

Umina Beach Men's Shed news letter May 2016-05-03.

Hi to all our Shedders and readers **and** a warm welcome to our May 2016 News Letter. Hopefully you have enjoyed this year's Easter time with the separated school holidays, that's certainly kept lots of our members busy with family commitments etc.

One normally associates the onset of autumn with a general slow - down in happenings, plant growth rates and the like, but that does not appear to be the case at your Shed – it has been a busy few weeks since our last letter – with projects and happenings on site and several activities for various members off site.

Let's start with our April BBQ numbers of members etc and the weather was kind



day| it was well attended given the involved with family commitments to us.

The high light of the day was the arrival of Brian Wright [Hon Treasurer of Woy Woy Rugby Union Club – The lions] he was delivering and presenting an actual Cheque from their Club to UBMSI. The match played at the new Rugby Union Club presented couple of our members part in the public hand- over Union Club has been a over the last 4 years and their assistance and support is very much felt within the Shed.



previous weekend at the first Woy Woy oval, the Directors of the a token cheque for \$2500 to a there representing our Shed, took ceremony. The Woy Woy Rugby fantastic supporter of our Shed

Cheque presentation at the newly opened Woy Woy Oval.



Jim Phipps and Brian Wright. Jim Phipps is a new member of UBMSI but a long time member of WWRUC. Also a long serving Wallaby.



During the period since our last letter there was a "Seniors Week" promotion across the central coast and Peninsula organised by the local community groups. Our Shed was invited to put up and run a stand as part of this "Seniors Week" celebration at the Ettalong Bowling Club. It was staffed and operated by several members who were able "Spruik the story" of the Men's Shed movement in Australia and obviously UBMSI in particular – they also displayed some of your finished projects and works and lots of photo's etc.



We lost two of our very regular and hardworking members in April, both having sold out of the central coast to move to new chosen locations unfortunately in both instances far to far away to comfortably use our Shed. John O'Keefe being one, who for last few years headed up our Monthly BBQ Chefs team as well as taking part in many joint projects and health and safety issues. Malcom McCaskey [the man on the big orange motor bike and side car] having joined our Shed a couple of years ago attended virtually each and every day, and despite having lots of projects of his own –always had time to help other members or tidy up the work areas etc Both of these lads will be missed for the general fellowship that they brought with them and for the special efforts and contribution they made to the Shed. Bill Stedman and Bill Graham put forward at a committee meeting that these individuals should receive some recognition and memento from our Shed, to take with them. Seen here in the photo's is Bill Stedman presenting the special plaques and saying a big thank you and wishing them on behalf of all us shedders –every success and happiness for the future.



With the arrival of somewhat larger machines and also a bigger range than what we started with, it was felt that the operating areas around the outside of actual Shed were now requiring expansion and de-cluttering. Various plans were looked at and possibilities considered. It was decided that we would relocate two of our great garden beds to provide work area, however this does not indicate that we are downsizing our gardening /plant production efforts. Quite the contrary in fact, we have moved the two beds to the front garden of Hospital Art [just a few paces away] and they will be joined by another two beds yet to be constructed, but in the pipe line. The existing garden beds are also being given a work over in terms of new surround tops and plantings etc.

Mean while the space vacated by the two beds has been incorporated into the work zone area by laying and relaying pavers etc



One of our members Michael Ryan, who is involved with Gosford Libraries approached the Shed with a project of constructing "Tool Boxes" in the Umina Library. A plan was worked out and Michael busied himself with some assistance and cut the sections etc that could be assembled as tool boxes. As a first time sort of event it created quite a lot of interest and support, at Umina Library.



We mentioned earlier Mal McCaskey, well here is a “Utility Box “ basically built to the design provided and requested by one of our other members, as he was concerned that he lacked the skill and knowledge to tackle the job himself. Nice job Mal.



Our news letter has had a habit [good or bad?] of revisiting the phone box project – well now it’s into the assembly stage and really starting to look the part.



Our final Photo really shows a completely new take of one of our members – he is normally around the back of sparks flying and substantial separated. That was until a lady we had a person who could [to her design etc]. Fritz Huber back around the corner and soon returned with this completed work of art.



the Shed “banging and grinding” pieces of metal being joined or approached the Shed and asked if make a delicate electric light frame looked at the plan, quietly went

Well that’s just a few of our photo’s and stories covering the last few weeks or so, what we don’t show [as yet!] photo’s of happy shedders just simply sitting around in the sit out areas or standing in the kitchen just catching up with other members or exchanging ideas /views on some extraordinary topics! Well that’s what Sheds are about – sharing jokes, experiences, recent happenings, catching up on the latest medical approaches, whatever we as members are comfortable with at the time. Conversely given the range of skills that the members bring to the Shed, normally someone can be found who can help /advise on particular projects should help be needed.



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So it's not all hard work or projects etc it is still very much a place to meet up with like minded individuals, enjoy a cuppa or three, the monthly BBQ lunch and taking time to enjoy what the Shed has to offer.

All the best for now and happy shedding.

Vic B and Bill G

P.S. we are looking for a "long Tom" coin box phone assembly to re-install and complete our Phone box project – can you help find / locate one ?