



# POTTSVILLE and DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

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## JUNE NEWSLETTER

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Since our meeting in May the shed's management committee has continued to push ahead in an endeavour to establish our facility in Pottsville.

### Meeting with Council

Now that most of the compliance documentation has been completed and we are an incorporated body with insurances in place and registration as a charity, attention has now turned to securing a site on which to build our men's shed. This process will take time as we have to convince council that there is a site in the area where we want to build, and this site should be allocated for use by our organisation. Our first meeting with the Mayor and Mr Stewart Brawley, even though both were very supportive and encouraging, did not achieve our desired result so we are now including Mr Richard Adams into another meeting with the Mayor on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June at which we hope to get approval, if only for an interim period for a place to position our shed until a permanent site is secured. The request that we are making is not unreasonable and we hope that this approach will be successful.

### Funding submission

Michael, Ron and John have begun work on a funding submission under the Community Building Partnership Program which will be completed and submitted by the 18<sup>th</sup> of July. If successful this will allow us to begin preparing a development application for submission to council for the construction of a shed. This also highlights the urgency of securing a site from council. Extra funds will be required to complete the project so there is still much to be done to raise all that will be needed. We are still looking for a couple of men to head up a team who will assist with fund raising. If there is anyone interested in taking up this opportunity, please see me or any member of the management committee.

### Community Involvement

Pottsville Communicare, which runs a community pantry every Wednesday at the Neighbour Centre catering for 50 plus people each week requested support to collect and deliver provisions to the pantry. Peter Dowsett and Leighton Meredith volunteered their time to help out and their support has been greatly appreciated. Peter is not well at the moment and if you are able to assist please see Leighton or me.



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Leighton, Noel and I also met with the primary school Principal and chairman of the schools P&C to see if there were an opportunity for members of the men's shed to help with any of their projects. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce ourselves, collect information to bring back to the next meeting and decide how and if we could help. The rest is up to the members to decide what can be done and if this fits into the sheds programs.

### **Social night out**

At our last meeting it was decided to have a social night out at the Cabarita Sports Club. Tim will have more information at the meeting on Thursday afternoon and he will be looking for willing participants to join us possibly on the 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> of June.

### **Next meeting**

The June meeting will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> at the TriCare retirement village, Hastings Point at 4.00pm. The July meeting will be at the same venue on July the 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you at both meetings where we will have an update on past progress and will be planning for the next month's activities.

Allan May

P&DMS President