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SHED MEN AT WORK

IN THEIR COMMUNITY

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEPEAN MEN'S SHED INC.

DECEMBER 2015

G'day Shedders

It's that time of year again when as 'shedders' our thoughts turn to a long earned break and to spending time with family and friends. It's a time to reflect on how lucky we are as a group of "Grumpy Old Men", who in 2016, will be the owners of the largest Men's Shed under one roof in Australia . Additionally, we have just been notified of our success with our 2015 Community Building Grant application to fence the Simeon Rd. property.

We certainly are a VERY fortunate group of Blokes

I would like to thank the Committee and members for their support and commitment to the Shed and its activities throughout 2015.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Friday 12th. December some 30 plus members and partners assembled at the Penrith Bowling Club for our Christmas Lunch. Some of the more enthusiastic members arrived early for a game of Bare Foot Bowls. The door prize of an original water colour painting by our resident artist Jim Collier was won by Leatitia Maynard. A great time was had by all. (pics on following pages)

OUR SUPPORTERS



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BUNNINGS NORTH PENRITH BBQ's For 2016

Team C 4/2/16, 3/3/16, 31/3/16, 14/4/16, 12/5/16 & 9/6/16

Team D 18/2/16, 17/3/16, 28/4/16, 26 5/16 & 23/6/16

2 extra BBQ's @ BUNNINGS North Penrith are on 7/1/16 & 21/1/16

BUNNINGSVALLEY HEIGHTS, BBQ;s For 2016.

Team A 16/1/16,20/2/16 & 19/3/16

Team B 2nd/1/16, 6/2/16 & 5/3/16

UP-COMING EVENTS

26th. Feb 2016. Henry Lawson theatre production of "The Oldest Profession". See recent mails for details or speak to Mike.

Pymont Ultimo Glebe Shed tour. See emails or Bob for details.

16th. March 2016. PENRITH CBD BBQ.

July 2016 Presidents Lunch. Details to follow.

SIMEON RD. UP-DATE

Now that we have reached "the pointy end of owning Simeon Rd" a great deal of activity will take place during the break.

We had expected to sign the Transfer of Deeds paperwork during the week ending 12/12/15. It didn't happen.

The "sparky's will installing cable ladders and trays for the wiring, now that the heavy woodwork plant has been laid out.

The metal working bay layout will be completed and wiring run.

Installing new distribution boards and installing the associated cabling.

Preparing for the Installation of the emergency and other lighting.

The container will be fitted out for our timber storage.

The container at Emu Plains will be emptied.

Construction of the enclosures for the wood lathes will commence.

In early 2016 we will commence the hard surfacing of the driveway and car park.

The BBQ supplies storage area will be completed.

OUR SUPPORTERS



FREE STYLE

BARBER SHOP

MEMORY MALL ARCADE

Simeon Rd. Up-date continued

The First Aid Kit and Defib Unit have been installed in the hallway outside of the office.

THE NEW DRIVEWAY GATE

The new gate to the driveway has now been installed. We thank Penrith City Council for making this possible through their Community Assistance Grant program.. This will prevent the Friday and Saturday unauthorised vehicle entries to the property. Now with the recently advised CBP grant success ,we can secure the whole property



DONATIONS

Thanks to:

Jim Collier for donating the water colour for the Christmas Lunch.

Bunnings North Penrith for donating the redundant BBQ.

Allan Windley of Blaxland for donating light weight shelving and assorted tools

Mrs. Thomson of Emu Plains for the donation of a hammer drill and 4" grinder



METAL WORKING BAY.

The metal working bay is taking shape. The lathe, power hack saw, pedestal drill, grinder , band saw and combination lathe/mill have been positioned ready for "powering-up".

The combination lathe/mill still needs a little work, when completed it will be a valuable piece of kit for those smaller machining projects. ie. the timber pen shafts. Once we relocate a couple of large benches we will set up the sheet metal plant.



TUESDAY 15th. DECEMBER

This day almost passed us by un-noticed. On the 15th. December 2010 the Lower Mountains Men's Shed was formed. Our thanks go to Ramon U'brien and Colin Carr, the two remaining foundation members, for their perseverance in establishing, what is now the Nepean Men's Shed. To look back and see what has been achieved is unbelievable. Imagine what "looking back" in 2020 will reveal!!!!

THE CONTAINER ARRIVES

Our new storage container has arrived on site. It will be used for the storage of our timber supplies. Given the amount of space we have, some may well ask “why do we need extra storage?” The answer is simple...To reduce the fire risk within the building. Thanks to Gordon for setting the levels and the laying out.

The container was purchased with funds from the James N Kirby Grant.

FIRST AID KIT AND DEFIB UNIT

These are located in the hallway outside of the office. We have a number of First Aiders on site in the event of an injury. Ron & Russ are the most recently trained.

If you use ANYTHING from the 1st aid kit or TREAT ANY injury it MUST be recorded in the Injury report book in the cabinet.

With the defibrillator, the unit will give verbal instructions on its use if the need arises to use it...DON'T waste time looking for a 1st Aider, grab it and use it.....every second counts. A training session on its use will be provided for ALL members in the near future.



SHELVING ASSEMBLY

The light weight shelving, donated by Allan Windley, assembled by Ramon for the storage of our nails, nuts, bolts screws etc. in the workshop. They will be fitted with a “back” to improve stability.



MORRIE'S LETTER BOX

Finally the letter box has been installed. It took a considerable effort by Dennis Comber, Alan, & Mike to remove the original 300mm Sq. post. A chain saw was finally used.



Christmas Lunch at the Penrith Bowling Club



PRUE CAR VISIT

On Wednesday 16th. Prue Car arrived on site “bearing gifts”...a BIG CHEQUE from the State Governments Community Building Program. Although our application was originally for fencing of the site, following the heavy storm that day, the funds will need to be diverted to the repair of the roof. We found leaks we didn't know we had!!!



NOW HERE'S AN IDEA

Now that's a propelled lawn mower. We could have saved a fortune and provided an exercise program for members. The inclines at the front and back could have been interesting!!!!



Some Useless Info to Finish of 2015

- a) Since our inception in 2010 we have cooked approx. 24000 sausages
- b) Snails can sleep for up to 3 years at a time.
- c) The longest time a rainbow is said to have lasted is 3 hours.
- d) That apples are more effective at waking you up in the morning than coffee.
- e) All the planets in our solar system could fit inside Jupiter.
- f) All the blinking you do in one day equates to having your eyes closed for 30 minutes.
- g) Kiwi fruit is in fact native to China.

GLENBROOK MARKETS

Our last event for 2015 on Saturday 19th. December, was a stall at the Rotary Markets at Glenbrook. The day proved to be a very successful day from a fundraising point of view. The boys sold a lot of our stock of toys and bits and pieces.

They even sold a pair of gum boots!!!

It was great to see a good return for members' considerable effort in making the items.

It was a bit of a learning curve, but now we know what sells and what doesn't. Guess what? We will be making lots of Rain deer next year!!!!

Thanks to Dennis Comber for organising the event and to all those who helped out.

A great effort.

The photo to the right would suggest that we need to choose our words more carefully and choose our setting for photographs with a bit more care.

FINALLY

Our first Shed Day in 2016 is Wednesday 13th January @ Simeon Rd.

Our first Shed Day in 2016 @ Calver Ave. is Monday 18th. January.

**WISHING ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A
HAPPY, HEALTHY & SAFE 2016**

