

Annual General Meeting - 2 December 2015



President's address

Report for the Period ended June 2015, Including from July to December 2015

Membership has increased to around 175 with new members joining on a regular basis and some members not renewing for a variety of reasons. Unfortunately ill health has prevented a number of members continuing. We wish them well.

We have been fortunate in receiving grants from Ku-ring-gai Council to continue the cooking classes. Bendigo Bank has again assisted with a substantial grant to upgrade the kitchen to enable the Cooking Group to undertake more advanced tasks. We look forward to sampling their contribution now and into the future. We continue to enjoy the support of Bendigo Bank providing the Toyota One Tonner and to Phil McCarroll for servicing and support.

The Commonwealth Bank has provided some very good quality metal machinery which is being 'stored' whilst we await our extension.

Approval has been given in principle under the NSW Government Community Building Partnership for a Grant of \$26,120 to construct an extension to the shed to accommodate an expanded Light Engineering capability, a new office, additional storage space and, additional wood working benches, an expanded lunch room, and a

multi- purpose area for large projects, training and storage of the shed truck.

An application has been made to the Commonwealth Government under the Stronger Communities program for a grant of \$20,000 to assist with construction of the extension to the Shed

I would like to place on record our appreciation to all of our supporters and providers of grants which has enabled 'The Shed' to prosper and grow.

Yesterday I received advice that our grant for the Cooking classes for next year had been approved and that our application for a large screen TV for the multi-purpose room had been approved.

Income from project work together with the above funding should be sufficient to enable the shed to be completed, albeit that we may need to phase the outfitting over several months.

I need to explain why the extension has been delayed. The Council requires that whatever is built it should include all foreseeable needs. This resulted in a larger project than anticipated. A preliminary Development Application meeting with Council endorsed in principle a 'footprint' within which we proceeded for planning. We were also required to get additional consultant reports, including a new survey; an arborist report, a flora and fauna report and a bushfire report. All these have added considerably to the cost of the project.

The Survey report indicated that the bush line has encroached a metre or more closer to the shed? The introduction of bushfire legislation since our original building requires that we build 31 Metres from the bush line to achieve BAL 40 level compliance, any closer would place the building within the 'Flame Zone' and increase risks and cost considerably. Council staff has also 'pegged out' additional space which we understand is to allow 'Duffys Forest' to regenerate. Each of these has had an impact upon what we can build and where we could build an extension. The original footprint is no longer a viable option.

We need to get answers to a number of questions and resolve the Development Application as soon as possible; otherwise there is a risk to our grants and the overall project. A possible design has been developed by Malcolm Bailey and this may be the solution we have been struggling to identify I must record my appreciation and your appreciation to Malcolm for the many, perhaps, hundreds of hours he has put into researching the issues, taking measurements and developing alternative designs for the extension Thank you Malcolm.

Project work for community organisations has again been a feature of our support for the community. The Projects included Turramurra high school outdoor project, The SAN outdoor area project for ADRA; Boccia Slides for the Cerebral Palsy alliance; Bee

boxes for Council; Display Boards for Turramurra and Bendigo Bank; Stage scenery for Gilbert and Sullivan production 'Pirates of Penzance'; Repainting and restoring furniture for Thomas Carlyle Kindergarten; Mobile planter boxes and developing designs for new Bee Boxes. I estimate that the direct benefit 'value added' and savings to community organisations exceeds \$40K.

Some very significant projects undertaken by members for their individual needs included a Library stool/ ladder, another violin, and Harp, a comprehensive wine rack, Coffee Tables etc. These have proven most satisfactory to the members and enhanced their skills whilst providing an outlet for socialisation and reducing social isolation.

I am standing down as President of The Shed and I would like to place on record my appreciation to all who have served on Committees or taken responsibility for projects and contributed their knowledge, talents and skills to The Shed over many years. I remain a member of the Committee as 'Immediate Past-President'.

The Shed has been a vision that has become reality and will continue to grow whilst ever there are people who share the vision and are willing to work together to make it a reality that serves both the membership and the community. I am confident that this will be the case.

Kevin Callinan

New Committee elected for 2016



Paul Schiebaan

The following members were elected for the Committee of our Shed for 2016:

- Paul Schiebaan – President
- Stephen Lloyd - Vice President
- Tony Varrall - Vice President
- Don Crocker - Treasurer
- Malcolm Bailey Secretary

- Kevin Callinan - Immediate Past President
- Chris Drake
- Geoff Greenwell
- Mike Schwarz

The new Committee looks forward to representing you and looking after your interest to the best of our abilities.

We particularly thank our retiring Committee members for their tireless contribution to the Community and in particular our Shed by improving the well being and health of our members.

On behalf of the 2016 Committee we wish you all a pleasant Festive Season with your families and friends, and wish you a happy and healthy 2016.

Hope to see you in the Shed one day.

Life memberships



Kevin Callinan and Kevin Jeffress



Barry Eastman

Life memberships were awarded to Kevin Callinan and Barry Eastman for their achievements, work and dedication to the Shed over many years. Thanks to them we can enjoy a great Shed and the company it brings.

Christmas lunch



*Christmas lunch
Stephen*



Head Chef Ruth Fulton with

The AGM and the lunch were attended by over 65 members. Though advertised as a BBQ, the lunch provided by our cooking group was way beyond that. A well attended banquet was laid on for which the cooking class can take due credit. The new kitchen sponsored by the Bendigo Bank was put through its paces with flying colours. The Cooking Group under the tutelage of Head Chef Ruth Fulton worked up a storm in the new kitchen and wowed everyone with a wonderful spread of Christmas fare.



New kitchen

Woolworths generously supported the day providing ten lovely chickens as well as prizes for the "Christmas Raffle". The prizes were drawn by our banking guests and the winners were David Wood and Kevin Thomas

Woods Butchery of Princes Road Turrumurra supplied the beautiful ham, expertly carved by Hugh Lander and which was enjoyed by all at the lunch. Linton Scott organised a great bar to quench the thirst of all attending.

Bob Lions made his usual fruit Christmas cake which added a lovely touch to a most enjoyable lunch.

It was a pleasure to see Graham Crawford return to the Shed and hope to see more of him in the new year.

Fund raising

Hugh Lander has taken on the task of fund raising for the Shed. Please contact him by email about any ideas or projects to raise funds on: hughlander4@bigpond.com

Men's health



Knowing when to have your car checked is no different than keeping your body in peak condition.

The Australian Men's Shed Association has launched a novel "Spanner in the Works" website dealing with men's health. It has approached the subject in a humorous, but serious, way for men from 20 years to over the 70s. Have a look for it is good and check it out at: <http://malehealth.org.au>

Bendigo Bank community support



Paul Schiebaan presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Warren Dwyer and Ian Langford-Brown.

Warren Dwyer - Manager Turrumurra and Lindfield Branches and Ian Langford-Brown – Director and Board Member attended our luncheon and addressed the meeting. The bank's invaluable support over the year saw our shared community activities with the:

- -ADRA Community Garden outdoor class at the SAN

- -Community notice boards at Turramurra station
- -Inside Out learning project at Turramurra High School
- -Kitchen alteration at our Shed

They have been very good to the community and the Shed and hence Members are encouraged to investigate the benefit of the wide range of banking and other services the bank offers.....it is our Shed's local bank.

The Bendigo Bank now also offers a number of mobile and internet banking options plus favourable loan and insurance deals to its members.

Shed closure over Christmas and New Year



The Shed will be closed from Sunday 20th December 2015 and will re-open on Monday 4th January 2016.

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