

Whoosh as I write the January news letter its already the weekend of the 23 /24 Jan 2016 ! looks like this year is going to flypast similar to 2015!.

We thought we would open with a lovely picture of John McKee holding a beautiful certificate of appreciation presented to the Shed by the Salvation Army Umina Branch in recognition of our the support and involvement on various projects, and it would be fitting to say that John has headed up the projects on behalf of the our Shed, well done John.



Now to another award and another John Powell [pommy John] – as well as beavering away at the Shed John has a very solid and active interest in a local community garden – well his team of gardeners won the 2015 Council award for their garden. John has designed and built quite a few ingeniously designed bits and pieces for the garden on some of his day s at the Shed. It's nice to think that our Shed and members reach out in many ways to our local peninsula community.



Just before we leave 2015 it would be remiss of us not to post a couple of photo's taken at the Xmas Luncheon hosted by the Ettalong Bowling Club in December, and attended by many members of our Shed , our lovely neighbours Hospital Art, and many other volunteer organisations on the Peninsula. Local politicians, councilors and dignitaries were also in attendance, the hosting, ambience and community fellowship made for a memorable luncheon.



Since we had the ABC central coast presenter and master fisherman Scot Levi's visit to our Shed at which point he conducted a broadcast and live interviews with several members, this seems to have rekindled a greater interest in fishing and certainly in the exchange of photo's of catches over cups of tea /coffee at the Shed, then just recently following the arrival of skilled auto retired technician Russell - Jeff decided to bring his outboard motor in and have it resuscitated and generally reworked – certainly a first for our Shed.



A newish member Stephen Beer wanted to create something really nice for his home and family so he sort the help of Mal and the two of them worked quietly away on the project, and the photo clearly illustrates a real beauty of a sewing thread box, - creativity at work.



Our next photo is a “thought starter” it’s actually a picture of a wood whistle that when blown sounds a lot like a train whistle! We think somebody is preparing the ground work to” have a go” at producing the real thing! More news hopefully later!



Just as you come in through the main gate of the Shed there is now another phone box patiently looking for another skilled, energetic restorer seeking a worthwhile challenge – well lets be hearing from you – Bill Graham would love to see the job up and underway.



Talking of phone boxes Les and Leonard are quietly beavering away remaking phone box no 1 the photo clearly shows just how much and detail they have covered and they still have away to go but we are all thinking it will be real beauty when it's completed.



Our need for working area and storage space at and within the Shed is an ongoing "work in progress" – Lionel managed to source a new metal shed for storage and Bill "i" got stuck in and laid a new concrete base and we were fortunate enough to have a collection of metal shelves and cabinets donated to us by a golfer from Woy Woy. Jeff and his team are now busy [frantically] assembling the shelving and finalising the layout to better free up the main building and work areas.



It's funny how when we see our members engaged in the same activity several times we come to associate them with that- so with John O'Keef we see him beavering away keeping the moisture levels up in the garden areas and turning out great BBQ offerings when suddenly last week he is hard at sanding down a beautiful hall table complete with mask and ear muffs and making a super job of it. Well done John we all like your expanding image and involvement.



We close this January News letter on sad note, that being the passing of a member of our Shed, Eric Keith Leggett - 13 May 1930 – 2 January 2016. Many of our newer members would not have met Eric at the Shed as he was unwell for the last couple of knowledgeable plant working life and later life in funeral service that he also in America [space agency]. the Central Coast was clear sheer numbers in family members, Masonic associates and friends. It was and respected family man. will continue to cherish his our Archives of Eric at work at the Shed and our thoughts go out to Meg and his family.



Happy Shedding
V and BG.

News Flash Shed President Darrell.



No he is not reacting to the Share Market Crash.
He was on holidays in New Zealand Bungee Jumping.



"Oh" What a Poser.