



WCMS NEWSLETTER

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First, an apology for the lateness of this newsletter, but as you may be aware, things have been very busy around our shed!

The Mural

Our mural, painted by local artists John Voir, was finished last month. John kindly extended the canvas to include both sides of the shed, and was ready to brighten up the container as well until it was pointed out that it was not WCMS property!

COVID-19

The ACT Government announced that the Check in CBR app is to become mandatory for most businesses and their customers. All ACT sheds had until **Saturday 6 March 2021** to register to use the Check in CBR app.

I am pleased to report that the WCMS was fully compliant by the due date and even more pleased to see some of the more 'tech-savvy' members helping others to install the App and get familiar with its use.

We must remain ever vigilant to the possibility of infection and take all precautions to prevent its spread.

Train-day

One of our members, Lindsey Dempsey and his wife Val, invited WCMS members to their home to play with their trains, and enjoy a cup of tea and scone or two. The track occupies the entire backyard and most of the garage. Lindsey had four trains in operation for our viewing pleasure and was happy to conduct a guided tour and explain the working of his train-cave.

I was glad to be able to present Lindsey a mug suitably embossed with a picture of a Climax locomotive, similar to one he has in his shed

Thanks to you both. We all enjoyed the day and the refreshments were excellent.

Containers For Good

The whole program has been a resounding success and thanks go to the many members who have worked hard in collecting donations and in packing the containers ready for shipping. We have had to refine the articles we send to Quaama and we have recently had to pull-back from our house and shed clearing-out activities as the shed amount of goods available and the time required to fill the containers has become too much of a burden. After these first three containers, the program will continue, again thanks to you the members, but scaled-back a bit.

Also, a letter describing the activities of the program and its potential benefit to this in need has been sent to the Australian Men's Shed Association, with the strongest recommendation that AMSA take it on board as a great service to all communities in need, such as the victims of the recent floods.

Governor General visit

On 6 March 2021, His Excellency General the Honourable David John Hurley AC DSC (Retd) and his wife, Mrs Linda Hurley, paid a private visit to the Weston Creek Men's Shed. His Excellency is a Patron of the Australian Men's Shed Association.

The visit came from an invitation given to him by one of our members, Lindsey Dempsey, who was visiting Government House with his wife, Val, who was there in regards to her services to the St John Ambulance.

They were greeted by Allan Booth, WCMS President, and Mrs Val Dempsey who presented a bouquet of locally grown flowers to Mrs Hurley.

His Excellency and Mrs Hurley were then given a guided tour of the WCMS facility, speaking with members and discussing their involvement with the WCMS. They then inspected the new mural and spoke with the artist John Voir, before performing a ceremonial closing of the 3rd Container for Good, bound for Quaama, NSW.

After the couple had enjoyed a cup of tea and chat with the members, Mrs Hurley entertained them with a song that she had written to celebrate all men's sheds and had the members sing three choruses of *You are my Sunshine*.

Well done everyone, this was an exceptional honour for us.

Committee Changes

Two of our valued committee members have take the step to resign from their positions due to health and personal reasons. We would like to thank both Duncan Souter and Tony Burns for their valuable contributions. We would also like to give a big round of thanks to the incoming committee members Ross Howard and Cliff Frost and ask you to give them every possible assistance in fulfilling their duties as both roles make a major contribution to the smooth running of the WCMS.

The Gamers Group

All members are advised that if they like a good game of cribbage or canasta or any other form of card or board games, that there is a small group of men meeting at the shed on a Tuesday morning. This is a very informal arrangement and of course anyone is welcome to attend.

Coming Events

Vision Australia will be making a presentation at 13:30 on Thursday 15 April 2021 for all members. They will be speaking on topic related to living with deteriorating eye sight and the impact of loss of vision on daily living. They will also talk about aids for vision impaired people.

Donation Request

Our shed is organising the connection of a full-time internet service and needs the use of a DVD/Blue Ray player or set-top box to connect the big TV to the internet. If anyone has something suitable, the main criteria being that it has an internet interface, and preferable uses WiFi, please call me.

WCMS Website

We are pretty pleased with the progress being made on our website. It certainly came in handy when the Governor General's Aide used it as a resource to brief him on us and our activities.

You are encouraged to visit the site and let me know what you think.

www.westoncreekmensshed.org.au

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