

Karrinyup Men's Shed Bulletin 18 August 2022

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To: Karrinyup Men's Shed members

Shed Customer Projects – Have a Go!

Casual customer requests for repairs or manufacture of items come in often via our website, email or off the street. In the first instance we circulate these requests by email to the general membership asking you to consider taking on this revenue raising work for the shed.

We find however that the same handful of members willingly come forward to take on these jobs every time. While this is commendable, we really would prefer to see a wider level of involvement to spread the load.

It is recognised that we have a group of members who get stuck in regularly, but all members have an obligation to contribute to shed revenue raising tasks to help offset running costs. Some of these projects are relatively simple requiring only basic skills.

If assistance is required there are other skilled members who will provide guidance, so members are encouraged to overcome their reluctance to help out – please, get involved and contribute.

Dust Extractor Gates Neglected

A topic not mentioned for a while, but one that requires full attention, is the frequency with which members are neglecting to open or close the dust extractor gates. Supervisors are constantly monitoring this requirement and wonder if it's forgetfulness or simply disregard for rules.

Everyone has a role to play here and the extraction system is there at great expense for the health and safety of all. The gates must be opened and closed (using the red and green toggle pull cords) every time you use a machine.

Aside from the health concerns with a dusty environment, neglect of this requirement means that sawdust is building up, possibly causing blockage leading to malfunction and potential combustion of flammable material inside the machines. Think - if the sawdust doesn't get sucked up, it just sits there!

It is equally as important to turn off the gate when you have finished in order to restore air pressure to the overall system.

This is everyone's responsibility, regardless of how brief your time on the machine.

Tuesday Attendance Numbers – Not Good

Shed attendance numbers on Tuesdays are increasing to the point of being unsafe. This in part seems to be driven by the attraction of cakes served at morning tea.

Tuesday this week saw 26 shedders turn up, making conditions crowded, heightening the risk of accidents and or Covid transmission.

Members are asked to consider their waistlines and self-regulate, if you can avoid Tuesday, do so and try another day. Failure to achieve a reduction may result in limits being imposed and we don't really want to do that.

Shed Logo - Improved

Some might have noticed that we have changed our shed logo and dropped the term "Community" from our name. This was done to simplify things and shorten our name, but our formal registered legal name remains as Karrinyup Community Men's Shed.

Bunnings Balcatta Sausage Sizzle - Saturday 17th September – Get Involved

We are holding our annual fundraiser sausage sizzle at Bunnings Balcatta on Saturday 17th September. This is a full-day event running from 7:00 am until around 5:00 pm and requires member support to fill up to 5 counter jobs rostered for 2 or 3 hour shifts each.

Look out for the list posted on the crib room notice board from this weekend and put your name down to give a hand. Remember, all money raised goes towards running the shed.

KMS Annual General Meeting - Monday 12th September 2022 at 11:00 AM – Be There!

The notice of Annual General meeting has been circulated to all members and is posted on the crib room notice board. Apart from receiving the annual reports, the meeting will be required to elect a new management committee for 2022-23. Nominations for committee positions are now open with the Secretary Terry Sheard.

The Mayor of the City of Stirling, Mark Irwin, will be our guest at the meeting, along with Ward Councillors Lisa Thornton and Teresa Olow.

The AGM will conclude with a sausage sizzle lunch at around 11:30 – place your name on the list in the crib room if you are going to attend for lunch.

Free Seminar:- Practically Healthy Lifestyle Choices - Friday 14th October – Why not come along?

All members will have received an invitation to attend this free event and hear David Beard deliver his views and expertise on three important areas related to health and well being in later life. David is a foremost authority in the field of wellness and ageing and has worked extensively in the aged-care sector and men’s shed movement.

This event has been funded through the Men's Sheds of WA Small Grants Program and is an initiative of our own Karrinyup Men's Shed, with invitations extended also to Stirling, Vincent and Lake Monger Sheds.

Please refer to the email circular for further information and details on how to enrol. Oh, and there will be cakes!

Don't Run With Scissors

One last whinge for this page.

It is noticeably apparent that some members seem to disregard personal safety and resent being given 'advice' by supervisors, or those others who care.

One of the main concerns is the use of the right tool or machine for the task at hand and using it properly, safely and without undue haste.

We are all part of the shed for the enjoyment, so have some regard for everyone, think about what you are doing and take advice when it's given. There just might be another, better way of doing the task!

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