



February 2022: We have a slab!

The concrete slab is now ready

We reached a major milestone in the construction of our new shed when the concrete slab was poured last Friday. This follows many weeks of sterling work by Adam Lowe, Jay Clark and several other contractors, all working under the supervision of our brilliant project manager, shed member Vantonian Tutaki, in preparing the foundations. The photos above just show the beginning and end of the operation; there are many more on our web site.

The concrete now has to "cure" for 4 weeks before anything can be built on it. Unfortunately, because of the supply chain disruptions we all know about, it will not be possible to erect the shed until mid-April. The carpenters will then get busy building the interior floors, walls and ceilings and the plumber and electricians will connect every thing up ready for shed members to finish off.

Men with do-it-yourself experience are invited to join existing members in this "finishing off". Jobs to be done include painting the social area, installing plywood wall linings in the workshop, and building all the benches, cupboards and shelves we shall need. (Details of how to join in this action are in the box below.) It is hoped all this work can be finished by July, after which the shed will commence regular operations.

Next shed meeting

After a long and unplanned break forced on us by Covid restrictions, we have now decided that it is safe to resume our monthly open meetings.

The next open meeting will take place at the RFS station at 10am on Saturday 19 March, when our Honorary Solicitor, Peter Hill, will talk on *Wills, probate and all that*. His talk will be preceded by a visit to inspect the construction site and a discussion on what comes next.

All are welcome (men and women). Bring a friend!

Membership

As a special opening offer, the annual membership fee for the coming year has been fixed at \$30 (men only, for the moment). If you join now, that will take you up to 30 June 2023.

A membership application form is available on our web site at copamensshed.org.au/support.

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looks forward to hearing from you.