



## NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2010 EDITION

*Greetings all.* This is the second newsletter for this year to present items of interest occurring at the Windale shed.

We completed a number of projects during the past two months such as work benches for age care facilities; children's play furniture (see photo) and a dolls cradle as a raffle prize for a local community group.



The shed continues to grow in regard to activities and membership. We have been involved in two fund raising BBQs thanks to Bunnings at Belmont; an official function hosted by CatholicCare acknowledging the shed's success when an appreciation plaque was presented to our two coordinators who have been instrumental with establishment and development of the Windale Shed—Kerry Thompson and David Helmers. Also, a welcoming afternoon tea was held for the State Minister for Youth & Volunteers, the Hon Peter Primrose, who presented the Shed with a cheque to further assist our mentoring programs. We are grateful to Matthew Morris, Member for Charlestown, for his assistance and ongoing support in this and other matters.

Membership is continually growing with the attendance mean average for 2010 increasing by in excess of 100% compared to the 2009 July statistics. The down side of this success is the limited safe work area within the shed because of an increase in numbers and physical storage

requirements. As a result, we have purchased and are now fitting out two 20' containers to overcome the storage problem and thereby creating additional work space.

The Shed committee has been successful with their application for the 2010 Federal Governments volunteer Small Equipment grant which will assist with providing additional and newer tools/equipment for members. In addition we have, with the assistance of CatholicCare, applied for sufficient funding to extend the shed to enable effective separation of the 'workshop' and the administration/reception area and a non workshop type project workstation.

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### *New Bits*

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As from 26 July 2010 the Shed has a new coordinator, Marty Leist who adopts the role vacated by David Helmers who has moved on and is now the Exec Officer for AMSA. Marty comes from a very similar background to the Shed movement, previously being involved with youth projects, volunteers and the commercial environment. It is anticipated he will reduce some of the work currently done by volunteers and establish healthy partnerships etc for the Shed.

In addition, the Shed has been involved in providing membership for the State Advisory Committee and a Beyond Blue committee to assist with the development of web site that reflects the men's shed movement for potential users suffering with mental illness who are unable to physically attend a Shed. This web site is programmed to be launched in November 2010.

*The Editor*