



WAVERLEY COMMUNITY
MEN'S SHED INC.

SCUTTLEBUTT

WCMS MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EDITOR



WOW!! What a reaction!! Thank you to everybody who has passed on their congratulations and well wishes for our Newsletter, all we now need is publishable material. In saying that, I am happy to continue to be the Editor (and some members have volunteered to assist me in that regard), but a reminder is appropriate: "an Editor just edits articles provided by others to be included in a publication"!! So, the ball is in your court. Let me have articles, photos, and anything that relates to life at the Shed, our activities, men's health information and the things we make.

Tom

SHED CLOSURE



Regrettably, we buckled under the pressure. With the vast majority of our members being over 65 and suffering a variety of medical conditions, and services around us suspending operations or closing altogether, your Board of Management has decided to close the Shed **effective immediately** until after Easter, we hope to **reopen on Tuesday 14th April**. Any changes to the date will be notified to members in Scuttlebutt.

The Partners Dinner scheduled for 17th March has been **CANCELLED**.

We wish for all of our members to come through the present COVID19 (coronavirus) issues and to come back in good health, and we wish everyone a **"Peaceful and Holy Easter"** and **"Chag Pesach Sameach"**

In the meantime we are aware that a number of members have (as a precaution) gone into voluntary self-isolation, but social contact with your friends from the Shed should still be maintained by exchange of emails and phone calls.

HOW TO SELF-ISOLATE



STAY AT HOME

(this means no work or quick trips to the shops and **no visitors**)

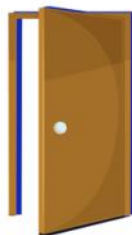
GET ESSENTIALS DELIVERED OR ENLIST HELP OF FRIENDS OR FAMILY

(supplies should be **left at the door** to avoid contact with others)



WEAR A MASK

(if you are in a shared space)



AVOID SHARING ROOMS

(where possible **stay in a well-ventilated room** away from housemates or family members)



DON'T SHARE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

(This includes towels and toiletries. High-touch surfaces like doorknobs and remote controls should be **cleaned at least once a day**)





PROSTATE CANCER DISCUSSION

We have had a great response of interest in this course and we are negotiating with the instructor to appoint a date, being a Wednesday afternoon at 3pm sometime in June (not the 3rd Wednesday).

If you have not yet done so, and decided that you wish to come along, you still can!! Just register, let me know by email to tom@aces.net.au. We do need to know numbers to run this discussion group, so please make sure that you register!

Please keep your eye on the white board as the appointed date will be notified on the board and in future newsletters.



FIRST AID COURSE

We are awaiting the return of Phil Wicks, the instructor for the course who has helped us previously, to return from an extended vacation so we can book a date. In the meantime, it would seem that we may have arranged external funding that would enable all members who are interested (not just the Supervisors) to do this programme. It is highly desirable for all Supervisors to hold a current Certificate, but seeing how important first aid is within the family, we are inviting expressions of interest from the general membership (without guarantee that we can satisfy everybody).

Keep in mind that the skills you learn to use on such a course may be used to save the life of a loved one in your own home!

Please put your name on the white board or let me know by email to tom@aces.net.au.

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WILLS; POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND GUARDIANSHIP MATTERS

A highly qualified solicitor specialising in issues relating to the behaviour of Trustees who are dealing with issues of your property and your body in case of ill health has indicated a willingness to attend the Shed and to discuss such troubling matters that you may wish to look into for your own personal well-being and satisfaction. This should be most interesting and illuminating, we are seeking expressions of interest from Members who may wish to participate.

At this stage no fixed date has been appointed but we expect that the discussion will take place at 3:00pm (after the Shed is closed) on a Wednesday afternoon.

If you are interested in this discussion (questions and answers), please put your name on the white board or let me know by email to tom@aces.net.au.

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THE TOMATO GARDEN

Sourced from "The Shedder" the newsletter of AMSA

An old gentleman lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison.

The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament: "Dear Vincent, I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like the old days. Love, Papa"

A few days later he received a letter from his son: "Dear Papa, don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried. Love, Vinnie"

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left.

That same day the old man received another letter from his son: "Dear Papa, go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances. Love you, Vinnie"