

(Affiliation with Australian
Shed Association of Australia

Men's
Pending)



A Submission to
Ipswich City Council
for the allocation

of building space at Rosewood Showgrounds
submitted 16/4/18

Preamble

We are a NEW community-based, non-profit, non-commercial organisation that is accessible to all men, and we aim to provide a friendly, spacious environment where men are able to work safely on meaningful projects at their own pace in their own time in the company of other men. A major objective is to advance the well-being and health of our members. The organisation is Incorporated under State legislation, and has applied for Affiliation with the Australian Men's Shed Association.

Why this application?

Any organisation stands or falls on the attainment of its objectives. Earlier valuable and highly commendable attempts to establish a Men's Shed for Rosewood under the auspices of the Ipswich City Council's Community Centre have met with limited success in terms of the above objectives. If, like the many Men's Sheds spread around Australia and the world, The Rosewood Men's Shed is to support local men and meet its objectives, there is a need to reach another level in facilities, energy, and initiatives.

Administration

Rosewood Men's Shed (RMS) is presently administered by an Interim Management Committee consisting of 5 members who bring varied skills and experience to the task. They are:

Vic Gibbons 5464 5193 Karl Wesner 0754642381 Chris Bishop 0408782296
Garry Bell 0405175772 and Paul MacMenigall 0401949222

Vic Gibbons, formerly Royal Navy, holds tertiary qualifications in building administration and has had wide and varied experience in production engineering and retail administration.

Karl Wesner is Tertiary qualified and has 37 years experience TAFE Lecturer and administrator

Chris Bishop served 34 yrs ranked service in the Australian Air Force in highly specialised sourcing and purchasing of combat aircraft parts. He has continued to serve in the reserves for the past 7yrs. He specialises in support for people suffering PTSD.

Garry Bell BA, Mlitt (NE) MA (Syd), PhD (Macq) was formerly Associate Professor in Mathematics Education at Southern Cross University but has taught at various institutions in Australia and across the world, including Nottingham University, University of Michigan, and Seoul National University. He has administered many programs involving over \$2m in research and development funds and has served on the governing bodies of the University of New England and Southern Cross University.

Paul MacMeninigall is a businessman with 30 years wide commercial and technological experience.

Administrative Rules

The new organisation has adopted the comprehensive model rules suggested by The Department of Fair Trading Queensland, with appropriate identifiers. These rules cover:

Powers of the Association, Membership, Fees, Register, Information Handling, Roles of Secretary and President, Management Committee Membership and Election and Functions, Meetings, Quora, Special and AGM Meetings, Minutes, Subcommittees, Voting and Proxy Procedures, By-Laws and Rule Alterations, Funds and Accounts and Financial Statements.

Interim Financial Arrangements

Two bank accounts have been established, namely an Administrative Funds Account to handle membership fees and everyday expenses, and a Charity Account to handle all monies received by way of Public Contributions. Appropriate signature protocols for each are in place.

Building plans

While the organisation has made approaches to other community agencies, the preferred site continues to be a site next to the Lions facility at the western boundary of the Rosewood Showgrounds. (as shown) It is felt that close proximity to the Lions facility will yield many opportunities for collaboration, to the benefit of both organisations and their community.

Funding for Building

The new building would be along the same lines as the existing Lions Shed, with similar cladding and rolling doors on east and west sides. Total funding would be derived from National Government National Shed Development Program

Intended activities for members

Once the shed is up and running RMS would aim to develop activities in at least the following areas:

- Furniture construction and repair
- Mathematical aids construction
- Cooking classes
- Billycart construction
- Table tennis
- Art classes
- Exercise classes
- Breakfast club BBQs
- First aid course
- Bird Boxes construction and sale
- Wood sculpture classes
- Statuary work shop
- Blacksmithing classes
- Pottery
- Nursery plants for sale
- Technology classes
- Cards and Chess

- Veterans share sessions
- Mental Health Aid Course – controlling the brain

But the strength of this application lies in the richness of projects and ideas it intends to develop – its PROJECT STREAM. These fall into two categories, both of which use the skills and involvement of members. These are

- projects intended to link the RMS to its community, and
- projects which are aimed at generating ongoing self-supporting income to sustain the operation.

