



Premiers Active Citizenship Award
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INFO FROM BILL.....



Welcome to the Shed's August 2009 Newsletter. We are attempting to make this a monthly feature with the view to keeping members informed of Shed doings.

Annual General Meeting – has been set for Wednesday 16th September at 7pm. Nominations for a position on the Committee are invited and attached. The nomination form is attached. It is also available in the Shed office.

Equipment Purchases

Table Saw – A new saw has been purchased from Timbercom. Thanks to Paul and Al for doing the legwork to evaluate and select from a couple of machine.

It is a high quality machine. Before you use it please have Al go through its operation with you

Bench Vices – We are equipping each woodworking bench with a new vice. A big thank you to Bob Fleming, who generously purchased some of these for members to use.

Metal Work Shed- The committee at our last meeting looked at the expenses related to consumables in this area. We found that it costs \$1200+ a year for gas alone.

We are looking for ways to reduce this and if you have a suggestion please share it. So far a consumables fee or donation, if your job is a big one, has been suggested.

Australian Men's Shed Conference in Hobart Bill and Alan are presenting a workshop at this about some of the Sheds projects.

Thanks go to Melissa Parke; Federal Member for Fremantle, who has assisted funding Bill and Al's attendance to represent the Fremantle Men's Shed nationally.

West Australian Men's Shed Conference- Mukinbudin- The Mukinbudin Shire Council are organising the first WA Men's Shed Conference 3-5th September.

Bill, Al and Paul W have been invited to participate, presenting 2 workshops to inform Council officers and other attendees about the value of Men's Sheds to Communities. The Mukinbudin Council are funding our members attendance.

Australian Government Honours Volunteers A new Commonwealth award recognising the work of Volunteers has been established.

Joe Gafney and Fred Parker have been nominated for the wonderful Community work they do in and around the Shed. Joe has repaired countless toys for the Warrawee Women's Refuge, Play Groups and others. Also contributions to fundraisers through making toys. Fred too has repaired bits and pieces for others. He also constructed the cart Mike Pauley is walking with to raise funds for Arthritis Research.

Mike has reached Ceduna and will finish in Melbourne. The cart is holding up well.

City of Fremantle Funding – After protracted discussion and with some fantastic support from a number of City Councillors we have been granted \$50000 to staff the Shed for the next 12 months.

A huge thank you Alex Marshall for initiating discussions with City staff and Councillors, thus alerting them to the Shed's fantastic growth and achievements over the past 4 years.

The funding will allow us to

- maintain the current opening hours Mon Tues Wed 9.30am – 4pm & Sat mornings.
- Provide some funding Administration infrastructure, including upgrading our communication system. This will mean members can be better informed.

Shed Under Threat. As many of you know our building is on Education Department land. A plan to redevelop the area to housing is currently underway and the City Planning Officers are recommending both our Shed and the Sullivan Hall be demolished. A replacement building at a new location is suggested. We are investigating the implications of this and will have more information shortly.

Hopefully we can give everyone the full picture at breakfast on Saturday 12th Sept.

NAIDOC WEEK





Alan with the sculpture created by the Thursday group

Paul sharing his welding expertise



Tim and his youth tree

Coming Events-

Breakfast at the Shed- On the same day Saturday 12th September 9am. We can feed the Youth Tree Crew volunteering their time to the School project as well as catch up socially over a sausage. See Bill if you are able to bring long something to share.

Children's Festival and Sustainability Festival – both on 19th September. We have been invited to participate in these. Can you contact me if you are willing to assist in a Toy Workshop at one of them.

BAZZAR at Fremantle Art Centre 5th December. We have been invited to have a stall at this prestigious craft market. More details shortly but this can be a major fund raiser for us and the Committee is keen to organise a Shed day workshop to make a quantity of items to sell. See AI for information on how you can help.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER WILL BE MOST WELCOME. email them to the shed ...

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Coming Events-

AGM- Wednesday 16th September 7pm. Light refreshments and nibbles provided.

South Fremantle Carbon Neutral School Project- Members of the Youth Tree Organisation Tim Kenworthy has established will be working at the Shed Saturday 12th September, cutting fence pickets for the South Fremantle High Schools new garden.

If you are skilled with the table saw and are willing to share your knowledge see AI