

2017 - MARCH / APRIL NEWSLETTER

G'day to all our Umina Beach shedders, this news letter is being written over the Easter long weekend and wow! What a delightful change in the weather, from that heavy rain and stormy weather – to clear sky and beautiful day time temps and cool nights.

We know that many of you are very involved with grandparent duties and functions over the school holidays so no doubt those who are really welcome the change in weather. The rest of us are able to catch up with the gardening, lawn mowing, or if we are very lucky a chance to fish!

O.K. back to our Shed, a few weeks ago we received a small leaflet with a “stick-on” label attached, which read “WHEN USING A LADDER **MAKE SAFETY MATTER**”. The content of the leaflet contained the following detail.

In one year in Australia 1688 people aged 65 years and over were hospitalised because they fell from a ladder.

Sixty –two percent of the injuries occurred in or around their home!

WHEN USING A LADDER

- * choose the right ladder for the job
- * don't work in wet or windy conditions.
- * take time to set up your ladder.
- * have another person hold the ladder
- * know your limits and work ability.
- * place ladder on a firm flat surface

- *keep body centred between side rails.
- *Do not stand above the second step from top
- * lock spreaders
- *do not over reach
- *wear slip resistant shoes.

SO THE MESSAGE AGAIN IS - WHEN USING A LADDER MAKE SAFETY MATTER.

So what's been happening at your Shed over the last few weeks or so? As usual quite a lot:

Let's start with Darrell and Bill working at resetting and adjusting our joiner machine blade.



The biscuit joiner was also in need of a little TLC and Bill and Don took on the task and returned things to normal.

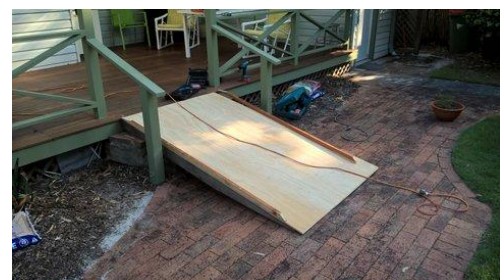


STAY AWAY FROM LADDERS

As our equipment levels have risen since our initial opening, many members of the Shed were keen for the overall security of the Shed to also be lifted. To this end the alarm system is undergoing an upgrade and security cameras are being installed. David and Larry are seen here installing the cabling etc for the new equipment.



Following a request from a couple on the Peninsula, John and Vic visited the property and John measured up for ramp to cover existing stairs onto the deck. The ramp was then produced at the Shed, then simply moved to the location and assembled on site, much to the delight of the couple, as one of them is becoming very reliant on her walking frame for mobility.



Who would have thought that our Shed would ever produce musical instruments, well it has and in reality a range of them! We are talking 'didgeridoos', Russell originally introduced the concept to the members. Mind you Russell not only makes them he can really play and make real music with this instrument! So seen here in the first photo is Rod and Geoff working on a smallish instrument while Russel labours away on a big fella.



The motor home / caravan tripping season must be on us again as Kevin and Len work away at building a cupboard for the vehicle.



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It's not all go at the Shed, there is lots of time spent chatting and enjoying simple fellowship, as the following shot shows Ray / Larry/ Lionel /Bill likely in the pose of "what to do next?"



John has started a new project – a Pepper Grinder, whilst he has secured guidance and assistance from several members he is making good headways with the project.



Rather than use retractable hoses to bring on demand, compressed air to various parts of the shed, it was decided to install permanent piping with suitably located connecting points around the Shed's work areas. Ray Tupper quickly put up his hand for this project and moved it through to delivery and commissioning in double quick time.



The following photo taken in the machine shop area certainly has it looking busy! Sam /Robert/ Warwick /Merv – or may be they are just engaged in a chat!



Oh but here is one of Doug in the machine shop , lamenting and seriously concerned that the Milling Machine has gone out of service due seemingly to an electronic control board failure. We are currently endeavouring to have this fault found /remedied.



Hopefully you will be delighted to see that at long last a team of hard working fellows with Lionel managed to clear and clean up the storage of materials in the container. It looks really tidy now – let's see if we can keep it this way – please!



Kevin is really on a mission, normally he arrives at the Shed mid morning and settles down to one of his many projects, but since he has taken up wood turning and making disc bowls [for his stopovers in the motor home camp sites] he is here bright and early and is well on his way to churning out a complete set.



It's some time since we had a snapshot of action in the welding /heavy metal section, mainly due to the area being zoned off whilst welding flashes and grinding sparks and matter are all happening. This shot shows Fritz and Larry discussing a project prior to the action starting.



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Some might think that we have some busy days in the Office /computer area the first photo could suggest that with Bill /David /John and Ray all in the picture – but in fact it has more to do with the installation of the security systems! And the second Photo is Bill giving Ray some technical advice on his new camera.



Well this seems like a good time /place to finish with our photo's and move to close off this News letter hopefully the photo's and comments just give you some idea or clue to the happenings at your Shed.

A clear out of accumulated off cuts and rubbish – heading to the tip is planned for this week after which we think that our Garden beds need an autumn make over and suitable plantings undertaken. So we are looking for volunteer gardeners to rekindle life back into the beds, which suffered under the several waves of extraordinary and damaging weather we have experienced over the three months or so.

Finally please don't forget, if you have any thoughts or ideas on projects or improvements to your Shed involving facilities or happenings etc just make contact with the writers or other committee members.

Happy shedding and best regards

Bill G and Vic B