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AMSA PATRON, TIM MATHIESON, CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY AT TOODYAY

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Thursday, October 27 was an auspicious day in Toodyay, WA.

The Toodyay Men's Shed hosted a special lunch for Australia's "First Bloke" Tim Mathieson, the Australian Prime Minister's partner.

He was in WA as part of the CHOGM event and Toodyay was lucky to be able to host this event.

Dignitaries present were from near and far.

Local VIPs were: Jeff Roberts, Toodyay Men's Shed; Max Trenorden, MLC; Wendy Camenzuli, Principal, Toodyay District High School; local Police, local sponsors of the Shed, including Bendigo Bank; Toodyay IGA; Men's Health Initiative; and Dr Phil Lawton, who supplied the TMS with their current, temporary, premises.

The day was actually Tim's 55th birthday and he "couldn't think of a better way to celebrate than spending some time here in a Men's Shed or a men's gathering which is what we've got going on today".

He told listeners that he has his own shed at the Lodge. "Julia can go anywhere in Australia, but she can't come into my shed."

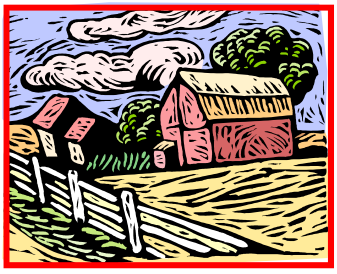
As Tim is the Patron of AMSA he was quick to point out that sheds have grown from 40 or 50 to over 650 registered Men's Sheds with a membership of 75,000 men. Every day a new shed forms.

Mr David Helmers, CEO of AMSA said that he looking forward to getting together with Toodyay Shedders to see if he could help in some way to make the Shed a reality. "But really," he said, "when you look at the heart and soul, you've already got a shed here, sitting here in front of us."

Jeff Roberts gave special thanks to Bel Rowe saying that it was her push that got people talking and helped the TMS come to fruition.

The function finished with a cake for Tim to cut, a presentation of a TMS cap and shirt with a comment that TMS did not mean Tim Mathieson's Shed!

Jeff Roberts was thanked for organising the day and function. . .a fitting finale where the blokes got a chance meet Australia's First Bloke.



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Be prepared to act during a bushfire even if you do not receive a warning

NEWS FROM OTHER SHEDS

Successful Funding

Rumours about the **York Men's Shed** being evicted from Balladong Farm are not true.

That being said a successful funding program has been arranged and the Shire of York have provided a site on the corner of Ninth & Carter roads for the provision of a Men's Shed.

Watch this space for further developments.

Recently members of York Men's Shed had been busy cleaning up around handicapped residents' homes. When not attacking the grass, weeds etc the blokes were picking up items that were no longer needed. Also members recently completed a special order for a swing for a local disabled girl. It was designed and installed by the members.

C'mon all you Rock n Rollers

West Aussie Rockers CD Launch Concert is on Sunday, December 11, 2011 from 5 to 9pm at the Swan Yacht Club.

There will be 11 WA Rock n Roll artists performing and a 3-CD will be available (*West Aussie Rock Pop and Beat 1959-1967*) for $30. Featuring over 80 great tracks. This is to help raise funds for the Starlight Children's Foundation.

So be there or be square.

Contact Swan Yacht Club 9339 3520 or website: swanyachtclub.com.au

EDITOR/PRODUCER REQUIRED

This is my final "Warbler". An Editor/ Producer is required to produce future issues. Please get in touch with the Executive if you are interested in this position. Thank you. Ike

AMSA REPORT

Meeting held October 30, 2011, Canberra, ACT

David Helmers was an apology as he was stuck in Perth due to the QANTAS grounding.

There was a report on the Queensland conference, which looks like it will make a loss of about $4000. This was disappointing and was in part caused by the lower than expected attendance.

The SMART program has been launched and all indications are that each shed that uses it is very pleased with the program. More will be gained as the program is installed in various computers around the country.

Round 3 funding has commenced and there was a discussion about the criteria guidelines that were used to determine the beneficiaries of the grants. It was agreed that these guidelines would be made available for the next round of grants.

It was agreed that there needs to be a strategic planning meeting to determine the way forward. The growth of AMSA has been so fast that there now needs to be a specific agreement as to what we want to achieve in the next few years.

Communication with the State bodies was discussed at length. The WA experience with lack of information was echoed by all States where Tim Mathieson has visited. Lack of prior knowledge, no consultation or even information about the '"ow and where" of the visits was widespread. Each State member is to forward areas where they think there are weaknesses and these will be addressed.

The new Constitution was discussed and dissected at length (about six hours!). There will be ongoing discussions until it is 100% correct.

The next teleconference will be on November 29.

To all WAMSA Members,

Do you have any spare tools?
Woodwork, metalwork tools also machine or power tools etc.
The Kondinin Men's shed Inc. are looking for whatever tools we can get so we can get started.
If you have anything of use we would be very grateful.
For pick-up please call:
Mick Smeed CEO 9889 1138
Anytime or please leave message and phone number and I will get to you.
Or e-mail Kondinin Community Resource—***kondinin@crc.net.au***

Hope to hear from any WAMSA members

Thank you.

REMINDER TO ALL SHEDS. . .PLEASE UPDATE YOUR LATEST DETAILS TO W.A.M.S.A. AS SOON