**Regency Community Men’s Shed**

**2021 February Update**

Projects

Sometimes it is hard to keep up with you shedders as you plough through the projects we have generated.

The last of the nesting boxes will be picked up next Tuesday. We have built well over 200 of them.

The Street Libraries are nearing completion with the front ‘window’ still to be installed and a coat of polyurethane to complete each one. End of next week they will probably be picked up.

We have a lectern to build, an external compressor cage to construct, somebody wants us to repair some toys (may pop in next week to show us), we need to build a cupboard for lathe tools, a cupboard and housing is needed for our new CNC router/laser which we have just ordered, a start has been made on the ship model and two new scroll saw benches are going to be made and of course there are the individual projects any member may bring along.

Grants

We want to apply for a grant from the Dept of Veterans Affairs.

To do so it is handy to know how many of our members have served in the forces. This includes CMF or Reserves for any branch of the Services.

If this is you, please send me an email and let me know. I would appreciate knowing this sooner rather than later.

Norm

For those who don’t know Norm and his wife are moving to Cairns to live. It is likely this will take effect sometime around June/July. In the meantime Norm will stay on as President and provide a smooth transfer of knowledge.

CNC Router/Laser

We are going to move into the next generation of woodworking through computer aided design. We will be going into a steep learning curve in about 4 weeks’ time when we expect the CNC to arrive. As we learn we will also teach others who want to learn how to use this equipment.

Television

Our new television will arrive tomorrow and will be installed on the wall at the end of the kitchen area. This will give us the ability to access YouTube etc for how-to videos.

Shirts

I plan to put in an order for some more of our Men’s Shed shirts. As we have to order as many as possible at any one time to keep the price down it is important that you order now as we may not be doing another order for at least 12 months.

The cost will be somewhere between $30 and $34 depending on the number we order.

This is the first and only call.

If you want to order please send me an email with the number you want and the size.

Sizes available Medium, Large, XL, 2XL 3XL and 5XL.

Bunnings Barbecue

Our next Bunnings BBQ is on Saturday, 20 March 2021.

Peter Sowden is coordinating this event.

Please add your name to the list which will be on the table in the Shed.

We have booked 4 bbqs for the year with each one having the potential of raising approx. $1000.

First Aid Course

We had to postpone this last year due to COVID19.

We have confirmed a new date being WED, 31 March, 8.30-4.30 in the Community Centre.

We had 14 members who wanted to do this last year but we know circumstances change so we are calling for everybody to register their interest again. This includes those members who may not have registered last time but now want to or are able to participate.

Please email me with your intention to attend.