



# Bi—Monthly Newsletter

## Secretaries Report.

Another 2 months have gone past and membership continues to grow. We now have 100 financial members of which an average of between 45 –50 turn up each Friday, so we must be doing something right.

Our grateful thanks go out to Hydratech Engineering Pty Limited for their donation of hydraulic oil, which was on sold for \$1,000, these funds have been earmarked for the purchase of a new portable, safer and CSA approved catering BBQ.

Barbeques Galore Maitland have again come to the party and given us a excellent deal.

Bad News, our three recent grant applications to State Government and Australian Men's Shed Association have all been unsuccessful. But heads up we will continue to plug away.

Land update - We have received approval from Crown Lands to apply for a licence to investigate two site options within the Ray Lawler reserve. So we are one step closer to our goal. Personally I can't see why we need to execute a licence to investigate, it does not give us access to use the land, only imposes costs for no apparent reason, but bureaucracy being what it is we will continue to work towards a suitable solution for members.

We have lodged a grant application with Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation for consideration, however results will not be known for up to 6 months.

Paul Lindeman

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## Presidents Report

I would like to welcome those new members that have joined the Shed since the February report and hope that you get a lot of enjoyment out of the shed and the company of other members with like interests.

Well here we are 4 months of the year gone and the Shed is very busy with the Executive still trying to obtain a suitable location for the Morpeth Men's Shed. With the Membership growing it is important that we obtain a suitable location very soon,

Ray and his team has been making various wooden toys, helping with rebuilding of our Horse drawn dray, doing things for the local Primary School and other projects as they are required.

A request has come from Largs Primary School for the construction of a small pen to keep some Hens in. The shed is hoping to help out with this project.

Paul White has been making Wooden Jeep parts for assembly by a resident at a Green Hills Age Care Home these have been very much appreciated and assembled for sale by the home.

Now with the Shed providing Sausage rolls and Pies on a Friday this has been appreciated by

those that are there all day doing computer classes and other projects with their lunches.

The BBQ for April has been put back to the 4<sup>th</sup> May so the shed can put on a Ladies Appreciation Day for Wives and Partners.

This year the Shed will again sell tickets in Morpeth for our yearly Christmas fund raiser and all members are asked to help out as **many hands make light work** this in turn reduces the number of times you will be required to sell tickets at our usual location. Prizes will be the same as before with BBQs Galore providing them.

Good Shedding.

*Keith Angel*

*Need Groceries  
at the right price*



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President

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## Office Bearers

President: Keith Angel  
Vice Pres: Trevor Richards  
Secretary: Paul Lindeman  
Treasurer: Bob Walker

## For Sale.

3 x Excellent near new Desktop Computer Systems by Tender. Contact Secretary for details.

## Saying of the Day

*"When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us."*

*Helen Keller*

## Dates Of Interest

- 5 May 2012 - Ladies Appreciation Luncheon.

## Workshop Report

I hope everyone had a safe & happy Easter.

The awning has been constructed and pallets are in place giving the area a level place to work on.

It has been suggested that an extension fence be constructed next to the opening of the gate to cover up anything behind the gate. This will need to be put to the Church Council for approval.

Some work needs to be done on the 'Dray' to show Gary that we can do some of the construction while he is away.

Trevor has drawn up plans to construct a trailer for the transporting of the (Maroi Waka Taua boat) to the river.

A variety of model planes, jeeps, b doubles, trays toasters are being made.

The river shed and container will have an itemised list for future reference.

That's all for now.

Ray .

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## Computer Report

The computer classes are doing well thanks to Paul. The new venue (the church) is proving to be very popular with the members who appreciate the lack of background noise. The structured lessons and the opportunity to use their own laptops has proven to be very popular. We currently have about six members at each lesson and we run two lessons most Fridays (normally only one on BBQ days). The first starts at 10.00am and the second after lunch at around 1.00pm. Currently we are teaching basic skills and there is ample opportunity to repeat any or all the lessons if the need arises.

The Men's Shed has purchased four All-in-One Turntable & Cassette to USB/SD Converter and these items were made available for the members to purchase. All four have been sold at cost price.

Yet another Men's Shed initiative.

Pete F

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## Keep your brain active:-

Here are a couple of Brain Teasers, answers are available on request.

1. You are the bus driver. At your first stop, you pick up 29 people. On your second stop, 18 of those 29 people get off, and at the same time 10 new passengers arrive. At your next stop, 3 of those 10 passengers get off, and 13 new passengers come on. On your fourth stop 4 of the remaining 10 passengers get off, 6 of those new 13 passengers get off as well, then 17 new passengers get on.

What is the colour of the bus driver's eyes?



**ADVICE**  
FOR MARRIED MEN

**Never laugh at  
your wife's choices;  
you are one of them.**

2. U2 has a concert that starts in 17 minutes and they must all cross a bridge to get there. All four men begin on the same side of the bridge. You must help them across to the other side. It is night. There is one flashlight. A maximum of two people can cross at one time. Any party who crosses, either 1 or 2 people, must have the flashlight with them.

The flashlight must be walked back and forth. It cannot be thrown and other tricks like that are not needed to solve the problem. The solution is simply a matter of allocating resources in a certain order. Each band member walks at a different speed. A pair must walk together at the rate of the slower man's pace:

Bono: 1 minute to cross

Edge: 2 minutes to cross

Adam: 5 minutes to cross

Larry: 10 minutes to cross

For example: if Bono and Larry walk across first, 10 minutes have elapsed when they get to the other side of the bridge. If Larry then returns with the flashlight, a total of 20 minutes have passed and you have failed the mission.

3. A bookworm eats from the first page of an encyclopaedia to the last page in a straight line. The encyclopaedia consists of ten 1000-page volumes and is sitting on a bookshelf in the usual order. Not counting covers, title pages, etc., how many pages does the bookworm eat through?

## House Keeping:-

We are aware that a few members have changed address etc.

It would be appreciated if all members who have changed address, phone number etc. advise the secretary to ensure our records are maintained up to date at all times.

