



MEN'S SHED - HUNTER CLUSTER

March 2020 Meeting

Venue: Blue Gum Hills Men's Shed

Date: Wednesday 18th March 2020

Open: The meeting was opened by Chairman Col who welcomed all and called on Phillip Murnain to welcome visiting sheds, the cost of the lunch was a gold coin donation.

As this was the first time a meeting has been held at Blue Gum Hills new shed Phil gave an overview of the shed and progress to complete the project.

Apologies: The list was the largest in the past 2 years,

Eric White Stroud, Greg Cross Wangi, John Lee Bulahdelah, Ian Young Dungog, John Martins Dungog, Mike Fuller Cooranbong, Dave Inglis Waratah/Mayfield, John King Karuah, Baden Milne Salamander Bay, Gerry Egan Cessnock, Glen O'Brien Maitland

Reports:

Chairman's Report:

- The meeting was suspended for a short time so that all sheds present could have a full discussion on the coronavirus – covid-19
- It was decided to cancel the next 2 cluster meetings April and May, the committee will make a decision prior to the June meeting moved Bill Taylor seconded Nev Radnidge-passed, the secretary will inform Beresfield 2322 and Wangi



Secretary's Report:

- Minutes of the last meeting – passed
- Business arising – nil
- Correspondence in and out – various emails to and from the sheds covering various topics, grants, area health, information line and web page, all emails in/out have been recorded and dealt with
- Various offers of work from other sheds has been a highlight this month (Good to see sheds sharing)

Zone 7:

- Bird boxes for WIRES - there are 13 sheds in Zone 7 building bird boxes for WIRES
- ARC is to arrange pick up of completed boxes from the sheds
- Form ply – a certificate of appreciation was shown to the meeting, it will be presents to Frank Dapozzo of Newcastle Formwork Construction following today's meeting – see attachment 1
- Aussie Ark – an email was read out from Aussie Ark regarding the construction of nesting boxes for Tasmanian Devils and Wild Greater Gliders in the Barrington Tops, Blue Gum Hills, Raymond Terrace and Wangi will take on the Tasmanian Devil nesting boxes as they are not required until September, the Glider boxes will be done when we can
- Raymond Terrace's Music Tour has been put on hold, Bill Taylor will talk on this in Around the Sheds
- Postponements
 - ❖ Bunnings Bird Box Workshop to be held at Raymond Terrace shed
 - ❖ Westpac Rescue Helicopter base visit
 - ❖ Gresford Billy-Cart Derby on Saturday 11th April 2020 has been cancelled for this year



Treasurer:

- As our treasurer was on the sick list bank balance was sent via email - \$4,983.78

All reports moved by Kevin Moon seconded Mark Freeman - passed

Around The Sheds:

Salamander Bay: Mark

- Advise their shed is still closed until next Monday when all OH&S issues will be completed
- The local Amcal chemist has ordered hand sanitiser for the shed
- They have a surplus of hard and soft timber of various sizes to give away – bring your truck or trailer
- They have been applying for various grants
- They will be meeting next Monday regarding the covid-19 virus, their oldest member is 90

Beresfield 2322: Alex

- the shed is going well
- they are doing internal jobs for schools i.e. fishing rods and fish
- they are building bird boxes for WIRES
- they have a little outside work
- Brian is keeping an eye on grants

Newcastle: Eddie

- They have moved to a new building at Dairy Farmers corner (the old Regal Motors site) which is owned by Jeff McCloy for 6 months free rent with a \$2,000 bond
- Most of their gear has been moved to a storage shed
- When all paperwork is completed they will move to their new shed 148A Kings Road Adamstown
- Their shed will be in lock down from the end of the week
- A few members are finishing off work



- Total Field Days have been cancelled

Blue Gum Hills:

- Membership 30
- They are making jigsaw puzzle trays
- Making seating for J.H.H. kids ward
- Active members numbers down
- Carrying out a little outside work
- The dust extraction system from the uni. to be installed along with the driveway

Raymond Terrace: Bill

- Membership 130
- Music group tour to country areas has been postponed
- There will be no general meetings or committee meetings, the shed will be opened until lunchtime today
- Note – since the cluster meeting the shed is now in total lock down

Cessnock: Nev

- They are expanding their back BBQ area
- Some members are not attending due to covid-19 virus
- They are making small animal sheds

Morpeth: John

- The social shed has shut down, they will be making a decision about shutting down the complex
- They are carrying out local projects
- Making bird boxes for WIRES
- Carrying out some furniture restoration
- Their power bill is now in credit with their new solar system in operation



General Business:

- ❖ It was stressed that personnel hygiene by all members is a must i.e. hand washing, personal space, coughing and sneezing
- ❖ Brian spoke about our web page and asked sheds to send information and photos to him (info@amsansw.org) so he can post it

Meeting Closed 11:45 am

All mensheds must close by order of government and AMSA until further notice due to COVID-19

Special Note: Since our cluster meeting many sheds in our zone/area have closed due to the covid-19 virus as a duty of care to their members

I will still be sending out emails to keep everyone informed during the cluster shut down, I will notify sheds by email when the next cluster meeting will be held

Stay safe and healthy

Regards

Bob Foxford