



MORPETH MEN'S SHED INC. (MMS)

## Bi-Monthly Newsletter

### Secretaries Report

Membership is still growing and now stands at 75.

Most of you are aware that the AGM was held on July 22 and following the election of officers the committee for the next 12 months is:

President	Keith Angel
Vice President	Syd Davis
Treasurer	Bob Walker
Secretary	Paul Lindeman
Social Rep	Ken Aber
Workshop Rep	Ray Woolcott
Computer Rep	Peter Fleming
Cluster Rep	Ivan Penfold
Purchasing Officer	Doug Wyborn
Members Rep	Harry Van Vegchel

Progress on the land is very slow, we are still trying to get a response out of the Lands Department.

We have had discussions with Robyn Parker, Peter Blakemore and other councillors and emails to various State Ministers so hopefully this will get the local Lands Department into gear.

Visits – We had a very pleasant visit from a few of the members from Toronto Shed last Friday, they indicated that they have taken note and ideas on how we are running various sections and will endeavour to incorporate them into their new shed. It is about time we started to visit other sheds so any member who is interested please give your name to Keith Corcoran in my absence and hopefully we can

commence a regular outing to other sheds.

Membership Cards – Each member has been provided with a membership card, it is our aim to persuade local business's to provide discounts on presentation of the card. To date the only business that has come on board is Kurri Demolitions. Carbatec in Sydney were providing discounts of 5% but unfortunately this has been discontinued, as I found out recently when I went to purchase some equipment, discount is still available to the shed but not individual members. The process of building up participating businesses will take time, but we will keep you up to date. As most of you are aware I will be away until early November, Keith Corcoran has agreed to sit in my chair whilst I am away, so any problems take them to him so they can be fixed before I return. Ivan Penfold is running the raffle this year, so please get behind him, all funds raised are for members benefit.

Paul Lindeman Secretary

### Presidents Report

Well the AGM is over with some new members on the committee (Harry and Peter) to which I welcome. Attendance numbers on the day was very good.

Membership has now reached 77 and I welcome all those new members.

With attendance on Fridays in excess of 40 it is critical that we obtain our own facilities.

This next year is going to an exciting year for the shed with the prospects of our own land

and the start of a building. But at the moment the Lands and Property Management Authority are not responding to our correspondence so we will have to go to higher authority.

With the Fund raising raffle in full swing now it is hoping that all the tickets will be sold for the open order at BBQs Galore. It is important that as many members as possible can spare 3 hours of their time to man the ticket sales marquee.

The monthly BBQs are proving very popular with a good attendance and the guest speakers holding members interest for the full time.

Coming up will be a stall at the Uniting Church Merry Markets 27<sup>th</sup> August with Indian Mynor Bird Traps, Bird Feeders and Money Boxes being made now and various other items will be for sale.

The George Street Preschool East Maitland asked for some assistance to restore some tables and recoat their chairs for the children which has been done and a donation of \$200 was received another East Maitland Preschool had also asked for assistance. It is pleasing to see that the Shed is being asked to do small tasks to help the community.

Several of our members attended the Health Check up called Spanner in the Works held at Maitland Mens shed and this was pleasing to see.

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### Office Bearers

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### For Sale.

Minor Bird Traps - \$75.00.

### Saving of the Day

*'Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark, professionals built the Titanic.'*

### Dates Of Interest

- There are no significant events on the horizon but if you have any ideas for day excursion please talk to Keith Corcoran.

Minutes of Committee Meetings and Treasurers Reports are available to members on request.

The Shed was successful in obtaining a Maitland City Council Community grant of \$2000 which will be spent on: - Sound Equipment for talking at displays. Digital Camera and screen for recording and displaying Shed activities.

Currently the Shed has applied for the Volunteer Grants 2011 with the Australian Government to assist in obtaining equipment for the mechanical shed.

With Paul Lindeman away on leave the Secretary's job has been placed in the hands of Keith Corcoran.

Keith Angel  
President

### **Computer Representative Report**

Firstly I would like to thank you for electing me as the Computer Representative on the MMS Committee.

I will try to work with all members using a team approach and the vast experience of some members to improve the computer literacy of any member requesting assistance.

