

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND SHEDS

REPORT ON THOSE VISITED OR CONTACTED

MENS SHEDS IN THE ROCKHAMPTON AREA

A meeting was set up in Rocky by the National Union of Retired Workers Shed where all the sheds in the area were invited. The main theme of the meeting was the proposed shed been considered by the P.C.Y.C. Those present were from the Gracemere Men's Shed. Bouldercombe Shed apologised, and Emu Park was not available to attend.

From discussions we were able to agree that it would be better if the P.C.Y.C work in conjunction with the Rocky shed and use their members for the projects that were envisaged by the P.C.Y.C. All present agreed that they had to work together with ALL the Sheds in the District and to have regular social events where ALL sheds were invited. They even agreed to pool resources when necessary and to support each shed's projects when possible.

This was an excellent get together and I feel we have assisted the Districts sheds to better understand each other's concerns.

P.S. A check with A.M.S.A. shows that the P.C.Y.C. has registered with them.

YEPPOON MENS SHED.

This shed is been set up by the Anglican Church of Yeppoon and will be situated in a proposed shed on their own property in Kookaburra Drive Yeppoon. They are putting together their organisational committee at present at the church complex in Housden Street Yeppoon. Michael Donaldson is the minister and the driving force behind the shed. The shed will be next to a retirement village on the church land. Michael was grateful for the visit and the advice given. He thinks now that he should have a shed up and running temporarily at the church in a few months' time.

This shed is in the setup stage at present

ADVENTIST CARE YEPPOON. [CAPRICORN COAST MEN'S SHED ?]

I was advised that this organisation was considering starting men's shed at their village that would be open to anyone. I spoke to Angela Colless, the Operations Manager, who was very keen to have a Men's Shed established. They have a large area under a new complex set aside for the shed, they have travelled to Gladstone Men's Shed to see how their shed functions and have now put together a steering committee. I spoke to their proposed President and he says the men are very keen to get started.

The problem could be that they are only about 800 mts. from the other proposed shed for the Angelicans.

This shed is in the setup stage at present

EMU PARK AND DISTRICT MENS SHED

I'm afraid that I fouled this meeting up. I spoke to Keith McCarthy, their President to arrange a visit. He came back to say he would be away but would see what he could arrange.

When I heard nothing I assumed they were unavailable, then I was told they were coming to the Rocky meeting so I scrubbed going down their way. I received a call at home soon after I was to be there to see where I was. My wife said I was on my way home. I phone Graham Luck when I got home and explained what had occurred. This was not good but these things can happen.

Anyhow from my discussions it would appear that they are still meeting at the Bowls Club and holding working days at members' homes. They have been offered two pieces of land by the council, one goes under

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Water and the other would mean extensive costs with services, due to the distance to travel. They still have a very active group which I'm sorry I did not meet.

I would class this shed as operational even though it does not have a permanent home.

BOULDERCOMBE AND DISTRICT

MEN'S SHED.

This group consists of mainly men who are still working. For this reason they only meet on a Saturday.

I believe that they do have a shed.

This shed is operational

GRACEMERE MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION.

This shed has just received a grant to get their shed. As they have the land and services are ok they should be setting up in their new shed very shortly. They are very supportive of the group concept and are prepared to back it at present.

Their President Col Matthews is preparing his address for the upcoming conference in Rocky which will contain the latest numbers for the region.

This shed is operational.

N.U.R.W.SHED.

This shed is in rent free premises at present but they are unsure what will happen in 12 months when their agreement runs out. They are hopeful that the owners will extend the agreement.

They have a small problem with their name, making possible members unsure if they would be accepted. It is a problem Jim Lawler, their President, is aware of and they are trying to sort it out. They have some good projects on their list and their workshop, while only small, has a fair bit of equipment. They also have a gym and are building a kitchen to teach cooking to the blokes. They are prepared to assist the P.C.Y.C. with the project they are undertaking.

This shed is operational

P.C.Y.C. APPLICATION

I have a feeling that the only reason the P.C.Y.C. wants a "MEN'S SHED" is to have it run programs for the local youth who are in trouble with the law by been the source of older man power to run the program. If this is the case their application should be reviewed and referred to our Board before approval is given.

While Sheds will assist with youth programs they are mainly in existence to help the "older or lonely man" not as a baby-sitting organisation for our wayward youth.

MOUNT MORGAN'S MEN'S SHED

This shed has been mentioned several times to me but A.M.S.A have no record of them. Are they part of that odd group of " aussie men's" sheds that we spoke about at the conference.