



WCMS NEWSLETTER

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COVID-19

Covid-19 is still with us and looking likely to be part of our lives forever. As vaccination numbers continue to climb toward 80 and 90 percent, we must face the inevitable: at some stage we will return to 'normal' living, although it will be a 'new' normal. Believe me, as the father of a front-line worker, Covid-19 is real, it will kill you, and if it doesn't, you will be left with long-term problems, non of which anyone over sixty is well equipped to handle.

Please use the Covid Code to check-in whenever and wherever possible. Do not be afraid of being tracked, if you've ever had anything to do with Amazon, Facebook, Google etc, or walked through a shopping mall with your smartphone turned on, you have been tracked.

Covid Compliant Cuppa

After a couple of false starts due to weather and restrictions, a few of the members were able to meet up near the Shed, in a totally social distanced and health regulation compliant way, of course. The two groups strung out along a socially distanced line and faced off, trading insults and other pleasantries with each other for an hour or so.

What a relief just to be able to see the others and hear their voices, listen up as each one told their tale of survival: jobs done, jobs avoided, the woulda-coulda-shoulda been done. We would all like to say that if you're reading this and doing it tough during this restricted time of our lives, pick up the phone and call someone for a yak just to relieve the tension. You are not alone!

Thanks to Val Dempsey for the delicious muffins.

Connect and Collect

During this time of closure when the Shed itself is closed, members can still arrange through Allan to access hardware such as screws, nails, timber, paint etc. that they might need to finish a project.

Annual General Meeting

In light of restrictions being lifted, a new date of Thursday 4th November, 1PM, has been set for the Annual General Meeting. All relevant reports and papers will be sent to all members at least 7 days prior to that date. Come along to the Shed and have your say on how things are run and done.

Good Garden News

Our Garden Manager, Graham Lacey, submitted an application for a 2021/22 Community Garden Grant. I am pleased to report that the grant had been granted and will be used to purchase a further planting bed and soil to fill it.

Containers For Good

The current container, the 5th in the series, is slowly being filled and made ready to send down to the good folk at Quaama. This container has taken a little longer to fill but the demand from the needy folk on the coast has not diminished. We are still looking for donations of tool and equipment as there are bush fire affected areas further afield in Victoria hearing about the benefits that our donations can make. The containers come at no cost to WCMS so we will continue to coordinate the use of further containers with the organiser at Quaama.

Committee News

Recommendations for NSDP Round 22 funding have been lodged with Department of Health. Successful applicants will be notified in September or October 2021.

Membership fees were payable on 1 July 2021 for the 2021/2022 financial year. If you are not a paid up member you will not be covered by insurance while on the premises and you will not be eligible to use the workshop facilities and attend WCMS organised events. You will also not be eligible to vote at the upcoming AGM.

Allan Booth
President