



Rosefield Community Shed

Annual Report - Calendar Year 2019

Summary

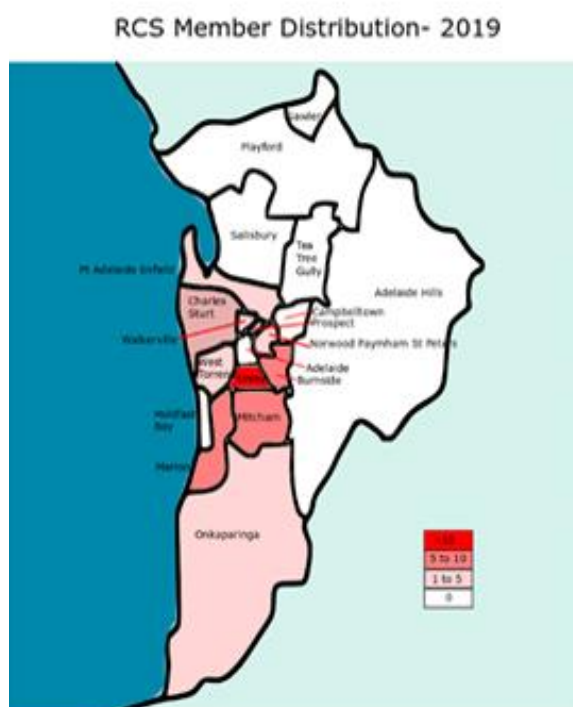
2019 was a challenging and at times a difficult year but ultimately very rewarding. Our primary focus for this year was to ensure that we were ready and able to vacate our premises for the Royal Adelaide Show on time and without incident. We then needed to return all our equipment as quickly as possible after the show to resume normal operations.

Our membership this year has continued to grow and we introduced an additional session on Thursday mornings to cope with the increase in numbers. We have worked hard to build a strong and supportive relationship with RAHS management and staff and have participated in and organised joint activities wherever possible. A significant number of the projects completed this year were for RAHS. We have also built robust relationships with several Rotary Clubs, AMOSA, Concordia College, Unley Council, Murraylands Community Men's Shed and Questacon. We continued to develop our systems and introduced formal policies and procedures, created a new web page, installed a computer network and collated the data to enable us to prepare our first detailed budget for 2020. Considerable work has also been done to continually improve our facilities at the Showground.

People

Our membership continued to increase this year and we now have just over 50 members who attend our workshop sessions with up to 38 members attending on any given Tuesday morning. As well as increasing numbers, our geographic footprint has also expanded. We now cover 33 suburbs and 10 local council electorates. The map adjacent shows our spread graphically. Our new location at the showground with train, tram and bus services close at hand have helped make this spread possible.

The increase in membership lead us to look at introducing more sessions in order to reduce congestion in the workshop. Initially Tuesday afternoon sessions were offered between 12:30 pm and 3:30 pm. These sessions proved unpopular and after discussions with the Murraylands Community Men's Shed we opted for an additional session on Thursday mornings. The popularity of this session is increasing with several members choosing to come on Thursday in lieu of Tuesday. Currently new members are offered the Thursday session only.





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On a more personal level, our previous coordinator Mr John Carrangis was awarded an OAM for service to the Rosefield community, congratulations John. Ian Stewart and Errol Koch both reached the 80-year age milestone and Bob Perry 85.

Several members have taken on set roles within the shed this year. This will be very much encouraged as we go forward as it is one of the reasons, we believe, that the Murrayland's Community Men's Shed has been so successful to date.

Royal Adelaide Show

The Royal Adelaide Show has been the focus of our attention for most of this year. The end of this year's show marked the first anniversary of our residence in the Bank SA Pavilion at the Showground. It also confirmed our ability to be able to completely vacate our premises two weeks prior to the show and then reinstall and recommission all our equipment promptly and efficiently when the show was over. Our members are to be commended for their enthusiasm, teamwork and extra effort made to ensure that this task was achieved quickly, efficiently and without incident.



Last Container packed ready for show time

The show also meant that we were unable to run our usual workshops for a 6-week period. Instead of shutting down, other activities were organised during the normal workshop periods. These activities included: A visit to the Army Museum at the Army Barracks on Anzac Highway, a visit to the Murraylands Community Men's Shed in Murray Bridge, a visit to the Aviation Museum in Port Adelaide, and a lunch at the cafeteria at our old home in Highgate Park. We were so impressed with the visit to the Murraylands Shed that a subsequent visit was organised for our management team. This visit focused on building relationships and learning what helped to make this shed so successful.



