

# General Information



## MORPETH MEN'S SHED INC. (MMS) Bi—Monthly Newsletter

### Secretaries Report.

After 3 months touring Europe and the UK, I have returned to find that Keith C kept everything under control and up to date. Thank you Keith, your efforts are very much appreciated.

Now to more general news:-

Building Project, over the past 3 months the committee has been very busy in the background pushing Crown Lands, meeting with Member Robyn Parker, Maitland City Council and Architect's Acroplan in an effort to have allocation of our land expedited. Last meetings were with Senior Crown Lands representatives and local manager. We now know exactly what they need to finalise this, (We should have been told this last February). Business Plan and Budget are in the process of being completed and hopefully will be lodged within the next few weeks. Discussions have been held with both MCC and Acroplan so that when allocation is finally confirmed we will be in a position to complete DA requirements ASAP.

General I would like to thank Bill Kapp and Ray Kirkwood especially for their driving force behind the cutting out of figures for the nativity scene recently held at the Terry Centre.



Also they were involved with the cutting out and packaging small wooden Xmas trees which

were given to the elderly to paint and put together.

The following letter of thanks was received:

*To my favourite morpeth men,*

*Thank you so much for the wooden Christmas tree cut-outs, the men at the home enjoyed the sanding and it gave them all some pride to be able to contribute to an activity, we will be painting them next week and then finishing them off. It was a pleasure to see a twinkle in their eyes and it was down to your thoughtfulness for giving to them, again.*

*Many, many thanks  
Kathie (Millie's)*

Well done to all those members involved.

It was sad to receive Syd Davis's resignation as Vice President, however Trevor Richards has stepped forward to fill this role until our next AGM. All the best Syd and thank you Trevor.



Well that will do for me this newsletter, still getting over the Jet Lag. On behalf of all the committee we wish a very merry Christmas and happy new year

to all members, family and friends. I will see you when we return.

**Paul Lindeman**

### Presidents Report

I would like **welcome all those new members** who have joined the Morpeth Men's Shed since October. At this particular time our membership has grown to 95 which in the committee's eyes is very good but our location is not big enough.

The executive has been very busy with negotiations with the Crown Lands department to obtain the necessary land so we can build our **own SHED**. With the previous Government promising land in the Morpeth Common on Duckenfield Road and the Government of the day not recognising it, meetings have been held with the Local Member for Maitland Robyn Parker and The Crown Land Department from Sydney to solve the problem.

Now a local junior foot ball club has objected to the location and want us located in the designated flood area. On hearing of their objection the MMS Executive decided to meet with them to solve the issue and advise them that we will not be encroaching on their playing area we may be able to assist them in different ways as they have no facilities near their playing fields.

Approximate costing has been done for our headquarters and an application for a grant from the Maitland Electorate was submitted in October.

Let's hope in the near future that we will be able to commence building our own shed.

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### Office Bearers

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

### For Sale.

Minor Bird Traps - \$75.00.

### Saving of the Day

*"Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true."*

*Leon Joseph Suenens*

### Dates Of Interest

- 13/1/2012 - Return

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It is pleasing to see that all the tickets for our Christmas raffle have been sold and will be drawn on the 16<sup>th</sup> December. This should build our bank account as we will need all the funds for our coming expenses.

All the grants that the Shed has applied for so far have been successful and the equipment purchased.

In closing and on behalf of the Committee and myself I would like to: -

**WISH ALL THE MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.**

**And look forward to see you all next year**

The shed will be closed from the 17<sup>th</sup> December till approximately 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

**Keith Angel**

President

**Workshop Report:**

The nativity scene worked well for Robins nest appeal, and is presently set up on the stage in the church. It may be sold after Christmas and could mean a bonus to the Men's Shed.

The woodworking men are currently making serving trays that are all but finished and due to be delivered.

The metalworking area have been busy making camp toasters which are a big hit. Also Trevor Richards has been busy constructing a stand for our cut off saw and pipe bender.

The metal lathe has been in constant use with a number of men being trained in its use, 2 shafts, bushes, and collars etc. have been completed.

Following approval to construct a 2nd carport over the front of the metal shed, it is hopeful that footings will be poured before Christmas.

Finally thanks to our recent government grant, the workshops are now the proud owners of a number of new pieces of equipment. Compressor, pipe bender, tool box etc.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all from all out in the work sheds.

**Ray Woolcott**

**Computer Report:**

Since taking over the computer role, it is pleasing to see the number of members bringing in their own Laptops for 1 on 1 tuition with other members.

As regards the Sheds 4 Systems, I am pleased to advise that these have all now been upgraded to Windows 7, have had Microsoft Office 2010 installed together with a number of open source programs and have had wireless networking set up so that members can use the Shed Printer and, when installed, the internet without having to dodge wires all over the place. We are hopeful of having access to the internet sorted out and in place early in the new year.

Thanks to Maitland City Council Grant, we now have a portable PA system and Large projector screen, both of which will be invaluable to our program next year.



Whilst it is our intention to continue with the 1 on 1 tuition, for those that are confident with Keyboard & Mouse we expect to be able to start some short sessions each week on how to use Windows 7 and other programs soon after we return.

But for now on behalf of the computer group I wish all members a very merry Christmas, happy new year and enjoyable festive season with family and friends.

**Peter Fleming**

**Brain Teaser**

**Wild West Round-ups**

In the 1880's, four sheriffs in neighbouring towns decided to put an end to the gun-toting gangs that were terrorizing their communities. They gathered together posses of men and each tracked down and captured their quarry.

**?? To which isolated ranch did each sheriff track a gang, how many men were in his posse, and in which year did the capture take place.**

On Page 3 of this newsletter you will find a worksheet and Answer Grid.

**Clue's**

1. The sheriff who led his men to Pedro's did so three years after a posse of 29 men led by Mitch Murphy had made their capture.
2. There were more members of the posse that surrounded the Golden Oak Ranch in 1887 than in the group led by Bill Barnes, who made his capture two years before Eddie Hill.
3. Sam Peters and his posse of 38 men did not visit the Lazy K Ranch.

The first correct answer given to me on Friday 13th January will win a prize.

To one and all, members, family and friends may you have a very merry Christmas a happy and prosperous new year

We look forward to seeing you all in 2012



Brain Teaser

Worksheet & Answer Grid

|              |            |        |         |              |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |
|--------------|------------|--------|---------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|
|              | Golden Oak | Lazy K | Pedro's | Silver Steer | 29 Men | 33 Men | 38 Men | 42 Men | 1882 | 1884 | 1885 | 1887 |
| Bill Barnes  |            |        |         |              |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |
| Eddie Hill   |            |        |         |              |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |
| Mitch Murphy |            |        |         |              |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |
| Sam Peters   |            |        |         |              |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |
| 1882         |            |        |         |              |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |
| 1884         |            |        |         |              |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |
| 1885         |            |        |         |              |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |
| 1887         |            |        |         |              |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |
| 29 men       |            |        |         |              |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |
| 33 men       |            |        |         |              |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |
| 38men        |            |        |         |              |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |
| 42 men       |            |        |         |              |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |

| Sheriff | Ranch | Posse | Year |
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