

## April 2023 Newsletter

Greetings all,

The year moves on. and Easter is upon us already. By the time you read this we will have purchased (and hopefully assembled) a BBQ for future use on a regular basis. It's first burn will be next **Wednesday evening, 12th April from about 5 pm** on and we will have the usual sausages, onions and trimmings to satiate your taste buds. Come along and meet up with a few members from other sessions.

A visit to MOTAT Aircraft Museum has been suggested by a few members. It would take place on a non-shed day, a Tuesday or Thursday most likely. We can arrange some car sharing transport from The Shed and/or meet up there. We haven't checked re entry price etc yet but if there is enough interest we can get onto it for maybe next month. Let us know if you are interested so we can gauge numbers and make enquiries.

### **Equipment & Materials:**

We are still finding equipment that has water damage from the big flood. Mostly motor bearings but it can be a surprise when you pull a motor out and can still tip water out of the casing. The latest is the thickneser which is also showing some wear and tear to the drive system which is also being addressed.

The dust extractor motor failures have now all been resolved and there is only some minor 'replumbing' left to do on the extractor hose arrangement for some equipment. Please ensure you use the extractors whenever you use associated equipment as it minimises dust in the air. You should also be wearing a facemask, safety glasses and noise protection as and when required.

Electronics has had a cleanup and has a new temperature controlled soldering station and digital multimeter. A recent donation also provided a lot of electrical hardware for aspiring tinkerers.

The above donation was the result of a small business closing down and having to clear it's premises by a set date. We were also given the Ozito drop saw and bench which has proved useful already and another metal cutting saw for the welding bay area.

## **Projects:**

Community projects are already coming in so we should be getting busy again. There are still some chairs to do for the kindergarten that we were working on before the flood and we have an enquiry for about 50-60 planter boxes for a group that Patrick is associated with.

## **Members:**

We are getting a steady number of membership enquiries and a number of new members have joined recently. I'd like to welcome them all to The Shed community and ask long standing members to make themselves known and keep an eye on them as they become familiar with our equipment and practices. If you are working on a community project get them involved

## **Duty Managers:**

We are rescheduling a DM evening soon to update and discuss duties and responsibilities We are also looking for a few more DM's as a couple have stepped down due to other committments. This is not a difficult task, it involves more of keeping an eye on members for safety and good workshop practice and ensuring building security at lockup. You also have to make sure the tea urn is full of water and turned on first thing! Let us know if you are interested, with enough people listed it only needs a half day turn or two per month and you get to wear the dayglo Hi Viz vest.

## **Local events:**

The Hub Market Day on Sat 4th March although affected a little by rain was a big success. More vendors and stalls, more attendees and more music. We put out two tables of left over tools and hardware which proved surprisingly popular and also attracted a number of member enquiries.



## **AND DON'T FORGET TO COME TO THE BBQ NEXT WEDNESDAY**

Cheers all

Brent Russell

Chairman

**Albert-Eden  
Local Board**

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