



COPACABANA COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED: NEWSLETTER #15

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Progress of fund raising—Outlook for start of construction

Our fund-raising program has made some excellent progress since the last newsletter. A generous “free sale” offer from Belle Property has boosted our funds, but we still need a considerable amount in further donations and sponsorship in case our various grant applications are unsuccessful. So please continue to encourage your friends to contribute through our GoFundMe campaign (at <https://gofundme.com/copamensshed>) and email me if you encounter a potential sponsor.

Being able to fund construction to occupancy status is now our most immediate goal. Once we are approaching that stage, we will ask Council to commence lease negotiations; and once a lease is signed, we will be able to start construction.

Next general meeting

The barbecue breakfast held on Saturday 8 May at Susan Fahey Park, Copacabana, was so successful that we have decided to hold regular monthly meetings until such time as the shed can be used. The Copacabana Rural Fire Service has kindly offered us the use of their meeting room for this purpose. Accordingly, the next shed meeting will be held at the RFS station on Saturday 19 June, starting at 10 am. No barbecue, I'm afraid, but there are plenty of opportunities to grab a coffee and a snack from one of our wonderful beach front cafés afterwards.

The program will start with updates on the current situation with regards to fund raising and a possible start date for construction. We will also continue discussions on the role of women in our men's shed.

After that, we are excited to have a guest speaker: Kristen Budd, General Manager of broadcasting and media production company *SCA Central Coast*. That's her day job. However, she is also a long time adherent and practitioner of meditation. She will talk on the benefits of meditation as a tool for managing anxiety and stress and show how 10 min a day can provide a positive mental start in the morning or calm the mind before sleep. She will also demonstrate a simple meditation technique. An appropriate topic for Men's Health Week (14-20 June)—but also relevant to women, of course.

Deductible Gift Recipient status

Our application for Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status has been recommended for approval, back-dated to 9 February 2021, and we are only waiting for the paperwork to be completed. When it is, any donation you have made on or after that date (as long as it was \$2 or more!) will be able to be treated as a tax deduction when you complete your tax returns for 2020-2021 later this year.

Unfortunately, the DGR concession does not apply to your membership fee, if you have paid it. If you haven't, the Shed Treasurer (treasurer@copamensshed.org) would be delighted to hear from you. The fee is still \$30 for the period up to 30 June 2022 (men only, for the moment).

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