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Karrinyup Men's Shed Bulletin 22 July 2021

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To All KCMS Members

It has been brought to our notice that we have not produced a newsletter for some time. It is not because nothing has been happening but because of other extenuating circumstances.

I hope this helps but if you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Timber Storage

In recent months Graeme and others have completed the storage racking system on the eastern side of the main building. It will mainly be used for storing jarrah. Graeme has also tidied up the garage which will store some pine and exotics. Likewise, the sea container has been tidied up and is mainly for storing pine.

Electrical Work

Our electricians are currently working on:

Installing a 15amp GPO on the wall of the garage. This will enable small jobs to be undertaken in that area e.g., the sanding table will be moved there. We have a 15 amp outlet so that small welding work can be done in that area.

Connecting the oven and rangehood in the crib room. As well as for general use, it is planned to commence cooking lessons.

Installing an exhaust fan in the craft room. The aim being to further reduce dust in that area to provide a cleaner working environment for craft workers.

Water Bore

We are in the process of appointing a contractor to install a water bore. It will enable more efficient watering of the lawns and gardens as well as reducing our reliance on scheme water and the associated cost. We have to get approval from the City of Stirling (our Landlords) but have been advised it should be OK.

Solar Panels

We are in the process of obtaining and assessing quotes for the installation of solar panels. These will considerably reduce our operating costs as we use a lot of power and all of it during daylight hours. Once again, we do not expect a problem in gaining City of Stirling approval.

If anyone feels that they have the experience to help us assess the quotes and, in particular, evaluating the pros and cons of the various panels and inverters I would be pleased to hear from you.

Website

Terry Fuller and Deane Palmer have been gradually adding products to our website. There is already a pretty impressive list of items that our Members have made. See http://karrinyup.mensshedswa.org.au/products.htm

Membership Renewal

We have had a good response to renewals of Membership with only 4 resignations so far. They are mainly due to health issues or changes in personal circumstances.

There are still some who have not yet advised their intentions. In view of the resignations, we have admitted some new Members in recent weeks and expect a few more soon as enquiries for Membership continue.

Recycling

Several months ago, Jeff Greaney organized a recycling bin which has been well supported and producing around \$80pm in income for the shed.

Surgeries

Our Vice President, Jeff Crookes has recently undergone some surgery which has slowed him down, but he is on the mend and gradually getting back into shed matters.

Similarly, our Shed Manager, Jim Barbas, has had surgery on his ankle and that has really slowed him down. He is also recovering and is looking forward to being back at the Shed soon.

Financial

Treasurer, Tony Strickland, has completed our end of year financials and happily reports that our finances are sound. His report will be included in the AGM report.

Tony, Jeff and I have completed our budget for the year ended 30.06.22 and we expect to remain financially sound, but it is somewhat dependent on Members paying for the use of timber they use (remember it is priced at Bunnings price less 60%) and making items that we can sell.

The cost of the electrical work being done at the moment together with the cost of the bore and solar panels is covered by a WA Election Commitment Grant which was proposed by Balcatta MLA, David Michael. David has been a supporter of the Shed from the beginning, and we are most appreciative.

Supervisors

Phil Ward, Peter Buegge, Frank D'Silva, Terry Sheard, Norm Patinson, Kingsley McGuire and Ron Parker do a great job in their daily supervising duties. They not only keep the Shed running smoothly but they keep an eye out for potential accidents and offer assistance where needed. We are deeply indebted to them as the Shed could not operate without them.

Peter Polain	
President	

Earlier KCMS newsletters

If you have missed any, earlier newsletters/bulletins are on the KCMS website at http://karrinyup.mensshedswa.org.au/newsletters.htm

Recent newsletters are in both PDF format for printing on A4 paper and HTML format which is easier to read on smaller screens.

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