewaite; Ian Howley; John Hunt; Maureen Ryland