



# Newsletter



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## AGM - Umina Beach Men's Shed.

The results of the AGM election were as follows:-

**President:** Darrell Pannowitz  
**Vice President:** Bill Ide  
**Secretary:** Vic Brown  
**Treasurer:** Bill Stedman

### **Committee Members:**

**Computer/Admin** Bill Graham  
**Metalwork** Rod Munson  
**Woodwork** Lionel Blayden

### **General Business:**

1. That the annual membership fee for the following year remain at \$5.00
2. That we purchase a shipping container in the yard area.

## Future Planned Projects

### **Boomerangs and Stars**

The Shed has agreed to make 100 boomerangs and 100 stars for the Kariong Public School.

## Future Planned Events

### **December BBQ**

It is planned to set a date in December for a BBQ to invite and say thank you to our sponsors. That the meeting also thank the members who had contributed to the success of the shed .

## Teaching new skills

That the new committee will plan structured lessons for members wishing to learn new skills.

## Birthdays for this month:

Gordon Taylor,  
Kevin Savage,  
Raymond Carpenter,  
Don Neighbour  
Warren Scott

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Darrell Pannowitz*

It is with pleasure that I present this first annual report of the Umina Beach Men's Shed Incorporated for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.

Our first twelve months has been an exciting and productive time. Our first official meeting was on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 when it was determined that there was sufficient interest to start up a new men's shed and to begin work on the following Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2011.

Our group was incorporated with the Department of Fair Trading. We are affiliated with Central Cost Men's Shed Inc. and the Australian Men's Shed Association. We are insured through those

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organisations including for theft, public liability and committee persons liability.

We have accomplished a great deal in just twelve months. Some of you will remember what this shed and yard did look like back then, nothing like today.

The official opening day in April this year was huge success drawing a lot of interest from our community, with coverage on TV, on radio and in the local press. We have certainly embraced the philosophy of the Men's Shed Groups. It has been great to watch our members bond and forge new friendships and help not only each other but our local community.

We should reflect on the many projects we have been asked to complete in the past twelve months and while some of them are in this financial year they all had their roots going back to last year – Raised vegetable gardens for wheelchair bound people, repairing some dining chairs, a dolls house, an ironing board and so on. You have built bird aviaries, and the gardens here for all to enjoy and of course what may be the biggest school sand pit in the southern hemisphere. We have made over a 100 boomerangs for Naidoc week, bobs sets, a garden tool trolley, jig saw puzzles, timber kitchen utensils, letter holders, money boxes, picture frames, assisted in the weatherproofing of totem poles for a local school and much more. We have rebuilt two computers for the shed repaired members computers and have developed what is possibly the best ever men's shed website. We are being continually asked to take on new projects and challenges. All in all a top shelf effort.

Your treasurer's reports for the last financial year notes the donations received which allowed the shed to commence in earnest and to purchase some of the fantastic equipment we have here as well as renovate the shed. We need to remember to continue to thank those kind donors to let them know that we acknowledge their support. In addition to that we must remember to thank Peninsula Village who is the owner of this land and shed and allows us to be here. We must also thank and acknowledge Campbell's Home Hardware at Woy Woy for their continued assistance every time we shop there.

There are many organisations and people to thank - Newcastle Permanent Building Society, Peninsula

Village Limited, Tonkin Drysdale Partners, Campbell's Home Hardware, Ettalong Bowling Club, Everglades Country Club, Central Coast Masons, Vicki de Carle, Central Coast Law Society, Gosford Reporting Services, Umina Rotary Club, Central Coast Men's Shed Inc., Keith Kearns Carpentry and every one of you. Thank you to those members who have attended at the first aid certificate courses and at meetings of the Central Coast Men's Shed.

Our future looks secure with the type of support we have received and an increasing awareness in our local community of what a great place this is. As at 30/6/2012 we had 56 members which has grown today to 59. We now must consolidate, maintain our membership base and increase it. I would like to see the shed opened 4 days per week within the next 6 months. We should now look to more structured programs of tuition for those who want to learn new skills. We must plan not to complete projects for others at a financial loss where it is not necessary. At the same time we must not forget a commitment to projects that assist the community and that we are volunteers.

We have grant funds to further improve the facilities here and to purchase specific equipment. I would like to see the new committee promptly plan the short term future as well as the long term so that we can report back to the generous donors. Donations will inevitably dry up and we need to plan to become self supporting. We must always continue efforts to make the shed safe with proper education and compliance with WH & S.

Finally we may not be the biggest men's shed on the coast, and I have visited quite a few, but I can say that we are the friendliest men's shed. To be part of this shed has given me a lot of pleasure and I wish I had more time to spend here.



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