

## **October and November 2016 Newsletter.**

A very warm hello and welcome to our Shed members and supporters in regard to another addition of your Shed's Newsletter.

As we run toward the end of another year [my how time flies!], we all tend to be a tad reflective across the range of things that have happened during the year, and probably more likely on the things that should have happened!

Well we think we are still moving toward being a Shed for all our members and their broad spectrum of skills and interests, but as we all appreciate it takes considerable time and funds to consolidate ideas, acquire equipment /materials and develop working areas and skill training etc. From any single view point, a level of frustration along the lines "why does it take so long to ...!" or why are items [tools /supplies etc] moving locations ? but when all is said and done we think the general view is that," we are getting there". There, being a work and social environment that satisfies most of our Sheddors most of the time, and judging by the fellowship and mateship that takes place in the kitchen area and out by the garden areas over the coffee / tea cups, the occasional frustrations from time to time are liveable.

But let's all try and remember that the Shed exists for the health and betterment of its members and the local community, if you have ideas and thoughts or concerns please continue to share them with your committee members. It's the mix of all our skills, life's experiences, knowledge and backgrounds and requirements that are really needed to drive our Shed.

Now let's look at" just some of our project and activities" that we have been engaged in over the last few weeks:-

Our Shed was invited to put up a stand at the recent Arts and Craft Show hosted at the Woy Woy Community Centre- it's a large event where exhibitors display and sell a simply amazing range of arts and crafts. The Shed attends and presents at the show, not to sell items, rather for the general community to see what skills and activities that we are involved with, with some of the finished items on show. The stand is manned all day by a roster of volunteer members who are kept busy answering a surprising range of questions about "Men's Sheds in general and your Shed in particular.



Our local Umina Beach Surf Club approached our Shed with a request for us to overhaul /resuscitate a ceremonial stretcher, which forms part of the life saving equipment utilised in ceremonial marching parades. An unusual opportunity for us in so much as it involved both wood and metal worker skills on the project. The lads got busy and turned out a very fine looking working stretcher, which should fit well with the enthusiasm and looks of the marching team.



We were delighted to be invited by our neighbours The Peninsula Village, to participate in their "Annual Open day" – our members operated in shifts manning the BBQ set up in the garden of the village preparing and cooking 'on demand' a range of food throughout the day.





A neighbour of Dave's has a number of ancient European helmets, he asked if members of the shed could manufacture individual support stands to enable him to display these helmets.

With the help of Ray the master wood turner, the top domes were manufactured, at the same time Bill Wood and Dave attacked the support bases, these were cut to size, and dressed with a router to make them more presentable.

With the use of some sand paper, stain and lacquer the job was assembled and delivered to the neighbour.





The final touches /finishing of our Phone box projects is underway, both units have been very much part of our landscape for the last many months, but right now they are on “the slip way” back to their permanent homes, the sign writer is seen here finishing the internal signs.



Our neighbours the Peninsula Village asked if we could undertake a project for some of their residents. That being small raised garden beds, at a height that it would allow the residents to enjoy planting and caring for plants without having to bend right down, or if in a wheel chair still to be actively involved in gardening. A team of lads came up with a design and overall size that met the basic requirements and production was got underway, once completed they were moved and sited in the peninsula Village and filled up with earth etc, at which point the residents were invited to take over/ participate in the first plantings. Judging by the response in terms of interest and enthusiasm expressed by the residents, we think we better keep the design and cutting lists etc “on file” as more orders could well be in the offing!





Octobers monthly BBQ at the Shed was well attended and judging by the “left overs” the food and salads etc must have been to everyone’s liking, it’s a good mornings catch up time for all of us and great value at five dollars – if you have not attended one, or missed the last couple or so, make an effort and enjoy a great lunch amongst very like minded members.



On a sad note, several of our Shedders attended the recent funeral of Vincenza Zappavigna, [Vince] who passed away on 19 October. Vince will be well remembered for his extraordinary ability to grow veggies and plants in the garden beds and for playing background music at the monthly BBQ's on his very special Italian accordion but perhaps most of all for his charismatic smile and greeting.



Well that brings us to the end of this newsletter, we hope you enjoyed what is another quick overview of just some of the range of activities and happenings at our Shed over the last few weeks.

Until the next edition – happy Shedding

Bill and Vic