



CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SHED (INC.) ANNUAL REPORT – 2019 /2020

Dear Members

WHERE WE ARE NOW

This time last year our endeavours to establish the Cambridge Community Shed (CCS) were focused on the activities to secure a decision from the Town of Cambridge (TOC) to invest in building the Community Shed.

This year much has changed, and despite some uncertainty arising from the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak in March through June 2020, in late June TOC voted to approve the establishment of the CCS and in July 2020 they awarded a construction contract to Candor Constructors Pty Ltd with a forecast completion in the middle to end February 2021.

WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED

During this year the nature and focus of CCS activities has changed to the implementation of activities that are required to prepare for taking possession of a completed CCS, and to commence shed operations.

These preparatory activities have been carried out by the following groups as follows:

The Rotary Club of Cambridge:

- Continued to strongly support our endeavours, in particular raising the profile of the CCS within the community via its weekly meetings, and with the TOC;
- Signed an agreement with the TOC that granted permission for another CCS Shed container to be installed at LMRC;
- Funded all costs associated with the hire and deployment of a second container;
- Initiated the successful application of Commonwealth Government Stronger Communities Grant with the encouragement of the Federal Member for Curtin; and
- Raised the profile of the Community Shed project across Rotary District 9455 and other Rotary Clubs.

The Town of Cambridge

TOC have provided significant support for the CCS project and have:

- Financed the completion of the Community Shed detailed design in discussions with Peter Hunt (architect), and CSS Inc. board members;
- Reviewed and optimised (with CCS assistance) the architect's estimate for construction to reduce costs;
- Approved the construction of the CCS in July 2020;
- Provided the funding to build the CCS with some support from LotteryWest;
- Dis-connected all services to, and demolished the old TOC outdoor staff's workshop;
- Cleared the CCS site in preparation for commencement of construction;
- Implemented a public tender for the CCS construction, and awarded the construction contract in July / August 2020 to Candor Constructors Pty Ltd;
- Appointed a TOC superintendent to oversee the builders works; and
- Issued the building permit on 28 August which allowed earthworks to commence on the same day.

Cambridge Community Shed (Inc)

CCS have:

- Assisted TOC to reduce the capital cost of building the CCS by agreeing to reduce the scope of work including:
 - Removal of all Internal painting of the CCS;
 - Removal of all internal walls;
 - Deletion of the dust extraction system, and outdoor compressor cabin;
 - Deletion of the refuse bin covered hard stand; and
 - Reduction in the quantum of electrical wiring to be installed.
- Conducted a bowls and social evening on 29 Jan 2020;
- Conducted a Shed Members' morning tea at LMRC on 24 June 2020 to mark the announcement by the TOC that the Cambridge Community Shed would be constructed. Mayor Keri Shannon and Deputy Mayor Kate McKerracher attended.
- Conducted a bowls and social BBQ at LMRC on 5 Sep 2020 to mark the start of construction;
- Installed a second container to provide additional storage and to create a workplace;
- Investigated options and pricing for the installation of solar panels;
- Investigated options for the installation of a dust extraction system;
- Continued fortnightly Shed Without a Shed Meetings (SWS);
- Conducted a survey of CCS members to confirm their preferred vocational activities and to determine priorities of implementation;
- Due to the impact of Covid-19 constraints, the CCS Board decided not to proceed with the Floreat Forum Shopping Centre Management offer to use a vacant shop at Floreat Forum as a temporary workshop.

SWS Members

SWS have:

- Visited the Claremont Show Grounds new men's shed and gleaned the lessons learned by this shed during their establishment and operations in June 2020;
- Reviewed and optimised the Shed design drawings and layout following the Claremont Shed visit, in particular the need to increase the size of the machine room;
- Developed an action plan to be implemented in preparation for taking possession of the CCS

in February 2021;

- Some members attended a welding course at the Vincent Men's Shed;
- Established and completed a number of minor projects such as:
 - Continued providing support to City Beach Primary School art class students with practical design assistance;
 - Installation of a limestone wall around the LMRC Pentaque bowls area;
 - Built and installed shelving in the first container;
 - Built and installed shelving in the second container; and
 - Moved the slabs surrounding the TOC staff outdoor shed to LMRC grounds before start of the CCS construction.

The Lake Monger Recreation Club (LMRC)

LMRC have extended a warm welcoming environment to our board and members, and provided excellent support for the development of CCS project including:

- Permitting our SWS fortnightly meeting to be held at the LMRC premises at no cost;
- Permitting our CCS board to meet monthly at the LMRC premises at no cost;
- Allowing us to hold a number of social functions, our AGM and use their bowling greens at minimal cost to CCS; and have
- Bent over backwards to accommodate our flexible meeting schedule.

FUND RAISING

The funding model for the establishment of the Shed responsibilities as follows:

- Capital Cost – TOC and Lottery West;
- Internal Shed Fit-out and provision of equipment and materials – CCS responsibility; and
- Sustainable financial operation of the Shed is a CCS responsibility.

CCS has been active in raising funds for the purchase of shed equipment and materials. Donations of equipment and pledges of financial support have been received as follows:

- Rotary Club of Cambridge;
- Stan Perron Trust;
- Spinifex Trust;
- Australian Government Stronger Communities Grant;
- Australian Government Volunteer Organisation Grant;
- Bob Meeks has donated his entire private workshop of equipment and materials;
- Ed Mathews has offered storage of donated equipment at his business in Bassendean at no cost; and
- Kelvin Fredericks provided his labour free to assist in picking up and moving Bob Meeks equipment to ED's premises;

MOVING FORWARD – NEXT STEPS

The key objective now is to ensure that we are ready to operate a functioning Community Shed within one month of the completion of construction. To achieve this objective the next steps will be:

- Consolidate responsibilities for the shed fit-out and operation of the shed activities;
- Appoint CCS operations management team;
- Raise additional funds to support the sustainable operation of the shed;
- Construct benches and tables;
- Clean and calibrate donated equipment, tools and materials;
- Expedite the acquisition of additional machines and tools;
- Train members:
 - First aid;
 - Safety management; and
 - Teach interested members in Auslan.
- Conduct PR events to raise the CCS profile and build membership; and
- Establish CCS operational procedures and systems.

IN CONCLUSION

Jim Berry has decided not to continue as a member of the CCS board following the AGM on 22 September 2020. On behalf of the Board and members, we wish thank Jim for his insightfulness and contribution to our endeavours during his term as a board member.

We would also like to thank you (as members) very much for your support and passion for our Shed project.

The Board is very optimistic and confident that shed construction will be completed in early 2021 and will build a broader community hub at the LMRC. It will promote and foster greater social interaction and inclusiveness between the Shed members and other LMRC members as well as providing excellent opportunities to share knowledge and skills, and will build friendships.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman of the Cambridge Community Shed
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