

## **UBMSI NEWSLETTER November 21**

Welcome to the November 2021 NEWSLETTER and we are pleased [and somewhat relieved!] that your Shed is getting back to normal in line with the lift in Covid restrictions etc. Whilst the impact of the virus and restrictions have been a solid challenge for parents and their school children, businesses, self employed people etc all around the globe, it strikes the writer, that we are very fortunate, that is the population that live in Australia and perhaps more specifically here in NSW and the Central Coast. Given the fact that whilst the hospitals and medical practices etc have been under pressure and required to keep facilities clear for Covid outbreaks etc several of our members [or family members] have faced other more 'normal' medical challenges for our age profile. You know - heart and organ problems etc and they generally gave a good report on the level of remedial treatment, care and attention etc available to them on the Central Coast and NSW. Many countries both in and out of developed and under developed counties have some really bad conditions and performance results for patients outside the Covid category. So we say "well done Australia" keep up the good work – keeping the virus under the hammer – and looking after Australians with all the other health issues.

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On Monday 22 November, the Shed's Annual General Meeting was held at the Shed - it was preceded by an Extraordinary General Meeting in order for the Shed's constitution to be reviewed by members. The proposal to amend the constitution in order to meet the requirements of the Australian Tax Office and Not for Profit organizations with DGR status was reviewed and discussed. A vote was then called and the motion to amend the constitution to meet the requirements was unanimously passed.

At the AGM three new committee members were determined, following the retirement of Bill Wood, Lionel Blayden and Mr Bill Stedman retired as Treasure but was prepared to stand as a committee member. The on- going committee team is Darrel Pannowitz as Chairmen, Bill Ide as Vice President, Vic Brown as Secretary , Gary Gilday as Treasurer, Harvey McDougall, Larry Stewart, Bill Graham, Graham Bevan, Bill Stedman.

The morning of the two meetings started with a quick 'brekky' of bacon and egg rolls with hash browns, delightfully cooked and presented by Graham and John. Just prior to the closure of the formalities the Shed members joined to wish Lionel Blayden and John Hume "happy birthday".



O.K. what's been happening at the Shed? Well we thought we should start with a "bit of a roll!!" Larry and Dave are old mates and live pretty much next to each other, and the other week they decided to wire up the Shed's Ute tow bar so we could move trailers etc. Well we went out and checked on them a few times and they were far from asleep but rather engaged in technical wiring discussions re L and R blinkers / Brakes /side- a long morning lying out there on the tarmac.



We don't often show photos of the office but it was so very nice to have Bill G, Bill S and John P all in the office at the same time, what with Covid restrictions and some health issues at times it got quite lonely in the office – now we are back to "musical chairs" in the office - if you stand up – somebody else gets your chair!



Nice to see some relaxed socializing at the Shed, when you think about the time across the shut down periods and limited access on various days many of our members have quite a bit to catch up with members they haven't seen for a few months.

Dave Power /John Hume,

Tony Dos Santos, Garry Elliot, Ron Fathers.



Certain members are not easy to photograph but when Wally D, Warren D and John H took on a project of fabricating and installing new handrails at the CWA Hall in Woy Woy, it was such a beautiful morning weather- wise and location wise, that just after a little bit of persuasion they agreed that photos be taken to record the project.



We organized one of our Shed's Gara/Shed Sale on the Saturday 27 November but due to the range of wet and windy weather conditions which we all experienced over the last four or five weeks we specifically looked for a venue that we could hold the sale undercover. We were very fortunate to secure the undercover car park premises at the old Woy Woy Leagues Club which was just as well, as it rained on and off most of the Saturday; understandably attendance numbers were down a bit due the weather conditions. Even so we had a good days selling and converting lots of items into cash that

then goes directly to help offset the expenses and outlays of running the Shed. The photos don't show the sale in action only the set up items, [once the customers arrived the photographer was too busy on the till to take photos].



Our member Rich, returned to the Shed a few days ago having successfully dealt with some recent medical challenges and was met at the entrance gate by Bill I, who quickly asked him "what have you got planned for this morning?" Rich indicated, as he had been away from the Shed for some time, "not a lot!" Bill I said "great!! The Ute needs a bit of a face lift and tidy up can you take that on?" Rich was onto the task in no time and whilst it will take a couple more sessions he is well into it.



Recognizing that this month of November hosted a special week across Australia, "Social Inclusion Week", during which Lifeline had a successful and much needed fundraiser on ABC 702 from dawn to late night. The media in general also covered the importance and relevance of social Inclusion to all our lives and well being. The following - arrived on our e-mail the other day and we thought we should share it with the Shed members as it again relates to social inclusion.

## This hit home for me.

**When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries. 🔦 . When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries. Some need AA...attention and affection; some need AAA...attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C....compassion; some need D...direction. And if they still don't seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light. 💕**

Well, that brings us to the end of this Newsletter but just before we sign off – our President Darrell was talking/thinking about organizing a BBQ lunch for members on a day before we close for Xmas – so keep a watch out in your e-mails over the next week or so for the confirmed date. Hopefully we can have a good get-together and lunch given the Covid restrictions continue to lift.

Best regards and happy shedding.

Bill G and Vic B