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# SHED MEN AT WORK

In their Community

## SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEPEAN MEN'S SHED INC.

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## AGM - Committee

## Nominations Now Due

The AGM will be held on Monday the 28th August.  
All positions will then be vacated before the election  
of new Committee members takes place.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the shed office  
or print the final page of this newsletter.  
A independent returning officer will be appointed.

**Please note that Proxy Votes will NOT be accepted.**

A free BBQ will be held following the AGM.



### G'Day Shedders,

It seems only yesterday that the last newsletter was issued and yet here we are again with a fair amount of news.

We had a stall at the opening of the of The Westies Market and along with sales from our toys and other wares, we also received great donations. A very successful day.

And talking about selling our items, some of the guy's loaded up a trailer with goodies and went to a Car Boot day for The Mountains Care and while not as big event as the Westies day, they still managed to sell a few items. For more information on Mountains Care go to [www.facebook.com/mountainscare](http://www.facebook.com/mountainscare) .

The shed has purchased a lot of high quality personal safety equipment for the members use. Full face masks, goggles, safety shields, dust masks and much more. These items may be borrowed or purchased from the Shed at very good prices for your use only.

See Ken Garbutt for further information and prices.

## Check Out These Sites



Australian  
Men's Shed  
Association  
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

<http://mensshed.org/>



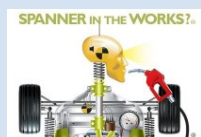
<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>



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### Dates for the Calendar

17/08/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team C  
24/08/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team D  
28/08/17 AGM  
31/08/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team A  
07/09/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team B  
14/09/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team C  
21/09/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team D  
28/09/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team A  
05/10/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team B  
30/9 to 2/10/17 AMSA Conf., Gold Coast  
<https://www.dconferences.com.au/>

## What's On

Check out these two sites.

You could be surprised at what your local council has on.

**PENRITH**  
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<https://www.visitpenrith.com.au/Whats-On/>



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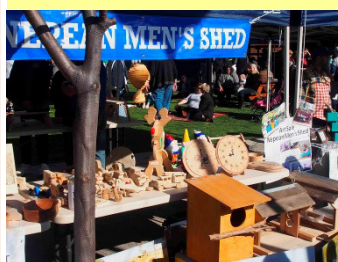


## The Westies Markets Opening Day

The Westies Markets re-opened at their new site on the 16th July at the Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School, 115-119 Great Western Highway Emu Plains.

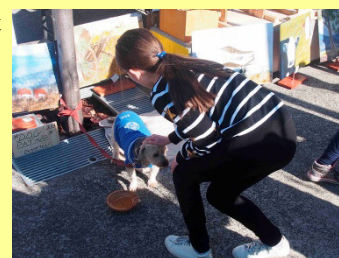
The organiser of the markets, Katrina James, daughter of our Men's Shed member Paul James, invited our shed to have a stall to sell our wares. In turn, we assisted with parking direction. We also had a member, mainly John Stalling, at the front gate welcoming the visitors.

Heaps of more people turned up than expected, much to the pleasure of the organiser.



Our stall was kept busy all day selling many of the hand made wooden toys and other items created at the shed. We also answered a large number of enquiries not just men but their partners looking for somewhere for their "retired" menfolk to go (otherwise known as Hubby Day Care).

Finally our smallest member did her bit (yes we have one female member) and was a huge attraction. For a donation you could give Zoe a pat.



So make a note in your diary to visit the Westies Markets on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

## The President's Lunch

Held at Penrith RSL on Tuesday the 25th July. It was a great success. After having our fill at the bistro, it was time for a few speeches. We were honoured by a visit from our shed patron, Stuart Ayres MP for Penrith, Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, Minister for Sport.

Below is part of the opening address by the shed's president, Michael Siegle.

*Good afternoon fellow members, family and friends. Welcome to the 6th Presidents Lunch.*

*It is a pleasure to see so many of you and lots of new members along with your partners attending today. Stuart asked earlier is this all our Shed or members from other sheds? I remember at the first lunch we had we were lucky to fill one table!!*

*Stuart as most of you are aware is our patron and has for many years been a staunch supporter of the Shed movement of which you are all part of. We started out with 5 or 6 members in 2010 and now we have over 100 !!*

*Its a fantastic feeling to stand here today and welcome you all--Remember its your Shed and its you who make it what it is.*



The Nepean Men's Shed would very much like to thank the Penrith RSL Club and the Star Buffet for a wonderful lunch. We would also would very much like to thank our local Member for Penrith and our Shed Patron Mr Stuart Ayres MP for his very kind donation to the Nepean Men's Shed appeal to support Yalumcwa Elementary School on Kiriwina Island PNG as his donation is very much appreciated



