



# REGENCY COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED

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## We are ....

Regency Community Men's  
Shed Inc.

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## Our Committee ....

Patron—Cr Barbara Clayton

Chairman—Norm Ogier

Treasurer—Peter Rawlins

Secretary—Peter Stapleton

Members

Sandie Carless

Leo Forrest

Tony Sumner

City of PAE Liaison

Jeff Thomas

## Open Times ...

Workshop

Mon to Thurs 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Women's Day—Monday 1  
p.m. to 4 p.m.

Community Centre Activities

Lifestyle day—Thursday

## Meeting Times ...

General meeting 2nd Thursday  
each month, 12 noon.

Management Committee 1st  
Thursday each month, 2 p.m.

**March 2020 Edition**

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW SHED

### Open for business ....

Our new Workshop is now  
open each morning from  
Monday to Thursday. Also  
open Monday afternoon for  
women.

We welcome new members  
and guests as well as family  
members who would like to  
see our facilities. If you  
haven't taken the  
opportunity to show off the  
Workshop to your family &  
friends why not invite them  
in for a little peek-a-boo.



*The Mayor, flanked by politicians, councillors and the shed  
management team as she prepares to cut the ribbon*



*Cashier, Peter Rawlins*

### Words of wisdom from our Treasurer, Peter Rawlins

As everybody would know, making money is  
the hardest thing to do and the powers-to-be  
have made it very hard to reproduce a good  
note.

There has been considerable money in and out of our account and we  
have been well supported by the City of Port Adelaide Enfield. As the  
Mayor noted, they have helped us enormously during the setup stage  
but now we move forward.

We are busy applying for grants to run activities and projects and to  
purchase more equipment. These grants will go a long way to  
providing the machinery and tools we need and will help run some  
lifestyle activities but this still leaves us with little cash to buy the  
many incidentals we still need. This means we still need to find ways  
to generate some money. In the  
meantime, the money paid by  
members has covered our  
insurance bill and gives a small  
amount of cash for now.

The \$3 per week attendance fee  
means there is endless tea,  
coffee and biscuits for all whilst in  
attendance at the Workshop or  
for Lifestyle functions. It may  
even pay for the occasional free  
barbecue. (unfortunately not for



*Shed members and guests at our opening*

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our first one or two, that will cost you a couple of bucks).

Just a couple of things for your information.

- membership fees and insurance payments become due by the end of the financial year. We will inform you as the time gets closer.
- no member can make a purchase on behalf of RCMS without prior permission from the treasurer. If you do then you may not be reimbursed. Sometimes things look good and you think we might need them BUT no impulse buying, please, or you may be out-of-pocket.

*Peter Rawlins*

### Opening Day ...



Mayor Claire Boan at the Opening Ceremony

The Mayor of The City of Port Adelaide Enfield, Claire Boan, opened our new Shed on Saturday the 8th of February. The invited guests included the President Of The Australian Men's Shed association, Paul Sladdin, members of State and Federal parliament, Rachel Sanderson, Steve Georganis and Dana Wortley as well as local councillors Barbara Clayton, Carol Martin, Hannah Evans, Mark Basham and Matt Osborn (*Apologies to anyone omitted—Ed*).

As part of her opening speech, the Mayor reminded us of the commitment that The City of Port Adelaide Enfield has to Men's Shed as part of it's Fund My Neighbourhood

Initiatives. The Council has granted direct financial support through the construction of an entrance ramp and other associated works as well as indirect support through project managing the construction of the Workshop.

The efforts of the Northgate and Oakden Residents Association laid the foundations for the creation of the Men's Shed through their efforts in obtaining funding from the State Government.

And now it has all come together giving the residents of the area a facility that can be used by both Women and Men as they pursue their personal interests in everything from Carpentry to Computing.

### Planning future growth ....

Few of us could have imagined that, in less than twelve months, we have grown from nothing to a fully functioning facility. Now it's time to look ahead as we plan for the next twelve months and beyond.

The management committee has already begun this process as they seek further funding to increase the number and range of activities.

Before this can occur it has become obvious that storage is a major issue with the current Workshop. The next significant change we hope to see will be a storage container just outside of the roller door. The container will be used to store timber and other raw materials as well as providing us with the ability to store completed and partially completed projects.



