



Newsletter No 11

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*Welcome to the Gladstone Men's Shed Committee Newsletter. 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 and progress in the shed itself. Please forward this newsletter on to anyone who you think might be interested. Please feel free to give any feed back you feel necessary to the committee or myself at menshed4680@hotmail.com
Thanks, Mark Robinson. President GMSA*

Shed Opening Times: The shed will be open two days a week. **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 12 Noon.**

Car Parking Please don't park in the Hotel or QRI car parks and leave the lane way for lifeline employees and the marked car parks for the businesses. It's going to mean a bit of a walk for us but it's important that we keep friendly with the neighbours. Thanks.

Shed Committee meetings: Shed General committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. **The next meeting will be in the shed at 4.30pm on the 7th May.**

Shed attire is available at the shed including shirts and hats. If you want a Men's Shed Shirt ask Ron or Dave, try one on for size. Caps are \$10 each multi-fit. Only large size shirts are now available at the Shed. Anyone wanting smaller sizes will need to go to Bullivants (Beckinsale Street) and place an order. They are now \$24.75 each.

The Shed Widows Have some shirts of their own, something that they can wear when we have an event that the ladies can attend at the Men's Shed activities. Michelle will embroider the same as the men's logo with WIDOWS underneath it and their names on the other side. Just ask.

Shed Sessions The men have decided that all work and no play makes them dull boys so one day a month is to be a social day. Instead of doing jobs, they would have guest speakers, demonstrations, lessons, and socialize.

AGM

Our AGM was a success, with all positions being filled and some new faces in the ranks.

Ian Earnshaw handed out the Special Purpose Financial Report for the Year ended 31st December 2012. This document included the Auditor's Report, Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss and Notes to accounts. This audit was conducted by Ross Lowry CPA and dated March 14 2013.

Ian made special mention of the support and help that Ross Lowry had given to the Gladstone Men's Shed throughout the audit process. Ross also generously agreed to audit our finances again for the 2013 period.

Mal Ford spoke on behalf of all of the members of the Gladstone Men's Shed to Thank the Outgoing Committee for a Job Well Done. Mal gave a Special mention and Thank You for the excellent work executed by both of the Supervisors, Ron J. and Dave M. Present members expressed their Thanks by acclamation.

Executive positions were elected as follows...

President –

Mark Robinson

How ever I will only be able to continue in this position until my transfer in October.

Vice Presidents –

Don Glasby

Ray Stanley

Col Chapman

Roy Ation

Don Glasby addressed the meeting and discussed the position of Assets Manager and the duties involved and also the position of Social Activities Officer. Roy A. had been given early notice of the duties required for both of these extra positions. Don G. moved a motion that the GMS have an assets officer to control the records of all assets acquired by the GMS. Seconded Mal Ford. All present in favour.

Roy A. accepted both positions as nominated as well as the Vice President position.

Secretary –

Ron Robertson.

Treasurer –

John Feddersen

Shop Co-Ordinators -

Ron Jackson

Dave Moore

Safety Officer -

Bill Taylor

Bill Taylor mentioned that he required all members to complete a Safety Induction. He realizes that the Team has been working without this requirement but requested that he be able to work with Ron J. and Dave M. so that these Inductions would be completed fairly quickly without too much disruption to the shed. Members who had the required skills with the different machines would be able to record their skills with the Coordinators. These members would then be cleared to work on those machines.

All new members to be Inducted as soon as they start. Questions were asked as to how the Induction would be set up and what questions would be asked. The Induction would be a standard safety Induction. It was decided that Don G would set up a system whereby the recording of these Inductions would be organized. Don G. would work closely with Ron J. & Dave M and the safety officer, Bill T for a successful result.

More discussions revealed that more housekeeping was required in the shed. Cords on the ground were discussed but it was pointed out that the electrical cords were now suspended from the ceilings so the cords would only be on the ground for specific work. Areas needed to be kept tidy and clean. Particular care was required when working with pop rivets.

Membership Fees: We spoke about the motion that had been passed at the previous meeting to enable us to discuss Membership Fees. This discussion was opened to the floor and a

few of those present had definite views on this matter. Fred B. mentioned that the \$2 per month fee was substantial for an annual fee given that it was not an exorbitant amount to pay. Most of the members agreed with Fred on this amount to be charged.

The cost of Insurance was discussed and it was agreed by everyone that should we fall short of that amount then we would fundraise to cover any extra expense .Ian Earnshaw mentioned that the Insurance amount was generally kept at a minimum amount depending on total members. Quite a lot of discussion was entered into but in the end it was decided that it would be \$2 per month and that they may wish to pay after the meeting. Ron R. moved that the annual membership for 2013 be \$2 per month. Seconded by Don G. All present in favour.

