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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 Round-up

The AGM, attended by 49 members, was held on the 28th August and resulted in a number of changes to the committee and also see the retirement after 6 years by the existing President Mike Siegle.



But first Mike presented the exiting Presidents Report for the year and the Presidents Award (see next page for both speeches).



The Treasurer's report followed and then it was down to business in that the old committee was dissolved and election held for anew committee for 2017.

Congratulations go to Tony Hudson (President), Eoin Milne (Vice President), Dennis Clunie (Treasurer) and the Secretary's position will be filled by Bob Maynard until a new person is appointed.

Committee members are Ken Garbutt, Henk Hamersma and Paul James .

Following the meeting the BBQ was put to good use and all enjoyed a sausage sizzle.



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Dates for the Calendar

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
30/9 to 2/10/17 AMSA Conf., Gold Coast
05/10/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team B
12/10/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team C
19/10/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team D
26/10/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team A

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What's On

Check out these two sites.

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

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President's Report by Michael Siegle

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to our Annual General Meeting for 2017.



I have been President for the past 6 years and I am delighted to see how we have progressed over the years. One of the pleasures of presenting the President's report is that it forces me to take stock and look back on the year at which point I think did Nepean Men's Shed really achieve all that it did? Of course it is you the Members that do all the work behind the scenes which has resulted in a never ending level of activities and recognition in the Community.

At this stage none of this would be achieved without the backing and support of your Committee. I would like to thank our Vice President Tony Hudson our Secretary Bob Maynard and Treasurer Denis Clunie. A big thank you also goes to other committee members Terry Bray, Eoin Milne and Paul James for the time and effort they have put in. Last but far from last is Ian Crocker our Web Master and editor of our Newsletter. To all these office bearers I wish to convey a big personal thank you.

Of course when we look at our achievements I am always amazed at how willing members are at putting their hands up to take on additional tasks for and on behalf of the committee. I would like you all to put your hands together and acknowledge and I thank each and every one of you for all the work and considerable contributions you have made to your Shed.

The past 12 months has been a bumper year and here are some of the highlights:-

August 2016 - This was the first time we had to go to a ballot for most positions.

We had notification that we were exempt from Land Tax - what a huge savings.

September 2016 - Congratulations came from Penrith Council on legally acquiring our new Shed - we own it!!!! We became involved with Penrith Real Festival and made Pallet furniture for use on the day. We also participated in Grandparents Day by building 18 billy carts for after school centres and running the races on the day.

October 2016 - Overhaul Santa's Sleigh and received Council Grant to commence our Garden project.

November 2016 - Visit from St. Clairs Shed and tiling of the rooms...just 1 left to go.

December 2016 - Our Christmas Party at the Shed with 80 plus people, great food and enjoyed by all.

January 2017 - Getting ready for our Official Opening... Invites go out Local M.P.'s both State and Local, Penrith Major and Councillors, Australian Men's Shed Association CEO and many others.

February 2017 - Big clean up inside and out. We finalised the planning with regards to the March Opening. Had approval from the school for across the road for parking and appointed various members to manage parking, entertainment, food (a catered B.B.Q. roasts. A number of the wives volunteered for kitchen duties (tea, coffee, and cakes) with Peter Crisp in charge of the girls.

March 2017 - Our "Official Opening" dream became a reality on the 4th March 2017 and what a day!!!! Approximately 300 visitors, speeches from major politicians and the Mayor and the CEO of AMAS David Helmers officially opened the Shed.

April 2017 - The patron of AMSA visits our Shed. His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and accompanied by Her Excellency Lady Cosgrove spent time touring the Shed and taking to lots of members including ex-Vietnam Vets. They were presented with a beautiful hand made pen which in June Sir Peter used while signing official papers at Government House with the President of Nauru.

Well as you can see we have had a very busy year. Looking ahead I am sure the newly elected committee will take us to new levels of success and achievement.

In closing I wish to thank you all again for attending and remember it's your Shed and it's what you make it!!!!

Thank you.

The Presidents Award by Michael Siegle

Gentleman,

As you are aware most organizations shows recognition to someone who has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty. Each year I have presented what has become known as "The President's Award".

Looking back in 2013 it was awarded to Allan Peek, in 2014 it was John Stalling and 2015 it was Denis Clunie and last year it was Ramon U'Brian.

Though all of you give `100% to the Shed which is why we are in the position we are in now and as such will grow and prosper in the years to come.

The person that I have chosen to be awarded this year consonantly gives 110% so I am proud to announce that The Shed award this year goes to Dennis Comber.

