



Newsletter



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Well March has seen a fairly good level of activity at our Shed - early in the month several of our members formed a team that assisted in operating the special event parking on the Umina Oval for The NSW Surf Life Saving State Championships. Covering the Friday ,Saturday and Sunday of the second and third weekends of March. It was an interesting project and The Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club looked after us all with a welcoming BBQ breakfast at the start of each day and we certainly met and enjoyed the company of the life saving community as we organised parking spaces for them as competitors or supporters.

At our Shed we handle all sorts of jobs /projects many of them directly with our members, but we also assist our local community by taking on various sorts of projects, that we can handle within our Shed, in return for a small donation of funds. Some of them prove very challenging, others a quick weld and return to a happy owner.

One such project for our local community is the construction of 4 garden /vegetable beds for the Umina Beach Public School - the following pictures illustrate the construction and the finished product



One of our Sheddors [John Wood] seen here repairing a raised garden bed from the local retirement village that was in need of some TLC. The Sheddors that enjoy working with metal are also kept busy with enjoyable challenges –



this photo shows a fairly old [but much loved] mechanical hack saw which was donated to our Shed by a local being put to work after a little bit of TLC, in its new operating surroundings being our Shed.

Fritz Huber has been playing with matches again and is seen here "warming up" a steel bar in preparation to bending it to fit a design, incidentally the angle the photo was taken at - looks like the power lead is close to the action, in reality it is not ! Right at the end of February we had a visit from the ABC FM 92.5 Central Coast Mr Scott Levi who conducted a live broadcast from our Shed, - Bill Ide is seen here being interviewed "live", several of Sheddors also had the opportunity of telling "their story" all which went to air.

The middle of the month Monday usually heralds our monthly committee meeting which is followed by a really good BBQ lunch provisioned by our treasurer Bill Stedman prepared by Doug Hair and cooked by John O'Keefe and John McKee. Its a

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great time to sit around the garden beds or outside work areas of the Shed, enjoy a good feed and have time for fellowship with other Sheddors without the usual back ground clatter of equipment or on the job work. It is especially nice at the moment **with the moderating temperatures and sun light.**



An interesting challenge for the Shed was the reconstruction of a glass topped coffee table in the shape of a row boat that was successfully demolished by a young member of the owners family.

With the pursuit of better work spaces and equipment, and improved safety etc - the challenge for the Sheddors is to improve and modify the work area design - recently the idea to relocate the Hot water system was put forward, reviewed and accepted and seen here "moving ahead" - we are hopeful that this and some additional improvements to floor area, will provide real benefits for our Shed, more news on this next month.

