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A warm welcome to your February Newsletter, wow and how the time fly's, we are into March already! It only seems a few days ago that we were just entering 2018, maybe it's an age thing.

At our Feb monthly BBQ attended by some 33 members, your committee requested all attending members to complete a short survey which broadly covered "if your Shed was meeting your expectations and possible future directions", the survey could be completed anonymously or with the members identification. To add a little impetus a first prize of a \$50 fuel voucher, second prize \$25 fuel voucher and 3rd a bottle of port. Awarded on the basis of completed surveys simply drawn out of the hat! Well done John ,Fritz and John.

O.K. so what did the initial results indicate –

The total years of membership for those 33 attending = 128 or an average of 3.8 years per member.

Attendance -27% of these members visited 2-3 times per month.

63%	^	^	^	^	6-8	^	^	^
10%	^	^	^	^	12	^	^	^

What most members enjoyed most :-

The fellowship between members.

Ability to use equipment /tools on own projects.

Working on joint projects

BBQ days.

What upsets /reduces the enjoyment factor:-

Space availability.

Locating tools /supplies within the Shed.

Not enough joint projects.

Changes seemingly without notice.

The items recorded in regard to desired training, on specific machines or type of machinery and learning new skills and working with different types of materials etc along with those chasing computer /I.T. skills/knowledge, will be addressed overtime with the specific member.

The number of days per week and times etc that your Shed is currently open appears to really satisfy most member's needs and wishes. The "space issue" touched a raw nerve, yes it's the small Shed with the big heart! But the reality is that we do cover /offer a great scope of machines and equipment that meets a big range of

skill/ material/ project – factors and as such naturally take up storage and operating space. But the message is heard.

The communication factors appear to be good –it's tough in terms of members attending on different days and frequency etc to keep all members “up to speed “. The process of making the monthly meeting minutes available for members to read and notices or excerpts from the minutes advising major changes, being posted around the Shed would appear to be delivering good benefits.

So what have our members been up to in February, let's start with a call from our local Umina CWA – a small problem with their Hall floor, that was causing issues with the “tap dancing team”, Robert and Quinton arrived down there after a diagnostic visit by Lionel, and managed to deliver a smooth and good looking surface for those very active feet.

Les and Merv, both of them champion fossickers re materials, one of them came across an excellent and arty wooden table frame, which they quickly set about to remake into an attractive and very usable table.



We mentioned earlier the BBQ day survey, well here is Ray and Doug eagerly completing their survey and ensuring that's all done so that they can zip out the back and enjoy an early BBQ lunch.



Following a call from the Vietnam Vets Assoc in Ettalong, Bill W [himself a vet] visited with them at their offices to discuss and measure up a project they needed doing. Bill in his usual quiet way sorted out some materials, worked out a suitable design and constructed the doors and metal lattice work. Then Bill I and Bill W simply slipped back to the Vet's offices and installed the new front on the cabinet etc.



After the long spell of high heat and low rain falls our Shed gardens were starting to look depleted, with the lads taking the view that it was simply too early to start planting the autumn crops. Just prior to the onset of the current rains and cooler period Fred suddenly appeared and announced it was time to plant. So he reconditioned the plant beds with lots of fertiliser and oodles of love and attention and then finally [some days later] planted the autumn crops.



Robert and Quinton undertook a very careful and somewhat delicate repair of a much loved table belonging to a local resident – it was a challenge indeed – but then that's what they thrive on.



Following a very thoughtful invitation from the complex at Deep Water Plaza, your Shed was invited to visit and deconstruct a beautiful wood sales counter and return, Gary, Len and Merv carefully dismantled the structure and loaded the materials onto Merv's truck. On arrival back at the Shed the material was carefully checked and any final screws etc removed, then placed in the store for some lucky member to use on a project.



Steven decided for once, to tackle a small delicate project being to frame a beautiful picture, whilst he got lots of guidance /hints / encouragement and joshing from the lads around him –he persevered and delivered a very nice and worthy item.



So a quick look into March –this month's BBQ on Monday 19 March will be special in so much as we have invited various sponsors and supporters to be guests of the Shed at the BBQ. This will enable them to see the Shed from the inside and talk with members etc. Word has it that Bill G is preparing the salads again this year – don't miss out – they are beautiful and delicious.

That's it for another month, happy Shedding.

Vic B and Bill G