

PDMS May 2014 Newsletter

Last month has again been very busy with quite a few milestones reached.

As reported by Ron, the shed is now an incorporated organisation in NSW, it is registered as a charity, we are now registered with AMSA, have insurance and have our own bank account. Well done Ron!!

On a negative note, all the excellent work done by John Watts and Ron to create and present a funding submission to TSC did not gain the funding we hoped for. Unfortunately our incorporation notification came in a few hours after the funding decision was made so we were deferred until next round.

The container promised by Hutchinson builders has arrived and is in the caravan park close to the Sports club fence. The sports club and caravan park has agreed to have a gate put into the fence between the two properties so that the container can be accessed from the sport clubs car park. Hutchies will paint the container and we can put our name on it. It is now the property of PDMS. Thanks Noel for coordinating the placement of the container and Alan Pilay from Beachside church for organising the donation from Hutchinson builders.

Pottsville Beachside Church has also donated \$500 to PDMS to help get us up and running. They are right behind the establishment of the shed in Pottsville and are a very community minded organisation. I have also been asked to let you know that a part time position exists in the community pantry if anyone is interested. Please see me for more details.

This month I have had the opportunity to meet with the coordinator of the preschool and received a very positive response to the possibility of establishing a men's shed in the vicinity of the Preschool. Michael and I will follow up this meeting with a meeting with the new Preschool committee and request a letter of support from them which will be used in the possible submission to crown lands for the land west of the pumping station.

I also caught up with Geoff Provest to update him on our progress and to ensure that he is still able to do his bit for us at the State level. His response was very encouraging and he will be speaking to people connected to crown lands on our behalf. I am yet to receive his response from these discussions.

On Tuesday I was able to get some time with TSC Mayor Barry Longland and we walked over the sites that we have identified as possible locations for the shed. He was also very supportive of all the locations and I am confident that the TSC will assist us when we present our final submission. Michael and the venue committee are well advanced with these submissions which will be presented when all of the necessary information has been collected.

Last week I spoke to Angela Maxwell at the Pottsville Beach Neighbour Centre regarding the use of their workshop by the men's shed prior to the establishment of our facility. Unfortunately their workshop is being used exclusively for the maintenance and repair of furniture for sale and other projects that the centre adopts. If anyone would like to support these programs at the Neighbour Centre they can do so by becoming a volunteer and working on the various projects in their workshops.

A couple of options for our first social event are being considered and we are hoping that we can get a good attendance so that our partners will also get a chance to meet and get to know the other men and their partners. One is barefoot bowls with snacks for a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon, followed by a meal at the Pottsville sports Club. The other is a meal together at the Cabarita Sports Club. More information will be distributed when a decision is made. Please feel free to contribute to this decision.

Our first priority now is to secure a place to put the shed and this is a big project. The management committee will be reviewing all options before a submission to crown lands dept. and the TSC is made. I hope to have some promising news for you in the next newsletter.

The next members meeting is at the TriCare centre on Thursday the 12th of June at 4.00pm.

Allan May
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