Councillors Hannah Evans, Matt Osborn, Carol Martin, Barbara Clayton with Shed Supervisor, Sandie Carless



Paul Sladdin (left), President of the Australian men's Shed association talks with invited guests at the opening



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As part of our Lifestyle activities, we will be introducing a range of computer training courses in the next few months. The training will target improvements in the way we use our mobile phones and tablets, how we connect with others through the Internet and how we can better understand our personal computers.

Also through our Lifestyle program, we will investigate the feasibility of starting a Community Garden in the grounds of the Community Centre. Other Community Gardens already exist within the City of Port Adelaide Enfield so hopefully we will be able to leverage off their experiences.

During the next few weeks there will be an increase in the number of regular activities outside of the Workshop which will include a monthly BBQ on the 1st Thursday each month.

Within the Workshop, we have already moved toward improving the quantity, quality and range of tools and machines that are available. This is a continuing process, dependant to a large extent, on the generosity of companies and residents in our local area. We receive continuing offers of tools from residents who are downsizing and these are gratefully received. Unfortunately since storage is a continuing problem, we are sometimes forced to reject offers of tools and materials.

In the long term, we expect that our numbers will swell and the challenge will be to provide something for everyone. It is not difficult to imagine that we may need a second Workshop, maybe a metal work or machine shop, in the not too distant future.

### Our Motto ...

Chairman Norm introduced a new "club motto" at the opening ceremony.

We all have a reason for being in the Shed, we also have some personal goals, something we want to achieve. It may be as simple as getting out of the house at least once each week or it could be to learn how to use a new power tool.

Next time you are in the Shed, take some time out to talk to at least one other person, maybe someone you haven't met before, and find out why they are there. Then see what you can do to help them achieve their goal. It will be rewarding.

**OUR GOAL IS TO  
HELP YOU  
ACHIEVE YOUR  
GOALS**



RCMS Motto



*Shed Supervisors Leo, Teo., Norm, Sandie & Tony*

### Meet our Supervisors ...

Whenever the Workshop is open, there will be at least one Supervisor present. Here are our Supervisors, clockwise from top left is Leo Forrest, Teo Van Deventer, Norm Ogier, Sandie Carless and Tony Sumner.

The Supervisor's role is to ensure that each time you enter the area, there is someone present who can help you — help you in case of an emergency medical incident, help you to plan your work schedule, help you find out how to correctly use a machine, help you find tasks associated with an ongoing project and help you relax and enjoy your time in the Workshop.

The Workshop Supervisor also has a role to play in making sure we all play our part in keeping the

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area clean and tidy (including the kitchen area) and that we are safe in our environment. The Workshop Supervisor will unlock and lock the doors, switch the lights and air management systems on and off, collect your \$3 and almost certainly work with you on various projects. While they are all great people, none is an expert in everything we do or every machine that we have. So please be gentle with our Supervisors, their super-human powers tend to be limited.

The number of Supervisors will grow over the next few weeks, making sure that we have at least two Supervisors available at all times.

### Those boxes ...

The project to produce 100 "bird boxes" is well underway. While constructing the first group of boxes (these are for Crimson Rosellas), there have been a few challenges which in turn resulted in some changes to the construction techniques and some slight tweaking of the design. Now things are moving fast as the number of almost completed boxes grows rapidly.

### And finally, our people ....

Our membership is now steadily growing and we welcome all new members who have joined us recently. At the start of December last year we had 12 members, now at the start of March, we have 35.

But we also have a few people who have left temporarily. Our first Workshop Supervisor and Manager, Bill Fisher leaves us as he heads off on his round Australia trip.

Teo Van Deventer, another of our Supervisors, will also be away for a few weeks as he heads off on holidays.

Bill & Teo will be missed, they have both been major players in getting our Workshop to where it is today; the committee thanks them for their efforts and we look forward to their return.

Our wishes are also with Supervisor Leo as he recovers from a recent medical incident. We miss you & need you back in the Workshop, Leo, but at your pace.



*The assembly line of bird boxes nearing completion*

From another shedder ...

The Hon. Sec. & Editor

*Peter Stapleton*

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*We also welcome articles from  
our members & readers*



In our next issue we feature  
"Women in a Men's Shed"

Workshop Supervisor and  
Management Team member,  
Sandie Carless will show us how  
Women fit perfectly into our  
Men's Shed.

She will also explain exactly  
what that is in the photograph.