



Welcome back to the shed for 2011

A couple of good news stories to start the year that you may or may not know:-

2 Grants were approved at the end of 2011. The first by NSW Ageing, Disability & Home care Seniors Week - \$500 towards the purchase of New Projector and a second from NSW Government Community Building Partnership Program - \$3,742. to purchase a new metal lathe.

Hopefully we will also be successful with our AMSA application for a new full size Wood lathe and thicknesser. Keep your fingers crossed.

We are all aware how frustrating it is fitting everyone and everything into our current location. Please be patient, the committee are working hard to locate additional room off site (Our preferred position is to retain the auspice agreement with Morpeth Uniting Church) that can be utilized to reduce our current problems. They will keep everyone informed as things proceed. Be aware this may not be every week but will be when anything positive can be reported.

Any member who has shed equipment stored at their residence, and who has not already done so please provide details of this equipment to our H&S officer Andrew Roberts-Thomson.

Also we do not have a written agreement with the church, both President Keith & Secretary Paul have been working towards rectifying this. A Draft agreement has been drawn up and discussed with Rev Warwick, who with a few amendments has indicated

approval in principle to it. However it still needs Church Council approval. Unfortunately this is not something that can be completed overnight. Bear with us, when it is completed and signed it will be available to any member who wish's to view it.

Signs you are getting old:

1. *Everything hurts, what doesn't hurt doesn't work*
2. *The best part of the day is over when your alarm clock goes off.*
3. *You feel like it's the morning after the night before and you haven't been anywhere.*

Presidents Report.

With the New Year in full swing now the Shed is returning to normal with the activities mounting up.

I was very pleased with our Christmas Luncheon with 96 attending and with comments being made on how well it was done and organized.

Special thanks must go to Doug Wyborn for obtaining all the food and other requirements for the day.

I would like to thank those members who helped with the setting up and helping on the day so as to make it the success that it was.

Our Official guests were very surprised with the numbers attending and the organization of the day.

A job well done members.

On the State Election Day there will be a garage sale at the shed.

My thanks to the members

involved in the success in obtaining grants from various applications for the Metal Lathe, Projector etc.

With our existing small area the Committee is continually on the lookout for an area to expand with the Morpeth Railway Station or other locations that may be available in the Morpeth area to suit our needs. If a suitable location is found it will be utilized in conjunction with the Church Hall.

Yours in Shedding

Keith Angel

Laugh! Cultivate your sense of humour. It's part of the human toolkit and helps us all lead to a happier and longer life.

News From The Workshop

It is great to see the Metal Shed so close to being finished, painting inside and power supply should be completed this month.

Quotes for a Metal Lathe are progressing.

The locks of the sheds have been converted so that one key fits most locks putting security foremost in our minds

The year has started well with the completion of 12 orchard hanging baskets (\$120), and we are supplying Millies with a number of items such as pens, special boxes etc. (Ivan & Bryan)

We have had some inquiries for us to quote on:-

Extend water line to back area of a private home – Ray

Fit iron roof to an outside area of a private home – Doug

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Office Bearers

President: Keith Angel

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For Sale.

Minor Bird Traps - \$75.00.

Saving of the Day

'I would rather have a good plan today than wait for a perfect plan two weeks from now'

Gen George Patton

Dates Of Interest

- 16/3/11 - Proposed trip to Powerhouse Museum see Keith Corcoran
- 25/3/11 - Seniors week health talk by Hunter Prostate Cancer Alliance Representative and monthly BBQ.
- 26/3/11 - Election day stall.

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

Move gates at a private home – Ivan
Trolley for the Post Office – Trevor working on this one
Trailer work for Maitland Choir
Rocking horses, Mynah bird Traps

By the look of this I can guess that it can be another busy year.

With this in mind one step at a time.

Ray

Who does what

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said “You should do it because you get up first, and then we do not have to wait as long to have our cuppa”

However the husband disagreed and said “You are in charge of the cooking, making the coffee is considered cooking so you should do it and I’ll just have to wait”.

The wife then replies “No, you should do it, and besides it is in the bible that the man should make the coffee”.

The man looks at her in disbelief and asks “I can’t believe that, show me”

So the wife fetched the Bible, and sure enough across the top of several pages of the New Testament it read:

“HEBREWS”

News from Computer Room

Just a brief report this time around.

Firstly, two reminders for members:

Our first course for 2011, Computer ESSENTIALS, began on Jan 21st, with around 12 enthusiastic attendees. The first few weeks of the course will be more formal "classroom" work, but this will eventually give way to practical classes where attendees will start to apply what they've learned and get to show off their new knowledge with our new PCs.

Starting soon also is our Computer BASICS course, where members who are unfamiliar with using computers can become more comfortable with their use. This course will likely run for 4-6 weeks in total.

Secondly, the MMS also now has a second, fully featured laptop computer, purchased with grant money provided by Maitland City Council under their Community Grants Scheme. We extend our sincere thanks to them for their continued support.

Gary Payne.

Men, don't be discouraged by the apparent lack of interest from the opposite sex. Following extensive research with women of all ages the following results were supposedly recently published:-

What I want in a Man

(By Women Age 20 something)

Handsome

Charming

Financially successful

A caring listener

Witty

In good shape

Dresses with Style

Appreciates finer things

Full of thoughtful surprises

What I want in a Man (Revised)

(By Women Age 32)

Nice looking

Opens car doors, holds chairs

Has enough money for a nice dinner

Listens more than talks

Laughs at my jokes

Carries bags of groceries with ease

Owens at least one tie

Appreciates a good home cooked meal

Remembers birthdays and anniversaries

What I want in a Man (Revised)

(By Women Age 42)

Not too ugly

Doesn't drive off until I'm in the car

Works steady—Splurges on dinner out occasionally

Nods head when I am Talking

Usually remembers punch lines of jokes

Is in good enough shape to rearrange the furniture

Wears a shirt that covers his stomach

Knows not to buy champagne with screw top lids

Remembers to put the toilet seat down

What I want in a Man (Revised)

(By Women Age 52)

Keeps hair in ears and nose trimmed

Doesn't belch or scratch in public

Can tow a caravan

Can cook a BBQ

Doesn't re-tell the same joke too many times

Appreciates a good TV dinner

Helps with the housework

What I want in a Man (Revised)

(By Women Age 62)

Breathing

Doesn't miss the toilet

Remembers where we both live.

So it appears that as we get older we appeal to a wider group of women so we must all fit into at least one of these categories.

Supporters

The following business's proudly support Morpeth Men's Shed Inc

So if you require anything they may be able to supply please consider supporting them by giving them your business.

Morpeth Friendly Grocer (IGA)

Millies of Morpeth

Stratco Building Supplies, Thornton.

BBQ's Galore, Maitland.