

Umina Beach Men's Shed Inc August 2026 Newsletter.

Welcome, to the Shed's Newsletter for August, the weather has been improving as we move toward the start of spring, and the activity level at the Shed has also been pretty good.

The Shed recently lodged a submission for a grant in the annual central coast Club Grants process, with the view of fitting out the BBQ area with tables and seats in order to make the Shed more hospitable and comfortable for members. The Clubs recently held a large public meeting to announce the grants to be awarded in this year's proceedings, Mario G and Greg L attended on behalf of our Shed. They had a long wait as the grants were announced in alphabetical order – so UBMS was well down the listing however well worth waiting for, the EverGlades club awarded our Shed with a grant for four thousand dollars.





Larry S waisted no time in organising and processing the purchase of the equipment required for the seating etc in the BBQ area. It arrived in a knocked down format and had to assembled on site, the lads had a lot of fun and challenges putting it all together. Once the assembly process is completed they will be set up and installed in the BBQ area.





Our master paver, Graham B undertook the project of rejoining and re leveling the pavers to meet the BBQ area, seen here quietly getting on with task and delivering a fine resolution.



This month we took a photo of activities inside the office area, which we think is a first time, appearance in the Newsletter, it's a small and busy area with lots of computers and a lot of chatter.



A reminder to us old fellows to see our doctor or chemist to get the new pneumonia vaccination.

Have you had your Codit 19 booster? No then get it while you are there.

It's interesting to look at the start point of a wood turning project and realise the amount of work and skills and artistic talent required to deliver a finished product. Here we have Ron F with a solid piece of beautiful timber and then with the completed item, no mention of the planning, time taken and the vision necessary to deliver such a project



A lady recently arrived at the shed with a very artistic Rocking Horse that she wanted refurbishing for her granddaughter, the lads got busy with this project.



Warren D was really taken by the design and structure of the rocking horse, and whilst he is generally thought to be a “metal Man”, he has demonstrated his skills as a “woody”, by cutting and shaping woods and duplicating the structure of the original rocking horse. Whilst it is still a work in progress, it’s looking absolutely, fabulous.



Whilst on the topic of wood working John P and lads have continued their efforts in creating toys for young people etc, they have quite a range now and are becoming more and more artistic in their design and quality of finish. Here is a quick shot of some new locomotives in the process of being finished and ready for painting.



As well as the many projects undertaken by members at the Shed a fair amount of time is spent socializing and interacting with each other, we have many diverse backgrounds, life experiences etc, so there is lots of interest and sharing of stories and humour. All of which is an important part of men's Sheds, because as we retire from employment, our socialising opportunities tend to drop right down and isolation tends to move closer. Our morning tea sessions at the Shed, normally held with our President Gary are popular with the members, as they all get the opportunity to have their say!



Then of course we have the outside table of knowledge, for smaller groups to gather and chat , maybe it's the sun light that helps create the volume of laughter!



We have had a few BBQ's off site in recent weeks [and more to come] at IGA and Peninsula Village etc, so firstly a big thank you to those members who give of their time to travel, cook and serve etc at these locations and for representing our Shed. Some of these functions are fund raising, others assisting local communities and they all spread the awareness of our Shed within our local community. So again a big Thank You to those volunteers.



Well that brings us to the end of this edition[and coincidentally to the start of spring], we trust you enjoyed it and as usual if you have any suggestions ideas, we will be pleased to hear from you.

Happy Shedding

Bill G and Vic B