



Cowes Men's Shed - Equipment Breakages Policy

Equipment, power tools etc. are made available for use by all competent shed members. However, as you will be aware, things break or wear out.

When things wear out, we endeavour to replace from funds available. If things break, i.e. band saw/fret saw blades, due to rough use or your carelessness, we would politely ask you to cover the cost or replace yourself. If you think this unreasonable you may be advised/requested not to use power tools in the future. Of course, any contribution you have made towards the promotion and continuation of our shed project, will be taken into account.

Cowes Men's Shed - Supervision Policy

Cowes Men's Shed is an all-inclusive free to join project. We welcome everyone from all walks of life. However, there are those within the community who are demanding of more attention, they may have a carer or may suffer mental health issues, of this we are understanding.

Should a member require more than what we consider to be a fair amount of the project leader's time, then we reserve the right to make a charge for this time of £25.00 for each hour or part thereof (minimum 1 hour). We also reserve the right to refuse membership to those who are disruptive or require constant supervision.

The general rule of the shed is that it's members are competent and can be trusted to act in a responsible manner, when using power tools or sharp tools of any description within the workshop environment.

Cowes Men's Shed – Please Note

Cowes Men's Shed has no stable income stream and relies upon successful funding applications to carry it through from year to year, therefore the priority will always be to cover rent, utilities and project leader's salary. Surplus monies if any, can be used towards the improvement of the facility in whatever ways the management see fit. This could be towards new tools, consumables or maintenance. There is no guarantee that there will be money available for general costs. Therefore, we respectfully ask that members who are able, contribute a little of their time towards raising funds to assist with the continuation of the project. This may be in the form of repairing/restoring items or producing a saleable product. Please help where you can. Thank you.

There is no budget to cover the cost of a cleaner and to this end we must insist that members clean and tidy up any mess before leaving the premises; this includes the toilet facilities. Those who cannot adhere to this will not be welcomed.

The Shed's project leader has a number of responsibilities; the priority being to present and apply for funding so as to assure the continuation of the project, to assist members with their various projects and to oversee whilst works take place that all health and safety protocols are observed.