

January 2017 Umina Beach Men's Shed Newsletter.

A big and warm welcome to the first of our newsletters for 2017, and we thought we should start by covering what your Shed actually provides at this point in time, because after all, it's a constantly moving scene.

We have woodworking, metalworking, computers, gardening and lots of other possibilities, for instance cooking. If you bring skills in these areas to our Shed, that's great, but those fellows without these specific skills or knowledge are especially welcome to come and learn in a friendly and unpressured environment.

Do not be fooled by the many machines and equipment that are located in and around the Shed we have many Sheddors who simply drop in for morning tea and a chat. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT! Sure we do undertake a lot of projects and operate many pieces of equipment, and members bring jobs /projects in from home when they don't have the tools to tackle it. But at the end of the day it's all about fellowship, members enjoying each others company and exchanging ideas /stories /jokes, others beavering away on a specific project or interest. Our garden areas offer challenges [especially at this juncture the recent extreme heat and conditions have taken their toll] that energizes some members whilst relaxing others, as they enjoy the monthly BBQ or morning tea whilst seated in the garden areas.

The whole concept of Men's Shed is focused around men's health and wellbeing, as you move around your local community, if you come across fellows who you think may benefit by regular visits to our Shed, invite them along and introduce them to a committee member, who will welcome them and show them around, explain the process and provide the paperwork [if they have an interest in joining our Shed] etc .

Now to some happenings and activities, several of our members undertook a project to help and assist the Manila Men's Shed, by relocating various items of equipment that your Shed had agreed to supply to this new shed start up. The equipment was surplus to our Sheds requirements but was in good working order etc. In fact one of our members Malcolm, had recently relocated from the Peninsula to Manila, and is the Secretary to The Manila Men's Shed. Members Utes and trailers were utilised to transport the equipment, with Xmas approaching the Manila Shed invited our Shed Members to travel

up to Manila for the Manila Men's Shed Xmas Party. Our lads that undertook the trip had a really great couple of days of fun fellowship and good food.

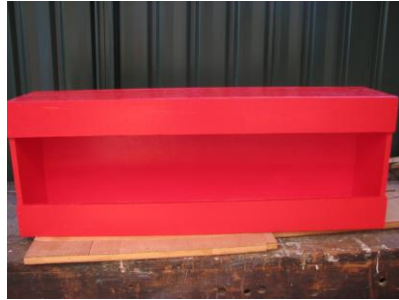


Whilst our Shed undertakes projects to benefit our local Peninsula community, it's also a fact that local businesses, Clubs, sporting entities etc also provide support to keep our Shed financial. Just recently Eagles Plumbing organized and held a Golf Day for their Trade customers, Eagles Plumbing then announced that the proceeds of the Golf Day would be split equally between 4 Men's Sheds – the day raised a fabulous \$2000 and we are delighted to tell you that your Umina Beach Men's Shed was one of the recipients. A big and sincere thank you to Eagles Plumbing and their hard working team, seen here is our Bill Ide being presented with the cheque for \$500 by an Eagles executive.



The Pearl Beach Progress Association recently approached your Shed with a request to build /construct a "beach side life saving equipment storage /locator box. Lionel and Don got busy with a cutting list to suit the drawing /dimensions required for the Box and pretty quickly the Box was taking Shape. Merv the artful painter then gave it a beautiful undercoat, in preparation for the bright red final coats. The construction and painting

process has been very mindful of the fact that, this box is to be located for its service life right on the Beach in full exposure to the elements.



Our President had a wonderful surprise for all those Shedders attending the January BBQ luncheon, in so much as he introduced a guest speaker – namely Ms Liesl Tesch – a “7 times Para Olympian” – from the point in time that Darrell introduced her – all our noisy Shedders fell silent and for the duration she held every bodies attention – with her soft and appealing approach to her really amazing sporting and life achievements. Our BBQ luncheons we think you would agree are normally a lot of fun and good eats but this January BBQ was certainly a wonderful and inspiring start for the year – a very special thank – you, to our guest speaker.





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In previous years we have jointly organized and undertaken “a day out trip” with and for our members, and to-date we have been to some interesting locations and had a fun day out. It’s time for us all to put our thinking caps on and give some thought as to “Where to next?” for our 2017 trip. The usual elements of – level of interest appeal – ease and cost of undertaking the trip – accessibility and mobility issues getting to and around the site etc all have to be considered. But it’s time now for us all to put our thinking caps on and to come up with suggestions on “Where to next”. We look forward to hearing from you.

Well that’s it for our January News letter, if you have any ideas or thoughts for our Shed or News letter – please don’t hold them, drop Bill G a note and share them with us.

Happy Shedding

Bill G and Vic B