

## **Umina Beach Men's Shed Inc Newsletter June 2024.**

Welcome to your June Newsletter 2024 –an epic month in the life and time of the Umina Beach Men's Shed Inc. As you all know we eventually obtained the Occupation Certificate for 90 Osborne Av in early May, our landlords at 109 Birdwood Av were very keen to regain occupancy of their building. Recognising that they had been simply fantastic allowing us to stay and operate from their premises right through all delays experienced with the Osborne Av project, we certainly owed it to them to vacate quickly. So following a meeting with the owners and the committee a handover date was determined being the 14 June! And the race was on!

Larry Stewart headed up the team to clear the Shed either to the new location or to the various other disposal avenues, and to leave the premises in a tidy condition. John Powell undertook the management, set-up and acceptance of equipment/tools/ supplies etc at the Osborne Av location. Members undertook the loading and shifting of the items and generously assisted with their vehicles and trailers etc in the transportation of the items. Our Treasurer, Bill S undertook the task of heading up the overall aspect of clearing out the Birdwood site and ready to work project at Osborne Av and liaised constantly Larry and John and your committee.

It's been a very tough and challenging few weeks for Larry and John and their teams – it is a big exercise, yes the deadline of June 14<sup>th</sup> was achieved and the news is that the new Shed will open on July 1 as planned.

On Friday the 14 June several of our members met at the gate to 109 Birdwood Av – and had an informal ceremony of “closing the Gate” for the final time and handing over the keys to representatives of the Peninsula Village. We have included a photo of the gathering and also a note from Larry who requested it be included in the Newsletter and go out to all our members and sponsors.



## VACATING BIRDWOOD AVE

A boss once told me that you can eat an elephant. Do it in small bites over a period of time.

When the landlord imposed the two week deadline for vacating the site it seemed insurmountable, but spurred us into action. The game suddenly changed from moving into Osborne Ave in a neat and tidy fashion to getting all our gear out of Birdwood Ave and down there as fast as possible. If it made the new site untidy and ugly too bad. We will sort it soon enough.

We called for help and you guys responded. Some of you put in long days, and others did what they could. I don't need to mention names, you know what you contributed. No-one's contribution is less appreciated than others. We had blokes running shuttles between sites in their own vehicles, we had guys sorting and packing at the old site and others unpacking at the new. We had guys sorting and placing tools, fasteners etc into appropriate storage, and there were roustabouts putting in wherever they were needed. There were demolition teams busting up unwanted furnishings resulting in numerous runs to the rubbish tip, and trips to the scrap metal man as well as trips to the auction house in Gosford. And it was all done safely without damaging our gear or our people (well almost).

You did it blokes. We made the two week deadline with ½ a day to spare. The gates to Birdwood Ave Mens Shed were closed for the final time at 12pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Thank-you, fellas. Be proud of yourselves and your achievement.

Larry Stewart.

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We are very happy that we are able to welcome all our members back commencing Mon July 1<sup>st</sup> for a “look see” and get together and the new normal Shed activities and projects should get underway on Wed 3. John P and his team have been flat out 5/6 days a week to prepare and set up to meet these deadlines, here are a couple of photos of some of the heavy equipment being craned into the new Shed, and items being transported in a truck with a tail lift which the Shed hired .













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Our President Gary G has had a lot on the GO over the last few weeks, what with the closing and relocation of the Sheds but also in the completion of the sale of his family home, which they have lived in for many years and purchasing a replacement property and moving out and moving in etc not withstanding keeping his ever watchful eye on the Shed activities.



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Understandably with the limitations on activities and safe operating space- over the last 6-9 months a lot of members cut back on their visits to the Shed and a few stopped showing up at all. We encourage all our members to visit the new Shed at 90 Osborne Av and to relish in the vastly improved work areas and social facilities

We look forward to welcoming members to the new Shed and listening to their views and opinion regarding the new facilities and also what sort of projects they want to conduct or be jointly involved in with other members.

Happy Shedding

Bill G Vic B

