

## Woodford and Region Men's Shed

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### CO-ORDINATOR'S COMMENTS

As with all your Committee is undertaking at the moment, the news just keeps getting better! With any luck we should have some form of confirmation as to the availability of some land by time our next meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2012.

Our small table containing both wood and metal work display's at the Lions' Country Market last Sunday was a great success: many an inquiry was made about WARMS and those of us who attended had a ball! I am sure we will be better represented at the next Country Market on 21 October. This is a chance for you to put this date in your diary or calendar. This now would be a great time to suggest what we should be trying to achieve. This can include the selling of WARMS manufactured items such as Metal figurines and art work, Lazy Susans and Timber Clocks. These need to be made over the next few week. Karl has volunteered to assist with the metal work and I am more than happy to teach any members in the art of making Lazy Susans (no wood-turning required) and basic Clock making. For this, basic wood turning is necessary, which again I am happy to teach, both these instructional activities (metal and wood) .

After consulting my Secretary (Peter) we have decided to "get this show on the road"! Therefore on Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sep 2012, I, along with anyone who can wood-turn, will be running an "Introduction to Basic Wood-Turning Course" which is to be held at Peter's place, 63 Bleakley Road, Delaneys Creek, at 9.00am- till when we finish. As we presently have only a few lathes and limited tools, pending on the how many Members turn up, actual turning may be limited.

Should you only want a cuppa and a chat, that will be OK on the day as well. To make this day succeed, donations of timber will be gratefully accepted. In fact, WE NEED TIMBER.

Any member attending will require the following:

- Membership monies must be paid (We need to be financial to be covered by insurance)
- Safety equipment
- Safety Glasses
- Ear Protection (is required)
- Approved dust respirator/mask
- Sturdy work laced-up footwear, and
- Work clothes

My next **HELP!** message is: should any Members have any knowledge of tools, equipment etc., that some kind person would like to donate to WARMS we are ready and willing to pick it up.

Look forward to see all of you at Peter's Place

Barry

Co-ordinator

## **From Peter's Pen**

I would like to echo Barry's comment: the Good News for WARMS just keeps coming in!

Welcome and thanks to Brian for agreeing to take on the editing and distribution of the WARMS Newsletter! Thanks also to Gary, our Shylock, who did me a great favour downloading the SMART Management system from AMSA and obtaining a password. I had the devil of a time trying to do this but now I can. I owe both of these Members one!

Talking about the Good News, at the Lions' Country Market on 16 September, while we were having a great time, many good, fun things happened but two stand out to share:

- A kind offer was made to us to have a large mango-wood butt, and if we wanted, a stump that will be cut across. Stewart, a Member, also agreed with Barry and me that once we have had a look at the timber, Stewart will arrange to use his portable sawmill to cut the butt down for WARMS
- Another kind offer was from the Lions Club that had been donated a trailer-load of small tools, equipment and consumables. This trailer-load has been brought to my place and will be sorted out by some Members for possible use/availability to all Members

As you know, we received our AMSA registration the very next day after I sent in the application form. Our Rego is AMSA100840. I am now in the process of getting our incorporation.

Another bit of Good News: I have checked with AMSA about our own insurance. The insurance year is March to March but because we are fresh off the block we pay only 50% premium until March 2013. We pay a calculated amount for the 24 Members we have so far, and if any more join after we get our proposal in, we do not pay any extra. The premium is normally per Member. The cover seems quite good (but I still want to see the full Policy before we commit!) and is for

- Public and Products liability
- Association liability, and,
- Volunteer personal accident liability

We would normally need to be incorporated but I have explained to AMSA that we are auspiced by an incorporated body, the Lions Club, and this seems to be acceptable.

I have put in an application to run sausage sizzles at Bunnings and Masters at Morayfield. On Sunday 16 September the Woodford Vinnies ran the snag sizzle at Bunnings and fund-raised more than about at four similar events outside IGA in Woodford. I do not think we will get a look in until 2013 but fingers crossed! We must also not forget doing one or more outside IGA or elsewhere locally to raise funds **AND** community awareness that we are here and that we do other things than just cook snags!

The satellite-venue idea – until we firm up our premises – seems to be gaining strength. My place on Friday 28 September for some wood turning classes, Brett Nipperess has kindly offered Karl an area to teach welding and other metal-working, Len Pitman, our Member, has kindly agreed to let a few fellow-Members have a look at his bee-keeping and possibly learn about keeping bees. So, now it is up to you – let's have a show of hands about getting to these activities.

Last but not least, the final bit of Goods News (?) for now: our next get-together is on 01 October (to celebrate Queen E's birthday) at 1500 in the Catholic Church hall – free again! Short show and tell, then BBQ outside, snags kindly from Karl, cooking plate from Barry, gas from me or Gary and drinks on me. Lets have a good time together as a Men's Shed can!

Until 28 September, and/or 01 October and/or anytime...

Peter, your Secretary

### **Treasurer's Request**

Hi Gentlemen

As discussed at the WARMS meeting on the 3rd of September we agreed that the membership fees would be \$50 dollars a year and \$5 dollars a meeting.

If possible, please bring the membership fees to the next meeting on Monday the 1st of October. It would be greatly appreciated as we will be using some of it to pay for the Insurance.

Thanks,

Gary

Your Treasurer