

Umina Beach Men's Shed Inc September 2026 Newsletter.

Welcome to the Shed's monthly Newsletter, we hope and trust that you enjoy and find it interesting. Our Annual General Meeting was held on the 21st September 2026 and was very well attended, the President [Gary] and Treasurer [Greg] worked through the formalities of delivering their Annual Reports and answered any questions raised by the members. Gary's report covered the Shed's Constitution and pointed out that in line with that, the existing committee members and positions continue for this following year. Having dealt with the formalities, Gary then moved to the "Shedder of the Year award" and advised the meeting that this year {25/26} the committee had opted for two of our shedder's be recognised for their exceptional talents and high activity level on projects in and around the Shed.

So the Sheddors of the Year Peter M and Ron F, seen here, being presented by Gary G with their awards.





in our previous letter we mentioned that the Club had been fortunate to receive a Club Grant from the Everglades in regard to outside furniture for the BBQ area, it was being assembled at the time that letter was written, now we can show you the facility in action at this month's BBQ.





Larry S was on his way to somewhere on the Peninsula when he came across a collection of small bicycles [young kids bikes], waiting for a garbage collection truck, so he stopped and checked them out. He was of the opinion that they were once loved but then out grown and left in a shed/garage and deteriorated, but he was of the opinion that they could be restored and provide a few youngsters some happiness. So he loaded them up, had Allan R check them out when he got to the Shed, and Allan was of the opinion that he could restore them and bring them back to a useful life. By the time Allan had the bikes ready Larry had found a new deserving home for them – the team at Mingaletta were delighted to take them over and give them to some of their members deserving youngsters. Allan R took them over to them and seen here at Mingaletta handing them over to Larry Trudgett.

“This note just arrived from Larry for the Newsletter.”

Umina Beach Men's Shed recently donated eight used kid's push bikes to Mingaletta at Umina for underprivileged children in our community.

The bikes were rescues, having been left in storage presumably after the original owners outgrew them. The bikes were in serviceable condition but showing signs of neglect, so were taken to the Shed's premises where member Alan, a retired RAF aircraft engineer, tenaciously gave them a full service and clean-up prior to donation. Alan lubricated their chains, made sure their tyres would pump up and stay up then ensured all the brakes worked. He also inspected

the steering and frames for sturdiness and ensured nothing would be detrimental to kids riding them.

"It's a travesty that serviceable bikes like these are destined for the crusher and landfill" says the shed's Vice President

Larry Stewart Vis President Umina Beach Men's Shed Inc.



Our terrific team of volunteers carried out several BBQ sessions for Peninsula Village amongst which was a Father's Day celebration and another a special luncheon. It would be true to say that not only do the residents enjoy these sessions but the staff and our fellows from the Shed also report as having a really nice time.



Regarding our wood working and painting skills, we think this quick photo which we will call "Horses on a Roll" indicates well, the original came in for a repair and repaint and the other was crafted and ready to rock, within the same time frame



Spring is well underway based simply on the level of inquiry's we have had recently regarding possum boxes, apparently it's that time of the year that these creatures like to invade attics /roof tops etc. So the lads got onto the production of the boxes and customers were delighted with the finished product.





Our member Ron Read was unable to attend the AGM, as he had other commitments that day, however, the committee had voted to make Ron a “life Member” and had planned to award/present it at the AGM. So Last Monday 28 September Ron R returned to the Shed and our President Gary G arranged for a morning tea get-together along with some visitors from the village including Bill I and announced Ron’s award and presented him with his plaque. At the same time Gary introduced, to all those present, a newly created notice board beautifully crafted by our member Mario G which carries all the Shed’s “life Members” names.



Now to a completely different topic – with the Shed now opening four mornings a week, we need to recruit a volunteer to take on a shift or two running the office and “front of house “. Understandably this role doesn’t have the same appeal as that of a usual attendee who become involved in the tools/projects /machines D.I.Y etc along with a lot of social interaction during the morning. Being “front of house” means that’s where you need to be most of the shift – answering the phone – meeting and greeting visitors – updating the computer files –handling cash and eftpos – receipts etc. However you meet all the members when they arrive/depart and socialize with them from time to time. So in effect we are looking for a retiree who wants involvement in the community and has clerical experience /comfortable with computers –looking to volunteer to be involved and enjoy sharing his skills with the members at our Shed.

So please give this some thought and think through all your social connections and look for a likely candidate, if you think somebody might be interested after having a chat with them, then give them Vic’s mobile number 0408 275 853 and get them to call – after a chat and if practical we will arrange for them to meet up with the committee.

There is no stress or high demands in running the office, – just being on site, keeping things running and control of the front of house – so please think through all your contacts and see if you can help the Shed locate the ideal fellow.

Well that brings us to the end of this edition, we hope you enjoyed it and as usual if you have any ideas or topics for the next edition of the Newsletter let’s be hearing from you.

Happy Shedding

Bill G and Vic B