President's Report 2013

From our first meeting to vote in the constitution and elect our first committee a lot has been done.

The Incorporation process has been achieved, our Insurance avenues have been explored and paid.

The Gladstone Men's Shed Development Plan including our Collective Vision and Mission Statement was a long and difficult process but finally achieved although as a "live" document will always need tuning.

We have an ABN Number and we have developed our own "brand" in the community with our own logo. Instantly recognisable it is displayed on our own Shirts, the "Widow's" shirts and the products we create.

Our Grand opening was a huge success, with the Mayor and Local Member in attendance. Last years Christmas Party was another successful social event for the club.

I would now like to acknowledge some of the people and places who have contributed so far. Without the lovely people from Uniting Care Communities we simply wouldn't be here. Cyril Golding and Family gave us the jump start we needed and continue to help.

The Gladstone Regional Council has been very helpful with our progress.

Gladstone News weekly continues to help with promotion and funding.

Some of the projects that have been delivered by the shed are a constant source of amazement.

The bikes, C4C Child care projects, Puzzles, Easels, Tables, and more than 130 Breast Cancer ribbons, Golf club Bollards, Botanical Gardens Tree identification posts and more.

Funding has come in from a number of avenues some totally unexpected.

GAPDL & C4C childcare projects, Cyril Golding and Family, Bunnings construction and sausage sizzles, Coles Sausage sizzle, The Home and Lifestyle Expo and The Yarwun 2 Construction Team to name a few.

Baby steps are our only way forward with the new shed. But we are making steady progress.

On a personal note;

You wouldn't know that my birthday is in April. That makes me a Taurus. This is supposed to mean that;

I don't particularly like changes (I have the same cereal from the same bowl using the same spoon every day) I am a bit stubborn so Sue says.

I am known at home for rushing into things like a bull at a gate and cleaning up the mess after. (most of my projects happen this way). All of which I have brought to the Men's Shed I am sad to say. My favourite sayings are... What's going on? I don't want to miss out! Wait patiently. (Something I don't do very well)

I am happy to have joined you lovely people on this project.

After the rush at the start it's great to see the Gladstone Men's Shed progressing steadily on towards greatness.

I look forward making some more memories with you in the future **Mark**.

Don Glasby has donated a trailer that he no longer requires to the Men's Shed. The clothes line outside had been dismantled and given to Uniting Care so there was a space for it to be permanently housed. This will allow anyone visiting the shed to take the trailer to the dump and that would help Ron J., Dave M., and Ray S., immensely, as a lot of their spare time is taken up with taking rubbish to the dump. Don G. said that the trailer would need to be fitted with sides and a top, so that we could carry rubbish safely to the dump without any spillage.

Cyril's Car Kim Lloyd from Brisbane won the tender for Cyril's Jag. Kim is Cyril's step son so it's staying in the family. The winning tender was over \$7000, which was offered as a donation to the Men's Shed. This should also make change of ownership much easier.

Fund Raising and Awareness

Fund raising and community partnerships and awareness initiatives will be an ongoing process in our association. It's the same with most community organisations. We are self funded and therefore developing partnerships and raising funds are required to pay for our programs. Please don't leave it to the same few men.



The Mayor's Charity Ball will take place on Saturday 11th May 2013.

Proudly presented by GLNG, this exciting fundraising event will be held at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre, Marquee at the Marina. This event follows on

from the inaugural Mayors Ball in 2011 where over \$80,000 was raised.

The gala evening will consist of dinner and drinks, music, dancing and fundraising. We expect to have up to 300 guests in attendance.

It is also our pleasure to announce the names of those charities that have been chosen to benefit from the funds raised at the event; Men's Shed Association Inc within the Gladstone Region, Zonta Gladstone & Variety.

If you would like to be part of this worthy event and help to contribute to three worthy charities in the Gladstone region please contact ... Matt Burnett on 0437 086 401

MattB@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au or Kelly Hetherington 0458 683 325 kelly@varietyqld.org.au.

Community Partnerships:

During the course of setting up the shed we have been encouraged by the contact and support of other government and community groups. It's our aim to foster these contacts into partnerships with the Men's shed. In developing these partnerships we hope that there will be a two way exchange of information and services that will benefit both parties.



The good Guys and Gals from Total Eden (Water Solutions) host a tradies BBQ at their shop on Thursdays at 9.00am in the old Harvey Norman building on Hanson Road. They hope to raise money by

donations from the BBQ for the Men's Shed.

If you have a few minutes to spare pop in and show your appreciation for the kindness.

