



MORPETH MEN'S SHED INC. (MMS)

Bi—Monthly Newsletter

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

June 2012

Firstly I would like to welcome those new members that have joined since our last News Letter and hope that they enjoy the company of the other shedders and refresh and learn new skills. It is noted that the Shed is still increasing in numbers without us doing a members drive.

The Shed Ladies Appreciation luncheon was very successful with approximately 90 in attendance. The visitors that attended enjoyed themselves immensely but it was noted who the people were that won the door prizes.

Again it was a credit to Doug Wyborn and his team of caterers to make the day the huge success that it was. **A big Thankyou team.**

The acquiring of the much needed land is getting close to realisation as the planner has now handed the completed plans to the Executive team so that they can now get approval from the Maitland City Council and than again approach the Lands Office for the final approval. So within the next couple of weeks we should have the licence to the

site.

Morpeth Men's Shed has been successful in obtaining a grant from the East Maitland Bowling Club. **The Shed Appreciates and Thanks the Bowling Club for their support.**

The wood working area is very active under the control of Bryan Ramage making Bird Feeders, Wooden toy Jeeps, Vegetable Boxes, Letter Box for the Morpeth Primary School, and many more articles. Rebuilding the Horse Drawn Dray is making progress with the wheels getting closer to being complete. Bryan is constantly keeping the team busy with different projects ready for the market day later in the year.

In the mechanical area under the guidance of Trevor the assembly of the chook coop for the Largs

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Primary School is coming together and there is a tight time frame for completion ready for the young Hens. The material for the Dragon Boat has been

obtained ready for construction.

Well it is nearly that time of the year for our Annual General Meeting which will held in July.

Good Shedding.

Keith Angel

President

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Computer Co-Ordinator's Report

The computer classes are currently being held in the church with about six members attending each session. We have found that the afternoon sessions are not as popular probably due to the lunch time pies creating drowsiness. Last week we trailed having only one formal session before lunch and then after lunch providing the opportunity to sort out individual computer problems with a one-on one session. This approach seems to be extremely productive and a number of problems were addressed.

Once again I wish to thank Paul for his excellent tuition skills in preparing and presenting the majority of classes we are currently enjoying.

Pete F

For Sale.

Saying of the Day

Life is like a hot bath. It feels good while you're in it, but the longer you stay in, the more wrinkled you get.

Dates Of Interest

- 27/7/2012 AGM

Workshop Reports

Activity in the woodworking shed has been very busy over the past weeks with quite a few projects underway.

- As a result of receiving various amounts of partially finished toys/stools and surplus (good quality) wood from a school, we have embarked on creating a few of our own toys. Hopefully some of these may be ready for our next stall. Ray K, and John are working on these at present. Frank has completed half a dozen of the partially made stools.

- Gary has been working on the wagon, the wheels have been taking most of his time but he is now ready to put the rims on them, after which he can progress onto the chassis. The shafts are basically finished.

- Ivan is currently refurbishing a boot stand for the wife of a potential shed member, and will be making a complete new boot stand as well for the same party.

- Paul White and Bill have almost completed a Potato Box, special order for a hotel at Raymond Terrace.

- The Morpeth Public School has requested our help in creating a sign for one of their gardens in recognition of "Wonnarua" people for their 150th anniversary. Ray W is working on this project with assistance from Eddie. In the same request, the school asked if we could supply/make a lockable cupboard for their equipment, and a suitable cupboard will be donated from the Mens Shed.

One of the local Morpeth ladies has ordered a whirlygig (magpie) and a mynah bird trap. We therefore have to start another production of the m/b traps in the coming weeks, as well as complete more whirlygigs. Of note, the whirlygigs were a good seller, but production stalled because the materials used for the wings did not last. So in conjunction with the metal workers in our shed, a suitable replacement was developed using aluminium for the wings. Hopefully this will allow us to continue production.

Bryan Ramage

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Largs public school chicken coupe frame work 97% complete sheeting and mesh fitout over the next two weeks and paint in the school colours ready for delivery on time.

Hunter River Dragon boat trolley "ON HOLD". It appears that this will become a registered trailer due to the club having to relocate and launching the boats from the 'Morpeth Boat Ramp'.(Queens wharf).

Camp fire toasters on going, with 1 or 2 other minor projects to complete for some members.

Ray Woolcott.

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Secretaries Report

Firstly let me apologise for an omission at our ladies appreciation day. Our very special thanks go to Rose Walker who provides the food for those guests with special dietary needs. Rose does this at no cost to the shed so that those guests do not go without.

Membership Fees - The committee has again voted to retain the annual membership fee unchanged at \$10.00 for the 2012/2013 financial year. So those members who have not already coughed up, see Bob who will more than happily take your hard earned loot.

Weekly Raffle - Following feedback from members it has been decided to increase the weekly raffle prizes to 3 from 1 July 2012.

1st Choice of Bottle of wine or \$10.00
2nd Cash Prize of \$5.00 3rd Cash prize of \$2.00. End of month prize will remain unchanged \$50 open order at Morpeth Friendly Grocer.

Support of this raffle by members is appreciated as proceeds have helped cover our general operating expenses without the need to actively seek out paying contracts.

As you are all aware we are again running our annual fund raising initiative starting early August. Indicative roster and instructions will issue in July. Past history has shown that members have actively supported this initiative selling tickets and manning our site in swan street resulting in all tickets being sold out. I am sure the same will apply this year.

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AGM - This years Annual General Meeting will be held Friday 27 July at 1.00pm. This is our normal BBQ day so the AGM will replace our Guest Speaker. Agenda will be placed on a special page of our website and all members with email will be provided with a link enabling them to read and download the document. Members without email will be provided with a hard copy two weeks prior to the meeting.

Well that's it for this edition.

Paul Lindeman

Keeping your brain active

1. You have a fox, a chicken and a sack of grain. You must cross a river with only one of them at a time. If you leave the fox with the chicken he will eat it; if you leave the chicken with the grain he will eat it. How can you get all three across safely?

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3. Three travelers register at a hotel and are told that their rooms will cost \$10 each so they pay \$30. Later the clerk realizes that he made a mistake and should have only charged them \$25. He gives a bellboy \$5 to return to them but the bellboy is dishonest and gives them each only \$1, keeping \$2 for himself. So the men actually spent \$27 and the bellboy kept \$2. What happened to the other dollar of the original \$30?

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As a last resort answers are available from the Secretary for a negotiated fee.
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