There are many reasons why people want to use a computer, these include but are not limited to downloading and filing photos, writing letters using Microsoft Word or similar programs, using the internet to email or just surf or to simply play games.

To help as many as possible we need to know what you want to do on the computer and what skills you currently possess. Other areas of assistance we are able to provide would be advice on the purchase of a computer or computer system for you home and even assistance in setting up your computer.

Hopefully Gary will continue teaching those members he currently has in his class, these members are enjoying this course and are gaining important computer skills.

Internet connection - the church committee will not allow a telephone line access to the hall so therefore our only option is wireless internet. This is a slower and more expensive option but I am currently looking at our best wireless option.

Pete F

### **News from the Shed**

We have been working to complete shelves in the 'Metal Shed, to make the area 'Worker Friendly'. The metal lathe has been used to make Pen Sleeves,

shafts, adapters. Members will benefit by been able to use it and receive training.

Bryan and his dedicated workers are completing Mynor Bird traps, Whirly Birds which are turning out to be very well made and attractive, plus bird feeders.

Eddy came up with a great idea recreating money boxes, from a discontinued project, by making them look like a pig. Great response from the guys.

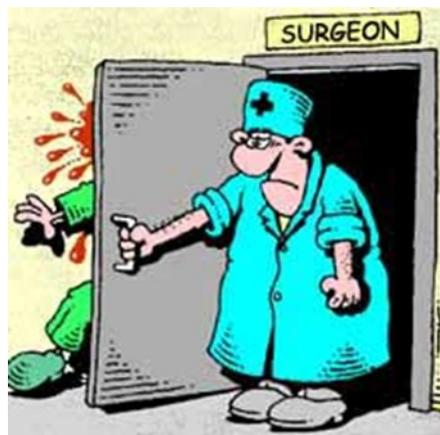
We have been asked to make some Bird and animal boxes for the new Branxton Catholic Primary school, and an enquiry for some Avery breeding boxes.

Those that were involved in building and reconditioning tables and chairs for the George Street Preschool were invited to a 'Thank You' morning tea by the very pleased Leaders and kids. It was great to see the reaction from the children. The Mercury came took some photos which will give us some good coverage for the Men's shed.

We made and installed a splashback for the Church kitchen which was well received by the ladies. This was our thank you for the use of the kitchen.

Harry was able to fix the power points in the Church and Hall, by fitting a backing plate behind them to make them firmer and safer. Trevor, Harry and myself went up to Gunnedah to the AGQuip show and had a great day, we were able to purchase a few items for the shed.

Ray



*Five surgeons are discussing who were the best patients to operate on.*

*The first surgeon says, 'I like to see Accountants on my operating table because when you open them up, everything inside is numbered.'*

*The second responds, 'Yeah, but you should try Electricians! Everything inside them is colour-coded.'*

*The third surgeon says, 'No, I really think Librarians are the best; everything inside them is in alphabetical order.'*

*The fourth surgeon chimes in, 'You know I like Construction Workers. Those guys always understand when you have a few parts left over at the end, and when the job takes longer than you said it would.'*

*But the fifth surgeon shut them all up when he observed, 'You're all wrong. Politicians are the easiest to operate on. There's no guts, no heart, no balls, no brains, and no spine, and there are only two moving parts - the mouth and the arsehole - and they are interchangeable'*

### **An Extract From The Australian Government National Male Health Policy**

Men's Sheds have long been recognised as meeting places where men can find social support and camaraderie. During the consultations for the National Male Health Policy there was considerable support expressed for men's sheds for their demonstrated success in reaching marginalised and isolated males and in contributing to improvements in male health and well-being.

Support for Men's Sheds is an initiative under the National Male Health Policy. All Men's Sheds in Australia have access to a wide range of resources and support for their particular Shed.

<http://www.health.gov.au/malehealthpolicy>

### **Christmas Raffle Tickets**

Raffle tickets are selling well and if you require another book please see Ivan.

Tickets sales at Morpeth has been a huge success and the roster set up by Ivan has been working well.

If you are unable to meet your rostered date please ring Ivan on 49346154 so a other arrangements can be made.