



MORPETH MEN'S SHED INC. (MMS)

Bi—Monthly Newsletter

SECRETARIES REPORT

Welcome to 2012.

We are back up and running for the current year with a flying start, I am sure all members, family and friends together with our sponsors and supporters had a very relaxing and enjoyable festive season and are looking forward to a prosperous 2012.

Feedback from those that attended indicates that the Christmas Luncheon was well received and enjoyed by all those that attended. Thanks to Doug and his crew for all their hard work.

As most of you are aware we are now fully accountable to Work cover so I would like to remind everyone of some house keeping matters that we all have to be aware of:

If in the work area fully enclosed foot ware must be worn, and if work is in progress all safety gear must be worn e.g.: Safety Glasses, Ear Plugs and face masks as a minimum. If working on machinery ensure no loose clothing can be entangled.

Members of the committee may remind you of these requirements if you are seen to be lax. Do not take offence, it is for your own and other members safety.

After 12 months of negotiations we have finally got a signed "Memorandum of Understanding" between Church Council and MMS. This sets out the conditions under which MMS have use of the hall and outbuildings by which we can continue to operate.

It has been brought to our atten-

tion that members have been attending the workshops whilst other groups are using the hall. As part of our agreement with the Church, attendance outside our normal Friday meetings cannot be done whilst the hall is in use by other parties, even if it is only in the workshop area's.

Any attendance outside our Friday meeting must be approved by MMS Committee.

For your information hall is used by other parties as follows:

Monday - Morning to 1.00pm
 Tuesday - 3rd Morning monthly to 1.00pm
 Wednesday - Morning to 12.00pm & 3rd Afternoon monthly 12.30 to 2.00pm.
 Thursday - 12.00 to 4.00pm, 7.00pm to 10.00pm
 Saturday - 2nd Saturday monthly March to November.

*Paul Lindeman
 Secretary*

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Firstly would like to welcome everyone back after our holiday break and it is pleasing to see so many attending on Fridays with on most days in excess of 50.

The Executive applied in 2011 for a grant from the Community Building Partnership Program, Maitland Electorate to assist with the construction of a shed and is waiting for decision which should be announced shortly.

In regards to obtaining land for a permanent shed it is progressing with the Business plan in the hands of Legal representatives and also a Planning Consultant

so that the plans will be ready for submission to the Lands Department and Maitland Council. So in the near future this will be submitted. (Submitted 9/2/12)

It is a pity that we were not informed that a Business Plan was required early 2011.

Our yearly Christmas Raffle was very successful again last year with the prizes going to: -

1st Prize Ticket No 2479
 Andrew Flynn Wallalong NSW.
2nd Prize Ticket No 4284
 Leon Concannon Gladesville NSW.
3rd Prize Ticket No 1016
 Janette Kuipers Cranebrook NSW.

Congratulations to those winners and I hope they enjoy their Prizes.

The Shed has been donated some equipment and fittings from a business that has relocated to another area.

I would like to thank them for their donation as it will go along way towards equipping our future shed.

Maitland City Council has leased a double garage to the shed so that excess timber can be stored in out of the weather and not at Members homes.

The catering manager with the approval of the Executive is now supplying Pies and Party Sausage rolls on a Friday for those that are there for lunch. Orders must be in before 12pm and cost at the moment Pies \$1.00 Sausage Rolls 30cents. They are proving very successful.

*Keith Angel
 President*

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

For Sale.

Saving of the Day

"Whoever said marriage was easy must have died on their honeymoon"

Dates Of Interest

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

General

Several members have asked about new shirt badges. These are currently on hold as we have the opportunity to talk to a potential sponsor or two about provision of shirts for members, hopefully we will be in a position to confirm or otherwise shortly.

If we are successful Bob will start asking for shirt sizes when taking your weekly fees.

Your Help is Needed

As some of you are aware Ivan is unable to coordinate this years raffle so we are calling for volunteers to form a sub committee of say 3 to run the raffle this year. Secretary will order the tickets, provide register and initial roster based on members. Committee's responsibility will be to coordinate sales, maintain register and ensure our site on swan street is maintained and manned. The challenge is also on, Bob Delaney has been the super salesman for the past 2 years, can someone beat him.

This is our main fund raiser each year and yields sufficient funds to meet projected running costs for the next financial year. Please help your shed and put your hand up.

Our sincere thanks to BBQ's Galore Maitland who again will assist with the prizes.

Computer Group

It is pleasing to advise that all our computers are now up to date with Windows 7, Microsoft Office, Norton Internet Security and wireless internet service.

Classes have commenced and members are invited to attend. Current program is:-

10.30am Windows 7 familiarisation program, this will run for approx. 13 weeks.

2.00am Items of interest as requested by members. E.g. HDD partitioning and data storage so far.

Finally at last weeks committee meeting, and after referral to members present at the shed on Friday 2/2/2012 it was agreed that weekly subs on BBQ day only be increased to \$5.00 to assist with offsetting the increased cost of food. If this additional cost will cause any undue financial stress on individual members please see Bob for dispensation or alternate arrangements.

Anyway enough from me.

REMEMBER

The Shed is there for your health, if you know of anybody that you believe would benefit from our involvement please encourage them to come along.

Again we have a Logic puzzle to keep those ageing brains active—First correct answer will be awarded a mystery prize.

Playing Cards

The four men in this puzzle are playing cards and each has three in his hand: one club, one Diamond and one Spade. Can you discover which 3 cards each man holds?. (NB: A=Ace, J=Jack, Q=Queen and K=King; and in the game Ace=1, Jack=11, Queen=12 and King=13, the values of the other cards are as per their numbers)

- 1 Jeff's Club has a value one higher than that of Pauls Spade.
The man with the four of Clubs has a Diamond with a value two higher than that of the Spade held by Raymond (who hasn't the four of Clubs.)
- 2 The man with the King of Diamonds has a Spade with a value three higher than that of the Diamond held by Paul
- 3 Norman's Diamond has a lower value than that of his Club.

		Club				Diamond				Spade			
		3	4	10	J	4	7	Q	K	4	2	7	10
Player	Jeff												
	Norman												
	Paul												
	Raymond												
Spade	A												
	2												
	7												
	10												
Diamond	4												
	7												
	Q												
	K												

Player	Club	Diamond	Spade