

Mount Beauty & District Men's Shed

2017 Presidents Annual Report

This year has been very busy again.

Dust Collection/Extraction System

Dust extraction system has been completed except for the *morning tea area* which still has heaps of dust from 10:30 am onwards each Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Apparently the fantastic work by the blokes has *cleared the air* in the shed and the system is working fine. We have been asked to supply information on our setup to another shed.

Deer guards

Two deer guards have been completed and one left to install for the *Friends of the Clover Arboretum*.

Motor mower

Rolands motor mower has been fitted with a *keep-Roland-on-bar*. It is a wondrous invention that can be removed when Annette is in charge of the controls.

Spinning wheel

The local Hospital fete required a spinning wheel to be repaired. This wheel was on loan from Bright and the shed was asked to build one for Mt Beauty. The basic metalwork has been completed with the wheel and labelling to be finished.

Tables & chairs

There has been several items of furniture either refurbished or built for our local area.

Kitchen bench

Well this was a big project. The lesson here is one of turning ½ a tonne of local Ash into a corner and separate sink benches.

Monthly BBQ's

This year has again been one of wondrous food as well as half flat black rissoles and snags. This is help with our ecological duty on carbon retention. Thanks guys for the good work and especially to Maureen and Mark for the culinary skills demonstrated. And we have a new six burner BBQ.

Footy/Netball gate raffle

Once again thanks to the two M's (Mark & Maureen Hardidge) have organized and coordinated our main fund raiser.

Outside verandah (west side)

This is the domain of Ian Howley. A lot of work has been done on the gate but always takes a backward step whenever another project interferes. The side verandah needs a lot of time in drawing, checking building regulations and organizing quotes etc. It is a demanding task and well implemented.

Health & Safety Audit

The shed has had a recent OH&S report and has come through OK. There are a few items to be completed to fulfill the actions required for a full pass.

Women in the Men's Shed Program

This eight week (2 hours/week) program is again being conducted in conjunction with the Mt Beauty Neighbourhood Centre by Irvin Beeston and myself.

Assistance to community groups

The Shed has also assisted the *Chamber of Commerce* with erecting/dismantling street Christmas decorations and the *½ Marathon Committee* by manning their two drink stations.

I would like to add that we have in the shed a hard working young man Jordan McNicol, who is always finding something to do with a smile.

The blokes that are here during the week have been doing a fantastic job. All of the above projects and more have been successful because of the skills and cohesion of the group.

Yesterday was RUOK day. There were 8 or 9 men's shed persons attended. This brings me to the fact that during the days that we are together there is always the RUOK between the blokes. And their families.

Dick Puttyfoot
President

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