

Melba Shed Early Dates 2008 and History of Establishment

The original cash book kept by Don Gruber from the start of the Shed only shows takings from Xmas 2008 (Don brought forward \$150 at that time so the Shed must have been collecting money in the tin for a while before that).

Don's Shed folders show minutes etc. from incorporation (4 June 2009) but we did have formal meetings before this. Stuart kept the minutes of the early committee meetings. Stuart confirmed the first minutes date from 13 Feb 2009. He knows of no minutes before this. His first meeting was the official opening date 29 Aug 2008.

From a folder of loose papers Don has his original proposal for the Shed, which was put to the Rotary Club of Ginninderra board on 17 Feb 2008 and was passed to the church after this. The concept had been discussed at a Rotary meeting prior to that date at which time the possibility of using the UC community centre premises was mentioned by Barry Howe.

A Mens' Breakfast was held at the North Belconnen Uniting Church on 29 March 2008 to outline the proposal to church representatives and to potential attendees. Phil Laird and Colin Wales were the church nominees to the original committee and Don Gruber and Ken Hogan were the Rotary nominees (John Inglis of Rotary also took an active role).

An agreement was reached re the use of the community centre at no charge on or about 27 May 2008, and insurance was arranged by Rotary in May 2008.

Exploratory visits were made by Rotary people over this period to Sheds at Queanbeyan and Boorowa (there were no other local Sheds), and a Vietnam Veterans representative came and talked to us (not sure whether he spoke to Rotary or to the Shed) about their Page facility.

Don has a flier that was distributed around the area saying the first meeting of the Shed was to be held 12noon to 2.30pm on Friday 8 August 2008, and a copy of a letter saying that regular meetings would follow each Friday from 10am to 12.30 pm.

Extract of Past Program for 2008 from Excel S/S used for Web Page
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12-Dec-08	Christmas sausage sizzle (11 signed the book, but around 20 members attended)
5-Dec-08	Meeting (8 signed the book)
28-Nov-08	Meeting (14 signed the book)
21-Nov-08	Meeting (8 signed the book)
14-Nov-08	Meeting (6 signed the book)
7-Nov-08	Meeting (0 signed the book)
31-Oct-08	Meeting (4 signed the book)
24-Oct-08	Meeting (10 signed the book)
10-Oct-08	Meeting (9 signed the book)
3-Oct-08	Meeting (7 signed the book)
26-Sep-08	Meeting (7 signed the book)
12-Sep-08	Meeting (7 signed the book)
5-Sep-08	Meeting (10 signed the book)
29-Aug-08	Official Opening day including Jon Stanhope, Rob Woolley (Rotary), Colin Bradford (Minister), Monica Garrett (Rotary), Helen Jackson (Ginninderra Rotary), Ken Hogan, Colin Wales, Don, Phil, Stuart (first date in the original sign on book)
22-Aug-08	Early pre opening meeting (this date needs confirmation)
15-Aug-08	Early pre opening meeting (this date needs confirmation)
8-Aug-08	First meeting (was advertised on flyers that were distributed around the area)

Compiled from email notes from Don Gruber, email and verbal discussions with Stuart Allan and Phil Laird. The list of dates was compiled by Greg Hutchison from the log book entries and information from Don and Phil