

SHEDDING THE LIGHT

Welcome to the Eighteenth edition of 'Shedding the Light' – a publication for the Members of the Airds Bradbury Men's Shed (ABMS); to entertain, inform & connect.

FROM ANDREW'S DESK

Unfortunately, we are still experiencing effects from the Corona Virus but we are carrying on under strict conditions. We hope this will protect us in the future and we will be able to keep the Shed open.

We had a very successful day at Bunnings Saturday 10th October doing the first BBQ since the Corona virus; we made \$1,500 clear profit. I have received an e-mail from Max Stark, the new activities coordinator at Bunnings Campbelltown: "I just wanted to say how well the boys did on the day. They followed all policies and made sure the customers did too, considering the circumstances you should all be so proud of the team you have". This is good news and hopefully we will get many more BBQ's in the future. On behalf of the Shed, thank you to those guys who were able and willing to give up their time to contribute to this project. We currently have many jobs on and we are going to need help to have all these jobs finished in time. These jobs include:

- 1) Lunchroom Extension stage "1" to be completed by December the 31st 2010. This job is now well underway and is looking good. Richard, Kevan and the boys are working very hard to make the deadline.
- 2) (10 of) Minor bird traps require by 9th November and they are well under way thanks to the effort of Peter A.
- 3) Large coffee table for customer wanted straight away by 500mm high x 500mm wide x 900mm long.
- 4) Outdoor chair for customer, which is half finished and required before Christmas
- 5) Large set of draws to be repainted.

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I would to thank everyone on their recent efforts. It would be good if everyone could chip in on these jobs and get them done on time.

Focus Connect are in a transition stage moving out of Queen Street and into their new premises 3 Chamberlin Street, Campbelltown. Many people are working at different places until the new premises is ready.

We will be receiving a lot of second hand furniture from the Queen Street Office, which is either to be sold, distributed to other charities or thrown out in a skip bin which will be coming soon.

WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

Woodwork: Individual projects are thriving in this workshop.



(Pictured: Colin's work in progress – A Rocking Unicorn.

As mentioned earlier, Peter has led the way by putting his personal projects aside and focusing on bird trap construction.



Garden: This area looks amazing! All credit to the gardeners who have been remarkable in getting the plots up to seed & speed. With the recent wet weather, the weeding has been non-stop. Although all the Team would say that it's a combined effort, Steve has been the marathon weeder and this has allowed time and space for the other gardeners to plant and nurture.



Not too much "Planting & nurturing" going on here!



Jose ... our unassuming maestro in the garden patch.

Computer: Chris & Jim B. have been organising their computer room and making an enormous

difference to our Members. 'Make sure you use their expertise. Friday's are an excellent day to catch them to discuss your computer issues and perhaps pick up some bargain price computer hardware.

MEMBER NEWS

ABSENCES: Our numbers are still growing slowly but we are well within the limits. Please encourage past Members to drop in and see what's happening. There will be guys out there who will need a little prompting to return.

Having transport issues getting to or from the Shed? Report it to Andrew or a Committee Member.

Similarly, if you would like to volunteer your help with transport, let them know as well.

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COUNSELMEN COMMENT

The COVID crazy world order is turning lives upside down. Well before the pandemic though, the reality of retirement (whether aged or medical) was representing similar challenges for many of our Members. It was going from a work-punctuated life / identity, to a different purpose where the rules changed & there were no guides or handouts to help step into the change. An old dog had to learn new tricks.

The Shed is a place of extraordinary men ... pioneers. I am greatly privileged to have an office nestled in amongst, not just survivors, but overcomers. This place is a goldmine.

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More pictures next edition!