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SHED MEN AT WORK

In their Community
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER
NEWSLETTER OF THE NEPEAN MEN'S SHED INC.

April 2017

AMSA Patron-in-Chief Visits Our Shed

We were privileged to having been visited on Sunday April 2nd by His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and he was accompanied by Her Excellency Lady Cosgrove. Sir Peter is also the Patron-in-Chief of the AMSA.

This informal visit by Sir Peter began with a tour through the shed where he was introduced to many of our members including two Vietnam Vets. being Gary Owen & Graham Bellette who wore their medals and served under Sir Peter.



A wooden toy car and two turned wooden pens made at the shed were presented to Sir Peter and Lady Cosgrove. Sir Peter said that the pen would be placed on his desk and used the next time he signed important documents on behalf of the Queen.

Sir Peter then presented the Shed President with a golden medallion from the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. This will be mounted and placed on display at the shed.



On behalf of our Shed members, I would like to thank Sir Peter and Lady Cosgrove for the interest and support they have shown to not just our shed but to the Australian Men's Shed Association.



Michael Siegle
President of the Nepean Men's Shed.

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Australian Men's Shed Association
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<http://mensshed.org/>



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Dates for the Calendar

04/05/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team D
11/05/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team A
18/05/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team B
25/05/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team C
01/06/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team D
08/06/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team A
15/06/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team B
17/06/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ
(A Saturday - team TBA)
25/07/17 Presidents Lunch
25/08/17 AGM
30/9 to 2/10/17 AMSA Conf., Gold Coast

What's On

Check out these two sites.
You could be surprised at what your
local council has on.

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



<http://bluemountainscitytourism.com.au/whats-on/>



G'Day Shedders,

Well what a busy few weeks we have had. First with our Official Opening and then with our distinguished visitor. Hopefully things will now settle down to a more leisurely pace.

There are a few changes happening that I have been asked to mention.

With our very successful recruitment drive during the Opening Day, membership has climbed to 98. Now with so many needing access to the equipment it has been decided that the shed will open three days a week. The existing days being Monday and Wednesday will remain and Friday will become the third day. Hours remain the same as 9.00am to 2.00pm. The shed will however not open on any public holidays. Opening Fridays will be on a trial basis until the next AGM.

In order to balance the running costs for morning tea etc. the old scheme of \$4 per week has been replaced with \$2 per day to be paid at the sign-in desk. The yearly membership fee at this stage remains the same at \$40.

The committee would like to remind members that two non-committee members are welcome to attend the monthly committee meetings. While they can say their piece they do not have any voting rights.

Two dates for the calendar.

* 25th July the Presidents lunch will be on at the Penrith RSL at 11:30am. Cost is said to be just \$14.60 for seniors and includes one drink of either beer, wine or soft.

* 28th August is that time again. Yes it's the AGM. All existing positions are up for re-election. Some of the existing committee have been doing it for a long time and have stated that it is time for some new blood. So give it a thought.

Finally, Jeff Thorne who was originally with the VRA and was one of the instigators in getting our shed, is going into a nursing home and unfortunately will no longer be able to attend at the shed. We wish him all the best in his new home.

Ian Crocker
Editor

This month's issue of The Shedder (the Australian Men's Shed Association newsletter) featured, you guessed it, US.

Click on link below to view the complete article.

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A number of official guests attended the shed opening: Cr John Thain (Penrith City Mayor), Tanya Davies (Mulgoa MP), Prue Car (Londonderry MP), Emma Husar (Lindsay MP), Cr Ben Price, Cr Kath Presdee, Cr Todd Carney, and David Helmers (AMSA Executive Officer).

COINED "the Taj Mahal of sheds," the new premises for Nepean Men's Shed was officially declared open by Australian Men's Shed Association Executive Officer David Helmers last month.

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Feeling cramped in your backyard shed? Not enough room to swing a cat?

Help is here, at last.

Come and join the Nepean Men's Shed. Enjoy some "breathing space" in a 900m² shed.

There is lots of woodworking equipment, metal lathes and sheet metal gear, computers, books, train sets and lots more. Most importantly there is companionship.

So if you are a bloke in the Nepean Valley or surrounding area with free time on your hands, come along to 18 Simeon Rd., Orchard Hills on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday (9am to 2pm) and check out what we have to offer you. There might even be a free cuppa and bikkie.



Membership Report

The recent formalisation of the facility at 18 Simeon Road, as the home of the Nepean Men's Shed, aroused the interest of several blokes to become members of this Shed. Since the 4th of March this year, we have accepted 20 such applications. The range of skills and experience in these newcomers includes public school curator, technical officer (ships' systems), insurance industry manager, mechanical engineer, motor mechanic, customs officer, maintenance fitter and caravan constructor. These recent additions take the number of financial Shed members to 99.

Submitted: Les Harrison, Membership Officer.

