



Newsletter



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July / August 2015 Umina Beach Men's Shed Inc News and activities.

Well as we are all aware it has been a cold and fairly dry winter season so far but we are delighted to say those factors have not dampened the attendance or happenings at our Umina Beach Men's Shed.

That old saying that 'a picture is often worth a thousand words' hopefully continues to ring true, as will be using a number of casual pics to help illustrate just some of the activities underway this July and August.

Whilst we are not located on the Beach at Umina, we are involved in our local community and that as such brings us very close to our two local surf clubs, we have taken on a technically challenging project of restoring two of their "Surf Reels". Now this type of equipment is not actually utilized in the actual life saving procedures of today but is still very prominent in the Life Saving ceremonial marches and activities, and as such will likely be very much out and about in the forth coming NSW Surf life Saving Championship to be staged once again at Umina Beach in this coming March.

Both reels have damaged parts both wood and metal, which will be reproduced or procured, both require a complete strip down and rebuild and refinished with the original colours and sign writing etc.



In a previous edition we showed a project of us making Marjong boards for a local bunch of enthusiastic players – well we have moved on from that game

. Now we are into Scrabble, yes it has its own special design which involves a rotating centre board which allows the competitors to check out the submitted word /format



Many of our members take the time and care to resource raw materials for our Shed from garage sales and disposal sites etc, when wood is brought in, O.K. it has to be seriously checked for nails /bolts fixtures etc that could potentially damage our machine saws /thicknessers etc – the good news is we often finish up with some fine basic materials that members can bring alive again in a new form or project.

Seen below is Robert and Mal downsizing a piece of recycled /recovered wood in preparation for a particular project – the machine they are using is one of our big saws which is fitted a dust extractor, whilst the photo is unable to show the detail, the operators are wearing ear protection inserts.



Ray has been busy developing his carpentry skills whilst making a coffee table for his lounge at home. Having carefully fabricated the Table top he was wishing to change it from a rough shape to a finished circular type table. The photo shows Lionel instructing Ray while he carefully rotated the format on a circular access on the band saw.



Our shed was invited to give a talk at the Gosford Library branch at Umina Beach, Bill and Doug moved down there at the appointed time set up their computer and screen along with our banner and once again delivered an interesting and entertaining session on UBMSI. We know that because within a couple of days we had two new members join as a direct result of that presentation – welcome!



From time to time we venture out of the Shed on an organized day trip to a location that holds a broad interest to our Shedders, in early August we visited the SCG and Allianz Stadiums in Sydney. Bill Stedman [Stedy] undertook the planning and organization. In his usual manner of great attention to detail and communication – the full program was laid on – what train to catch /platforms etc – where to meet – bus numbers to catch –what we have for lunch [your choice] all pre booked ! Excellent guides around the venues who delivered the detail and interesting snippets etc. So 24 Shedders travelled out of the Peninsula for the day – had what was generally acclaimed a really fun and rewarding day [including bumping into the Wallaby team just 24 hrs prior to the big win over the All Blacks] and full marks to Steddy he also got 24 Shedders back to the Peninsula.



Group Photo.

Our members in the press gallery overlooking the play area.





Bill preparing

to tackle Craig on the Allianz Stadium's. Craig down on the Oval following a classic tackle.

Now it's not every day or week that we celebrate a member's birthday, but Charlie is our oldest member, and at celebrating 95 we all thought that pretty special. As it happened on the day he was not feeling well enough to travel across from the Peninsula Village to our Shed. So the Shedders en masse "one out the lot out!" moved across to the Village taking all the food goodies with them and celebrated with Charlie his 95 th in great style.



Now finally you may wonder the things we make and design /construct at our Shed actually work, well we think this may help your thinking, you know we make Possum boxes, well a Shedder checking out the box he built and installed in his garden recently– found a baby possum cheerfully [if not a little suspiciously] looking back at him.



Late News

Email from Doug and Sue Hair holidaying in Europe.

Sue & I have just left the Latin Quarter in Paris this morning and I am writing this note in Brussels.



UP Comming Advents

Bunning's BBQ - 12th-13th September - .

We are looking for Volunteers for these two days. Please contact Bill Steadman to add your name to the roster.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shed will be held at the shed on the 21st September.

The monthly BBQ will follow the AGM.

Happy Shedding. Bill Graham & Vic Brown for the Committee.