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# **SHED MEN AT WORK**

IN THEIR COMMUNITY SHOULDER TO SHOULDER NEWSLETTER OF THE NEPEAN MEN'S SHED INC. OCTOBER 2015

G'day Shedders

It's been a busy month at Simeon Rd with many of our preparatory works (for occupation) completed. The list for the minor works grows, all of our electrical items have now been tested & tagged thanks to John Stalling, racking has been relocated and doors re-swung. Ownership of the building isn't too far away, that's when the serious work begins.

#### 4th. QUARTER BBQ'S AT VALLEY HEIGHTS

The dates for the Third quarter of 2015 are:

Team A..19/9, 10/10, 14/11,

Team B., 26/9, 24/10, 28/11,

#### 4th. QUARTER BBQ'S AT BUNNINGS NORTH

Team C..8/10, 5/11, 3/12

Team D.: 22/10, 19/11 and 17/12

12/12 this is a Saturday for teams 'C' & 'D' and anyone else who would like to help

**STOP PRESS....PRESIDENTS LUNCH....THURSDAY 5th. NOVEMBER PENRITH RSL....A separate email will be sent out with the details.** 

## **OUR SUPPORTERS**





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# <u>Logic from an unclut-</u> tered Mind

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was verv small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'. The teacher asked. 'What if Jonah went to hell?' The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch.

At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: 'Take only ONE. God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples....'

# WISH BOOK

The **WISH BOOK** is always on the front table for members to record their requests for equipment and supplies. Items already recorded have been actioned. We now have a heavy duty thicknesser. A pallet jack and 20' container are next on the list.

# DONATIONS

Thanks to:

Ku-Ring-Gai Community Men's shed for the donation of a pedestal & bench drill, heavy duty planer and band saw (for the Tool Bank)

Paul Mills for donating more "wood burnings' for fund raising.

Graham Chapman for the donation of a large assortment of drill bits and dill accessories.

Bunnings North Penrith for the donation of assorted electric and manual hand tools all ex demo and as new.

Gavan Reed for the donation of a bench grinder/disc sander and rocking horse.

# **VEOLIA BIN**

Please ensure that all cardboard boxes are cut up &/or flattened **BEFORE placing in the VEOLI A bin** and that all scrap metal is placed in the two Wheelie bins. Large plastic bottles are also to be crushed or cut up. A cage for scrap metal is being built so we can recycle this material. Your cooperation is appreciated. We may eventually have smaller bins for Aluminium and Yellow metals

# **UP-COMING EVENTS**

Presidents Lunch 5th.November, Penrith RSL email to follow.

**Shed Christmas Party** 11th. December Penrith Bowling Club. Bare Foot Bowls prior to lunch.

**Christmas BBQ** at Bunnings North for all teams on **12th. December.** This BBQ is traditionally 4-5 times busier than a Thursday BBQ. We WILL be very busy.

# **OUR SUPPORTERS**





# FREE STYLE

# BARBER SHOP

# MEMORY MALL AR-CADE

#### Logic from an uncluttered Mind

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, 'Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face.' 'Yes,' the class said. 'Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?' A little fellow shout-

ed,'Cause your feet ain't empty.'

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. 'Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, 'And there's the teacher, she's dead.'

# **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to Jim Dingwall, Peter Hanna, Les Harrison, Greg Vance & Graham Chapman









## NEPEAN BLUE MOUNTAINS PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

As a result of our BBQ at Bunnings North Penrith, on Thursday 3rd August, as part Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, I was able to present David Wilkinson, President of the NBMPCSG, with our cheque for \$566.34 on Monday night the 21st. September. It was gratefully received and will help with their support of men and their partners in the Penrith-Blue Mountains area.



## TRAINING SESSIONS

We will be running two new training sessions in the near future. The first will be titled **"How to wash, dry and put your cup back in the cupboard"** and the other **:"How to put the tools you used back from where you got them"**.

Please do your bit to help.

## <u>Logic from an unclut-</u> tered Mind

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing.

She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.' The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.' Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute '

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink.

She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?'

Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.' The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'

## VISIT BY PRUE CAR

Prue Car, our local (State) member for Londonderry and East Ward Councillor for PCC paid us a visit at Simeon Rd on Wednesday 7th. Oct. It was a great opportunity for us to show off our (soon to be) new shed and to discuss some of the issues that we will face as the shed develops and to reinforce the need for the support of all levels of government for male specific services in the Penrith LGA, particularly MEN'S SHEDS.

I think Prue was suitably impressed. I did hear utter at least one "WOW".

#### **COMMOMWEALTH BANK DONATION**

To the left are the happy recipients

of the workshop equipment donated to the AMSA by the Commonwealth Bank at the Burwood facility last month. The bloke in the red top is Kevin Callinan, Chairman of the AMSA Board., To his Right is a rep from the Ku-ring-gai Community Men's Shed, we know who the two sruffy blokes in blue are and the remaining two are CBA reps.



Bob, Prue Car & Mike



#### **BUNNINGS NORTH PENRITH**

We have been asked to be the 'Call in Group' in the event that another group cancels their Saturday BBQ at North Penrith. To accept this offer we will need at least 10-12 blokes at short notice (in two shifts) to operate the BBQ. Saturday is an **extremely busy day**, up to 4 times as busy as a Thursday. We are looking at 80kg plus of snags!!!!!!! A successful day could result in NMS earning enough to pay both our AMSA insurances AND our Building insurance....it beats putting up our fees.

## SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE

The Safety and Electrical sub-committees have held their first off many meetings Jeff Thorn has assembled a team comprising Paul James, Graham Chapman, John Stalling, Denis Clunie, Eoin Milne and Ken Gibbons. We will be hearing a lot more from them over the next few months.

# SIMEON RD. UP DATE.

A really big and great effort by all on Wednesday to empty Wentworth Falls. Some of the newer members were amazed at the amount of gear we have. Once we sort this stuff out we will move onto Powell St. and Leonay.

Not much has happened since last month, it's up to the solicitors and Lands Dept .now.

# SIMEON RD continued.

Denis Clunie & Colin Carr are building another work bench.

The first aid room is now complete.

Costs are being finalised for the major works.

A container for the timber is close to being obtained.

Next week we will start moving the equipment into its final place.

We have received an appraisal the building for insurance purposes.

Following the notification to vacate the Wentworth Falls storage site, a hardy crew gathered to load all of our gear onto trailers and deliver to Simeon Rd. Newer members were somewhat surprised at the equipment we have. All have to be checked out and be installed.

The electricians bay is nearing completion.

The gates for the front have been purchased and will be installed soon.

# **6TH AMSA NATIONAL CONFERENCE.**

Bob and I attended the conference in Newcastle between the 17th and 20th. October. It was a great opportunity to network and learn how other sheds operate. On the Monday we toured the Raymond Terrace and the Salamander Bay sheds....very interesting. I don't think we disgraced ourselves, NMS's reputation is still in tact!!! More at our meetings.