Community link projects

It is self-evident that there is a huge gulf between the grandfathers of today who were born before transistors, and their grandchildren who are bombarded by technology in their schools and everyday lives. The experience of the former was dominated by life-long employment, practical hands-on skills with concrete materials, and slow advances. The experiences of the latter relate more to the “Gig Economy”, constant technological change, Virtual Reality and ideas application. There is a danger that the two cultures will drift further apart, based on their different skill sets and experiences. Should we aim at bringing the two cultures together, and if we do, how? Is there a way to bring them together? The following projects are aimed at doing just that.

It is not intended that these projects would undermine or inhibit the present school emphasis on technology and its applications. Rather, it is intended to give students the opportunity to handle real-world materials that senior men can make, and that manifest mathematical ideas.

Following are 4 devices that model Mathematical ideas, and could be easily made by Men’s Shed members, given guidance and the right machinery. It is planned to put together a set of “Trickboxes” that contain several exemplars of each of these, (as well as some others) and “Lend” these boxes to Classrooms, Aged Care facilities and Children’s wards at Hospital. Of course, a men’s shed member would have to accompany the Trickboxes to maintain security.

These programs would be evaluated for purpose in School Term Cycles, so that relevance to and engagement of children and adults can be measured. So,

Project Stream MTCH Maths Trickboxes for Children in Hospital --- (in conjunction with Ipswich Hospital Foundation)

Project Stream MTSS Math Trickboxes travelling from school to school Hexas, Somas, Ellipse twisters, Combination Blocks

Project Stream CSAC Cognitive Stimulation in Aged Care - Math Trickboxes travelling to Aged Care facilities Hexas, Somas, Ellipse twisters, Combination Blocks

Examples

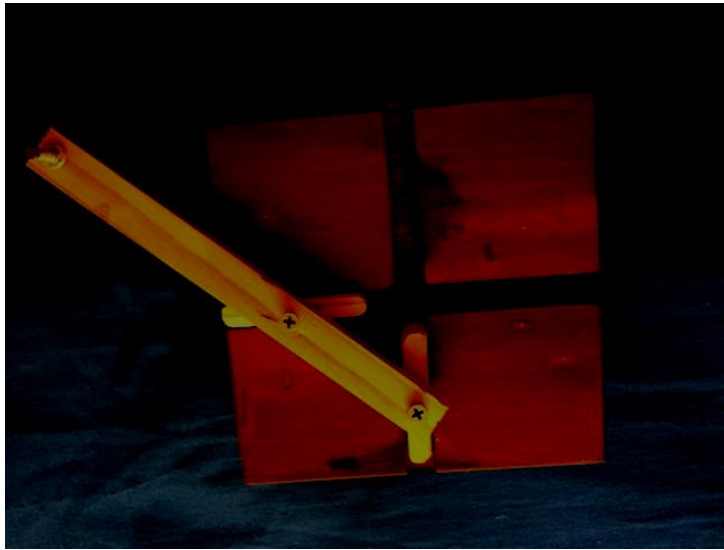
Hexas: Hexagonal nuts are attached in groups of four, the aim being to fit pieces together in to make defined shapes



Soma cubes: Cubes are attached together in groups of four, the aim being to fit pieces together to make defined shapes



Elliptical Twister Rotation of the winder produces elliptical shapes



Combination Blocks: designed to practice combinations to defined total. Shaking the device divides the balls into two subsets



Ongoing funds generation Projects

It is necessary to envision some ways of generating sufficient income to sustain the operation of RMS. Given the expertise and experience of the members, it is possible that significant initiatives might emerge. For the moment, however, RMS plans to generate income by

- using all strategies permitted under Sanction Certificate Number CP6333 issued by the Queensland Office of Fair Trading – namely door to door appeals, street collections, raffles, and stalls
- selling food compliant with regulations at specially arranged events
- selling Maths Aids compliant with regulations to the public

Summary

This is a NEW organisation. Everything is in place for it to succeed and fulfil its mission to support the physical, mental and social welfare of local men. Plans are in place for construction, ongoing financial sustainability, and meaningful activity programs for members. There will be minimal call on Council financial structures.

All that is needed is Council support for the allocation of space at the showground.

The Management Committee is enthusiastic and has the expertise and experience to successfully manage the agency. It feels sure that the end product will be something that Council can, in the future, look upon as a proud achievement.

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PROPOSED SIGN SITE

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