

Gladstone Men's Shed Newsletter Oct/2011



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Welcome to our first newsletter from the Gladstone Men's Shed Committee. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep all interested parties informed of the progress being made by the committee which would otherwise remain behind the scenes.

Please feel free to give any feed back you feel necessary to the committee or myself at

mrkr0880@tpg.com.au Thanks, Mark Robinson.



At our second public meeting the first committee for the Gladstone Men's Shed was formed.

Don Glasby was elected President

Ron Robertson was elected Secretary

Ian Earnshaw was elected Treasurer

And there were 4 vice presidents elected, Col Chapman, Tom Stewardson, Roy Aiton, and myself Mark Robinson.

Now the committee can move forward in the process of forming an incorporated association. The next steps are investigate our insurance options, lodging our constitution with the office of fair trading, and finally setting up bank accounts

A general meeting is to be held on Saturday the 19th of November at 11am to ratify in incorporation of the Gladstone Men's shed. This meeting is to be held at the temporary shed site at Uniting Care Solutions - Off Street and will be followed by a BBQ. Interested people can also become FINANCIAL members of or association by joining up and paying the membership fee which is to be decided at this meeting. The committee are also keen for you to check out the shed and get your feed back.

The men's shed committee meetings are being held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Uniting Care Community building at 4.30 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

November is Men's health Month and the Gladstone men's shed is getting on board.

As part of Movember there will be a BBQ held at the Temporary Shed in Off Street. There will also be guests speaking on a range of Men's health issues.

Here are the results of surveys returned so far. Our interests were identified as

Woodwork	26	Gardening	3
Metal work	17	Photography	3
Computing	11	Health	3
Leatherwork	6	Upholstery	2
Automotive	5	Electronics	1

Opening days were pretty even across the week

But Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays were a little higher.

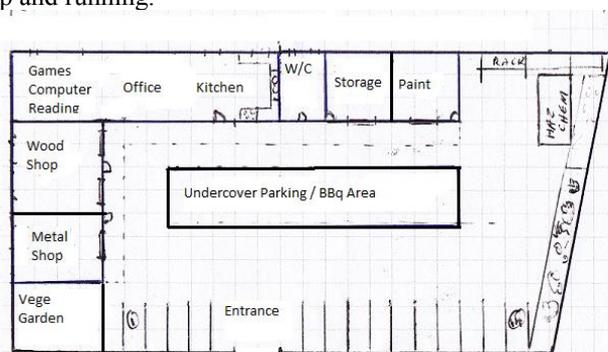
There were lots of people who offered to share their skills with other shed members.

Skills included, Art, Automotive, Carpentry, Cooking, Computing, Metalwork, Gardening, Handyman, Health, Photography and toy making.

Donated equipment is already coming in and at this stage we are gratefully accepting everything that comes our way. We already have a wood lathe and tools, metal cabinet, electric motors, and other tools and equipment.

For our administration and computing area we have office desks and chairs, filing cabinets and a display cabinet.

The committee is currently looking into purchasing a shipping container to store some items until the Moura Crescent site is up and running.



This is one of the draft concept drawing of the proposed facility in Moura Crescent. There is a long way to go before we can finally walk into such a grand place but we are aiming high.

Unfortunately baby steps is all we can take at the moment as all the necessary council and government processes and approvals need to be worked through.

In the mean time Uniting Care Community has offered the use of a shed area behind their offices in Off Street.

Anyone who goes down this street during the week will acknowledge the distinct lack of parking. Thankfully the QRI social club allowed us to use some of the parking bays at the front of the building. Also we are negotiating with QR National to allow us to use the vacant carpark on the corner of Hebert and Off street. QR National said they were currently undertaking a survey of its assets and will let us know the outcome soon.

I might take this time to acknowledge the help provided to us by Andrea Hughes who is a Community Development Officer with the Gladstone Regional Council. Andrea was a great help taking the minutes of our first few meetings and researching our options in the early stages of the development processes. Also the good people at Shed 19, this venue was excellent for our public meetings and the volunteers there went out of their way to help us.

Uniting Care Community has provided us with an excellent space at this time when shed space is at a premium. Mandy and the team have generously offered the use of their shed while our enthusiasm is still high.