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SLOW START TO 2024

The Sheddies



With the hiatus of the members over Christmas and New year period and fewer starters when the Shed first reopened for 2024 things really did get off to a slow start.

However, this was to be short lived, as over the past couple of weeks members have been kept quite busy attending to the many and varied projects such as re-upholstering chairs, restoring a pair of surf skis, constructing car garages (vertical storage type) and model service stations, dolls houses, mud kitchens, wooden trucks, tractors and trailers, and much more.

You may wonder about the cartoon list above. The Shed receives numerous donations of timber, but not all is useable. Like typical workshop hoarders its hard to let go of things as everyone knows. "There will be a use for it somewhere."

Well, the time has come for a clean up to make more room for the storage of the various useable timbers and to let go of other unusable wood. I'm sure there will be a weeping and gnashing of teeth but we will get through this. The difference it will make is that Members of the Shed will know what resources exist to complete various projects, and that members can move safely within the storage shed without encountering obstacles or having lengths of timber fall on them.

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*What's the difference between a golfer and a skydiver?
A golfer goes whack "darn" and a skydiver goes "darn" WHACK!*

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TWO MORE SAUSAGE SIZZLES CONDUCTED AT BUNNINGS, ELLENBROOK



Preparation for
20th January 2024

Conduct of
Sausage Sizzle
16 March 2024.

*What happens
when you have a
number of callers!*



The Ellenbrook Men's Shed has conducted two more sausage sizzles since the beginning of the year, the first on 20 January 2024 and the second, 16 March.

The 20 January Sausage Sizzle outcome resulted in approximately \$1,286 being taken through POS, plus a further \$940.50 in cash, a total of \$2,226.50. Less the cost of sausages, cool drinks, water, ice, and buns, the approximate proceeds were \$1,626.50.

On 16 March Sausage Sizzle a further \$2,517.00 was taken through POS and cash. Less the cost of sausages, cool drinks, ice, water and buns (about \$1,205.00) with the approximate proceeds of \$1,312.00.

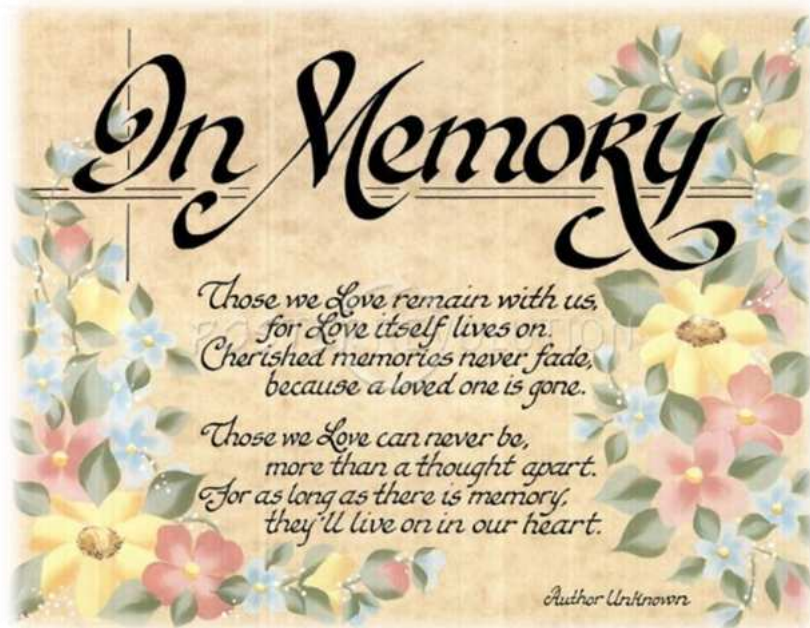
It is estimated that we paid \$200 for 400 additional sausages and used 300 sausages from the previous Sausage Sizzle. Generally, unless we get the sausages for free, for 700 sausages @50c, \$350; Buns 700 @.46c, \$315; Drinks 300 @ \$1.20, \$360,; and Consumables, sauces, ice, serviettes etc, \$180 we paid a total of \$1,205).

To all the members that assisted with the preparations and with the conduct of the Sausage Sizzles on these days, thank you for your dedication and hard work in making these a success.

VALE KARL PETERSON

Regrettably, earlier this year our former Shedder Karl Peterson passed away. Karl had been ill for a while and eventually succumbed to his illness passing peacefully in his sleep. A sympathy card was sent by the Shed President, Chris Mabbott, to his wife Helga on behalf of all Shed members

Rest in peace Karl.



PRESENTATION TO ELLENBROOK MEN'S SHED FROM LIONS HEARING FOUNDATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Ms Roslyn Barnes, Chairperson, Lions Hearing Foundation of Western Australia Inc presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Shed's President Chris Mabbott recognising the efforts of the Men's Shed in the manufacture and donation of equipment for the Lions Hearing Screening Bus.



REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW STAINED GLASS/LEAD LIGHTING GROUP FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN



The stained glass/lead lighting group conducted under the guidance of Hilton Linklater is open to members of the Ellenbrook Men's Shed and women who are invited to become Associate Members and take part in this activity.

For further information, email the Men's Shed, attention Hilton Linklater, at info@ellenbrookmenshed.org.au

NEW RYOBI TOOL ARSENAL



In the last month 23 new Ryobil Tools were added to the Ellenbrook Men's Shed to compliment the Ryobil tools already held. The portability of these battery operated tools will make it easier for members as they undertake shed projects. The President Chris Mabbott was responsible for erecting new shelving to house these tools. It is interesting to note that all batteries carry a 3 month replacement warranty, the air gun, a 4 year replacement warranty and the remainder of the tools an 6 year replacement warranty. An additional workbench has also been added to the shop. Enjoy.

PROJECTS COMPLETED?



Doll's House No 2



Gavel and Sound Board



School Fruit Stand



Semi, Trailer and Sports Car

Mud Kitch-



First of Two Reconditioned Surf Skis



Small Mud Kitchen with Battery Operated Tap



Reconditioned Table Top



50 Minecraft People

CNC LASER CUTTER



Various uses have been identified with the new CNC laser Cutter with one of the first being the ability to promote the work of the Men's Shed on our finished projects such as the rear of one of our recent jarrah cutting boards.

Further coaster like plaques have been made which can be attached to future projects in recognition of the Shed's efforts.

Other potential outcomes are currently being worked through such as jigsaws, cutouts and other items which children can assemble and paint.

The potential for the CNC Laser is as extensive as the imagination of the members as they develop greater skills in the use of this equipment.

A new dedicated computer has been added to the CNC laser and CNC Router stable as both machines can utilise the same software.

BUSY BEE



The Ellenbrook Men's Shed relies on new and recycle timber donated by various sources over time. Due to the nature of timber and the passage of time, it warps and cracks becoming no longer serviceable.

To this end, the Shed will in the next couple of weeks obtain a 4 cubic metre skip bin where wood no longer of use will be discarded providing greater storage for our timber resources.