



MEN'S SHED - HUNTER CLUSTER

November 2019 Meeting

- Venue:** Branxton/Greta Men's Shed
- Date:** Wednesday 20th November 2019
- Open:** The meeting was opened by Chairman Col who welcomed all and called on Dick Wessling to welcome visiting sheds, the cost of the lunch was a gold coin donation.
- Apologies:** Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest, Wangi, Dungog, 2322 Beresfield, Karuah, Grahame Berthold from Raymond Terrace.
- Guest Speaker:** Nick Dawes from Services NSW Greenhills. Nick spoke on the cost of living services that they provide e.g. using their savings finder, how to apply for rebates and savings, face to face appointments service, he covered many services and offers that are available such as National Park Pass – Free, Fishing Licence – Free, Vehicle Registration – Free, making a Will and Power of Attorney, replacement TV's and fridges over 7 years old at a greatly reduced price, free tickets on the XPT once a year. Service NSW offers over 70 services and you can apply online or arrange a face to face appointment by email servicex.nsw.gov.au or phone 137 788. Following his presentation Nick stayed back to book appointments for members.



Business Arising: Bunnings BBQ pricing reply read out

Chairman's Report: Nil

Vice Chairman's Report: Nil

Secretary's Report: Correspondence in and out, emails Connecting Up, Male Health, Hunter New England Area Health, grants, advertisements, cluster reminder, in/out committee information, apologies. All emails and phone calls were completed by the secretary.

Treasurer:

Bank Statement	Balance as at 08/2019	\$5,522.41
	Expenditure	\$431.63
	Balance	\$5,090.78

All Reports: Moved Bill Taylor Raymond Terrace seconded Neville
Pollock Newcastle - passed

A.M.S.A. Updates:

- ❖ Last round of grants are now available on AMSA web site
- ❖ Phone call this morning from BlazeAid who are in need of co-ordinators, email to follow

Around The Sheds:

Salamander Bay:

- Welcome back to Alan Sams
- They will donate their Smart Board to any shed as management at the recycle facility won't allow them to put it up on a wall
- Branxton/Greta Shed will take the Smart Board
- They have a spindle moulder to give away
- They are making a lot of various items at the shed



Cessnock:

- They are making 20 transport boxes for the mines
- They hosted the NSW Tidy Towns People
- Running a BBQ for a company at Rutherford on 20/12/2019 3–4 hours, it is a good money raiser
- Doing 1 week at Hunter Valley Gardens light display
- They are doing bird boxes
- They have organised a trip to Quirindi, the shed is covering the cost of the coach but charging \$20.00 a head to purchase water for Murrurundi

Branxton/Greta:

- They are making native bee boxes
- Cessnock Council supportive of the shed but no money available or offered
- Council has just released plan #24 for the development of the Greta area
- The shed allows members to do their own projects at the shed free of charge
- Happy Members – Happy Shed

Newcastle:

- The Breast Screen project at the Mater is now completed
- They spoke about the 3 members working visit to Tonga. They showed a few photos but will be doing a formal presentation in 2020
- They are making wine boxes
- They have applied for an \$18,000 grant for a Precious Plastic Recycle Unit

Raymond Terrace:

- Their Xmas raffle is up and running
- Membership 120
- They will be doing a Bunnings BBQ with all proceeds to fire fund



Raymond Terrace continued:

- They have appointed 4 safety officers at the shed
- They will be doing a visit to West Track Co. (CAT)

General Business:

- I was invited to Hunter New England International Men's Health Day presentation at Hamilton North Bowling Club and was presented with a certificate which read Men's Shed Hunter Cluster Robert (Bob) Foxford and Team and we were nominated and were one of 5 who received a Champion Trophy for Dedicated Support of Male Health Activities
- Newcastle Shed members volunteered this year in the University of Newcastle Medical Science Group
- Stay informed over the Festive Season by visiting amsansw.org

Meeting Closed 12:03 pm

Note: As this was our last meeting of the year the Committee would like to extend our thanks to all our Cluster Sheds for their participation this year

We wish you and your families a Safe and Happy Christmas and New Year

NEXT MEETING

Hosted by Karuah Men's Shed
Location 9 Memorial Drive Karuah NSW 2324
Date Wednesday 19th February 2020
Time 10:00am for a cuppa, 10:30am start

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