



## **MEN'S SHED - HUNTER CLUSTER**

### **February 2020 Meeting**

- Venue:** Karuah Men's Shed
- Date:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- Open:** The meeting was opened by Chairman Col who welcomed all and called on John King to welcome visiting sheds, the cost of the lunch was \$2.00
- Apologies:** David Helmers AMSA, Dave Inglis Waratah/Mayfield Grahame Berthold Raymond Terrace, Brian Durrant 2322 Beresfield, Richard Nicholls Wangi, Ian Young Dungog
- Guest Speakers:** 1) Margaret Welsh – Australian Government Financial Services. She spoke on a wide range of services that her department can advise on such as saving strategies, using salary sacrifice and superannuation, redundancy or retrenchment, compensation payouts or inheritance, planning your retirement and more. She can be contacted on phone 13 2300 or email [margaret.welsh@servicesaustralia.gov.au](mailto:margaret.welsh@servicesaustralia.gov.au)
- 2) Jacinta Irwin – Vinnies. She spoke on sight packs that were on offer, free of charge to sheds. She has visited some sheds and left A4 magnifying sheets, magnifying glass and magnifying slides. She also spoke on the services that Vinnies offer including free hearing tests. She can be contacted on phone 0437 201 816 or email [Jacinta.Irwin@vinnies.org.au](mailto:Jacinta.Irwin@vinnies.org.au)



**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Moved John King seconded Neville Radnidge - Passed

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Chairman's Report:** Nil

**Secretary's Report:**

- Inward/outward correspondence
- Area Health
- Grants
- Mini survey
- Information line

**Zone 7:**

- Book packages
- Dolls and teddy bears
- Bird and possum boxes for wires
- AMSA members survey – closes 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- AMSA insurance
- Email from David Helmers CEO AMSA
- [amsansw.org](http://amsansw.org) website

**Treasurer:**

Bank Statement	Balance @ 31/10/2019	\$5,090.78
	Expenditure	\$77.00
	Balance	\$5,013.78

**All Reports:** Moved John King Karuah seconded Bill Taylor Raymond Terrace - Passed



### **Around The Sheds:**

#### **Salamander Bay:**

- The shed has been shut down for some time to rearrange the outlay and floor area to meet OHS requirements

#### **Cessnock:**

- See attachment 1

#### **Morpeth:**

- Membership 90
- They have raised \$10,000 in recycles over the past 12 months
- They are making bird boxes for Wires
- They will share unwanted tools with other sheds

#### **Dungog:**

- They are refurbishing Brandon Grove chairs
- They are making bird boxes for Wires
- The shed is going along well

#### **Wangi:**

- 91 active members
- They have sent more donations to Merriwa
- They have paid for water tubes for the CWA purchased through the local IGA store
- They have raised \$6,000 for Blaze Aid through their donation buckets
- They spoke about the fires in the New Year and feeding the fire fighters etc. 1,000 meals over 3 days
- They are making bird boxes for Wires
- They require hinges for the boxes



### **Stroud:**

- They are doing BBQ's at 3 schools
- They will be doing a free BBQ for Mother's Day and Father's Day
- They raised \$800.00 from the December Bunnings BBQ
- They are restoring tables for a local café
- They sponsored Stroud School footy jumpers

### **Bulahdelah:**

- The shed is quiet at the moment
- They are building chicken coops
- They are making road signs for the local day care
- They are looking to network with other sheds
- They have just completed First Aid training

### **Raymond Terrace:**

- Membership of 135
- They did a Bunnings BBQ for the fire appeal
- They have purchased a new ute and trailer
- They are planning a Music Tour to the country in May
- They are making possum boxes for Wires
- They are having an Intarsia demonstration on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### **Karuah:**

- There has been no change regarding their jetty
- Their membership is down to 20 members, they have lost 3 members in the last year
- They are networking with Bulahdelah and Stroud sheds

### **Maitland:**

- They have had a change in their management committee
- They are making reading desks (dinosaur shaped)
- They are making a school cubby house
- They are teaching basic computer skills



### **Maitland continued:**

- They are making bird boxes for Wires
- Membership 135/140

### **Newcastle:**

- Membership 80 – 25 active
- Graham Stoddard is their new Public Officer
- They are at their present location until 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- They are looking at 2 sites for relocation
  - 1) Magic Park Soccer Club
  - 2) State Rail site at Kings Road Adamstown
- Projects are limited at this time, only doing small projects
- They are making bird boxes for Wires
- Their mentoring programme started last week

**Please Note** – Due to the time it takes for the shed reports, if your shed report is over 2 minutes could you please email them to the secretary in point form and they will be attached to the cluster minutes, email address [mshc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:mshc.secretary@gmail.com)

**General Business:** There was no General Business due to time constraints

### **Coming Events:**

#### **Raymond Terrace Shed**

- Kathy Wise from USA – Intarsia Demonstration 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- We're With You Music Tour – May

Meeting Closed 12:20 pm



## **NEXT MEETING**

**Hosted by** Blue Gum Hills Men's Shed  
**Location** 20 Ganney Road Wallsend NSW 2287  
**Date** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
**Time** 10:00am for a cuppa, 10:30am start

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