Dennis please accept this award with all our thanks from the Committee and all your fellow Shed members.

Thank you.



An Open Day at the shed is to be held on Wednesday the 27th September from 9am.

Spread the word.

Opening of the shed on a Friday was started as a trial. A vote was taken of members and as Friday's are growing in popularity, it has been decided to make it permanent. In summary, the shed will be open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am till 2pm (excluding public holidays).

OPENING HOURS	
Monday	to
Tuesday	to
Wednesday	to
Thursday	to
Friday	to
Saturday	to
Sunday	to
Holidays	to

Golf Afternoon. Steve Lloyd is looking for other golfers who would like to have a round at Penrith Golf Course on Thursday afternoons at around 3pm. Cost is \$12.50. See Steve on Monday or Wednesday at the shed or call him on 0428 197 949.



WANTED

Preferably Alive

A Shed Secretary

Bob has agreed to remain doing the Secretaries job for a short time only. He has after all been doing it for a number of years and now wants a break.

So come on someone. Put your hand up.

Others will help but someone has got to step into the position.

Special Thanks to

Pro-Frame Design for the beautiful framing job of the AMSA (Australian Men's Shed Association) Chief Patron's visit in April.



His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and accompanied by Her Excellency Lady Cosgrove toured our shed and presented to the members a gold medallion.



Guest Speaker Les Whykes



came along to the shed and gave us a very interesting talk on his life as a pastor in china.

Les's career began in the Australian army for 28 years where he obtained the rank of major. He then became a Pastor in Australia before finding himself and his wife for the past eight years in Yang Chun China.

He has now dedicated himself to helping orphans in China who have disabilities and trying to find them adoptive parents.

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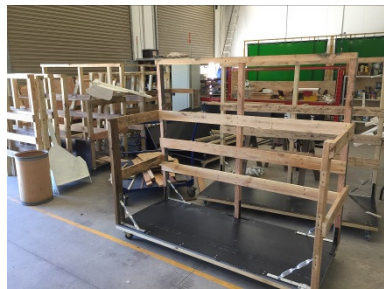
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Springwood High School Project

We have been approached by Russell Krass on behalf of the high school to help them in a project that will not only teach the students more about recycling but also reduce the school's "land fill" waste to just a single bin. The idea is to have multiple different bins around the school with separate bins for say paper, cans, foam, plastic film etc..

To provide a means of moving these bins into suitable positions on school days and then into secure areas at other times, the school needs 14 trollies that will each hold a number of bins.

Russell accompanied by Richard Cartwright (Bunnings Valley Heights) visited the shed and brought with them a prototype along



with a lot of the wood already cut to size.

Bunnings are assisting with much of the materials required.

Our job is to put together the remaining 13 trollies. A core team comprising of Ken Garbutt (leader), Roger Balme and Colin Johnson plus other as available will hopefully complete the work within four weeks.

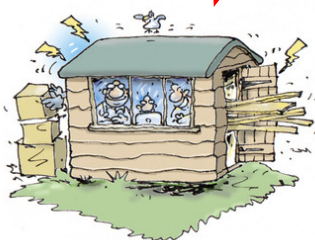
Now a couple of weeks later many of the bin holders have been completed. Just as well we have a BIG shed as they take up a lot of room.



Remember last month the NSW Rural Fire Brigade asked us to build them a transportable house that would show a "good" fire safety house and a "bad" one.



Two of the volunteers came to visit the progress.



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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.

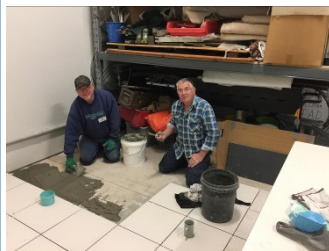
This newsletter goes out to over 300 addresses. of which over 200 are to other organisations, council, businesses and university. Thank you.

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 room 4 continues. Now that we have some more tiles of the correct size and nearly a matching colour, it is back onto the knees for our tilers.



But fellows, looks a bit like you have "painted", or should I say "tiled" yourselves into a corner. Drying time for glue stuff is what, 12 hours?



New Train Set for Shed.

Henk's brother (Decd.) was a train buff who collected model trains. He wife has kindly donated an "N gauge" setup to the shed. Photo of Henk doing some small repairs and getting it ready for rolling stock.

Dust Extraction System is completed in the Toy Making Room.



CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Penrith Rowing Club

19th December

Payment by 5th December

Book Now

See Tony

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!

Picture Gallery

