

Umina beach Men's Shed Newsletter February 2026,

Welcome to the February 2026 edition of the Shed's Newsletter, our first topic is recognising our volunteer crew, as April is the start of National Volunteer month, we thought we should mention/recognise our current team of volunteers, who fundamentally keep our Shed running.

Stephen B.– mows back lawn, regularly cleans the rooms, collects the mail.

Ash. Ian M - looks after perimeter fence line and tree plantings and garden beds and join with Kevin J on the off- site mowing project, Ian M, Ash, and John P also look after the Hotel project.

Peter M – is our “go -to” handy man – anything that needs a fix in and around the Shed has his attention and skills.

Larry S chases around the Peninsula purchasing /replenishing supplies for the kitchen and items for work in progress etc. He also is Larry the “can man” he looks after the donated cans/bottles and then undertakes to load them all up and deliver them to Gosford and returns the proceeds to the Shed's fund.

John P. as the Secretary of the Shed's committee, he has a lot of work and time to get through managing the minutes of meetings, responding to correspondence etc, etc, needless to say, that most of that work is done out of shed hours as he is always seen busy with carpentry projects within Shed hours.

Bill S who handles our Ecommerce sales and the Shed's soft ware updates and reconfigurations etc,

Gary G, a lot of time and work behind the scenes, keeping the Shed “on course” and moving forward within the Peninsula community.

The lads that participate in the BBQ's currently running at IGA, some of them appear in the photos published, naturally there are several more attendees across the two or three shifts. Your efforts are well appreciated and the funds generated help keep the Shed in reasonable shape financially.

If we have missed out to mention somebody, our apologies, our volunteers, are a critical essential part of our Sheds ability to exist and deliver good outcomes, so a big and sincere “Thank You” to all of you for your time and efforts. There will be another mention at the Shed as we enter April Volunteers Month.

A few months ago we had a discussion, about, looking for a new shirt and Shed emblem, given the length of time since the original shirt was produced, we don't have many current members that have one. Bill G at the office will have a bunch of tickets and if you would be interested in the buying a Shed Shirt, then fill in a ticket with your name and size required, once we know the number and sizes we need, we will be able to obtain a price and design. At which point we will get back to everybody with the info and they can decide at that point if its affordable /desirable etc and take a decision, to go ahead or drop off.

Whilst we were looking through the AMSA web site just recently their Tag line "**When was your last service**" came up on the screen, we think, it is a really good ethos to take on board. We are just leaving the summer season and moving into autumn, so we need to think about how are, all our protective injections /vaccinations, time wise etc Along with checks on blood pressures, fitness level and weight etc. The theory is similar, to vehicles and machines, regular checks and services prevent /reduce breakdowns, so if it's time for a service "give it a go".



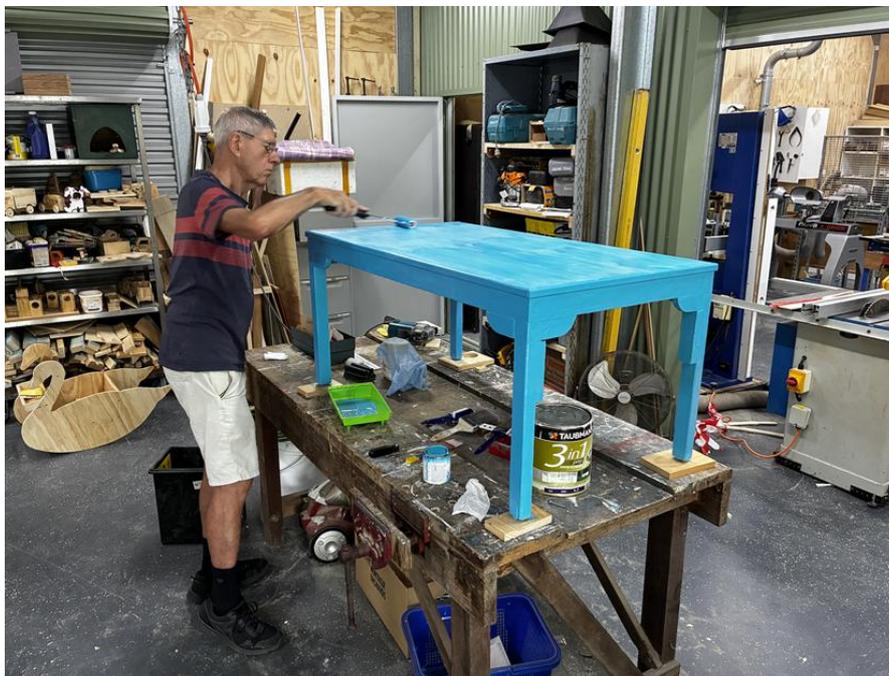
Now lets have a look at some of the projects that have been taking place at the Shed.

A gentleman called by the Shed in a 1926 Rover car and asked if somebody could construct a new battery box to be installed on the running board. Ron F happily tackled the job and produced a classic battery box, the owner was delighted.





A local welfare organisation approached the Shed to overhaul 5 smallish tables which they use in a children's play area – Clive A took on the project with some help from Wayne R and they quickly set about renovating and repainting the items.



Tony F one of members arrived at the Shed with a very old garden seat mostly in pieces! which he was seeking assistance to rebuild the item, Warren D jumped in and the finished product now looks brand new!!



A team of our willing volunteer chefs and BBQ experts ran the IGA BBQ on Sun 22nd Feb



Now the weather is cooling down, our members are often moving out of the “meeting room” and onto the outside bench and Table, fairly recently, supplied by the CCC , looks like becoming our second “table of knowledge”



A very old and battered reclining chair turned up at the Shed, looking for pretty much a remake, Chris F decided to accept the challenge and has been quietly working away renewing parts of the structure and fitting it all back together. he is currently sanding this very hard wood in prep for a new coating, we might have a photo in the next edition of the finished item – in the meantime here is what you see.



Our Shed was blessed with another invite from IGA to run a BBQ on Sun 1st March John P organised the team and they had another fun day interacting with the customers, delivering a great sausage sizzle and also selling a number of toys recently crafted at the Shed.



Well that brings us to the close of this edition,

Happy Shedding

Bill G and Vic B