



April 2024

Events in April

13 Bedfordale Market

21 Roleystone Market

25 Anzac Day, see following page for more information. .

27 Management Committee meeting

27 Last Saturday of the month is sausage sizzle time at the Shed.

This month's birthdays

Jack Dowling

Ronnie Hansen

Murray Hight

Jackie Robinson

Keith Wildsmith

Your Committee

Phil Aked Pres.

Ronnie Hansen VP

Henry Zelones Tr.

Ian Hafekost Sec.

Murray Hight

John Stenhouse

Graham Hantler

Stephen Hughes

Matters arising from the March management meeting:

The Shed has received our sponsorship money from Roleystone Real Estate. See the office if you have not got logo badges for your shirt.

We are waiting for a quote from Michael O'Neill on moving the rocks from behind the first sea container so that we can install an external dust extractor.

Phil is continuing to research the best way for us to sell items online. If you have any bright ideas then talk to Phil.

Our stock of plywood has been added to with the delivery of six sheets of plywood.

Approval for construction of our car port has been received and we are waiting for a date when the contractor will start installation. This will require the shed to be closed during construction and you will be advised when we have a date.

The Shed hosted the Foothill Men's Shed WA Zone Meeting on the 3rd of April. See below for a brief rundown on the meeting. Thanks go to Ronnie for organising the catering and those members who helped set up and clear up the Gallery meeting room.

Ronnie has booked a place at the Bedfordale Market on the 13th of April. She is looking for a couple of members living in Bedfordale to help on the day.

A pull-up banner for the Shed has been purchased (and was on display at the Zone Meeting) but the QR code needs to be corrected.

John Stenhouse is arranging with Red Cross for an emergency preparedness workshop in May. We will let you know the date as soon as we have one.

Henry is continuing to seek a funding source for installation of solar power at the Shed. It's not an easy task—plenty of encouragement to install solar panels and batteries but not much by way of funding sources!

If you have any spare tip passes then Henry will be pleased to accept them as it costs the Shed \$50 per visit to the tip.



Our March Guest Speaker

Ian Charlesworth provided an engaging talk on his work as a weather observer at the Bureau of Metrology (BoM). He described the complexities of measuring the weather, both on the surface and in the air, as well as bringing some of the instruments he used at BoM.

Having worked in different BoM centres around Australia, Ian used his work experience to make his talk an enlightening occasion. He ended his talk with a Billy Connolly quote: "There is no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothing, so get yourself a sexy raincoat and live a little."



On the 3rd of April, our Shed hosted the Foothills Zone Meeting for Men's Shed WA. You can see above Phil giving an outline of our journey in getting Waterwheel Community Shed to where it is today. Henry later gave a talk on the ins and outs of getting the funding and approvals. The main message he gave to the representatives of the sheds attending was to find your network and establish good communications with important contacts to get things done.

We had a short presentation from each of the shed's about how they are going and any issues they needed to address. Gosnells Men's Shed said they have 165 paid members but only half are active—sounds familiar!

We later had an update about Men's Shed WA and the politics surrounding the Australian Men's Shed Assoc. The meeting also had a presentation on dust extraction and the problems with dealing with fine dust.

I hope those of you at morning tea on the following day enjoyed the leftover sandwich's. The local CWA branch did a great job in catering for the Zone meeting.

Days open	13
Attendances	234
Av.attendance	18
Other groups	1

Anzac Day Dawn Service

CWA Bedforddale is holding a Dawn Service at Churchman Brook Community Centre, starting at 5.45am. The service will be followed by bacon egg rolls, tea and coffee for a gold coin donation.

Some of our hardy shedders are attending a Dawn Service at Lake Towerinning.