

September 2016 News Letter

To start off this edition of our Shed's News Letter, our apologies for the late run of the September edition, this is due in part to one of the scribes being off on an extended holiday jaunt and simply not keeping up with the workload.

Needless to say the Shed has had a pleasantly busy time during the August /September months and our members have as usual finished off a few projects and also started some new ones. Our regular commentary on "the red phone box" project is nearing completion, Robert can be seen here fitting the window glasses and Mark cleaning the glass after the installation and putty etc.



After a an extensive search across Australia, a Long Tom Phone apparatus suitable for the era of the actual phone box was located and purchased – this will be installed shortly, but prior this the interior paint has to have a dapple treatment as was the fashion /design of that era and the sign writing to be completed.



Whilst still on the subject of Phone boxes, the privately owned Box being used as a surf board storage facility is now being repaired and sections reconstructed. Similar to our Shed's red phone box it will take time to complete due to the degree and nature of the work to be undertaken to return the item to a satisfactory good working order. Les and Len are seen here busy with dismantled sections.



From time to time our Shed undertakes projects for the community and in which we partner some of our local suppliers, in this instance we have undertaken to design and construct three garden beds suitable for placing on a walk way or balcony - for Don Legget House and Coinda Village. The design to be suitable for invalid /movement impaired residents who wish to garden and grow plants etc from their wheel chairs. The materials for this project are being supplied by Bunnings Umina.

Seen here, - Fritz and Larry assembling the garden beds and - Merv undertaking the painting.



We have been asked to make and supply some more Mah-jong holders and carry boxes, so it looks like the game is growing in popularity – the picture shows Phil busy with the thicknesser, dressing the timber to actually make the items.



Wood turning appears to be growing in popularity, with more members being keen to learn the skills and safety precautions involved in using the lathes to produce well crafted items.

Ray, Robert and Geoff, preparing jobs on the wood lathes.



Bill Ide and Bill Wood keen followers of the Woy Woy Rugby Union Club, responded somewhat artistically to a request from the Club to design and build an extension to the Bar, so they chased up a beautiful piece of seasoned natural edge slab, prepared and coated it with a suitable finish and then mounted it on a couple of wine barrels sourced from the Hunter Valley.



The area within our Shed assigned to metal working has recently undergone a makeover in terms of the location of the various machines in order to improve the working area, plus natural light factors, power connectivity and of course to maximize the capability of each of the machines.

Doug is seen here working on the lathe recently located in this position.



As a Shed we are always in need of quality chefs for the BBQ, we have our monthly Shed BBQ and this picture shows John and Brian cooking at the BBQ held following our recent Annual General Meeting.



We also undertake a couple of weekends a year at Bunnings Umina, providing the sausage sizzle for their customers visiting the store across the weekend – this a significant fund raiser for our Shed , which is managed by Bill Stedman. He arranges a series of shifts for our members to attend to cook or serve, these outings not only provide a great opportunity to put our Shed's image out in the public arena but also provides for the members a great opportunity for fellowship as generally speaking the BBQ task and area is much quieter than the normal Shed environment when the equipment is running.

Darrell, Geoff, Harvey and Bill cooking up a storm –



We mentioned earlier the AGM, it was determined at the meeting that initial fee to join our Shed had been raised to thirty five dollars and the annual renewal fee is Ten dollars, whilst the daily visit fee is being held at the existing /original \$2 @day and the monthly BBQ still held at \$5.

Vic , Bill and Sam attended a morning tea at the Ettalong Bowling Club along with other peninsula community organizations that had been fortunate enough to obtain a grant from the Club. Mr Tim McGivin general manager and Mr R Henderson the chairmen of the Club spoke about the level of grants that the club had provided across the local community and the diverse spread of organizations that had benefited this year. A member present from each recipient then spoke in response with regard how these grants would benefit / be used by that particular organization.

The photo is taken inside the Ettalong Bowling Club - the management and Club grant recipient's representatives.





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In attending the meeting at the Ettalong Bowling Club, one is quickly reminded of the importance of the Clubs to the overall Peninsula community and what a fantastic involvement they actually have in their daily operation. Likewise with our Shed, O.K. we are a small Shed but we do have “a big heart” thanks to the activity and participation of our many members.

With spring now well under way we wish everybody a healthy and enjoyable start to the onset of summer, the new term for the grand children and uni students and just over the horizon the start of the Xmas season.

Till we catch up again, keep fit and happy shedding

Vic B and Bill G