

THE SHED GAZETTE



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SHED UPDATE

Chelsea Men's Shed is actively complying with COVID restrictions.

ALL who come to the Shed, members or visitors must register with the QR code or sign the register.

This is something that cannot be ignored. It does not matter whether you have had the jab. it must be done.

We do not want to be the source of an outbreak.



"Good health and good sense are two of life's greatest blessings."

Publilius Syrus (85-43BC)

SAFETY

Accidents can happen anytime. You may be coming through a door and trip over a coffee table (it happened to me only a few weeks ago). You may be distracted by a noise, a movement or a bump. You can fall, be cut or break something. Take care, be aware is a good saying but awareness can lapse.

Awareness, or mindfulness, is of paramount importance to all of us in whatever environment we may be in. This is especially so where there is machinery and what is a men's shed but a workplace full of machines?

Safety is the responsibility of us all. It cannot be left to one person, or even just a few. All of us have eyes to see and tongues to speak so if we see something that could be dangerous we should speak up about it.

Current figures for the cost of work-place related injuries and illness are not yet available but in 2012-2013 there were over 500,000 cases costing an average of \$116,600 per incident. Nation-wide the total cost of all work-related injuries or illness was \$61,800,000.

We do not want to add to these statistics. How can we prevent this?

- Housekeeping—keep the place clean. Men's sheds do make mess but that can be cleaned up
- Safe use of tools—making certain all safety procedures are adhered to, including faces masks, gloves and ear muffs
- Making certain that untrained members do not use that they are not qualified to do so.
- Removing anything that might get caught up in equipment—loose clothing, body ornaments.
- Concentrating on the job being done—avoid distractions such as talking.

We need to remember that under Worksafe Victoria **any shed is only one accident away from being closed down.**

Safety is YOU

Insert Picture of Self

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1st July 2021

Hi fellow shedders.

Well, we're out of lockdown and the Shed's up and running. Let's hope we have seen the last of the lockdowns. We've seen reasonable numbers at the Shed thus far and we should be back to providing meals within the next week or so.

The Edithvale Primary School have asked us to build some outside toys for the kids at the school. We have decided to build giant Jenga blocks, Noughts and Crosses and a Connect 4 board. This is a good project for the Shed, and we have all the necessary wood to do this without having to buy any wood.



Completed Jenga set

The Committee had a meeting with the Council for an update on our proposal to relocate the Shed. No decision yet but alternative sites are being looked at as well as the Catherine Ave site. We reemphasised that our tenancy runs out in June 2022 and that we need them to act promptly.

I have written to our State Member of Parliament (Tim Richardson) asking him if he can offer any assistance in the process. I am awaiting his reply.

The Committee is looking to become more action orientated and we have set some objectives, that we will work on to improve the way we run the Shed. These include:

- Reviewing and updating our policies and procedures
- Developing an Induction pack.
- Testing and tagging all power tools
- Introducing a maintenance register

We have been successful in being allocated the role of assisting Chelsea Rotary in running the Kingston Farmers Market. We will need volunteers for the following Saturday mornings:

- Saturday 7th August
- Saturday 4th September
- Saturday 2nd October
- Saturday 6th November.

We need a minimum of 6 people across two 3-hour shifts. This will give up the opportunity to collect up to a \$3000 donation from Rotary. Let's get moving behind this opportunity.

Happy Shedding

Sandy



Some nice-looking stubby holders made by Alan & Vaughn

An innovative use for an old bathtub. Image found on the Internet.

What else in the house can be recycled?

How is your imagination?



CHELSEA MEN'S SHED

It started over a cuppa, two blokes, an idea
Ingenious really, what did they have to fear

A simple solution, we have the space
Now how to get a shed, then a smile hits their
face

We won't tell you all that they crafted and
planned

But not long afterwards, there's a shed for a man
Well not just one man really, more than a few
I'm sure you have seen it – it's in full view

It always sits a long way back
Far in the backyard – a shed not a shack
With well hinged doors but no frosted glass
And sounds of hammering as you tiptoe past.

Most days the doors are open so wide
And all are encouraged to step on inside
To stand amazed at the tools and bench
Made of planks of timber, with a hammer and
wrench.

On the opposite wall all dangling free
Hang many different tools you ever did see
With each one labeled in texta of black
Adding to the sense of this well-loved shack.

Affixed to the back are shelves of four
With tins of paint of colours galore
Reds and greens and yellows and white
Streaked tins of paint making a rainbow sight.

There's peace in the hammering and comfort in
the saw

You can dream and create, there is no law

A place to think and build things together
Great in the summer and any kind of weather.

The shed has grown and now there's two
Things have moved round cos there's more to do
There are even ladies allowed to take part
Only set days, you can still your heart

Sometimes I think it's all about food
With sausages, toasties – it's all really good
But it's more than that – it's having a place
Where you can talk and laugh, actually face to
face

Cos it's hard to be lonely and home all alone
Just talking to yourself, no sound, not a phone
But no pressure is placed on any who come
You can create, tell stories or sit on your bum.

The welcome mat's out, there's a place for all
Whatever your ability, pop in or call
You will feel at home anywhere on this site
Be part of our family any day or night.

So come and join in the Chelsea Men's shed
There's fun and laughter, you will be fed
Amidst the chisels, pliers and the vice
You'll meet many others – they all are nice.

*This poem was written by Judi
Turnham who is pastor of the Chel-
sea Community Church of Christ
on which site the Chelsea Men's
Shed stands. She wrote it in hon-
our of the tenth birthday of the
Shed which was officially opened
on 2 August 2006.*

Thank you again. Judi.

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It is through these sponsorships, partnerships and support that Chelsea Men's Shed can successfully deliver its groups, activities, programs and services.

Products Available from the Men's Shed



For any enquiries and to purchase any of these products or to discuss other options and to see other items, talk to the shed mates at Chelsea Men's shed. We sell all our products at very reasonable prices all money from sales is returned to our funding pool for more materials and fund the programs we run.

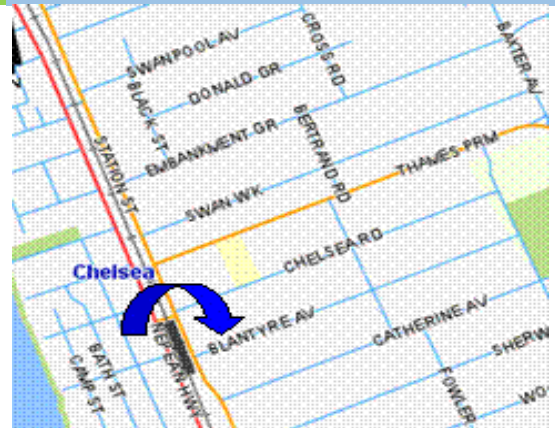
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Chelsea Men's Shed provides men of all ages and situations with a place to go and spend time talking with other men, do some woodworking, or participate in community projects, as well as participating in men's health and well being programs.

Fees:

\$60 joining fee

\$35 Annual Membership fee and \$5 per week when at the Shed

Chelsea Men's Shed is open:

9.00am to 1.30pm Wednesdays and Thursdays.

9.00am to 12.30pm Saturdays

**No excuse for not finding
the Men's Shed**

