



WCMS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to 2021 and welcome to the first Weston Creek Men's Shed (WCMS) Newsletter for 2021. The publication of this issue coincides with the official resumption of 2021 WCMS activities on Tuesday 12th. The workshop has already been busy with the receipt and packing of tools and other equipment to be sent to Bega for the benefit those impacted by the 2019 bushfires in that region, see the item below.

COVID Update

If you or a close family member have been to any COVID-19 affected areas/hotspots or been in contact with anyone from these areas you are requested to not attend at the shed for 14 days from the date of visit or contact.

For all the latest information: <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/updates>

Donations to Bush Fire Victims

Since early December our shed has featured on ABC radio programs which promoted our work in collecting for bush fire relief. The community has been very generous with donations of quality near new tools that have included corded and cordless power tools, numerous hardware supplies and general-purpose tools. We are still receiving donations and thanks go to WCMS members who have sorted and packed donations ready to be shipped to Bega. There is still plenty of space in the shipping container and I encourage all members to promote this work and use it as an opportunity to clean out your own garage and sheds. The message below comes from our Bega contact:

'Allan, We had our first very successful opening of the container yesterday. What a lot of treasures! A huge variety of really good stuff! One 'customer' said "OH WOW...I had forgotten I had one of those".. a vindication of our efforts. Top 'sellers' were the 'many' boxes of spanners etc. and the actual tool boxes. I have a request for fishing tackle, otherwise yes, anything....

Well done and thank you to you and your merry men.

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Member Administration

A lot of work has gone into updating the WCMS membership list and I appeal to all members to advise Duncan Souter, Membership Officer, of any changes or corrections to contact details. Work on the website www.westoncreekmensshed.org.au continues, if you wish to see anything added to the website please contact the President.

The Committee is looking at a resumption of activities that will include guest speakers and site visits as well as discussions around the extension of social operating times. If any members have suggestions about interesting sites, topics for speakers to present or

comments on operating times please approach one of the committee with your ideas. Remember, the only bad idea is one that is never discussed.

Future Works

One vegetable bed has been assembled with a second awaiting assembly. They will then need to be installed and filled with soil ready for planting. Graham Lacey has been the guiding light on this project, and he will be asking for volunteers to finish the installation.

We are awaiting more information on the painting of the Mural on the carpark wall. Graham Lacey and the President have spoken with the artist and are encouraged by his ideas and comments. The Committee is looking at having an unveiling ceremony that will promote the work of the shed.

There are other works that are at an early stage of planning that include: fitout of disabled toilet; extension of pergola to include a deck; expansion of workshop and storage space using shipping containers. Members are encouraged to submit their ideas for works that will benefit members and be involved in their development.

Appeal to Budding Journalists

I am sure that there is someone in the membership who have long held a secret desire to let their creative juices surface into print. A regular newsletter has significant benefits for all members in providing a continuous flow of information, and to that end we are looking for someone to step into the role of Newsletter Editor. The format of the newsletter will be to inform and encourage members and future members on news (not fake news) of the shed with member contributions including profiles, photos, cartoons and motivational quotes. If you would like to get more involved in the activities of our shed, dust off your editor's visor, sharpen up your typing skills then please contact the President (Allan) or one of the committee members.

Wishing you all a healthy, safe and happy 2021 and looking forward to working collaboratively with you all for the betterment of not only our lives but those of our local communities.

Allan Booth
President

Possible newsletter topics:

- Member profiles
- Interesting articles
- Interesting photos
- Tips
- Recipes