

Umina Beach Men's Shed July 2024 News Letter.

Welcome to your July 2024 News Letter, which is being written at our new Shed, which many of you will know opened up on July 1st -albeit for a social day. During the course, of this month our members have worked hard and have basically got the new Shed operating and projects and wood turning etc are now back on the go.

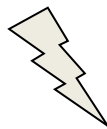
Your committee is now busy organizing a date for the “official Opening” of the Shed -this being planned for a timeline of late October early November. This will hopefully give us the time to get everything running smoothly and looking tidy etc. We have a lot of people to thank and recognize at the official opening for their support and assistance with the long running project of creating and financing the new Shed. When the date is finalized, for the official opening, invitations will be sent out.





On July 18th we had a visit from our local member Liesl Tesch M.P, who delivered and presented to our President and members with a cheque from a grant of \$8600 -to help with the fit out and new equipment for our Shed. The presentation took place in our new meeting /dining room. After the presentation Liesl was given a tour of the Shed and equipment and chatted with the members about the various machines and projects and the lads were able to personally express their thanks to Liesl and the Government for their on going support of UBMSI.





Graham B was approached via one of our Lions Club contacts to see if it was possible for the Shed to assemble/erect a garden Shed, from a flat pack kit. Given our recent experiences in moving some of our own storage sheds -the lads were happy and confident in taking on the project. The lads, Graham, Warren, Stephen, Kevin completed the task on a timely basis.



Our neighbors the P.C.Y.C. called by the other day and asked if we could look at a exercise bar in the gym which had corroded overtime and causing a problem for some of the gymnasts. Vic and Warren visited the gym and returned with Bar and supports etc, which Warren dismantled, Warick put the bar through one of our metal lathes and removed the problems and Richard re-sprayed the bar with an anti-corrosion coating followed by a color coating. Warren then re-assembled the apparatus and returned it to the PCYC.



Another project for the community -The Umina School was having a real problem with their "music Stands"- there were several different issues amongst +- 20 stands. Failing to lock, leg braces disconnected from the main frame -missing rubber feet etc. Warren and Stephen took on the project and several different solutions were created to fix the range of stands. The school returned a few days later and were delighted with the end result – and the stands were returned to the school ready for the next music class.



We think that everybody has heard and knows about the annual Road Side Collection by the Salvation Army. The organizer Mr Neil Thompson approached the Shed with a request to modify the road side signage posts to fit the brackets on this years signs – the request was for a fast fix!! Bill S jumped on the project and turned the project around chop – chop. Neil visited the Shed recently and delivered a big thank -you and presented the Shed with an appreciation certificate from the Salvation Army.





Now for a completely different topic/ project, your committee, has been looking at the longer term future of our Shed, and have come to the conclusion that we need to find /take on a few new members who have I.T skills – book keeping /accounting backgrounds etc. Not that our existing team is going anywhere- but given the age factors we need to think and plan ahead. So, if you have any neighbors or contacts here on the Peninsula, that have recently retired , have the sort of backgrounds mentioned, invite them over for a cuppa and chat at the Shed. We believe that the likelihood of men with these backgrounds might not have the initial attraction to Sheds that trade backgrounds tend to have. Although at the moment we could do with another welder fabricator.

We have just received the AMSA member bulletin for July and note that they are launching Men's Shed Week Sept 1 -7 which has the theme "**Send him to the Shed**". They are suggesting that each Shed has an Open Day and put the message out, for interested fellows [or pushy wives] to have them visit and a chat about what Sheds are about etc. More news to follow, in due course, regarding the topic, of looking for new members.

Well that brings us to the end of this newsletter, so in closing we wish everybody to stay safe, particularly whilst Covid and Flue seem to continue to romp around the Peninsula.

Happy shedding

Bill G and Vic B

P.S.

Just as we were putting the finishing touches to this newsletter –we spotted a lot of very colorful movements under and behind the big tree in the western corner of our block [next to Osborne Av] – it looked a tad magical !! we went out to investigate and found a very colorful Larry S tidying up the debris under the tree. A wise fellow, to be so warmly dressed, on such a cold morning. Good on you Larry!

