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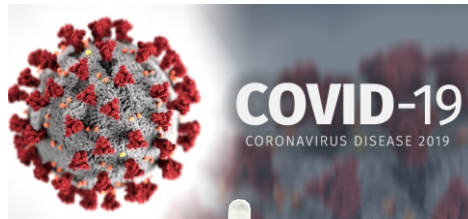
## Not Quite Business as Usual !

Although the Corona virus is still with us, advice from Government medical teams has allowed the relaxing of some of the restrictive gates that have been placed around the community. This will allow people to start moving back to a somewhat normal but guarded lifestyle. The shed gate is now open, but, with many constraints placed on our members.

The shed's committee met under strict social isolation guidelines, to plan for the opening which allowed the members back into shed life, which for some time, will be vastly different to what they have been accustomed.

Operating under strict guidelines, members will be monitored and restricted to allow a controlled number in the shed areas at any one time in accordance with isolation guidelines.

Access to the arts studio will also operate on a Wednesday from 12.00 pm also operating under strict isolation guidelines.



# RU 37 C ?



Jon Churven operating a **FOREHEAD** infrared thermometer recording the temperatures of members who enter the shed



## WHAT'S THE BUZZ ?

The buzz is out that some of our shed workers were not affected by the virus. Operating throughout the epidemic, working seven days a week our bees extracted pollen from around the local area, now our hive is almost ready for extracting some beautiful honey.

Phil Rolland, (pictured, below) a shed member and apiarist inspected the hive recently and decided to leave the honey extraction until September.



MY HONEY WILL BE  
READY SEPTEMBER



We produce  
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from our very own hives



MORE BUZZ  
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warehouse



**BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES**  
have been temporary  
suspended due to the current situation

*Thank you to those who have  
contributed their time and effort*



# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT - WHAT A YEAR, SO FAR !



What a year thus far, devastation from fires, floods in parts of Australia and to beat it all the virus. We have been fortunate that no member has been infected by this dreadful disease.

We were obliged to shut the shed down for 10 or so weeks and only a small number could attend providing maintenance and for security purposes.

However, we are open again and are permitted up to approximately 50 members on site at any one time. A sign in process is still enforced, including having your temperature taken and sanitation stations are provided throughout the shed.

Obviously our income has taken a hit with the closure of Bunnings BBQ's because of the pandemic. There is light at the end of the tunnel as they are now trialing weekend BBQ's.

However, Brilliant Prints continued support has produced some \$14 thousand over the past twelve months.

Liam, thanks for your support mate.

Since reopening, the committee has requested that only shed projects be undertaken and I am pleased to say that many members have put their shoulders into these projects. It is much appreciated. We are now in a position to begin offering these items for sale to the public through our web page and shortly on eBay.

Invitations have been received for the shed to participate in community functions. This is a great opportunity for us to

display and offer our wares for sale. Support from the shed members to man these stalls will be required.

Art classes are a hit, Wednesday classes are full and we are exploring a further afternoon for an additional class.

The shed is now opening on a Friday morning to enable members to work on their own projects. However, please consider giving some of your time too assisting with shed projects, we need to continue to raise funds to maintain this great facility

Finally, I would like to thank our worthy supporters for their donations over the last year. Without your support we would not be able to provide members with the facilities they currently enjoy.

David Cope

## DUST EXTRACTION

One of the most important additions to the men's shed has been an industrial dust extractor which has been high on the list of must do for our committee since our opening in 2017. It was a high cost item and was always put on the too hard list.

A funding grant from the Brisbane City Council allowed the committee to proceed with the purchase and installation which was completed in the second week of June 2020.

It's all systems go in the wood working areas, all the major work benches installed with saws and sanding machines

have been connected to the extractor which will provide much safer working conditions for the members.

Cr Sarah Hutton is pictured with Linsay Driver, left and Jon Churven working on a sanding machine which is connected to the dust extraction system



Shed member Allan Commerford is pictured sanding a photo box



# A MAN WITH A LOVE FOR ALL THINGS GREEN

Ian Schroder joined the Army at a very young age, at eighteen, he entered the Medical Corps looking after the wellbeing of diggers near and far around Australia. A career spanning twenty-one years, he retired from the military but continued in the field of medical science working in orthopaedics.

