

Welcome to our Shed's November 2015 "news Letter", in some ways it has been a busy month in so much as some of our members longer projects were needed to be completed!

We undertook on behalf of the local surf clubs [Ocean Beach Surf Club and Umina Beach Surf life Saving Club] to overhaul their "surf reels" which whilst not used in actual life saving procedures these days are very much a feature in the ceremonial marches and Surf Club life.



The reels arrived a couple of months ago, showing signs of a long hard life, with damaged frames / handles and mechanisms etc - during their sleep over at our Shed our members machined new frames and parts, where required, had items re chromed etc - each of the units were completely stripped down and repainted and subsequently re assembled and loaded back on vehicles for transporting back to the respective Clubs.



Our Shed was approached by a university student to provide mentoring, safe use of special tools and general guidance for his university course special project. Over a period of some 6 Mondays , the student and our member Robert completed the Uni - Project. Over the period of the project our members very much enjoyed the company and conversations on a vast range of topics with our young new member.



With Christmas approaching rapidly our member John undertook a special project requested by the locally based Salvation Army unit in creating a nativity scene, John worked very closely with our lovely neighbours "Hospital Art" in the design and final artwork /painting of the finished product.



In order to produce a collection of small ornate dovetail jointed storage boxes a solid section of a Macadamia log was machined down to provide the basic material, in order to achieve this our lads had to design and construct a temporary Jig to hold the log and provide accurate cuts.



The "old phone box" project continues to proceed with Les re-fabricating various sections of the original design in preparation of the complete re assembly of the unit.



Our local school- allowed a pupil a short term attendance at our Shed as part of a work experience program, once the formalities were completed and the introduction to our members over, this young fellow got down to work. In the short time he was with us, under the guidance and control by a few of our Shedders this young man, produced a magazine rack [built out of reclaimed materials] and also "turned" on our wood lathe and finished a very smart {ball point} pen.



Co -incidence again played a useful role in our efforts to help our local community. A lady approached us a couple of weeks ago with a pedestal electric fan, she was upset that one of the stand /support legs had been badly damaged - to the extent that the fan did not stand straight and vibrated loose when operating. She was very concerned and told us as she could not afford to operate her air con in hot weather, so she really needed the fan to work with the on - set of hot weather. Just the next day a member was out walking his dog and there by the side of the road was the remains of a pedestal fan, in fact just the base stand ! exactly the same model and in perfect condition. An easy fix and another happy person in the community.

The Peninsula Village - our neighbours, held a family day on the 31 October and as on previous occasions our Men's Shed was invited to run and operate the BBQ for the duration of the event. It was a big day, fantastic weather, well attended event and our members were kept nice and busy the whole time, it was good time to enjoy the fellowship of our members whilst delivering some beautifully cooked and presented food.



We are now on the run up to the end of the year and Xmas festivities etc, and have a few projects on the go in that regard, not to mention the host of personal projects our shedders undertake on a regular basis.

Till next month, happy shedding and stay safe.

Bill and Vic.

Photo Album.

