

POTTSVILLE & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED: APRIL NEWSLETTER

The month of March has come and gone with quite a number of mile stones achieved by the very dedicated members of the management committee.

With much determined effort, Ron our secretary, among accomplishing many other things, has now an ABN for the shed and is working towards gaining registration as an incorporated body in NSW. Once the shed is incorporated we can begin to apply for crown land, when some becomes available, on which to establish the shed. It is difficult but not impossible to move forward without an identified site for the shed and this is and has been one of the main focuses of our efforts to date.

In the meantime we will be looking for opportunities to get together with all members to keep in contact. We are planning a 'get to know you event' which could take the form of a BBQ or dinner, and will be calling for expressions of interest from anyone who wishes to attend. More information will be published when the event has been finalised.

Thanks to the 24 paid up members who have stepped up and support the efforts of the committees to get the shed established. We hope to reward your faith in us by providing some interim place to meet and work on projects while we go through the process of finding a site, building a shed, etc.

The next member's meeting will be held at the TriCare centre, Hastings Point on Thursday the 10th of April at 5pm. I encourage you to come and participate in this meeting. We have a guest speaker, John Pitt who has been very involved in the establishment of the Tweed and Murwillumbah men's sheds who I am sure will be a very good source of information to help us with this project.

Noel, the Tools/equipment and materials committee coordinator has secured a large quantity of tools, work benches, machinery, (lathes, saws, etc.) from a school in Brisbane with a lot more to come. These are presently stored in a container which is being provided free of charge by Shackell Transport and we greatly appreciate their assistance in providing and helping to load the container.

Hutchinson Builders have also pitched in with extra storage, which will be of great assistance when the next batch of tools arrives. A container will be delivered this week and placed at the back of the caravan park near the Sport's Club. We are hoping for a second container to also be put on this site as I am sure we will need both in the not too distant future.

Michael Ryan, our Vice President, Leighton Meredith and the venue committee have been very busy communicating with the NSW lands department, the Tweed council and others to find the best site for the shed. They have covered a lot of ground and have identified a couple of long term and short term sites which they are chasing up at the moment. We hope to have some good news from some promising leads soon.

We look forward to catching up with all those interested in this project at our next meeting on the 10th of April.

Allan May
Shed President