

November 2017 News Letter

Welcome to our November News Letter and it looks to us as if it's been a fairly busy and interesting month at our Shed.

Following a call from The Rotary Club of Umina during which we were asked to partner them, plus Bunnings Umina and Ettalong Carpets, in the preparation of a new interview room at Mary Mac's Place at Woy Woy. Three of our members tackled the Shed's part of the project, which was designing and building a set of shelving and installing them once the area was prepared. Robert, Quinton, and Harvey are seen here assembling the cupboards and loading them to transport.



Once installed, a fine looking finished product and seen here back at the Shed are Robert and Harvey proudly displaying an "Appreciation certificate" kindly awarded by Mary Mac's in regard to their efforts.



We think the Holiday season is looming simply as the “spring time” whipper snipper”s and mowers that were visiting Russel, seemed to have been replaced by your right! some small outboard motors – so relaxing, boating and fishing must be on the menu !



We have an additional item of equipment, which is a cold saw which is designed to cut steel /metal items at a much lower level of noise than our original cut off saw. This item is now installed and in use – so if at some point you are contemplating cutting steel at the Shed, you will need to undertake training on the equipment and be certified to use it. Fritz is seen here demonstrating some of the features of the cold saw.

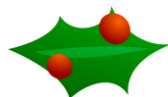


We think a really nice aspect of Men’s Shed’s is that there is always that odd opportunity to learn new things /.skills regardless of one’s age or background. Just the other day on entering the kitchen area, we came across “Stedy and young Doug” and Doug had that

lovely excited look! Whilst the pair of them were hovering over the computer terminal, at the time we were not sure what they were looking at! As it turned out Stedy had just spent 10 minutes or so teaching Doug how to operate /conduct a special feature of the I.T. world, and Doug had just completed the exercise on his own.



It was really nice to see an old face return for a visit, Malcolm complete with the exotic orange motor bike and side car visited with us this month, you may remember he has moved to Manila [NSW] and is secretary of the Manila Men's Shed and a founder member. Whilst he was only with us for the morning he wasted no time in catching up with members of his era.



You may recall Darrell's theme for our Shed – being “the small Shed with the big heart”, well here is a snap shot of Dave in the electrical Shed and it's looking suitably busy and cramped, he is coping well and keeping this area as tidy as possible, we have moved many items into this Shed area to make for better work areas in the overall Shed – but we have promised Dave some relief early in the new year.



Let's have a quick glance into the office / I.T. area, now this area always has that warm and cosy atmosphere even with the aircon on! Why? Because John Bill G and Doug just love their I.T. items and pursuits, they have them interconnecting / multiplying /developing more muscle and the thinking is that they thrive on a challenge offered by some delinquent hardware or wayward soft ware!



We have commenced on a sort out of the container area, over time the storage approach had been out grown, so currently we are moving through a clean up or out phase and

installing a racking system etc so it will be easier to locate the piece of wood one needs for a project and the screws /nails /bolts etc will also be housed and visible in their new locations within the container.



Fred is back from another romp up north or maybe south this last time and has been around on his traditionally early in the morning shift, resulting in our garden beds coming alive with produce – the beetroots he offered around the Shed looked like normal beetroot... but wow the freshness and flavour really hit home – so much so that we believe there was a scramble to pick up the last of them.



For some now we have had both a bobbin sander and a disc sander located within the Shed, Lionel B designed a wheeled platform for these two items, complete with on board storage cupboards to hold discs and bobbins etc Fritz, Harvey, Merv, and Lionel constructed the platform and affixed the machines. It is now wheeled out to the yard work area and has already enjoyed involvement in quite a few projects.



The Bills I and W took on a small project to assist with the reopening of the Fisherman's Wharf restaurant, the whole facility is /has undergone a makeover and the operators wanted their tables refurbished to fit back into the new surroundings, seen below is Bill w. And Merv just touching up one of the pedestals.



Well that's as much as we have room for in this month's edition of our news Letter but will close with a picture of our Xmas decoration on the office window – he has been travelling with us for the last few years or so and finally a picture of the Veteran Health Week Magazine, the actual Mag is now in our kitchen and is a recommended read for all those interested in trying to stay healthy and in good form.



Thanks for your time and we hoped you enjoyed this edition and came across items of interest – until the next time happy Shedding and enjoy the start of summer. Finally as this will be the last news letter prior to Xmas so we take this opportunity to wish all our Shed members, family and supporters a peaceful, healthy and enjoyable Xmas season.

Bill G and Vic B

