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# SHED MEN AT WORK

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

**December 2016**

## G'Day Shedders,

Well that's Christmas over for another year and what a hot one it was. Now we only have to face the New Year celebrations and then things can begin to calm down again.

Thankfully this newsletter is a bit shorter than the last few as in a shorter time, only three weeks instead of four so less things to report and also most of our projects are completed for the year.

A reminder that the shed reopens on the 4th of January. Also that the BBQ roster has been slightly altered with the teams now going in order i.e. A, B, C & D. A new team member list has been prepared and distributed to members.

## Christmas Party Massive Success

Many shed members manned brooms, mops or moved furniture in preparation for our first Christmas Party to be held in our new premises. And what a success it was.

By 9am on Friday the 9th Golden Roast Catering were well into preparations. Mike and his wife Deb had set up the table decorations earlier and on Friday some other members helped with the final preparations such as preparing multiple nibbles and filling eskies with ice.



By 12:30pm most of the 69 party goers had arrived. The nibbles were everywhere and slowly disappeared. One o'clock came and so did a great lunch. The two catering lasses made it look so easy to feed so many with so little fluster. It all just happened so smoothly. The food was hot and the salads nice and fresh.



Following this was a choice of four deserts which all disappeared as some came back for seconds. Well done the caterers.

Mike of course had to have his little speech time and with the assistance of Denis' PA system gave what was surprisingly the shortest speech he has yet been known to make. A good time seem to have been had by all.

## Check Out These Sites



**Australian Men's Shed Association**  
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

<http://mensshed.org/>



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



<http://www.49.com.au/>



<https://www.menshealth.com.au/>



<http://malehealth.org.au/>

## Dates for the Calendar

04/01/17 Shed Reopens  
12/01/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team A  
19/01/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team B  
26/01/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ not us  
02/02/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team C  
09/02/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team D  
16/02/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team A  
23/02/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team B  
02/03/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team C  
04/03/17 Shed Official Opening  
09/03/17 Bunnings North Penrith BBQ Team D  
30/9 to 2/10/17 AMSA Conference, Gold Coast

## Change of Shed Treasurer

The existing treasurer David Ongley has bought himself a new caravan and will be travelling around for quite a few months. And good luck to him too.

As he cannot fulfil the treasurers functions for such an extended period he has stepped down and Denis Clunie has taken over the position.

A bloke walks into a Glasgow library and says to the prim librarian, 'Excuse me Miss, dee ye hev any books on suicide?'

To which she stops doing her tasks, looks at him over the top of her glasses and says, 'Fook off, ye'll no bring it back!'

## SANTA'S SLEIGH OVERHAUL

Continued from last month.

Joe Guiana and Kevin Saunders did the majority of work on the sleigh and what a great job they did.

It was collected from the shed by the Nepean RDA who were delighted.

This was a community project for a very deserving charity which provides people with a disability the opportunity to ride and enjoy all the activities connected with horse riding.



## Thank You From Council

We were visited by two charming ladies, Melissa and Dianne, representing Penrith City Council. Their visit was to give the Shed a BIG thank you from the council for all the help in making their Grandparents Day such a success. We had made some 18 billy carts which were distributed to nine after school care centres for the cart races held at Jamison Park in November.



We would like to thank Cain's Glass Service Pty. Limited for helping us with some window reglazing.

<http://www.cainsglassservice.com.au/>



## What's On

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

**PENRITH CITY COUNCIL**

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

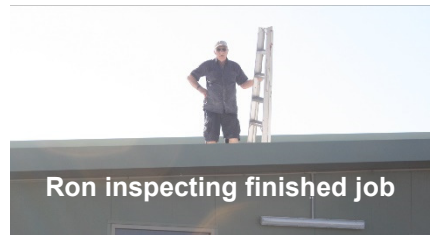


<http://bluemountaincitytourism.com.au/whats-on/>



# Shed Update Happenings

**The Roof:** The roof is constructed with flat panels and in-between each panel a silicone was injected. Unfortunately this compound only has a life when in constant sunlight of around 15 years. It's use by date has long ago passed and consequently when it rained the water didn't stop at roof level and into the gutters but continued in torrents into the shed. So after many weeks of repair work by a roofing contractor the old silicon has been removed, new applied and then as a more permanent fix, a top-hat has been installed over each joint. And "yabba dabba doo" we now we have a dry shed.



**More Needed Equipment** for the workshop. With the sad closure of Crane Enfield which operated in Penrith for some many years, a lot of their equipment was sold via an on-line auction. A couple of members went and inspected what was on offer and identified two items, one being a very solid steel welders table complete with a massive vice and the other a three input dust extractor unit. We were successful on auction day to get both.



The bench was a bit too heavy for two to lift and eventually four managed to up-end it and get it onto the pallet lift. While the dust extractor will be cleaned up and repaired needed before being set up inside.

