

January 2021 NEWSLETTER UBMSI

The year 2021 has certainly started, and the Peninsula would appear to have had more visitors accompanied with cars, boats, trailers, toys etc that the members, visiting the Shed, can ever remember. The Co-vid issues are still out and about -but right now as write {Jan 28} the future is looking somewhat brighter.

Our Premier, Gladys, has started to lift some of the current Co-vid restrictions but with a codicil, that we all need to be sensible and compliant -masks on public transport -handwashing- sanitizing and getting tested if the slightest concern arises. When we look at N.Z. recently voted the “best in the world” in handling Co-vid and the outcomes, but very recently had a “bubble of trouble” with the arrival and spread of the S.A. version of Co-vid. It will be a long time before we can relax with this Co-vid challenge – but having said that we also have to get on with our lives and safely make the best of opportunities as they present.

With the 4 square rules now back in place in NSW - the numbers attending at your Shed can realistically go back up -but still need to be controlled. So sensibly we still need a booking process – **so we ask on receipt of this note – you decide which day of the week [Mon, Wed, Thurs.] you want to attend the Shed and e-mail to the Shed as soon as you have decided.**

We will sort out the new booking system, numbers and names etc on Monday 1st Feb [*so don't delay with your booking request*]. You will get an e-mail back during the 1st or 2nd of Feb – so the new bookings will be effective Wednesday 3rd Feb.

It has been noted that members with fixed bookings [started in Nov 2020] have not turned up on their booked day [for a variety of reasons] from time to time. We are now looking at the possibility of “on certain days” -say at this

stage Thursday – members can call by the Shed **AFTER 9.30** and if capacity is available will be welcomed at the gate until the Shed capacity level is reached.

No doubt over time the rules and restriction levels etc will change – hopefully for the better and with the onset of vaccinations etc Australia will gradually grow out of the pandemic – but then of course overseas travel will likely bring the next frontiers for the virus closer again.

We would encourage all members to make the effort to get into the booking system and undertake a visit to your Shed to get the new year up and running. Since last March when we closed up, to present times, we have received requests from Peninsula residents that have expressed an interest in joining our Shed, sensibly we need to recontact these fellows and if they are still interested, start that ball rolling.

Whilst we undertook a variety of projects this month, we are just showing the one, being Jeff S. as the artist /stenographer – hand crafting signs – a newly discovered talent.



As we close -we leave you with that old message – Book Now to save any disappointment – the holidays are over – Schools are back – Woy Woy station carpark filling up rapidly. The new year is well underway and may it bring you the best of health and happiness.

Stay safe and happy Shedding !

Bill G. and Vic B.