

## **UMINA BEACH MEN'S SHED Inc OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER.**

Welcome to the Shed's October 2020 Newsletter. As we settle down to write this letter we are pleased to say that the first two days of our Shed's re-opening (4 and 5 Nov) went pretty well in regard to members observing and working within the limits of the Covid rest



The bookings for attendance on specific dates/days are building and the limit of one day per week per member appears to be providing the capacity and meeting the person per four square metre capacity and 1.5 metre social distancing.

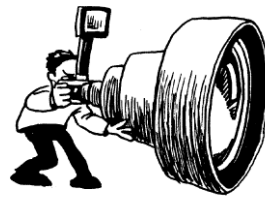
Bill I as resident Covid Marshall and Bill G co-ordinator and officer manager have done a great job - albeit challenging and difficult in regard to the reopening and getting the Shed and its members into a safe and conforming atmosphere.

Worldwide the virus is still menacing and creating deaths and financial hardships etc but we are certainly very fortunate to be in Australia and particular NSW. But we all need to keep up the risk awareness and health checks at the slightest feeling of "off form" particularly with Xmas travels, interstate borders opening up and social gatherings grow in size etc. This virus is far from wiped out and will likely jump at any opportunity. So let's keep up the necessary conscious awareness in our everyday lives.

Our President D.P. in conjunction with Treasurer B.S. managed to organize an early opportunity to provide the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, this time at West Gosford. D.P. and B.W. undertook the planning and organising of all the supplies for the day and also lined up a great team of volunteer members across the two shifts required on the Saturday. D. and

B. attended a training session at Bunnings at West Gosford on the Wednesday before the event to learn and understand all the protocols required by their company and the Dept of Health etc for operating a sausage sizzle safely within the possible challenges of Covid.

It was a fantastic day for the 'UBMSI team' from the point of arrival onsite to the clean up and depart – time simply flew! Little or no time to chat or socialize, just wonderfully busy preparing/cooking/delivering beautiful sausage sandwiches, with many of the customers commenting on what a great thing Bunnings has done in bringing back the 'Sausage Sizzle'. From our Shed's perspective it's also important that we say a "Big Thank You" to Bunnings, for the opportunity, both in Umina and West Gosford, for us to undertake this sausage sizzle and generate funds in these somewhat challenging and different conditions, created by Covid. *(unfortunately due to the pressure of maintaining the supply line of sausage sandwiches from start to finish our two photographers [engaged in the supply line] simply had no time for photos – sorry about that.)*



Whilst on the topic of raising funds for our Shed, we should also mention that Fred D. and John P. were invited back to look after the Hotel's garden once the 'lock down' period passed – they have conducted these working visits for the last 4 months - a sincere thanks to you both on behalf of all us members.



Bill I and Bill W also undertook a somewhat unusual project for our terrific neighbours, Peninsula Village. They have an offsite redevelopment project in Springwood Avenue,

which has a beautiful sandstone front wall and gate entrance –but somewhat visually diminished by age and air pollution. The two Bill's, suitable dressed and equipped for the task at hand, re-beautified the whole structure by carefully removing 'the build up' using a water blaster. The adjoining neighbours to the structure provided access to the water mains and after chatting with the two Bills [obviously exuding their conversational charms] were provided with morning tea!



Now our Shed's annual GARA/SHED Sale is planned for Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> November - another challenge! With social distancing issues/requirements our usual beautiful facility, the CWA Hall at Umina is not suitable or available to handle this type of event. So we are moving to an 'Open Air' GARA/SHED SALE this time and it will in effect be a 'pop up'-type of sale, where we take the merchandise on trailers to the sale site [*very early in the morning of the 21 Nov*] sell for the day, clean up and depart the site. We have been fortunate to arrange to hold the 'pop up' in Charlton St, Woy Woy close to Deep Water Plaza and MacDonald's etc. We will be looking for volunteers for the lead up and clean up – sales on the day – and members with trailers! Please make contact with Bill G or Vic B if you think you can be involved in this project.

O.K. make a note of this – The Extraordinary Annual General Meeting is set for Monday 16 November commencing at 10.00, the advice of which was sent out to members on 22nd of October. **The location for the meeting has now been changed and is set to be held at THE OCEAN BEACH SURF CLUB.** The new location will cope with concerns about social distancing and weather issues, the meeting will be held on the first floor of the Club House and Shed members attending will be required to complete the formalities of signing in and providing a contact phone number etc.

With the U.K. now just entering its second Lockdown in an attempt to slow and better control the spread of Covid 19, the well known 'comical poet', Pam Ayres, recently wrote and presented the following poem - she actually is 73 but still out there and full of energy! We thought you might enjoy it.

I'm normally a social girl  
I love to meet my mates  
But lately with the virus here  
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies'  
We need to stay inside  
If they haven't seen us for a while  
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did  
Before we got this old  
There wasn't any Facebook  
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies  
Who would never be uncouth  
But we grew up in the 60s -  
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll

The pill and miniskirts

We smoked, we drank, we partied

And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married  
And turned into someone's mum,  
Somebody's wife, then nana,  
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace  
Because our lives were full  
But to bury us before we're dead  
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside  
For four weeks, maybe more  
I finally found myself again  
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me  
I'd while away the hour  
I'd bake for all the family  
But I've got no flaming flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful  
I like a gutsy thriller  
I'm swooning over Idris  
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze  
For when I'm being idle  
There's wine and whiskey, even gin  
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown  
To recovery and health  
And hope this awful virus  
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis  
And be back to join our mates  
Just hoping I'm not far too wide  
To fit through the flaming gates!

Well that brings us to the end of this month's Newsletter. Hopefully now with the Shed re-opening we will be back to covering projects and photos of happenings in and around our Shed.

Best wishes and stay safe  
Bill G and Vic B