**Broadband:** We have at last been connected to broadband and will now be able to set up our computers to the internet and at the same time allow those of us who have a smart phone to get broadband anywhere in the shed. A wireless access point will be installed so that any weak spots at the back of the shed will also receive good reception. It will also mean that our security cameras, alarm systems can be connected so we can monitor the shed from our own homes.

The young man came running into the store and said to his mate, "Johnno, somebody just stole your ute from the parking lot!" Johnno replied, "Did ya see who it was?" The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the licence plate number."

The copper pulled up next to the bloke unloading garbage out of his ute into the ditch. The copper asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head." "Yep," he replied. "That's why I'm dumpin' it here, 'cause it says: 'Fine For Dumping Garbage."

## Bird Feeders Go To Penrith City Council

Amanda Collins (Children's Services Development Officer) and Trish Heeley (Sustainability and N&F Co-ordinator) came to visit us on the 21st December to collect the bird feeders.

The Shed made 26 of the feeders at the request of the council. They are destined to go to Child Care Centres in the Penrith Councils areas. It is hoped that some native birds will be attracted to the food put into the trays and so provide not just some entertainment to the youngsters but also to give them an introduction to wild birds of the district.



## Thornton Markets

On the 17th December Paul James and his wife Bernadette loaded up the trailer with some of the toys and wood burnings made at the shed and headed for the markets.

Paul told the shed members on the following Monday of their success. He also said he was amazed at the number of enquiries he had from different people.

If nothing else the day was a very good publicity day for the shed.

Well done Paul and Bernadette



## Supporters



Continued from last month.

## John & Gwen Stalling's "School Children of Yalumcwa Elementary School on Kiriwina Island and the Elementary School on Kitava Island in Papua and New Guinea" project.

**Yalumcwa:** My wife and I were met by a village elder who had arranged assistance and transport to take us to their village which was about 10 to 11 Km inland along a rough dusty pot hole infested track from the village where the cruise ship had anchored in the bay at Kiriwina Island

On arrival at Yalumcwa Village we had the most warmest welcome from the staff, students and families of Yalumcwa. The school Children performed the



tradition welcoming greetings and other traditional songs and dancers and after unpacking your lovely gifts we had a tour of the school and village. Due to the tight time frame we only had a short time with the lovely people of Yalumcwa Village before we had to make our way back over the rough bush track to the cruise ship. On the journey back the vehicle had a puncture and the spare tyre was also flat from a previous puncture. The elders arranged for another vehicle to come and take us the remaining distance to the ship.



**Kitava:** My wife and I were met at the pier on Kitava Island by Frank who is one of the teachers at Kitava Primary



School and two of his young students who assisted us in carrying the very heavy bag of gifts that you had kindly donated to their school. As the school was over 50 minute walk up a steep hill in the heat I was not able to go to the school. On behalf of the Members of Nepean Men's Shed we presented to Frank their most need gifts and watched as Frank and his two young helpers made their way up the hill and on to their school.

On receiving the lovely gifts the Staff, Students and parents of Kitava Primary

School wrote this beautiful thank you letter and delivered it all the way back to the pier in the extreme of the day where it was handed over to the tender crew to be delivered to me on the ship.

It gives me great pleasure to forward to you a copy of the Thank You Letter from the Staff, Students and Parents from Kitava Primary School expressing their gratitude and appreciation for your kindness and the lovely gifts that you kindly donated to their school.

We would like to thank all the members of the Nepean Men's Shed for their kindness and fantastic donations to the School children of Yalumcwa Elementary School and the Kitava Primary School as these gifts were very much appreciated.

John and Gwen Stalling

KITAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
P.O. LOSUA  
KITAVA ISLAND  
P.N.G.

25<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

TO JOHN, GWEN and NEPEAN MEN'S SHED.

Thank you so much for your letter which we received on the 7<sup>th</sup> of this month informing us of your visit. We were so happy to hear that there are certain people like you who have a heart for children's education.

We assure you that the gifts donated to the school will bring great impact towards the students and teachers.

Therefore, on behalf of the school Board, students, teachers and the parents, we gratefully accept your gifts and wish to say thank you.

To 'The Nepean Men's Shed' we send our kindest regards and Christmas greetings to all members.

To 'John and Gwen' thank you once again for bringing us the gifts and wish you an enjoyable trip.

With all our best wishes,  
Staff and Students  
KITAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL.

### 2017 NSW Seniors Card Directory

These directories are full of discounts and special offers which are available to NSW Seniors Card members.

Previously the directory was mailed directly to members until now. If you would like it can be collected from Stuart Ayres off at Shop 23, 510 High St. Penrith. Alternatively it can be downloaded from [www.seniorcard.nsw.gov.au](http://www.seniorcard.nsw.gov.au)

## Tools Explained

**Band Saw:** A large stationary power saw primarily used to cut good aluminium sheets into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the recycle bin after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

**Phillips Screwdriver:** Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper/tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**Straight Screwdriver:** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**Hose Cutter:** A tool used to make hoses too short.

More Next Month