

# Health and Safety Policy Statement



This is the Health and Safety Policy Statement of The RWB Shed.

## General policy

The overall philosophy will support a culture whereby everyone takes responsibility for their own safety and that of their colleagues and others who may be impacted by the activities of The Shed. Members will be encouraged to identify, report, assess and control safety risks and to continuously improve safety to reduce the risks of work-related injury, illness and harm

## Responsibilities

a) All members will:

- ensure that they understand the limits of their own competence and their responsibility to deal with any Health and Safety issues that arise;
- not interfere with anything provided to safeguard their health and safety;
- take reasonable care of their own and others' health and safety;
- use equipment correctly and in accordance with training and instructions - when working with tools or machinery another member must be in attendance in case of emergency;
- ensure that all waste material and personal project work is taken off site at the end of each day.

b) The Shed Committee will:

- monitor that systems are in place to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, statutory obligations and other relevant requirements;
- ensure that the resources and skills necessary to effectively manage identified safety risks are provided;
- consult and communicate about health and safety issues and policy;
- accept a duty of care for the health and safety of other people who may be affected by the group's activities, such as the general public who visit The RWB Shed or attend events held by the group at other venues;
- ensure a Health and Safety Officer is identified by the membership.

c) The Health and Safety Officer will:

- take day to day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice at The RWB Shed;
- monitor and report back to the Shed Committee on safety performance and any issues or incidents requiring action;
- provide a point of contact for members on all safety-related questions, training and incidents.

This policy will be reviewed annually.