

POTTSVILLE and DISTRICT MEN'S SHED Inc.

ABN 21 150 644 108

CFN/23277

PO Box 273

Pottsville NSW 2489

Email: - president@padms.org

Web: - www.padms.org



12th March 2015

P&DMS March Newsletter

A couple of weeks ago I attended a conference where the following quote was presented. This was the first time I had seen it but what impressed me was that this is what we had decided to do as a group from the commencement of the men's shed. The quote is as follows.

Societies thrive when men plant trees under whose shade they know they will never sit.

We are in the process of planting something in Pottsville that will benefit the community for many years to come. We may never see the final outcome of all of our efforts but we will enjoy what we can achieve, the journey that we are on and the people that we share that journey with. One of the things that we must guard against is narrowing our vision for a short term result and sacrifices the long term outcomes. We have had the privilege of living long and productive lives and are now enjoying a productive future after work. Let us ensure that future generations of men's shedders experience the same future.

Pottsville Self Storage

We have enjoyed the support of many organisations in the Pottsville community one of which is the Pottsville self-storage. They have made a garage shed available to us for a number of months, free of charge to store excess tools and equipment before our shed was established. We are now at a position where we no longer need the extra storage but want to acknowledge their generous support and recommend them to anyone in the community who may need their services. Thanks again.

Tweed Shire Council assistance

The development application for the establishment of our shed at Black Rock sports field has now been submitted. We would like to thank the Council officers for all of their efforts and assistance in developing and submitting this application and look forward to receiving approval to begin construction of our shed on a permanent site. The Council has generously assisted in the development of three men's sheds in the shire and there is still room for a couple more. I will keep you updated on the progress of the application.

Where are we now

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the Principal, staff and parents of the Pottsville primary school have given us the use of a vacant demountable building and we are well on the way to converting it into a workshop / men's shed. There is still a lot to be done with setup and inductions to be completed, and we need as many members as possible to come and lend a hand. Noel, Michael, Leighton, Les, Ed, Peter, Pete, etc., are all doing a great job but the load will be a lot lighter when we have a few more hands on the job.



When attending the shed, members must first sign in at the school office and go to the shed via the car park and not through the school. All of this will be explained in the initial induction. A number of orange and black polo shirts have been purchased as an interim measure to identify our members when at the school. They are not the most attractive shirt but we will rectify that when we decide on the shirt of choice.

Bunning's fund raiser

The following is a report from Tim and Ralph on the outcomes of the recent Bunning's BBQ.

Gross Sales -	\$1526.90
Less expenses - Wollies	\$215.92
(After \$50.00 redemption) plus ice, gloves, garb bags etc.	\$232.40
Net banked (plus \$1 Fiji and 20 Fr. Eurocents.)	\$1294.50

It was a great effort after a slow start due to the weather. When told - even Lisa, the activity organiser from Bunnings was surprised. The people allocated the prior day quit before setting up!!!

Woolies, Cabby were GREAT - Called in the Tuesday before - went through our needs with the manager - she offered very constructive advice - when we called to pick up Saturday arvo (they don't open until 8am Sunday) everything was ready for our collection - 504 sausages, 40 loaves of bread and so on. Even provided the staff to carry and load. Woolies took \$50 off the bill - that's around 20%.

John Wells bought AND DONATED 20 kg of onions - most of which he peeled and cooked on the day. We sold out just before the close of play.

Of over 500 sausages we only had 3 punnets left over at the end of proceedings.

The soft drinks were bought - and, again, DONATED by Ralph - only a few left at the end.

Also - Ralph, your cash box - without which ...is ready when next I see you. Thanks ever so.

And Craig - your aprons - again without which ... are ready - washed and ironed!! Ta again.

One of the features of the day was - teamwork. Most of the morning shift handed over to the afternoon ones in a seamless transition. We were a bit short on the day but got through with flying colours. Thanks to Allan, Leighton, Michael, Craig and John

Ralph & Tim

The whole exercise was an excellent example of how we can all pull together and end up with an excellent outcome. Many thanks to Tim and Ralph for coordinating the day and all that led up to it.

Shed Membership

Annual shed membership fees are now due. The membership fee is \$25 and should be paid ASAP so that our insurance commitments can be correctly met. If you know someone who would like to join we can send them a membership application or you can bring them along to the next general meeting on the 12th of March.



Shed Managers

We need at least six men to volunteer for the positions of shed managers. This is an essential role as the shed cannot operate without someone opening and closing the shed and overseeing shed operations. There is a job description for this position and anyone interested will be trained and inducted into this role. The number of days that we can operate will depend on the number of volunteers who put their hands up. Presently Noel and Michael are filling this position but the number of days that the shed can open will soon diminish unless a few more men volunteer to help.

Shed operation

The shed can open every day between 9.30am and 2.00pm, and also on Saturdays. At our next meeting we will discuss the number of days we will be operating and decide on how the program is developing.

Trailer

Ed and Pete are progressing with the repairs to our donated trailer and it should be operational soon. Thanks gents for taking on this job.

Challengers of the future

- Find better ways to operate and support men's health issues in Pottsville
- Select and train Shed Managers to take up the daily running of the shed
- Complete the workshop and surrounds. We are almost at an operational stage
- Continue to grow the shed membership and induct all members to operate safely in the shed

Shed Sponsors

- Beachside Church, Pottsville
- Hutchinsons Builders
- Shackell Transport
- Pottsville Self-Storage
- Pottsville Beach Primary School
- Bupa Age Care Pottsville
- Stocklands

Allan May
P&DMS President