



NUMURKAH COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED

50 Knox Street,
Numurkah 3636

A Progress Report

Welcome to the rather late first edition of The Shed Newsletter for 2009.

It is now nearly 12 months since the project was started, and much has been achieved in that time.

The premises in Knox Street are busy each Tuesday afternoon and Friday mornings, with a great deal of activity, enthusiasm and fellowship, as well as much coffee and chatter. Around 12 - 15 members (men and women) come along, and despite the recent cold weather, have no trouble in keeping themselves busy working together.

Hon. Ken Jasper MLA Member for Murray Valley has accepted the position of patron., and will add support to efforts to provide essential facilities of a lunch / meeting room and toilets. We were not successful in a recent funding submission, and will try again later in the year. We were able to gain some volunteers Commonwealth funds, and this has gone towards equipment.

A temporary toilet has been built thanks to the members' efforts led by Phil Meagher, both wood lathes are now functional, shelves have been rearranged (again), the pot-belly stove is nearly completed, and we are running out of storage space. The most recent project is to establish a community garden under the guidance of Jaime Fraser and Gillian Brown, and to include a range of garden beds and plant propagation.



The carpentry team led by Con Goulding and Kevin Matthews continue to produce items for sale and to carry out repairs. The planter boxes are selling well, together with dog kennels, chook runs, nail boxes, and work benches, and the funds assist in meeting our bills.

The first AGM will be held at the Men's Shed in Knox Street on Friday, August 28 at 11.30, to be followed by a BBQ. ALL persons interested in the program, including gardening, are invited to attend.



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CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS

President Con

CONGRATULATIONS go to those persons who had the foresight to start a new organisation in Numurkah on July 28, 2008. The Numurkah Community Men's Shed is now a year old! Our THANKS go to the steering committee which has seen us through start up and into top gear.

The engine is running smoothly, mainly on two cylinders (Fridays and Tuesdays), with additional horsepower needed on extra days to cope with the demand for our products and services. Planter boxes are a breeze, kennels are a conundrum but budgie boxes are beaut (small and simple). Of course worktables continue to arouse passions in purchasers who can't wait but must have—NOW!. Without promotion on our part, word is spreading that the Men's Shed provides value for money!

Members who attend regularly are benefiting by simply coming in to share time and a cuppa with other men and ladies, and are not under any obligation to expend (possibly limited) energies unless they want to. There are always less physical things to do such as sweeping, de-nailing, water boiling and cup washing, and of course maintaining a supply of bikkies and snags. Overseeing our new heating facilities is important too, now that we have a gas space heater AND a pot-belly stove. Our thanks go to these helpers. (Note: our resident Mr Fixit has been encouraged to arrange a water supply to the donated basin to facilitate wash-ups). There continue to be lots of other things to do...

If demand for our boxes, kennels, etc. increases, it is likely that an additional regular activity day is on the horizon, giving three half-days per week with additional get-together time and a chance to get our planned community garden properly under way. This will be dictated by demand and interest level.

Our woodturning and metalworking activities are attracting member interest; both are now available. Similarly, the beginnings of a veggie garden are appearing and this endeavour is sure to attract those with gardening expertise. Help is needed to build raised beds and to make this as successful as our current projects. Some heavy work here for the stronger ones among us!

Remember, these facilities are yours, and as a member you are encouraged to use them...

Congratulations to all, and a Happy Birthday to us!

GOSSIP FROM THE SHED:

- *Good to see the Men's Shed folk involved in the Men's Health Night — a very successful event. We understand one member has since taken the message to heart and is easing off the tobacco intake. Well Done!*
- *Amazing to see how you can recycle the timber from the pallets that keep coming in. Waste timber is either donated to others in the community, or becomes fuel for the stove. Even sawdust is recycled.*
- *Good to see the recovery from surgery of several members— just cannot stay away*
- *Wearing eye and hearing protection is not just a good idea: it really works!*