

Welcome to our March News letter, well it looks like our members have been busy with a good range of activities and interests during the period under review.

One of our major sponsors /supporters Woy Woy Rugby Union invited our club members to attend one of their events. It was a Club – overall 240 function, amongst Darrell P, Bill Ide and known sporting greats - Club's major fund raising luncheon at Ettalong Memorial people attended this splendid which were our members Bill Wood, seen here with well John Kenny and Mark Ella.



Les and Len have made good progress with the Phone Box project and have now started on the initial painting process prior to the final assembly and glass fitment etc



Malcolm in conjunction with Stephen created some very fine wood crafted speciality Jewel Box, which in terms of design and quality of workmanship should provide many years of happiness and contentment for their owners.



March 2016 heralded the return of the NSW Life Saving Championships hosted at Ocean Beach and Umina Beach Surf Clubs. This year again our Shed members under the Team

Leader Bill Wood - undertook the task of handling the Parking for contestants and supporters at the Umina Oval- the lads covered 6 shifts, fortunately this year the weather was terrific for the contestants and our members. Breakfast was provided by the Umina Beach Surf life Saving Club for our members handling the parking following the sign on for the shift.



Harvey is seen here creating and working on a table he is making.



Work has now commenced [team leader Bill Ide] on expanding our Shed's outdoor work area – seen here is the preparation to expand the roof cover area – as part of project, two of the existing garden beds will be relocated and re-established after refurbishing. The overall plan is to expand the safe working zones particularly for our mobile machinery, whilst also improving our garden / horticultural production and interest.



Our Shed was treated to a short visit from Mrs Lucy Wicks MP, local politician for the Central Coast, this is her second or third visit with us, and she has shown a real interest in the activities of our Shed and the overall concept of Men's Sheds, Men's health etc.



Returning to the NSW Surf Life Saving Competition, it is a big event to host with several thousand contestants accompanied /followed by big numbers of supporters etc. Mr Trevor Mowbray of Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club has been responsible for and in charge of all the logistics regarding the "set up of the beaches" for all the NSW titles

hosted at Umina. Whilst carrying out his function he used a wooden mallet for installing perimeter flags this particular mallet had a very personal relationship with Trevor, as he had made it himself, as an apprentice carpenter, at the end of 2015 the mallet went missing at the end of 2015 Trevor was justifiably upset. However



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UBMSI team at the function Bill Ide, Dorothy and Sam, Bill and Margaret



Fritz Huber and his team sprung into action when the final sections of the metal fencing arrived on site – the old wooden fence and gate area were removed – and the new materials nicely installed /erected to complete the reworking of the perimeter fence.

Last Monday [21 march] we held our monthly meeting and BBQ function, we were reasonably lucky with the weather, intermittent light rain, but Doug and the “two Johns” were undaunted by the weather turned out another excellent BBQ lunch and we all enjoyed the fellowship and interaction of members.





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In keeping with our past, Bill Graham will be opening up the Shed for business as usual on this Easter Monday 28th March, for those members who are not on Grandparent duty or off in the caravan /campers etc! Your Shed will be open – thanks Bill.

Before we close this month's News Letter we need to say that the pictures and items that we cover are really only a small percentage of the day to day activities and happenings at your Shed, if you would like a specific project or topic your Shed is involved in, covered in the News Letter, please let us know.

Happy Shedding

Vic B and Bill G