



WESTON CREEK
MEN'S SHED



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Coming Events

July

- 3rd Thursday: Lino Lunch
- 7th Monday: Committee Meeting
- 10th Thursday: Lino Lunch
- 10th Thursday: Talk by Yung Tran – Director, Communities @ Work
- 17th Thursday: Lino Lunch
- 24th Thursday: Lino Lunch
- 24th Thursday: JoJo from Aged Care Advocacy Service (ACAS)
- 31st Thursday: Lino Lunch

August

- 2nd Saturday: Bunnings BBQ fund raising
- 7th Thursday: Lino Lunch

President's Report

Mid-year. How did we get here so fast? And is it cold enough for everyone? Nice and warm inside your shed at least, that reverse cycle air-conditioner is working double-time at the moment, that's for sure.

Drama unfolded in the yard when some undesirables decided that they needed the wheels from our trailer more than we did and left it sitting on its axle. Not the end of the world of course, but an inconvenience and expense we didn't need. And now we are too concerned about it happening again to leave the wheels on the trailer, so they get taken off and locked up in one of the sheds. Pain.



On a brighter note, our major supporter, Nigel Clements from CBC Metal Fabrications, supplied and installed our latest building addition: a 6m x 6m Pergola / carport. This will provide much needed cover for the hardy fellows who work in and around the workshop. Heaps of thanks to Nigel and if anyone needs help with metalwork projects; Nigel is the man. We thanked him with a large bottle of Scotch Whiskey and the latest in a John Jenkins' restored garden chair.

We had a visit from various people including David Smith MLA and Alan's mate from the AFP, Zac, who kept us entertained with cops and robbers stories from 'the good old days'. Thanks Alan and Zac. There were plenty of BBQ lunches by Lino, and the odd Pizza feast, just because we can.



The workshop boys turned out another kid's mud-kitchen and restored a Thomas-the-Tank engine table, both of which have been donated to very thankful community organisations. Most interesting job going through the workshop was the restoration of a large wooden Rolls Royce that had been damaged by some fellow's grandchild.

The source of the continual flooding every time they watered the oval was finally traced to a broken pipe coming from the oval sprinkler valves. All been sorted now and our sewer system was checked for damage while they were at it.

Help: our two members that have been roped into the social and welfare officer roles could do with some help. Surely one of our members must have a few spare hours to help get our events calendar full to the brim again. The Shed has plenty of cash for bus hire and the like, so that is not an impediment. Don't just share your idea – make it happen!

Also, not only are the numbers of men coming to the shed dropping, but the total membership is dropping as well. We had professional advice on the subject a while back, more specifically about recruiting younger men, and the advice was sound and would reap rewards, but it involved huge amounts of effort by those already doing all they can for the shed. I don't know the reason for the decline but if anyone has any ideas as to why it is so, or how we can go about rectifying it, please come and tell me.

To lighten the mood here are some more snaps:





See you at your Shed,
Brian Black.

President, WCMS
Weston Creek Men's Shed