



Newsletter No 9

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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 feedback 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. **Most Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 12 Noon.** However, on the third week of each month the Shed will be open on the Monday not Tuesday. This is because most of the key players are also involved with National Seniors. This is a better option than closing the shed I hope you agree.

Bring your sense of humour and some closed in shoes. Don't forget to pick a name tag off the wall, write your name on it and pin it to your shirt.

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 4th December.**

Car Parking Seems car parking has become an issue with our neighbours. Recently after a shed day I attended I went back to the car and found a note under the wipers. Seems that the hotel nearby values its empty car parks very highly, enough to tow my car at my expense. The QRI had given permission to use their car park but not on certain days. Seems those days have been extended. Also the marked car parks in front of the businesses are 2hrs only; recently a lifeline employee was fined. 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 Shirts are now available at the shed. Simply go in, tell Ron or Dave you want a Men's Shed Shirt, try one on, buy it for \$16.50 and then Dave will give it to his missus, Michelle, who will put your name, our logo and a pocket on it and bring it back for you. Simple!

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. Date and info to be advised.

The Shed Widows Are organising some shirts of their own, something that they can wear when we have an event that the women can attend at the Men's Shed activities.

The Hot Pink ones are the favourite. Michelle will embroider the same as the men's logo with WIDOWS underneath it and our names on the other side.

They are \$22.00 - \$20 plus \$2 GST. My email address is sandnor@bigpond.com phone no 0439761754.

Also if you have friends you can think of from the shed that I have not sent an email too, please ask them too.

Shed Committee Treasurer. We have been very fortunate to have a few interested people contact us for the role of Shed Committee Treasurer. We will let you know more when the position is filled.

Safety Officer We have also got a volunteer for a Shed Safety Officer. Bill Taylor has thrown his hat in the arena. Bill still holds his Training Officer accreditation for CPR, and Advanced First Aid and has attended a DVE for MHPE Initial training in Brisbane recently. Welcome on board Bill.

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.

Bechtel Open Day: The Gladstone Men's Shed was asked to provide a football target for the Bechtel open day. It was a very popular attraction at this event with Kids lining up to have a go.



Dad's Day Out

The GAPDL Communities for Children (C4C) program hosted a 'Dad's Day Out' event on Sunday, 28th October at the PCYC. It was run to assist, strengthen and improve the opportunities for children in our region to spend quality time with their fathers. Dads and their children had a variety of interactive activities to do enabling them to spend quality time, enjoying and having fun together whilst strengthening the relationship between them.

The Men's Shed had a table there with some brochures on it plus some items we've made and also our photo display. We made some blocks of timber that the kids can nail together or paint.

I had some good photos from this event to add but I was being clever and trying something new and deleted them all. Here's one I got off the internet.



The Gladstone Men's Shed Executive Team and the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) had much pleasure in putting together the Gladstone Men's Shed Neighbourhood BBQ for members and their partners to attend.

This event coincided with Men's Health Week and was sponsored by the DVA. The event included various guest speakers, Morning Tea, a BBQ Lunch and some other activities.

The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of, and encourage participation in activities that promote and maintain the health and wellbeing of veterans, their families and the general community



The Men's shed recently received a donation from the **Curtis Coast Cruisers Inc.** to the value of \$250. The Curtis Coast Cruisers is a "Classic" car club in Gladstone. Each year at their AGM they donate money to not for profit organisations from excess funds. This year it's us and the Capricorn Rescue Helicopter. Here is a picture of my mini (any excuse) and the cheque presentation between Presidents.



The Gladstone Men's shed is having a sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Saturday the 24th of November. Please mark this date in your calendar and make yourself available. A roster of helpers is being drawn up. Could you please let Ron or Dave know what times suit you best.

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 services of the talented and enthusiastic men in our shed has become well known and much in demand. While we always try to help when we can, sometimes we just can't. Firstly we try and do all tasks at the shed; another concern is being seen to take business from a group like Endeavour Foundation, or from any number of small businesses around town trying to make a living. To be proactive we arranged a meeting with Shane Croucher at the Endeavour Foundation. Basically Shane said that we should all be working together and in the future in partnership. Shane invited the shed co-ordinators and I to go for a tour of the workshop to make ourselves aware of the work they do. At the Gladstone workshop they have a few regular jobs that keep them busy. Obviously we should steer clear of any jobs that are of a similar nature. From our tour, I see that we have done that so far.

Gladstone Men's Shed Christmas Party



Members their Partners and invited guests

Gladstone Darts Club
10 Moura Cr, Barney Pt

Saturday 17th November 2012.

- 6.00pm - Free admission
- Meals courtesy of Fund-raising through Bunnings and the Tea/Coffee money Tin.
- Pay for your own Drinks (No BYO)
- Please confirm your attendance by replying by Wednesday the 14th November.



New Shed Update We can finally move forward. We have received the final site amalgamation info from the surveyors - they have not yet completed the more detailed survey but have been on site. This will now allow us to investigate the best layout options for each of the sites. OPUS architects are working on this at the moment and site feasibility layout should be available soon.

The Gladstone State High School is looking for an ex tradie to do 14 hours per week as a teacher aide at GSHS manual arts, duties include:- material prep, machine maintenance etc. If you could ask your members if they would like do this... that would be great. More than happy to answer any questions over the phone...thanks heaps

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