

UBMSI NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019

Welcome to this, the April 2019 edition of your Shed's News Letter. Your scribes were busy looking through the "Seniors on the coast" magazine May/June edition it's a **FREE EDITION**, a NSW Central Coast over 55's lifestyle magazine -on page 28 and 29 a really good article on "medical tests you should have every year" for us men and also a listing for the ladies. They make the point" *we all get busy with our daily lives, and unfortunately our health often gets neglected. You make time to get your car services regularly, so ensure you make time to get your body serviced too!"*

So Easter long weekend has come and gone! It was a busy time for quite a few volunteers from the Shed as we undertook the BBQ at Bunnings on Easter Saturday and also a Gara/Shed sale at the CWA Hall. A big and sincere thank you to all the members that volunteered to set up the CWA Hall on the Friday and attend the BBQ and Sale events on the Saturday, both events went off well. Looking ahead and the eventual new location for our Shed we will no doubt be into lots of fund raising activities, so we will likely need lots more volunteers, if you haven't provided your services in the past or for some time, please give it some serious thought in regard to stepping forward when the call goes out.

Moving now to some of the activities and projects that have moved through the Shed during April, firstly we have a major project for Woy Woy Lions Rugby Union Club [who are and have been long time supporters of your Shed], they wanted a mobile bar for their Club events, they provided the design and size and Fritz and Len with the assistance of several of our members fairly quickly constructed the Bar and finished it with several coats of paint etc.



Having just mentioned Fritz Huber, here he is again, but this time it's with a degree of sadness for the Shed but also a whoosh of warmth and a wish for lots happiness and good health for the Huber family. They have sold their property in Umina and have moved up the coast, to a location unfortunately just too far to be a regular at our Shed. Fritz had been a long term member and served on the committee for a period of time, his skills and overall contribution to the Shed will be greatly missed, go well Fritz and we look forward to you making the odd visit back to see us in Umina.



Now here is a complete change of scenery, firstly because it's taken in the office and not out in the more general work and activity area and is not in the normal wood or metal type categories. It is Doug H busy repairing a computer with a hard ware problem.



Recognising that our Ethos is not to compete with local businesses or trades, then, it is easy to understand why Lionel B undertook to have the Shed make /fabricate these brake pads for a vintage motor bike – a class product indeed.



The little Shed with the Big heart does that ring a bell! Gee just looking at this photo certainly indicates the little aspect of the Shed. Fortunately, Tony and Bill are just adjusting and setting up the bobbin sander, here in the photo, in preparation to moving it off outside, to actually use the machine.



Inside the CWA Hall in Umina on Easter Saturday Gara /Shed sale, the photo only shows a few of the items offered for sale, it was a good days selling and clearing excess items and in more general terms was a good outing for the Shed in and amongst the community on the peninsula that visited the sale.



This item could well be used in a competition to guess “what use is this item put to?” it turns out, we have made them before, it’s a cutting /serving board for stroke victims that have certain limitations.



From time to time one of our members makes a didgeridoo and just the other day another member made a bird whistle but here we have Andrew W well into the process of making what will likely be a very beautiful instrument, obviously there are many more hours work to be undertaken but it looks like a great start to a lovely guitar.



Mr Fab Fenton has been a wonderful supporter of the Shed over the years both in his individual capacity and through the Woy Woy Lions Rugby Union Club in which he is heavily involved. Very occasionally he will visit us on one of our BBQ days and if you have the chance to meet and talk with him, do not miss out on the opportunity, here he is with Bill W.



The year appears to have a gallop on, as we are now in the fifth month already, and it seems that not only is The Federal Election nearly upon us but the flu season has also arrived with a bang, the vaccines are being distributed on a regular basis, but we are told you need an appointment to line up the vaccine and person to carry out the injection, it appears unlikely that vaccines will be sitting on the shelves waiting for somebody to simply walk in – so treat it like the upcoming vote – “you gotta get it done “.

Just before we close this letter, we would like to take the time to advise of the recent passing of our member Eddie Barker [Rod Munson's Dog], he had been a very regular visitor to the Shed for many years. Whilst Eddie didn't take part in any projects, he spent his time visiting all areas of the Shed including the office, enjoying and spreading fellowship and companionship amongst us all, he will be greatly missed by Rod and the rest of us – rest in peace Eddie



Until the next time, our best wishes and happy shedding to you all.

Bill G and Vic B