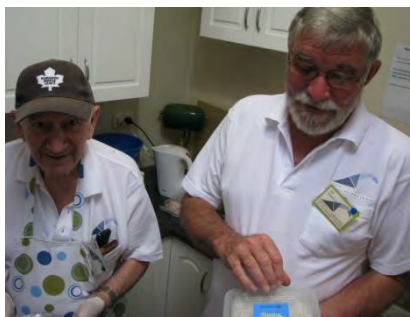




Welcome to your Shed's final news letter for 2016. It has been a busy month for many of our members, working hard to complete projects whilst enjoying an increased level of social functions and the like. As in past years we organized a special BBQ lunch and invited our Sponsors and supporters to join us. The weather on the day was ideal [bright and sunny] our members had made the effort to tidy up the facility and give some special TLC for the garden beds – so the facilities looked their best. The two Stedy's [Bill and Christine] managed the supply chain and all the necessary provisions for the BBQ arrived super fresh and chilled early that morning ready for the team of Chefs. Bill Graham provided the salads and surprised us all with his level of preparation, variety of contents and display. The BBQ day went well our sponsors and members mingled, lots of interesting chats, laughter and good comments.





Bill Ide and some fellow members undertook a project for the Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club to restore an antique medical stretcher which has been used in ceremonial marches etc for many years. It was a complex job involving a range of skills and materials but had a very good outcome.



The annual Arts and Crafts display and sale being held at the Woy Woy Community Centre was on- and once again the organizers invited the Shed to join them and put up a stand – to simply display work and projects that your Shed regularly undertakes – several members manned the Stand. To say there was a great deal of interest by visitors to the stand, would rank as an understatement! Several new friends and some likely new members were gained that day.



Peninsula Village approached us with an idea for a new game for their residents to play, from a rough diagram and verbal description our Stephen was able to create a really impressive item. The idea being that residents compete with a soft ball at a controlled distance to lob the ball into the tube, the score varies per tube.



Whilst on the subject of games an elderly Bowls player from Umina, requested the Shed to re equip his walker with wider and larger wheels, suitable for moving on the green – the outcome looked good and we believe that so far the bowler is lifting his game.



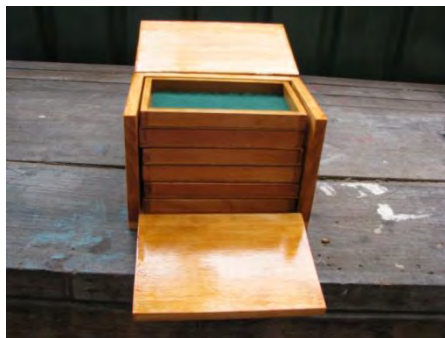
Our member Ray Tupper was approached by a friend, for us to make a Garden Bed to specific dimensions, Les, Len, John, Merv and Fritz took on the project and there was a very happy garden bed owner.



Your committee looks to appoint “The Shedder of the Year” as we approach the year’s end, without prior discussion, your Chairman Darrell suddenly asked the question, “ideas /thoughts on a Shedder for 2016” – the committee seemingly without any hesitation or delay all agreed on John Powell [pommy John]. His participation and willingness to assist with projects and overall involvement in Shed activities sets a great bench mark to all of us Shedders.



Mahjong must be a popular game on the Peninsula, Phil has been producing tile racks for various individuals over the last few months but his latest creation is a Storage box for the tiles- seen here lovingly crafted and nicely finished.



For some months now we have had mentions on “the big red phone boxes”, well the one unit was delivered back to its grateful owner and recommissioned as the family’s surf board storage area. The second unit was finished off, fitted with a “long Tom” coin box and during the Sponsors BBQ the Phone Box was presented to the CEO of The Peninsula Village – to eventually be incorporated in their dementia ward. Russell is seen here playing his didgeridoo, which he not only plays with consummate skill, he also makes the instruments here at the Shed.



Xmas time has many of its very own markers and associations so it was no surprise when Sam undertook to make a sizable “rising Star” for a Xmas decoration.



The old story of the best tunes played on old fiddles – still rings true – John Wade one of our deeply skilled and knowledgeable members is seen here finishing of one of his projects with a “Spoke Shave”, to many a tool from the distant past.



We have a new neighbour in Lens Av who has chosen to join our Shed, he has some mobility issues, and sort assistance in adjusting various ramps to improve his accessibility to his new residence. Lionel / Les and Len tackled the job and within a couple of our normal daily shifts had the ramps suitably adjusted or created.



Your Shed was invited by The Ettalong Bowlers Club to attend a volunteer's luncheon, a good number of members and partners accepted the invitation and linked up with a number of other volunteer organizations also attending the luncheon. It was a lovely luncheon and a great opportunity for fellowship.





Remember, don't be misled by the pictures of all sorts of activity, many members visit to simply socialise and enjoy the fellowship of other shedders.

We hope this news letter finds you and your family in good form for another, what looks like challenging year on the world scene, and ready to return to your Shed early in the year. So in closing, we wish you and all a peaceful and happy Christmas and whether your year is 2017, 1438/9 or 5777 /8, we take this opportunity to wish you the best of health and happiness.

All the best

Vic B and Bill G.