Reader's Own Stories

Do we have any writers amongst our many members? So come on all of you authors, send your articles to the Editor. I will try and publish at least one every month.

Have you, dear reader, embraced the new technology? Are you a technocrat or a technophobe or are you somewhere in between. Most probably, you're like me, and somewhere in between.

Computers have enabled people to do their banking, pay their bills or order goods and have them delivered. Or, if you wish, you can pay bills or bank on the phone.

There is no need to go outside your home. All the sport is on television and you can increase your viewing range by having pay television. Why go out at all? You can, if you wish, take photos with a digital camera and print them for yourself. No need to take the film out to have developed.

Many people now work from home and have no need to go to the office. Networking has enabled computers to be linked all over the world. I have a friend who writes for a Lithuanian magazine and lives in Sydney. Why go out? Why bother to travel anywhere?

All the kids who used to play outside, riding their bikes and scooters and climbing trees, have practically disappeared. They can now be found playing their computer games or in front of television. No wonder we are being told that kids are unfit and overweight.

An older neighbour of mine used to like to go to the shops and pay her bills. Now she's being encouraged to use ATM machines and not go into the bank at all. In the past you could have a chat and communicate with a whole range of people. Now that is rapidly disappearing.

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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 is to other organisations, businesses, university and council. Thank you.

A few pictures from Sir Peter's Visit



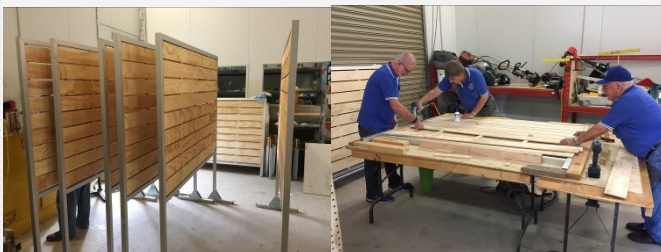
ALL ABOUT LEADLIGHT

Our member Derek Darlow with a little past experience is looking for others who may be interested in doing some leadlights. We have a heap of different coloured glass. And now thanks to Coralie Richmond a lady friend of Denis Clunie, we now also have a glass grinder plus a Tiffany Style lamp shade mould.



Getting All Hung Up

Continued from last month



Production continues at a rapid rate and there are now some 22 display boards completed for the Nepean Art Society.

So come-on lads and next month should see the completion.

Reader's Own Stories

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Problem is all this new technology is very antisocial. We use machines instead of communicating with other people. Try talking to a machine and see how far you'll get. Communication consists of swearing out aloud at the damn things when they malfunction. "Son of a -*****!!!" I have been heard to shout at the top of my lungs on more than one occasion. Many more people now live on their own. Is this a sign of this antisocial trend? Why bother with people anymore; they're too much trouble. Use a dish washer, why rely on another pair of hands; men are too untidy; women nag too much, and so it goes on.

A few years ago being labelled a "stop at home" was meant to be a put down. Now you could take this to be a compliment as to how "with it" you are in embracing the new technology.

There's not much on telly tonight. I think I will watch a movie on my new DVD player with its home theatre sound. Why bother to go to the movies when I can watch them at home?

Michael Collett

Shed Update Happenings

Security of the Shed Upgrade: We have obtained a grant to enable the fencing of the property. While it is not designed to keep the determined person out, it will act as a deterrent to the occasional "after hours" visitor. In the past we have found bottles, cans and other items around the back of the shed which is out of sight from the street of any neighbours.



We have also had some problems with different items such as wood and metal disappearing.

The fancy fence goes up to level with the front of the building. A chain wire fence then continues all the way up the southern side of the property and then across the back until meeting up with the existing



chain wire fence on the northern side.

Garden Shed Goes Up: At the moment all the many mowers and other gardening equipment is kept in the main shed. We were fortunate in being given a used shed. This is being repaired and then erected out the back.



However, extensive modifications will need to be made as it does not suite our requirement of being able to put say a ride-on mower in it. So the doorway which was originally only small and sliding has been replaced with two opening doors. This in turn means that the roof has to be reinforced. And of course it had to be secured to the concrete with concrete screws otherwise it could blow away.



Landscaping and Gardening Update: Many new vegetable plants have been planted by some members under the guidance of Michael Brookes. Produce is offered for sale to members and proceeds then goes towards further costs such as fertiliser, plants, seeds etc..



Thanks to a recent grant our chief gardeners Ramon U'Brien and Michael Brookes have planted 24 Liriope plants along the front of the building. A lemon, lime and orange tree have been planted along the fence line. Might have to wait a few years before anything is produced.



Twenty four Grevillea Bronze Rabler were also planted. Ramon, Michael and Keith Lloyd have planted seventeen along the front bank with the remaining seven along the bank at the rear of the shed.



I changed my iPod name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

What do they do when chemists die?
They barium.

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

Penrith police stations toilets have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.

Picture Gallery

