

## Umina Beach Men's Shed news letter June 2016-06-30

We have had an interesting response from a few of our members in regard to the content of our previous "News Letters", in so much as they say "it's not all go at the UBMSI"! their point being that some members visit /attend the Shed for the fellowship and are not chasing to work on a project as such. The opportunity to sit and chat with like minded people – enjoy the tea and biscuits or the monthly BBQ and trade stories and experiences, is an everyday happening, but we have not mentioned or referred to it in previous News Letters.

A couple of new machines have arrived and have taken up residence in our Shed – an 8" Jointer – Lionel Blayden will shortly be offering training for those members that wish to operate this machine.



The other machine is a CMB5 Chisel Morticer, again the arrival of this machine will technically increase the range and scope of projects and work that can be undertaken in our Shed.



We expanded our outside work area, which involved moving two of our original garden beds, which were relocated to the front of the premises, and between Fritz and John two more are in the process of construction and awaiting soil and planting.



### The expanded work area.



The offer to learn how to weld has been taken up by several members and we have a couple of members on the waiting list – so if your keen to learn this “Skill Set”- don’t delay, make sure you get your name on the list.

Another skill area in which the Shed is capable of providing one on one training is “computers” for instance the lads in the office can provide first class experience and coverage for Granddads’ to become capable of skyping the grandchildren.

Our Shed’s recently been equipped with a “Heart On AED defibrillator” – it’s that type of equipment that we hope we never have a call to use – but in the best interest of our Shed’s occupational health and safety it is a highly valued asset. The training for the use of this equipment is now being organized for the members.



Bill Stedman organized a team to conduct the BBQ across both the Sat and Sunday of the w/end of 25 /26 June at Bunnings at Umina – As weekends go - it was cold to say the least!, in fact the Monday 27 was registered as the coldest June day for the last 21 years! But the team handled the climate challenge and delivered many kilo’s of beautifully cooked sangers, nicely presented in super fresh bread – to lots of happy Bunnings customers. The outcome of the teams combined effort was a useful financial contribution to our Shed plus great fellowship between the volunteers, during each of the shifts.

Now let’s look at some our first photo shows ornamental barrow, he created/expanded



of the happenings at the Shed, Craig starting work on his is located in our newly work area.

Here we see Craig with the nearly completed barrow, waiting for the first coat of paint to dry.



A member who recently moved to Manila, that's the one close to Tamworth! Phoned to say that there was a Men's shed opening up in the area, and could the Umina Beach Men's Shed help them with some equipment. After the accreditation to AMSA was verified, our lads set about to sort out duplicated equipment etc, and before long had a trailer load, ready for the road. Larry Stewart, Bill Wood, John Powell undertook the delivery using Larry's vehicle, [which was also loaded with items for the new shed,] to tow the trailer.



We had a visit from the President of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy, Marie Armstrong who visited to present the of our members Rotary project "parking competition". Seen here Chairman Darrell



Shed with Cheque in recognition assistance provided for the for NSW Surf life Saving with Marie – Bill Wood and our Pannowitz.

Following a call from Umina Beach Public School, Bill Ide visited with them, they wanted us to design and build some “equipment Boxes”, the equipment is used in conjunction with class lessons

The intention /design and equipment to be able indoors. Seen here Phil finalised the project.



conducted in the sandpit. requirement is for the Boxes to be picked up and moved Lacey who painted and

Whilst on the subject of Schools – Naidoc week is with us again, and we again supplied our local schools with our standard boomerangs for their annual Naidoc painting competition. Stephen Beer busy sanding finishing the boomerangs.



Following a call from the Umina PCYC regarding an item of Gym equipment, we visited and examined a set of “parrarel bars” – which were no longer deployed in the Gym. What they required was the Bars to be converted into Mono Bars and have the height reduced and fixed. Fritz readily accepted the challenge and project.



Whilst creating the new improved work area, which involved relocating a couple of garden beds, it was decided to provide the beds with an improved design for the surround /seating - John Powell with a couple of assistants has managed to refurbish all but one bed at the time of writing this news letter.



How about learning new skills, our Ray Tupper has been learning and developing a completely new talent – completed some very gravitated to producing a



wood turning – he has already stylish table legs and has now beautifully crafted writing pen.

Now that we are past the shortest day! We are technically heading for “spring”, which is the time that we normally undertake a “day trip – excursion”, along the lines of our visits to Cockatoo Island , Sydney cricket ground, Rathmine flying boat base. So we are looking for ideas, please think about this and talk with Bill Stedman about your ideas /fancies for a practical but fun day out.

Until the next News letter.

Happy shedding

Vic B and Bill G