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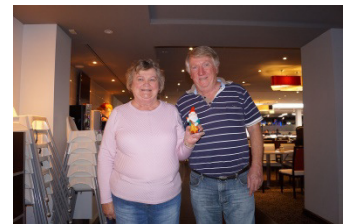
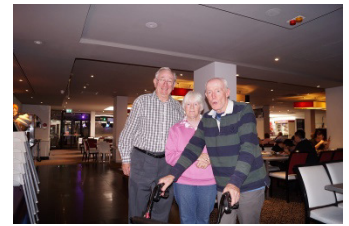
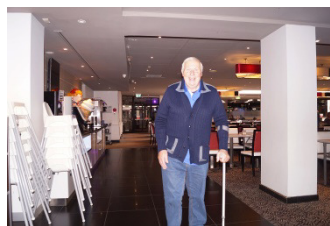
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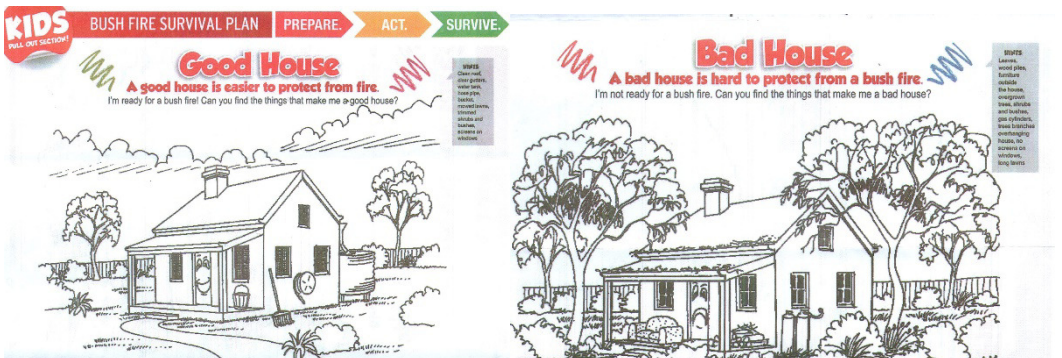
[svdney/erskine-park/](http://svdney/erskine-park/)



We have approached by the NSW Rural Fire Brigade at Valley Heights to build a portable model house that can be transported in a box trailer for a display at various locations for fire prevention suggestions. The model will be modular so it can be dismantled for storage.

The model will be made as one half as "the Bad side" and the other side "the Good side". "The Bad side" will have rubbish in the gutters, overhanging trees, and made with old dry timber. Whereas "the Good side" will be in good repair, brick construction, etc..

Final size being Front 5 feet, Sides 7 feet & Height 5 feet. Peaked roof with a high point of 6 feet.



A couple of YouTube links which may be of interest to some members to make retrieving timber from pallets easier. Cheers, Eoin.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iszNusNVJ2k&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wC5HgUU9TeU>



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Your Logo  
could be  
here

We are looking for sponsors. Perhaps you could help us with material, service and we would even take money. The cost of running this large shed is not small and so any help is appreciated.

This newsletter goes out to over 300 addresses, of which over 200 are to other organisations, council, businesses and university. Thank you.

### Shed Members Facts #1 by Bob

66% of members wet shave, 33% dry shave and 1 member doesn't shave at all  
28% of members were born overseas  
39% of members have one or more older sisters  
21% of members have never been to Tasmania  
16% of members have great-grandchildren  
43% of members have had a motorcycle license (some still have)

# Shed Update Happenings

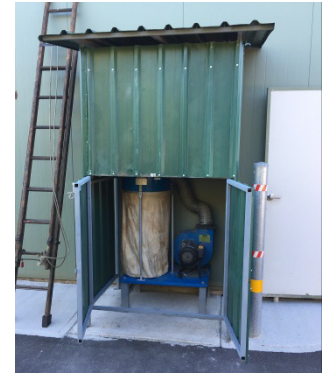
**Tiling of store room continues** thanks to Herrmann Tiles.

The tiles we had leftover from the other rooms was not enough for the whole of this final room. We were given some additional tiles but when the box was opened, they were wall tiles! Herrmann Tiles had some matching tiles to the originals that he let us have for cost. Thankyou Herrmann Tiles



**Dust Extraction System** for the toy making room is now partly installed. Outside framework was constructed and the vacuum unit put in place. One all is in place the sheeting will be attached to the outside structure to keep out the weather but with enough ventilation at the top to allow air to escape.

On the other side of the wall Colin has started the plumbing and the connecting to the various saws and sanders.

