

Karrinyup Men's Shed Bulletin 17 January 2023

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To: Karrinyup Men's Shed members

As we enter a new year it is timely to bring members up to speed on what is happening around the shed, but firstly, let me wish everyone the best of health and happiness in 2023. To those members who are experiencing health issues at present, I wish you a speedy recovery.

Expectations

Every member of our shed has their own reason for being here and it is sincerely hoped that our you all derive purpose and satisfaction from being a part of the men's shed movement and the camaraderie gained from this unique experience.

Your committee's task is to provide management oversight of our operation and work towards ensuring the best possible shed experience for members. If you believe that maybe things aren't quite up to your expectations don't moan aimlessly to others or spread conspiracy theories, tell us about it, either by direct email or through our suggestion box.

Priorities

Karrinyup Shed opened on 1st June 2018 and was progressively geared up to what it is today. A key area of focus for the management committee has been fund raising coupled with sound financial management. With the passage of time we are now focussed on a programme to address wear and tear of our assets. Priorities for immediate replacement or upgrade have now been given the green light. Further needs will be addressed over time as shortcomings are identified.

Dust Extraction

An identified key priority is to remedy the limitations of our dust extraction capability. The current system, although fit for purpose at the time of installation, is now proving inadequate, partly because of blast gates being left open and partly due to the addition of more machines.

To address this we have purchased a Laguna C-Flux 3 Series cyclone dust extractor unit to run in parallel with the existing cyclone unit. Installation will commence shortly together with re-alignment of the existing ducting to duplicate current capacity. John Berry and Ross Sanders will be the drivers of this project which might cause some short term disruption, but will be hugely beneficial to our shed and our members.

Automatic Blast Gates

Concurrent with the duplication of our dust extraction system, 3 machines are to be fitted with automatic blast gates which are designed to engage whenever the machine is switched on or off. This innovation, although costly, is designed to overcome human frailty or forgetfulness. All machines will be fitted with these over time, but sorry, we can't do much for your memory!

Drum Sander

The drum sander has long been a concern and cause of much frustration due to its operational limitations and neglectful misuse. A new Sherwood 26 inch twin drum sander is on order and expected to arrive around the 2nd week in February. There will be induction sessions on the use of the new machine.

Air Compressor

A new Stanley 50 litre air compressor has been purchased to replace the original unit. Anyone wishing to use the new unit should first ask Jim for instructions. The old unit is available for sale for \$50.

Committee Casual Vacancy

Nominations are called from financial members interested in filling a casual vacancy on the management committee pursuant to Rule 10(8)(a) until the next AGM. Committee duties include attendance at committee meetings, engaging in shed activities and undertaking allocated functions. Please get in touch direct if you feel that you can make a contribution jeffcrookes@iinet.net.au

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