Leaving the medical world, he moved into the electronic age of Internet technology and on his retirement, joined the Centenary Suburbs Men's Shed in 2020. He took on the role of caring for all the Flora on the 6,700 square metres of land which encompasses the Centenary Suburbs Men's Shed.

Over the years he has developed a passion for growing his own fresh vegetables, and has bedded down his ideas with the shed members who benefit through assisting with growing fresh vegetables.

His long term goal is for the Men's Shed to be self sufficient in supplying fresh vegetables to the members as well as developing an area for native herbs, berries and fruit within the boundaries of the Men's Shed.



Ian is pictured attending the garden beds at the shed



The purple cauliflower gets its beautiful hue, which can vary from pale to jewel-toned, from the presence of antioxidants



## CONTAINER REFUND SCHEME

4,339 CONTAINERS

**Total raised now, \$433.90**

*Well done, Shed Members  
Keep those dead marines coming, boys!*

RECYCLE



More Funds for the Shed





**Garry Dolan and Ed Parker discussing a painting which depicts an image of the South Island of New Zealand**

Shed member Garry Dolan, has taken on the role of in house artist, conducting classes at the Shed's studio on a Wednesday starting at 12 pm and finish painting about 3pm.

He has captured the interest of several members including the wife of one of our members who has been painting in watercolours for some time.

Each session begins with painting a still life object, understanding and capturing shadow detail before moving onto painting a landscape.

As the members artistic ability progresses, it is intended that classes will venture out of the studio, to painting on location.

Garry has been painting seriously for more than twenty years, with international success for some of his paintings. He encourages all his students with a statement, “Everyone can paint, it just takes time and patience”

Due to Government regulations covering the Corona Virus numbers

attending the studio are restricted to eight. If you are interested contact Mal Lancaster on 0412795118.

## More Shed Activities





## NEW SUPPORT FOR THE SHED



Norm Jefferies, Managing Director of Computer Merchants, was invited to look over the shed by Ian Schroder, a shed member and ex employee of Computer Merchants.

Norm was so impressed with the work the shed members are producing and their involvement in an organisation that has a dramatic effect on the well being of its members, he became a financial sponsor of the Centenary Suburbs Men's Shed.

Norm also donated five laptop computers, screens and keyboards for use in the computer classes being conducted within the shed.

He said he would take an ongoing interest in the shed activities.

These computers will be used for computer tutorial classes at the shed.

**Norm Jefferies is pictured with Ian Schroder and the laptop computers he donated to the shed**

**GOOD ONYA  
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## KEEPING UP WITH TECHNOLOGY

Neil Reckers joined the shed two years ago taking on the role of IT communications manager looking after the web site, IT infrastructure and conducting computer tutorials.

He is setting up an e-bay account for the sale of items made by members of the shed. The online sale of these items will hopefully plug the financial hole left by Bunnings discontinuing its BBQ fund raising facility for non for profit organisations.

Members have put forward ideas for making items for sale, such as small herb box suitable for use in a townhouse or flat where space is limited, timber pot plant stands and wooden Christmas novelties. Images of the items for sale will be presented in a professional nature conforming with the strict

guidelines set out by e-bay. Only items made at the shed by members can be exhibited for sale.

Neil will lodge items for sale on the e-bay site, communicate with the purchaser for payment and collection of items.



**Neil Reckers - IT Man !**





# BBQ, BOILER, & BOBBY BEN...

A shed BBQ was held to celebrate the relaxing of the virus guidelines which restricted activities at the shed for several months.

An invitation was distributed to all members and sponsors to join for a BBQ breakfast and a tour of the

shed facilities. Constable Ben Harm has a real interest in the role of the shed and what it affords some of our senior community members. He was intrigued with one of the major projects undertaken at the shed, the construction of the quarter scale

traction engine boiler. This is a major long term project which began toward the end of 2019 and will keep the members engaged well into 2021.

