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NEWSLETTER

What is happening at your shed(s) . . .

The new shed – 16 Nicholson Street, Toronto West

We are very aware that the current situation is not ideal and is inconveniencing members at both locations. As most of you are aware, our major reason for moving to Nicholson Street is to obtain premises where we have a longer secure tenancy. At Awaba we have only ever had a 1 or 2 year licence and even this was in doubt in the future. With Nicholson Street we now have a minimum 5 year lease and probably at least another 5 years at the end of this. This gives us security of tenure and the encouragement to spend on much needed infrastructure to make conditions much better for members.

Your committee is striving to get the new shed ready for normal operations as soon as possible and we ask for your patience in this as the final result will be well worth the current disruption.

To this end we have almost completed the installation of the new electrics, security and a reticulated compressed air system.

We were successful in getting a \$15,000 grant from the NSW State Government for a new dust extraction system which has been ordered and installation will commence in the next few weeks. We will not actually get the money until March/April so we are funding it ourselves in the meantime.

Concrete pads are being laid for the external dust extractor unit and the hot work container which will be moved over from Awaba in the near future.

The larger pieces of equipment are starting to be moved across and this will speed up in the near future as the required infrastructure is completed.

The committee has made the decision to build a new 7 metre x 7 metre (subject to DA approval) at the front right hand side of the existing shed. This will be a concrete floored double colour bond garage style building with 2 roller doors windows and another entry door. It will also have a 3 metre awning on the side for members' protection from the weather. This structure will cost us \$10,000 approx. and at this stage will be fully funded by our shed (unless we can find and apply for a grant in the meantime). This building will be used by the mechanical section for mower and line trimmer restoration and small motor repairs. They will have 75% of it with 25% to be used for storage of our Fundraising BBQ equipment. We have obtained quotes for the supply and erection of the shed and concrete pad. The commencement of this is only waiting on our contact at

LMCC to get the DA finalised and submitted for approval. We all know how slow the Council can be but hopefully this will happen sooner rather than later.

If you have not yet seen the new shed just drop in any shed day for a look and if you feel you can assist with any of the above tasks please talk to any committee member – we will welcome the assistance as there are lots of things to do.

End of month lunches

These will, continue to be held on the last Thursday of the month at Nicholson Street commencing at approximately 12 noon:

February

March:

April: Quarterly Meeting at 11am & Barbeque Lunch

May: Thursday 31st - *Presentation by Roads & Maritime Services on "Road Safety for older Road Users" at 11am & Barbeque Lunch*

June: Thursday 28th

Fundraising BBQ's

These have been cut back over the last couple of months due to the amount of work needed at Nicholson Street and the hot weather.

These will be recommencing soon (we will need the money).

On Saturday morning 10th February some members were involved in a fundraising BBQ for "Cure Cancer Australia" at Boolaroo – we helped to raise around \$500 for this good cause.

Coming events:

Friday 23rd February – "Toronto Picnic in the Park" being run by LMCC from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. We will be running a fundraising BBQ for those families that attend. We have enough helpers for the BBQ but we would encourage all other members to bring their families down and just enjoy the event (and buy a bacon & egg roll or sausage sandwich)

Thursday 5th April – Market Day BBQ in the Boulevarde (outside Best & Less) – list will go on the noticeboard(s) soon.

Friday March 30th to Monday April 1st - Easter

Tuesday 10th July – NAIDOC Day free BBQ at Foreshore Park, Toronto - 9am to 3pm

Thursday 12th July – Annual General Meeting commencing at 10am and lunch

Committee Meetings

Members are reminded that they are always welcome to attend committee meetings which are held in the Nicholson Street lunchroom on the last Tuesday of every month at 10.30am.

Whether you have an issue to bring up, a suggestion to help the shed or just want to find out what goes on at a meeting.

All we ask is that you book your attendance with the Secretary prior to the meeting so we know who to expect.