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From: Karrinyup Men's Shed <kcmensshed@iinet.net.au>

To: Karrinyup Community Men's Shed members

As it is a while since you have all been updated on developments in the shed I thought this might be useful.

Covid 19

We seemed to have managed to navigate our way through the Covid problem with thanks in particular to Jeff Crookes who has done a power of work to keep you all involved as much as possible. Firstly with Zoom meetings then opening for Morning Teas and now open as normal but with a roster aimed at controlling attendance to enable us to operate within our Covid Safety plan, also put together by Jeff.

We expect that it will not be long before we are back to normal operations.

Dust Extraction

Thanks in particular to John Berry and Graeme Harris we now have a ducted dust extraction system. There is still a little bit of tweaking to control some dust issues but, in the main, there is far less dust in the shed making it a more comfortable and safer environment.

For the system to operate as efficiently as possible Members MUST follow the instructions about making sure that duct valves are open when using the machinery and closing when finished.

Portable Crib Room

For quite some time we have been negotiating to get somewhere to have our morning tea rather than in the workshop area. A few months ago the City of Stirling applied to the Federal Government for a grant to help with the cost. That grant was approved and the City now has the money.

Putting together the plan has taken a lot longer than we anticipated but the City advises that they have Planning and Building approvals and have placed the order for the crib room. It is a new 8.4m x 4.2m building with basic kitchen facilities at one end. It will be located where the sea container is currently and the sea container will be moved to between the car par and the vegie garden.

The crib room will also double up as a facility for guest presentations. We had hoped that it would have been in place by now but the latest indication is early August.

Financial and Projects

A budget has been prepared for the financial year commencing July 1 and we are able to keep annual fees to the same as last year, \$75.

We will, however, need to generate some income for the shed to assist with operating costs and we already have some plans e.g.

- Deane Palmer is working on making reusable coffee cup holders which we envisage selling through coffee shops;
- an environmental group has approached us to make bird breeding boxes for the Lake Gwelup Reserve;
- we are in discussion with a group to construct a small playground facility;
- manufacture of cray pots is under consideration; and
- Nick Fistonich has raised the idea of making small jarrah plaques to be presented to participants in the International Bonsai Conference to be held in Perth in October.

So, you can see that there are lots of ideas and while the income from these will help keep our fees as low as possible we also see these projects as opportunities for members to get involved in things that they might not normally do. There are project leaders for all of them and you can find out more by asking them or the Supervisors.

Membership Renewal

Jeff will shortly be sending out renewal notices and we look forward to most of you staying on board to further enjoy the benefits that we have worked hard to provide.

We understand that some will choose not to renew and, if you are one of those we would appreciate a phone call or email to let us know as we have a waiting list of Men wanting to join.

Peter Polain.
KCMS President

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Earlier KCMS newsletters

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

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