



COPACABANA COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED: NEWSLETTER #14

Dear Shed Supporter,

Progress of fund raising

Many thanks if you have already contributed to our fund-raising program, which is moving slowly but surely forward. We are confident that we will be able to raise the additional \$50,000 needed to persuade the Council we have sufficient funds to complete the project. So please continue to encourage your friends to contribute through GoFundMe (at <https://gofundme.com/copamensshed>) and email me if you think of a potential sponsor.

Shed Membership

Now that we are getting closer to being able to start building our new shed, the Management Committee has decided to offer CCMS membership to all men aged 18 or over who live in or near Copacabana. The membership fee of \$30 will cover the period up to 30 Jun 2022 by which time, hopefully, the shed will be up and running. If you are eligible and would like to join CCMS, please complete the attached application form and send it in to the Treasurer.

We have also decided to change the title of the old "Update" to the new "Newsletter". We will continue to send the Newsletter to all members and supporters.

Shed objectives and Deductible Gift Recipient status

We have recently applied for Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status, which would enable donors to claim income tax deductions for their donations. In the process, ATO has required us to amend our constitution to modify our objectives slightly. They are now as follows:

- To build and operate a men's shed ... in Copacabana.
- To provide meaningful activities in which men can participate in the company of others.
- To improve the health of men in Copacabana and neighbouring communities who are at risk of issues arising from loneliness and isolation.
- To facilitate programs that address men's mental, physical and emotional health issues.
- To undertake charitable activities for the benefit of the broader community.

An informal get-together

You are invited to come to a **barbecue breakfast on Saturday 8 May** at Susan Fahey Park, Copacabana, starting at 9am. The aim is to allow you (male or female) to meet the Management Committee and other shed members and supporters and share ideas on how we can reach our five objectives as soon as possible. For catering purposes, please let our BBQ expert Fraser know if you are planning to come by sending a quick email to him at secretary@copamensshed.org.au.

See you there!

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