## OUR BIG SHED PROJECT



Constable Ben is pictured with David Cope inspecting the boiler which carries the name plate of Alchin, the original manufacturer



Wayne Trusselle and Rob Troy preparing breakfast

## WANTED - OLD MACHINERY..

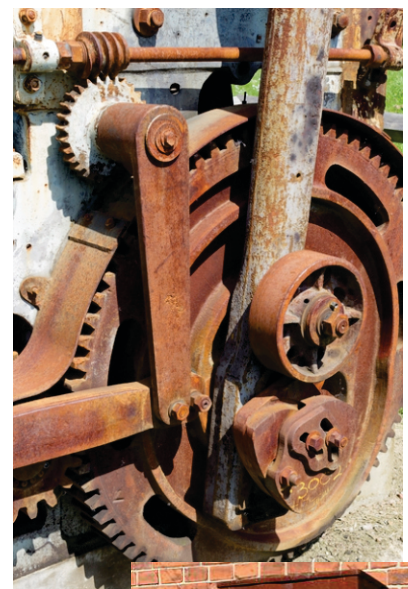
Do you have a relative or acquaintance that either lives on a property and/or has stored away and forgotten about an old piece of machinery in the hope of one day restoring it to working order? The Centenary Suburbs Men's Shed is interested in any old stationary engines, compressors, pumps or similar that are reasonably complete and capable of being restored.

We offer two options. One is that the item is donated to the shed to restore at its own cost and to do with what it likes once the restoration is complete. The other is to have the shed work with the owner to restore the item with all costs being covered by the owner. All restoration work would be

done at the Shed's pace as people become available to do the work required. Some of this work may need to be sent out to various outside businesses if it is beyond the capabilities of the machines available in the Shed.

Large agricultural items and equipment are beyond the scope of what the shed can handle. If you know of anything available please contact Trevor Johnsson, Email: [johnssontm@bigpond.com](mailto:johnssontm@bigpond.com) preferably with a photo and a description of the item of interest.

**Any old interesting stuff!**





# WHAT'S THE BUZZ ? - It's all about saving our Native Bees



He missed the life of being self employed and set up a business in pest control, which he has been operating for over thirty years. At 77 years of age he is still working the business of eradicating insect pests.

**Jim Brosnan** is a man of many talents, his skills were ingrained through his formative years working on his family farm at Mungindi in Western Queensland.

Born in 1943, he spent 30 years working the farm before moving to Brisbane in 1970, where he took on a new role in life working on the machinery at Castlemaine Perkins Brewery,

His mechanical skills initiated a move to a position in spare parts at Saab – Scania trucking company and then onto selling Mitsubishi vehicles, where he achieved recognition as one of the top sales persons in Queensland.

Jim recently joined the Centenary Suburbs Men's Shed where he has embarked on a program to save the Australian native bees, by building native bee hives.

Working with Cr Sarah Hutton, the shed will provide the Native Bee hives to the Ward office who will distribute them to schools within the Jamboree Ward.

Australian native bees are under threat, in spite of the beauty and value of these remarkable insects. Our native bees delight observant gardeners with their dazzling colours and their fascinating behaviour. The native bees are

also vital pollinators-they help our wildflowers to survive and increase the yield of many of our agricultural crops.

**Jim is pictured with this unique native bee hive which has a visual inspection panel to allow students to view how the bees function.**



**THESE HIVES CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE SHED FOR \$40**

## MEN'S SHED TO THE RESCUE

The Centenary Suburbs Men's Shed built a street library box for local artist, Sue Shepard. A post on Facebook took Sues attention when she read that a local Riverhills family had their street library box stolen.

The Nix family had set up a street library box using an unwanted dolls home as the library, they awoke one morning to find that all the books had been taken as well as the dolls house.

After Sue had put her artistic touch to her library box, she donated it to the Nix family to replace the missing dolls house come street library.

The Shed members arranged to install the new street library box and make it a permanent fixture attaching it to a metal post and cementing it into the ground adjacent to the entrance to their

home where it will benefit residents in the suburb of Riverhills.



**Bronte and Parker Nix are pictured browsing through two new swap books.**



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