

2017 – JUNE UBMSI NEWSLETTER.

Well here we are in July already! And a warm welcome to our monthly News Letter, which hopefully provides you with a brief update on matters happening or concerning your Shed.



As the schools went on leave the start of Naidoc week commenced and is certainly receiving coverage on ABC Central Coast and Radio 702,- from your Shed's perspective, we undertook a supporting commitment to this celebration. The following photo's show a couple of hundred Boomerangs being produced for the local Peninsula Schools annual painting competition, and a new project of a somewhat similar nature, being, "Message Sticks", in a cut wood form, several hundred for Schools based in the Wyong region.



Our member Merv, is normally one of the first to offer his services to assist with community projects or assist other shedders with their projects, but seen here, just for a change is a Merv Project, a cleverly designed and constructed Dog kennel – Woof Woof.



Whilst over the years we have had a number of requests to rebuild antique type sets of chairs, in the majority of instances we have declined on the basis that most of our members find the task too technically challenging and secondly the storage issues from arrival to project completion. But with the arrival of a new member Arron, he willingly took on the task of overhauling two pretty exotic chairs both in need of lots of TLC. With head down and a lot of concentrated effort, he managed to rebuild the items and restore them to a level, which the owner was able to renew his love and appreciation for them.



It's at this point, we cross to an advertisement, as we all know the concept behind the Men's Shed Movement is fundamentally about "MEN'S HEALTH," as we started to write this letter, we noticed an advert in the SMH 3 July – it reads:-

1 in 5 people in Australia will experience depression in their lifetime

If it's not you, maybe it's someone you know. Find out about depression, what to do about it and how to help someone at www.beyondblue.org.au or phone 1300 22 4636.

For counselling or urgent assistance call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or

Mensline Australia on 1300 789 978

O.K. it's back to the Shed news!

Russel, when not playing or making Didgeridoos is out their prowling about looking for community projects! Well he struck a beauty in terms of size and the fact that it's for our local community centre, really rings the bell. The community Centre came up with the design for this outdoor table, as it has to accommodate access to various services already located under the proposed location of this long and low outdoor table. Whilst the basic table format was being relocated from the Shed to the Community Centre by Bill Wood who kindly brought in his trailer to provide the transport and a team from the Shed in attendance to unload etc, they unearthed another project! A "mud sink" suitable for kids to use, Bill W and Stedy and Merv listened carefully to the Ladies as they explained what was required, and they also added that they already had a suitable "sink unit". With no more ado, the lads collected the sink on the way back to the Shed and in no time at all work commenced on the mud sink.



Your Shed was invited by our local Bunnings Hardware, at Umina, to man the BBQ for their customers over the weekend of 17 /18 June. Our President – Darrell P headed up the project across both days, and was out at dawn each day, to pick up lovely fresh bread, ice etc and attended the full days shifts. A really big thank to D.P. and to all our members who gave up their time over the weekend to work with us at Bunnings, cooking, serving, handling the cash. It's not only the opportunity to generate working funds for our Shed, but also an opportunity for our Shed to be "out in the public eye" and communicate with the locals, this is seen as an important facet for the ongoing well being of our Shed. So thanks to all the helpers again, it was good fellowship and the opportunity for a few laughs. Standby, there will be another opportunity for Bunnings BBQ, over the next 3- 4 months –more news soon.



Talking of BBQ –what about the {our monthly} one at our Shed on Monday 19 June – it was really great to see so many of our members and guests enjoying the lunch, carefully prepared, delivered and cleaned up afterwards by your great team of volunteers and not forgetting Bill G who attended to all the necessary procurements of supplies prior to the event. The food was well up to the usual standard, the weather on the day was warm and sunny, and the special! Was introduced by Geoff Godwin to those attending the lunch, his name being Peter Mace, who was not only a poet but an award winning poet, well when Peter Mace took the floor, within seconds he had the Sheds complete attention! He delivered several poems of fantastic humour with all the voices and annunciation that captivated our lunch time gathering of Sheddors. If you have missed out on the chance to attend one of our monthly BBQ's, they are normally on the third Monday of the month, and Bill G usually sends out a notification. Whilst we cannot always deliver a fantastic poet or guest speaker, the food spread and fellowship is pretty much always on the ball and at five bucks! Perhaps we will see you this 17 July.



We will close this letter on trying to solve a mystery, we have had at the Shed regarding two “Acro Props”, normally simply stored there, and that is until recently, when we had a member that wished to use them. But they were nowhere to be found! Perhaps somebody borrowed them without signing them out at the office, and has yet to return them? or they have gone “walk about” – if you can throw some light on the whereabouts of these Props or simply return them, it would be very much appreciated.

That brings us to the end of our June News Letter, as it school holidays right now and as a consequence lots of grandparent responsibilities eating up the days and nights, and the caravan /camper families chasing the warmer climates further North but despite those factors the Monday shift of 3rd July saw the Shed pretty full of happy and busy shedders creating a good buzz over the normal hum and screech of machines.

The press and media suggest that the flu season is just around the corner and to that end, if you are in a mind to have an anti flu injection the medics reckon now is the absolutely best time – it’s over to you.

Good health and happy shedding and until the next time stay safe and best regards.

Bill G and Vic B

PS Do you think male humour will ever change!!!!

A MAN SEES THINGS DIFFERENTLY!

A WOMAN DOES!

For all men and women who remember the past,

how different we are!

A wife was curious when she found an old negative in a drawer, and had it made into a print.

She was pleasantly surprised to see that it was of her at a much younger, slimmer time. It was taken many years ago on one of her first dates with her husband.

When she showed him the photo, his face lit up.

"Wow, look at that!" he said with appreciation,

"THAT'S MY OLD FORD!!!"