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This year we were able to submit a static display in the Ram Shed during showtime. This had limited success as we did not have items for sale and the stand was not continuously manned due to the short notice we had received. It is hoped that we will be able to get a position in the Ram Shed in 2020 and it is planned to make items that we will be able to sell as well as promote the Shed in general.



Our static display at this year's show



Winning entry in Small Gardens category

Once again, our show entry, in conjunction with Malvern Mitre 10 won first prize in the garden's in small spaces category.

Grants and Fundraising

Graham Ellender, Mary Crawford and John Carrangis have continued in their efforts submitting grant applications with a better success rate this year. We were successful in winning a \$10,000 grant from Unley Council to help support the coordinator, \$3400 also from Unley Council to help us introduce CNC (Computer Numeric Control) router technology to the shed in an effort to help us become self-sufficient by producing high quality goods for sale. A donation of \$1,000 was also received from Blackwood Rotary. This money has been allocated to help install a ceiling in our meeting room area.

On Saturday, 22nd December we operated our first Bunnings BBQ at Mile End. This proved to be a very profitable and successful day thanks to all the members that took part. As a result of our performance on that day we have been offered five dates on a Wednesday and one Saturday for BBQ's at Mile End in 2020.

Projects

Most of the significant projects this year were focused around further improving our facilities at the Showground or providing a service to RAHS. Projects of note include:



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Our Facility:

Fitting splashbacks to our kitchen area in the meeting room, procuring a donation of trusses for the ceiling to be fitted to the meeting room area. Designing, building and fitting steel gates to fence off the area between the Bank SA Pavilion and the main arena. Making wooden puzzles for Questacon in Canberra.

For RAHS

Making beer glass holders for the beer judging competition. Renovating tables in the Woodcutters Suite. Making prize card holders for the Show. Restoring and converting a wool classifying table into a dining room table.



Renovating tables for the woodcutter's Suite (before and after)

Major Purchases

There were two major items purchased this year. The most significant was a 40-foot shipping container which has a permanent location on the Showground adjacent to the Bank SA Pavilion building. The 20-foot shipping container previously located in the car park in Carlton Street has been relocated and now also resides at the Showground. This enabled us to store all our equipment securely "off-site" during this year's show time. The other significant purchase was a Makita Mitre Drop saw to replace the saw so kindly lent to us by Warren Scarman.

Events

Several significant events occurred this year. We hosted an Australian Men's Shed Association of SA (AMSA-SA) committee meeting in the Woodcutter's Suite on the 18th



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January. On the 8th February our management team was privileged to attend a luncheon with the RAHS board in the Bull Bar at the showground. This helped to further promote our ongoing relationships with senior RAHS management. In May we were invited to visit the Army Museum of SA (AMOSa) followed by lunch in their cafeteria. This visit was well attended and was a significant step in beginning to establish a long-term relationship with AMOSA. A program to introduce basic woodworking skills to secondary students was undertaken with Concordia College in the first half of the year. This program was largely funded by a grant received from Unley Council in 2018. The program was well attended and the feedback from the school was very positive. A follow-up program may be undertaken in 2020. On 16th July we hosted a visit from the Booleroo Centre and Districts Men's Shed. This visit was organised by Grant Piggott, General Manager RAHS. In November we facilitated a teambuilding program for RAHS Management followed by a shared lunch in the Bull Bar. This session was very well received and has further cemented our positive relationships with RAHS management and staff. We thank David Watts (Director, Two Steps Forward Consulting) for his valuable input to making this event such a success. We ended the year with a wonderful Christmas luncheon in the Bull Bar, attended by members, their partners and RAHS Staff.



RAHS Teambuilding program



Christmas Lunch in the Bull Bar

Other Achievements

2019 saw the redevelopment of our web page. We now have a very professional web page, that has helped attract several of our new members and raise our profile in the community. We were successful in negotiating a community bus pick up service with Unley Council for members in the Unley community that did not have private transport available to them. The management team introduced formal policies and procedures for our members to follow. These documents are available to members in our meeting room and on our new web page.