



The Shed News

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Special Editions of the Newsletter will be issued over the next few weeks /months as the Executive is fully aware of keeping all members informed as to the state of circumstances until normal schedules resume at our Baxter property.

Gentlemen

A summary of a meeting held this morning, Friday, between Warby and I (Bill) and the Westernport Executive to discuss some of the issues relating to our Shed days.

I explained that Warby's role in our Shed can best be described as "Operations Manager". In recognition of my non trade background and very limited "workshop experience" he has been delegated responsibility for Shed activities, in our Shed, on Shed operational days. As President, I retain overall responsibility particularly with regard to policy and procedures. As such any issues directly related to shed operational activity on Shed days should initially be referred to Warby. Warby exchanged mobile phone numbers.

KEYS

Warby will be the "Guardian of the Keys".

If another Member opens or closes the Shed the keys must be returned to Warby at the earliest opportunity.

Westernport, some weeks ago, arranged for a special security locking system to be installed on their front door during the Xmas break. All other external doors are secured via an internal bolt system.

Similar to our Shed, all external doors must be unlocked (safety/evacuation regulations) whenever the Shed is occupied. The Evacuation Assembly Area is the car park opposite the Shed front door.

The external side gates are secured by padlocks and the interior of the Shed is monitored by a 24 hour video system.

KITCHEN

The kitchen/meals/seating area allows window viewing of the Shed work space and is walled to reduce workshop generated dust and noise. Hot water is from an urn located next to the sink. Cups are in a cupboard on the wall above the bench with cutlery and dishes below the bench.

John H will continue to purchase our coffee, biscuits, milk, etc. which will be stored in a clearly marked container in the kitchen. Please consume our supplies NOT our hosts "Tim Tams". We are welcome to share our host's cups until we can gain access to our Shed to collect our own. John H will also purchase some disposable cups, (and our more modest cream biscuits)

Westernport have a gas BBQ on site which we are welcome to use. A regular sausage sizzle Thursday lunch sounds good.

Westernport have a Friday BBQ lunch each week.

We have been invited to a MEET & GREET BBQ lunch Friday 13th January.

Great chance to "say g'day to our Hosts" - even the date seems appropriate.

EMERGENCY

The Evacuation Assembly Area is in the car park opposite the Shed front door; it is clearly sign posted. Please familiarise yourself with the location.

First Aid supplies and a Cardiac Defibrillator are hanging on the internal face of a kitchen wall. Please familiarise yourself with their location. Although you may not be a designated Emergency Responder, in an emergency you may be asked to fetch this equipment.

CONSUMABLES

A smallish supply of various timbers for our use will be stacked outside the Shed - ask Warby to show you where. Please DO NOT use timber belonging to our Hosts. Whenever possible please bring any timber required for your project with you.

Screws, nuts, bolts, nails, sandpaper, stains, etc. are readily available and displayed as are hand tools, electric tools, machines, etc. The respective Shed Executives will negotiate our contribution to these costs at the end of each month. Similarly we will contribute to electricity and any other utility charges.

Our Hosts are very supportive of the "Honour System" to determine our contribution to operating costs. We are very supportive of "paying our way".

Whatever the monthly outcome it will be "fair and reasonable".

STORAGE

Internal space at most Sheds is limited and Westernport is no different. Often it is not practical to take unfinished projects home between Shed days. The weather protected BBQ area in the Shed backyard is available for limited storage of such builds.

Don't forget to put your name on it!!!

IINSURANCE

We have informed our Insurers of our Westernport Shed arrangements subject to our Members being protected by the public and personal insurance cover at this temporary residence that is detailed in our policy.

They have responded, in writing, that this is the case. Good to know that we are covered even in our temporary workshop arrangement.

SUMMARY

It is impossible to anticipate every issue or circumstance which is going to come up, after all this is a first for both Westernport and us. We believe that the major things have been addressed and the remainder can be sorted as they arise.

Very few problems are unsolvable if those involved all work together.

All of the above is information only, our start date at Westernport Mens shed Bittern, is not until next year 10 January 2023.

C'ya at our Xmas breakup next Wednesday

Tooradin Sports Club for lunch

Stay safe

Bill W