

Pottsville and District Men's Shed: July Newsletter

June and July have been busy months for the men's shed committee.

The venue committee with assistance from Ron and John have taken on the responsibility of applying for funding to construct the shed. To accomplish this they have been working with the Tweed Shire Council to gain approval for the use of a site on which to construct our facility. The council will be meeting on the 17th of July, a day before the funding application is due to be lodged, to consider our request for a site at the Black rocks sports field. The best we can hope for is in-principal approval which will open the way for an application to be prepared to secure the use of this site for our shed. The responses from the council have been positive so let's hope that when the rest of the councillors see our application they will have a similar view.

Hutchinson builders have painted and repaired the container that they donated to us and Noel and Ron are in the process of building shelving. We hope to move as many of the donated tools to this container and would appreciate assistance with this task. If you can help, get in touch with Noel and he will let you know when this will happen. Thank you in anticipation of your assistance.

Our first social event at the Cabarita Sports club was a resounding success. Eight couples came, which was a great turn up for our first event, and a good night was had by all. Thanks Tim for organising this and we will let you know when we do this, or something similar again. I would like to think that we can do something each month but we will need maybe a husband and wife team to make these events happen. Let me know if you would like to take this on.

Here are a couple of thoughts for the future which we can discuss at our monthly meeting.

Would anyone like to be part of a P&DMS travel group? If so one of our social evenings can be addressed by a couple of travel agents who can show us what is available for groups or individuals and give those of us who are interested, travel tips and other information for travelling in Australia and overseas. Retirement is a great time to take advantage of our spare time and knowing how to do this within our budget is useful information.

Men's sheds are all about men's health and walking is a great way to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The Tweed Shire Council have informed me that there are walking / bush walking groups in the Tweed district that we can either be involved with or we can start our own. There are a lot of issues to be considered with this such as insurances, age / location suitable, etc., but there is funding available to help groups get going if the members would like to be part of this program. Let me know your thoughts.

Much has been achieved in over the past eight months thanks to the concerted efforts of our members and I encourage as many of our members as possible to get involved as many hands do make for light work.

The Butterfly Effect theory

The butterfly effect theory is a theory that states that when a butterfly moves its wings somewhere in the world it can cause a tornado in another part of the world.

This might sound like an unrealistic assumption. How can a slight change like that one result in a big one such as a tornado?

I am not sure if you have heard of the butterfly effect otherwise known as the ripple effect but the theory is based on sound principles. Anything done, large or small, in a close system such as a pond, home, organisation or society will create a ripple, constructive or destructive, which will affect others in that system. We have created such a ripple.

Don't feel that your involvement, irrespective of how small, will not create a ripple that may eventually have a significant effect on the lives and wellbeing of others. Ideas are good ripple creators. The aim is to make our organisation as multi-faceted as possible to meet the needs of as many men in our community as we can. Being other centred is what men's sheds are all about so I encourage you to get involved and create some ripples.

July / August is shaping up to another busy month so if you are able to assist in any way don't hesitate to contact any of the committee members with an offer of help.