



MEN'S SHED - HUNTER CLUSTER

June 2019 Meeting

Venue: Wangi Men's Shed

Date: Wednesday 19th June 2019

Open: The meeting was opened by Chairman Col who welcomed all and asked the Chairman of Wangi Greg Cross to welcome members from the visiting sheds, the cost of lunch was free

Apologies: Grahame Berthold Raymond Terrace, Dungog and Stroud Sheds

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved John King Karuah seconded Gerry Egan - passed

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence In: 29 inward emails covering a wide range of topics, Health Forum, apologies, cluster contact phone number, Smart White Boards, funding/grants, offers from Connecting Up, guest speaker requests, Men's Health Day, congratulations to Zone 7 representative

Correspondence Out: 20 emails covering all the above, photo from Dungog meeting, grant information, Area Health Expo etc. a thank you email to HMRI thanking them for the donation of the Smart White Boards and computers,

Phone contact made with HMRI "Cynthia" who will try to locate instruction booklets for the Smart White Boards

Reminder sent to sheds in relation to Round 19 National Shed Development Programme now available

Treasurer:	Bank Statement:	Income	\$600
		Expenditure	Nil
		Balance	\$5,513.41



Treasurer continued: 19 sheds have paid their cluster fees for 2019/2020, report moved Phillip Murnain Blue Gum Hills seconded Eric Maronese Wangi - passed

Guest Speaker: David Helmers C.E.O. AMSA, David spoke on a variety of subjects and answered questions from the cluster members

Some of the Subjects Covered:

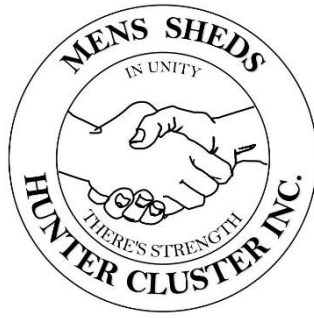
- There are now 1057 sheds across Australia, 200 – 300 sheds in Age Care Facilities who are not a part of AMSA, worldwide there are 4,000 sheds
- They will be signing a new Federal Government Agreement in Canberra next week
- AMSA Grant Funding is now coming from the Department of Social Services no longer from Health, \$5 million over 5 years
- \$2 million has been allocated to supply all sheds in the country with defibrillators (more information to follow)
- Insurance costs are down due to tendering process 850 sheds was on the last process
- Injury claims are down but break and enter claims are up
- A newsletter on claims will be forthcoming
- AMSA elections – nominations now out, will close in 6 weeks
- Blue Tree Suicide Prevention still has some problems which will be addressed but is still working, Cessnock Shed unveiled it last week and it went well
- Corporate and donation monies from external sources are still coming in
- AMSA now has the V8 Super Cars on board, the last round in Darwin had The Men's Shed logo on the (R) wheel arch of David Reynolds car
- AMSA's move to help in domestic violence – no progress to date

David was applauded following his updates and thanked for his attendance

Around the Sheds:

Wangi:

- A Bottle Bank recycle is being installed in the park outside of the shed, they have a good return at \$0.10 cents per bottle/can
- They have applied for charity status



Wangi continued:

- The shed is going well with a variety of projects
- Footnote AMSA from June 2020 all sheds will be registered as charity status
- D.G.R. simple version has taken 9 years
- The shed is now to be called Wangi not Wangi Wangi

Cessnock:

- Still good numbers turning up on Open Days 50 – 60 members
- Men's Health Day at the shed had various presentations by variety of presenters
 - The local chemist spoke on medications, tested blood sugar levels and blood pressures
 - Dementia Australia Band were present and gave out information and handouts
 - Prostrate Foundation were present and gave out information and handouts
 - Stuart Torrens AMSA was present and gave out information and handouts – new Spanner in the Works Booklet
 - They gave a donation of \$150 to Dementia Australia and \$100 to the Red Shield Appeal
 - The shed and garden are doing well
 - They are doing signs (up to 297) for confidence doors (i.e. toilet doors) for the Department of Education
 - They attended the presentation day at the Mater Hospital for the refurbishing of the breast cancer unit, the work was done by various sheds

Karuah:

- No major changes from last report
- They have had a couple of members pass away
- Membership of 30
- Insurance of associate members i.e. carers they have put a clause into the shed by laws (no rights to use equipment)
- Most sheds are now adopting model constitution



Salamander Bay:

- Saturday 13th July 2019 holding a Breathe Easy Expo on dust and fumes 10am–12 midday
- They have a number 5 metal lathe a (huge lathe) they are offering to any shed interested contact Salamander Shed
- They are doing work for Bunnings
- Bunnings are giving them Fridays for B.B.Q.'s
- Display cabinet is now completed
- Lunch room still a work in progress
- Shed elections coming up

Newcastle:

- Still looking for a new home, receiving plenty of publicity but to date no offers
- Would be willing to pay commercial rates for a good shed
- Question – what is happening at the old B.H.P. site
Answer – nothing still in lockdown

Blue Gum Hills:

- They are in their new shed, still setting up
- Membership 35
- B.B.Q.'S at Bunnings doing well giving them some cash flow
- Open days Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

2322 Beresfield:

- Still in limbo, nothing happening between Newcastle Council and the Bowling Club
- They have had an increase in membership over the last 6 months
- They are doing outside work
- The local G.P. spoke on the flu epidemic and the need to be vaccinated

Cooranbong:

- Small membership of 12
- They are doing work for P.C.Y.C. scouts and the community



Cooranbong continued:

- They are supporting the Port to Port Bike Ride

Chairman Col thanked Brian Durrant the outgoing AMSA NSW Zone 7 on behalf of the cluster and wished him well in his future endeavours

AMSA NSW Zone 7 representative:

Brian spoke on why he nominated for the position in the first place

- ❖ Communication was poor, didn't know what was going on outside of his shed, contacts list was 3 year old etc.
- ❖ Since he has taken over he has built up contacts with sheds, introduced shed update forms and given the zone a voice
- ❖ He will continue doing I.T. work Facebook and the web page
- ❖ He will do an induction with Bob to bring him up to speed prior to the State A.G.M. in July
- ❖ He will support Bob when the need arises

Brian thanked the meeting for the kind words

General Business: Nil

Coming Events:

- Breathe Easy Expo at Salamander Bay Shed
10am – 12midday Saturday July 13th 2019 see attachment 1
- Christmas in July at Cessnock Shed (pizza day)
10am Wednesday 19th July 2019 see attachment 2

NEXT MEETING

Hosted by	Cessnock Men's Shed and Community Gardens
Location	Calvary Aged Care Centre (follow the signs)
Date	Wednesday 19 th July 2019
Meeting Closed	12midday