

Newsletter May 2020

Good news from Sue Reynoldson from the Council.

"I have some great news to share that we may have a site to build a new Men's Shed facility at Emil Madsen Reserve. I refer you to the attached draft masterplan which currently has a spot earmarked for the Men's Shed (marked *No.16) off



Wooralla Drive – shown as a red cross."

Bad news is that this may happen if there is no other site available. This site is over the railway line and after the first building on the left marked with a red cross.

Good News from the President Alex

I have had recent telephone discussions with Marcia Claringbold, the Principal at Mt Eliza Secondary School re. the proposed site on the school grounds. Marcia is very keen for us to proceed with the application which involves a great deal of paperwork on the updated Joint Use Agreement documentation.

Marcia has also arranged to have the proposed site cleared of the rubble which has been dumped there so that the site will be ready for work as soon as the agreement is finalised.

The original quotes for building and other works will have to be revisited as they are now at least eighteen months old and may no longer be relevant. Alex Godfrey and Linda Morris have agreed to assist with this process. I will keep the committee informed as to progress, but it is a trifle tricky with not being able to sit down and discuss face to face.

What have we done since Incorporation?

Shedders have completed these projects:

- Mount Eliza Primary School project
- Mt Eliza Garden Club 5x insect hotels
- furniture repairs
- notice board for Neighbourhood House
- painting of fence
- 14 x chopping boards for drought relief Poyonong
- Met orders: planter boxes, bee hotels, possum box and lockers

Made for display at the Neighbourhood House:

- 3x planter boxes
- 2x mini wheelbarrows, insect hotel

Shed projects:

- new lathe bench
- new outdoor work bench

What's next?

• The outdoor learning centre at Kunyung



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Where are we at?

We have applied to the council to work outdoors on tidying the timber storage area and starting the outdoor learning centre on a weekend. We have yet to apply to the school, but will do so after 11 May as advised by the Department of Health (State Government).

The conditions are likely to be:

- we have phones with the COVID-19 Safety app
- observe and supervise safe distancing rules
- wear masks and gloves when appropriate
- we have been told specifically not to go near the shed or the school site
- the shed is closed till further notice.

What should we do?

I am pleased that many of the shedders are keeping in contact. I am thankful for the contacts from shedders to enquire "How are you keeping?"

I put out a notice to find out suitable days and times that suit you to have ZOOM meetings. I have tested a couple. It is best to have a camera on your computer and to turn on the sound. You can join the meeting without the camera. You can use the phone.

I will hold two meetings to suit your needs and the invitation is by email. Depending on the numbers there may be two groups.

Just click on the link at the time. Instructions provided.

Thank you for the YouTube contributions and the puzzles.



Wave the magic fan

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Get a nail hammer it into a block of wood.

Get a whole lot of nails and see how many nails you can balance on this nail. No glues, no magnets, no wires JUST NAILS.



The starting point.

A clue: High Jump coaches know to pass the centre of gravity below the bar.