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COVID-19

“Four vaccinations, one solid dose of Covid already, and now I’ve had it again. It’s not bad luck, it’s just out there all the time.” Brian Black

There are quite a few others as well as Brian that have picked up Covid in the last few weeks, so either protect yourself or suffer the consequences. Covid is out there, right next to you in all probability, so its a matter of when, not if.

- Wear a mask
- Use the hand sanitiser

Bunnings BBQs

Saturday 29th October was a glorious sunny day, a gem amongst the continuing cold and rainy days. From the moment the BBQ was fired up until after we had most of it packed away, we were under the pump. We started with the obligatory 800 snags and had to make not one, but two sorties to Woolies for more! Best day we have ever had. Thanks Bunnings, thanks Sheddors and of course thanks to the public who always support us.

Pop-up Shops at Cooleman Court

We were fortunate enough to be asked back to Cooleman Court to hold a two-day pop-up stall. The elves had been working tirelessly to produce plenty of toys and Christmas trinkets and based on last years result, our expectations were high. What we didn’t expect was to have people buying things before we had even set up the stall. And it didn’t stop for the two days. So once again a big thank you to Cooleman Court for hosting us, the Sheddors who made the goods and the buying public who continue to support us.

Garden Report

Prior to Christmas the beetroot was harvested. This was a small planting but turned out to be very productive. Those that took some home I hope you enjoyed it in your salad or baked dinner.

While the Shed was in it's Christmas/New Year recess the garden certainly wasn't. It has really got a move along with beans, zucchinis and silver beet in abundance. And the pumpkins, egg plants and capsicums are doing just fine - not ready yet but won't be too far away. Lets not talk about tomatoes, just suffice to say they are less than impressive this season - I think it's just been a crap season for tomatoes! For those of you who are hanging out for chillies, don't despair they are slowly coming along.

If you are into herbs don't forget there is coriander, basil and mint growing in the main garden area. Elsewhere in pots there is rosemary (great with roast potatoes), sweet marjoram (Leno uses this in his sausages) and Greek oregano. If you fancy any of these herbs just help yourself but please be reasonable with what you take.

While on the topic of reasonableness. When vegetables are picked for Shed members to take way they are usually bagged or tied in meal size bundles. The principle behind this is to give as many members as possible an opportunity to share in what is grown. So when selecting these vegetables could you please bear this in mind.

Cheers, Graham Lacey

Dust Extractor Shed

It seems like its has always been there, but the small shed extension is now complete and houses the big dust extractor, complete with cyclone, and the air compressor. Moving them out of the main shed has freed up space, reduced noise and reduced dust, so it has been a worthwhile exercise.

National Zoo and Aquarium

The Shed was invited to provide a stall at the first ever Christmas Market put on by the Zoo and Aquarium. We really had no idea what to expect but the Zoo people were extra friendly and the grounds were grassy and pleasant. I for one was quite surprised how much the Zoo has changed in the twenty years or so since I had been there last, and I will say that it looks like a great place to take the grandkids!

There were other stalls present, the common theme being natural or recycled products, a community based ethos and of course animal welfare.

Even though the crowd wasn't huge, we had a very pleasant day and made a worthwhile contribution to the Shed's funding.

Well done to all who contributed to the making of the products and to those that manned the stall on the day.

Christmas Lunch

The Committee provided a full baked Christmas lunch for all members. The turkey, ham, baked potatoes, baked pumpkin and greens, slathered in a delicious gravy was prepared and served to almost 40 members. And given that there was nothing left at the end of the day it must have been OK.

As if such a treat was not enough, there was hot pudding and custard to follow.

Thanks to all the members who came along and partook of the meal and mateship. And thanks to all that helped clean up and pack away afterwards. Its a big job but a really great day for all concerned.

Committee News

Executive Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis. Not a lot to report for this period but three general members have agreed to form a Committee that will look at the health and Well-being of WCMS members. If you have had a phone call from one of the members committee please let them know of any issues that you may be aware of that is impacting on our members

President's Report

We were again successful in getting a grant in Round 24 of the National Shed Development Program. Funds have been used to purchase a new laptop and a new printer and we will again look at making application in the next round for funds that benefit members.

WCMS were invited to participate in the inaugural National Zoo and Aquarium Market Day on 3 December. Member's erected the three metre gazebo that was gifted to WCMS by AMSA for services rendered at the pop-up stall. The numbers of visitors to the Zoo was disappointing, a view shared by the organisers. However we did make some sales mostly to other stall holders. We will be invited to next years market and the organisers plan to increase publicity to draw more visitors.

My thanks go to all the Executive Committee members who organised and served at the WCMS Christmas Lunch on 24 November. It was good to see so many members attending and enjoying the lunch.

Workshop Manager's Report

Apart from the traditional reindeer the workshop was busy making picnic tables, chopping boards, owl money boxes, wooden toy gorillas, dinosaurs, trucks and various other festive ornaments. Sales of these items at the Cooleman Court pop-up shop provided significant funds for WCMS.

As an addition to the existing buildings a small group of members have been building a small shed to house the dust extraction system. All the materials were donated by a local shed building business. This addition to the facilities will provide for a healthier dust free environment for those who work in the workshop.

The workshop continues to be a busy place. The workshop is a resource that can be used by all members and has proved to be successful in generating funds, funds that can be used to provide support and a safe place for men to meet and learn new skills.

Stay safe and watch out for each other.

Allan Booth
President