



COPACABANA COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED: NEWSLETTER #16

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Good news on fund raising

We received some very good news late last month: Our application for an Infrastructure Grant from the NSW Government's Office of Responsible Gambling has been successful. This grant, together with the previous *My Community Project* grant and all the donations and sponsorship we have received, will enable us to complete building the men's shed without any further funding!

The final hurdle is signing a Council lease and thereby receive their formal approval for us to construct the shed on their land. The process has already been set in motion and we hope to be able to sign the lease, and commence construction, sometime in August (Covid willing).

Although we now have sufficient funds to build the shed, we shall still need to finance regular operations once it is open. We have therefore left the GoFundMe site open (but with a reduced target) and will be requesting our current sponsors to continue their support in the future.

A big THANKYOU to you if you have donated to our fund-raising campaign or become a sponsor of the shed—or have supported us in any way at all. The long wait from conception to birth may soon be at an end.

Shed Meetings

The first of our planned monthly Shed Meetings, which took place on Saturday 19 June, was a real hum-dinger. Kristen Budd, General Manager of broadcasting and media production company *SCA Central Coast*, gave us a most inspiring talk on meditation. And all of us felt fully relaxed and refreshed after the 10-minute demonstration of how to do it. Kristen's handout is available at our web site: go to copamensshed.org.au/news/ and you will find the link under the report of the meeting.

The next Shed Meeting will be held on Saturday 17th July at the Copa Rural Fire Service station, starting at 10 am. As usual, we shall start with an update on progress in getting the shed up and running. Then we shall welcome our Honorary Solicitor, Peter Hill, on "Wills, probate, and all that". Peter is a particularly strong friend of the Men's Shed; it was he who, as President of the Copacabana Community Association at the time, made the first request to Council to allow the Copa community to build a men's shed here. As usual, all are welcome (subject to any Covid restrictions that may be in effect).

Membership

If you haven't already joined the Shed, please consider doing so. The fee is still \$30 for the period up to 30 June 2022 (men only, for the moment) and a membership form is available on our web site at copamensshed.org.au/support. I'm sure the Shed Treasurer (treasurer@copamensshed.org) would be delighted to hear from you.

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