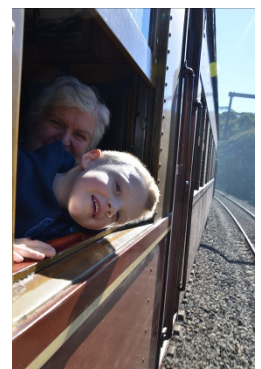
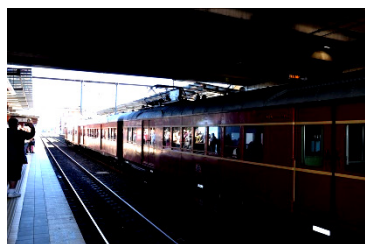


On Saturday 22nd July Chris Outzen organised an outing hosted by the Valley Heights Rail Group for the 150th anniversary of the rail service.

Three members from Nepean shed and two members from Cadens attended Chris and Derek brought family along and the grand kids had a wonderful experience.



The first trip was in a "Red Rattler" to Blacktown returning to Penrith and then later in the day Steam Loco 3642 departed Penrith to Valley Heights and return. It was a great nostalgic day.



37% of members have lived in the same house for more than 25 years  
12% of members have been married more than once.

Note: all facts were obtained from members attending on different Monday shed meetings and calculations are approximate and should not be taken as a true comparison. Approximately 42 members attend each Monday. None of these facts will be sold to organisations to bombard members with targeted advertising!



# Donations set sail to Papua New Guinea



▲ The community of Kiriwina Island. Photo: Supplied by Men's Shed



By Keegan Thomson

THE BLOKES at Nepean Men's Shed are backing yet another great initiative with one of their members asking for donations for poor communities in Papua New Guinea.

John and Gwen Stalling are sailing off to Papua New Guinea in September and they're planning on taking with them donations for the Yalumcwa Elementary School on Kiriwina Island.

In a statement from the Men's Shed, the couple said they were working on a list of basic teaching items the school desperately need.

"The local people who live on Kiriwina Island are extremely poor and their schools are in need of the most basic stationary items like black, blue and especially red pens, pencils, colour pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, rulers, maths sets and other

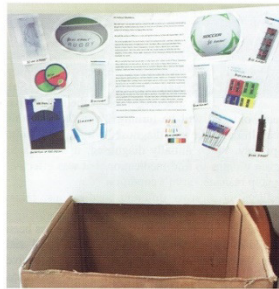
stationary items," Mr and Mrs Stalling said.

"Also the other items that the school needs are whistles for the teachers, tennis balls, soccer balls, footballs and air pumps to inflate the soccer and footballs for sport."

The couple previously visited PNG in 2016 and took over a trove of donations to the community of Kiriwina Island, a place that has no electricity or telecommunications, according to Mr and Mrs Stalling.

"Yalumcwa Elementary School is 10 kilometres inland from where the cruise ships anchor and these island communities do not have electric power, phones or computers. We have written to the Village Elders asking if they could meet with us at the cruise markets on Kiriwina Island so we can donate to them on behalf of the Nepean Men's Shed these much needed gifts for their school and community," the couple said.

Mr Stalling is an avid painter who has kindly



▲ Collection box at the Men's Shed

Painted and sold some of his art work, with the proceeds going towards buying more donations for the school and the community.

"With the sale of one of my paintings and the money so kindly donated by Nepean Men's Shed earlier this year we have been able to purchase 2 baseball bats and balls, 8 whistles, and 12 packets of coloured pencils," Mr Stalling said.

The couple are heading off to Papua New Guinea on September 6 and they're calling on members of the community and local businesses to help them out before they go. You can make a donation to their cause by visiting the Men's Shed at 18 Simeon Road, Orchard Hills.



A new supermarket opened near my house. It has an automatic water mister to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of distant thunder and the smell of fresh rain. When you approach the milk cases, you hear cows mooing and experience the scent of fresh hay. When you approach the egg case, you hear hens cluck and cackle, and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying. The veggie department features the smell of fresh buttered corn. I don't buy toilet paper there any more.



## Prue Car MP

Member for Londonderry



Mr Mike Siegle  
President  
Nepean Men's Shed  
18 Simeon Rd  
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20 July 2017

Dear Mr Siegle

### Thank You and Good Luck

I recently read in this week's Nepean News that the Nepean Men's Shed is currently seeking donations in support of the Yalumcwa Elementary School on Kiriwina Island in Papua New Guinea. I am writing to thank you and wish you good luck on this kind act of generosity.

This is yet another initiative that reflects your Shed's selfless good will. I want to congratulate The Nepean Men's Shed for its charitable contribution in support of those in need not just in the Nepean but for the local people on Kiriwina Island.

If I can be of any assistance to you with any State Government matter please don't hesitate to contact my office on 9833 1122.

Once again, thank you and good luck. The indispensable service the Nepean Men's Shed provides never ceases to amaze me; this is a truly generous act of global citizenship.

Yours sincerely

Prue Car MP  
Member for Londonderry



# Picture Gallery







**Nepean Men's Shed inc**  
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