

Umina Beach News Letter December 2017



Well, here we are on our way in 2018! Before we close the book on 2017 we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to our sponsors and supporters from here on the Peninsula and further afield in NSW and the ACT. Also to mention of a few of our members - Bill S [Stedy 1], your Treasurer, does a great job when he is here in Umina but when off on his travels he still takes time to fully manage the accounts and payments required etc. A call well beyond the normal. Then Mrs Stedy 2 – each month she races around and procures all the perishables for our monthly BBQ and after a quick but unexpected call from Stedy 1 produced and delivered a cracking lunch for the big team of shedders working to rebuild the sand pit at the School. Thank you Stedy 2. What about the seemingly continuous supply of tea/coffee /biscuits/milk /shop consumables/office supplies etc that is available at the Shed – thanks Bill G. To our Chairman D.P. - whilst having a very full time job, is invariably in the front of the volunteer group for the heavy lifting at night time and weekend BBQ functions and rarely misses the monthly committee meeting, not to mention the leadership and guidance he provides to our Shed – thank you. The nocturnal gardener Fred; the w/end grass cutter, Chopper; the transporter, Merv; Larry, the tidy up man and all the other members who go that extra bit to make the Shed a safe and great place for us all to enjoy. A big thank you on behalf of all our members.

So what's been happening at your Shed since our last Newsletter – well, Chairman D.P. travelled to Gosford at the request of Eagles Plumbing Supplies and was part of a special presentation at which your Shed received a beautiful cheque, being a share of the proceeds of a special trade Golf Day fund raiser organized by Eagles. A big thank you again to the Eagles business team and management for their support and generosity.



Trailers have been worked on in the past at the Shed, but one of our members, a keen outback traveller, decided his towing vehicle needed extended rear view door mounted mirrors. An interesting project indeed, with suggestions and assistance being provided by a good number of members. We are pleased to say a good outcome was achieved with the new units installed and operational and looking like the vehicle had had them from inception.



Geoffrey, a serious lawn bowler, seen mostly at Umina Bowling Club when not fixing up storage problems/opportunities at the Shed decided to solve a problem at the bowling club, where they have many sets of bowls, which are no longer in carry bags or cases. His solution to design and build wooden storage/transport boxes – so, under his guidance a quick 24 boxes were mass produced by the team at the rear of the Shed.



Larry and Russell have undertaken the housing of our new compressor, our plumbing champion, Ray T, has completed the final installation of the compressor and all the various connections – to pump/drain/check etc and the lads are now busy building the sound deadening box and weather protector. It's a tough job because the location is tight beneath the roller frames for material handling for the cut off saw etc.



Normally at the Shed we seem to be looking for seemingly longer lengths of materials to complete a job but certainly not in this instance! One of the lads Stephen brought in a very long aluminium ladder plank, you would seemingly need more than a couple of ladder supports even if one only weighed 30 kilo's or so! Anyway no problem, into the metal cutting welding area goes the long length to be met by Russell who quickly reduced the item to two more usable lengths.



The fact is that the majority of the projects conducted at the Shed are in fact small and often delicate not big boofy jobs like we often write about but the fact is that the small jobs come and go and we often don't have the chance to photograph them. For instance, here is a small delicate painting job being handled by Phil.



Bill W, having built a very good looking and practical lectern for the Woy Woy Lions Rugby Club, was persuaded by the Ocean Beach Surf Club to produce another lectern but this time to the Surf Club's design etc. Now the interesting thing about these projects and Bill W is that the majority of the work is done at his home, the fact is that a great deal of the time he attends the Shed is taken up with helping other members with their projects, setting up machines, giving advice etc – so Bill also a big thank you for all your efforts and participation.



Our December BBQ was accompanied by a nice cook-up and good spread [a good bang for our \$5 shot, including tea/coffee/biscuits!] again thank you to the BBQ team who make it happen and deliver in a calm and organized approach and a good amount of fellowship and camaraderie was very evident at the luncheon. Due to the design of the work areas and gardens etc the groups of members at our BBQ's tend to form in small groups in available and suitable locations around the yard/Shed. For the photo of this group, we thought we could use the header "welcome to the table of knowledge".



Before we close this letter, - just two more things. Firstly, your Shed has evolved over the last five years, members come, some move away and some sadly pass on. Some members visit frequently [if not away caravanning /travelling or on grandparent duties] others visit occasionally or infrequently. What we are keen to ensure is that we are in fact meeting the expectations of the vast majority of members and are in fact offering in one way or another the facilities, challenges and atmosphere that men on the Central Coast Peninsula seek, benefit from and hopefully enjoy. Now during the early weeks of this New Year, we will be giving each member a simple questionnaire to complete, we seek your views and suggestions on a range of topics and also an opportunity to raise concerns or needs that you would like to see addressed.

The questionnaires will not require your name or identity but will have a serial number on them to encourage filling and returning to the special post box. Three lucky members [the winners of a draw] who are happy to be identified with the returned questionnaire will win nice prizes.

The final item is for us to wish everybody a healthy and happy 2018 and let's try and stay close and look after each other.

Have a good one and we look forward to seeing you back at the Shed early in the year.

Vic B and Bill G

