

## Umina Beach Men's Shed Inc April 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to our April 2026 Newsletter, with two long weekends in the month, our normal number of days attendance is down, so this edition will be a tad shorter than usual.



We thought we would commence with the following photo.



Just as the camera man walked around the Shed, he was suddenly amazed to find this lovely member standing by a bench and exhibiting two beautifully crafted door stoppers, but that wasn't what caught our attention – he was wearing obviously one of his favourite and well loved tea shirts –but the date on the item stated 1962 ! that's 64 years!, how's that for a record? Well done Ross D

The following article in the Telegraph caught our attention and we thought it would be useful to copy it into this month's edition, simply given the age profile of our members, in the hope that members and their families take protective action by getting the Jabs for flue and covid.



You will no doubt recall we were looking for members who wished to order/purchase a UBMSI shirt with the logo. As it turns out there were not enough total numbers to strike an attractive deal and then range of sizes created even smaller numbers per item. There is also requests' for, the shirt material to be changed. So we now think it would be more practical and cost effective if we looked to purchase /have made, the emblem [ small shed with a big heart] which the members can purchase from the Shed and affix to a shirt of their own liking. We need to establish, which is the most practical way, to affix an emblem to a variety of shirt materials – if your partner is into sewing/embroidery etc please ask her should the emblem be stitched on – or glued - other ideas, and then get back to our President, Gary at the morning Tea sessions. Once we know the answer then we move to obtain quotes and hopefully move the project along.



John P has been working hard on the preparation of the Didgeridoos and rhythm sticks which we mentioned in the previous edition, as the weather has been kind to us over the last couple of weeks, he set up the stand in the outside yard and worked quietly away in the fresh air.



A few years ago, a lady donated a very large and thick slab of timber to the Shed, this was ultimately cut up into chunks suitable for wood turning and stored to

dry out etc. Ron F recently examined and tested one of these chunks and decided it was good and ready to make a bowl, with the intention to donate the bowl back to the lady that gifted the slab, as an expression of our “thanks”. Ron turned out a beautiful bowl and completed the project with a lovely and practical finish.



Another great feature of our Shed, is that there are generally a collection of members who are happy to put down the job they are on, to assist another member who needs a quick hand. Peter a dextrous handy man had to cut down

a sheet of material to fit on a type of bar top he was busy finishing off. You can see him in the photo being almost over supported [nobody wearing ear muffs !! which we talked about after the photo !] but given the dimensions of the sheet the many hands played their useful part.



We have a few members who whilst attending the Shed undertake regular shed maintenance, looking after the Gardens, cleaning up the kitchen areas, the floors in the meeting and toilet areas, handling our lawn mowing projects and so it goes on [thank goodness!] A really big and sincere thank you to all our members who provide time and skill levels looking after the physical welfare of

our facilities and the fund raising exercises etc. Just today the photographer was outside on the street and Steven B just happened to be out there mowing the verge and moving past our sign - well worth a shot.



As I think we know the Shed's motto is *"The little Shed with the big heart"* part of the thinking on that motto was based on the very limited work space at the original shed. When the photographer arrived at the office at Osborne Av this day and walked in, it struck him that this certainly supports the motto. Mind you it's not often that we have the Gary G, Greg L, Doug and Bill G all busy at the same time!



Just before we close, in the interests of all our members and their families and friends, we would like to add another Health consideration /awareness to this edition. That being the 4-10 May is National Heart Week –opening with the slogan -  
“NEVER MISS A BEAT”

So we would encourage everybody to look for the press coverage and trek through all their recommendations and ideas in regard to keeping our hearts healthy.

With that, we will close this edition and wish you Happy Shedding

Bill G & Vic B