



MEN'S SHED - HUNTER CLUSTER

November 2020 Meeting

- Venue:** Raymond Terrace Men's Shed
- Date:** Thursday 19th November 2020
- Open:** The meeting was opened chairman Col who welcomed all and called on Bill Taylor Chairman of Raymond Terrace Shed to welcome visiting sheds the cost of lunch was a gold coin donation

Apologies:

- Brian Durrant 2322 Beresfield, Maitland Shed, Dungog Shed, Karuah Shed, Kurri Kurri Shed

Reports

Chairman's Report:

- Col thanked members for their attendance and patience during the year
- As this was our last meeting of the year he wished all a safe and Merry Christmas

Secretary's Report:

- Minutes of the last meeting at Morpeth Shed were tabled

Moved Bill Taylor seconded Neville Radnidge – passed

Business Arising: - Nil



Correspondence In and Out

- A variety of emails and phone calls to and from sheds
- Grants from Joel Fitzgibbon's office
- Email from Maitland Shed in regards to a phone call and email about a Z Morph Multitool 3D Printer, CNC Router and Laser Engraver, this email was a sales pitch to shed
- AVG Technologies subscription renewal reminder \$39:99 charged to my credit card (paid)
- All correspondence in and out have been recorded and dealt with

Business Arising: - Nil

Treasurer's Report:

Bank Statement	\$5,516:18
Expenditure	\$85:00
Balance	\$5,431:18

All reports accepted moved John Bilkey seconded Alan Sams – Passed

AMSA NSW:

- Possum boxes for wires completed but we are still waiting for pick up, phone calls, emails and text messages sent to WIRES
- Proxy voting for AMSA AGM, an email was sent out to Zone 7 sheds informing them that they could send proxy votes to the AMSA NSW Secretary for inclusion at the AGM

Discussion:

- 1) WIRES collection, the 3 sheds in Zone 7 have been paid by WIRES however pick up is still a major problem (Mens' Sheds are not a storage facility for WIRES)
- 2) It was suggested that a stern email be sent to WIRES regarding pick up



- 3) Sheds accept that this first order has had many problems such as changes of plans, supply of materials, pick-ups etc. etc. reference was made to the many boxes made earlier in the year and their pick up problems, if these pick up problems are not sorted out sheds would have to consider ongoing participation
- 4) Proxy voting for AMSA AGM, the sheds feel that more information should be included in the packs

Around The Sheds:

Morpeth - John

- Are happy to do boxes for WIRES but better organisation is required
- John is standing down as Chairman but will remain on the committee
- They are rejuvenating a plough part for a local
- The shed is going well

Salamander Bay – Alan

- They are still doing a major clean up, 10 cubic metres has already been taken to the dump
- They are making signs and orders are still coming in
- They have plenty of small projects to complete
- They are no longer doing chair repairs
- The shed is doing well
- Membership is closed

Cessnock – Gerry

- They have a membership of 120 members and are operating 5 days a week , with approximately 20 members per day



Cessnock – Gerry (continued)

- They are picking up new members on a weekly basis
- Their BBQ area nearing completion and the gardens are doing well
- They are still doing signage work
- They are building a showcase for cricket memorabilia
- They had donated a tool chest and socket set valued at \$1,500 by Bunnings and Sidchrome
- They will be closing on 18th December 2020

Newcastle – Eddie

- They are still renovating the new Beaumont St. shed, part of the floor was been painted on Wednesday
- They are making shelving and benches
- It was a big job removing the glass partitions
- Membership is now 45 and they are picking up some new members
- They have received donations of desk, chairs and a bookcase for the new shed
- The DA for Adamstown has been with Newcastle Council for 2 months
- They are lodging a grant with AMSA to cover some costs for setting up
- They are making garden type boxes for Merewether Golf Club

Raymond Terrace – Bill

- They have had a good year despite COVID-19, there is still no cards or computer groups operating
- They have been given a vacant shop at Woolworths Raymond Terrace in Terrace Central to sell goods, it started Monday and is going well



- Membership is 120
- Bunnings BBQ's are going well despite being down near the gardening section
- They will be holding their AGM on Friday 20th November 2020

Gloucester – Ray

- Membership is 60, with 30 – 35 members attending each Wednesday
- They are not taking on any new work
- They are still recycling mattresses from the tip, they are E-Waste stripping and recycling, they make \$7,000-\$8,000 a year
- They are cutting and making survey pegs
- They are building a replica of the old single lane wooden bridge for the Historical Society

Waratah/Mayfield – David

- Things are going well at the shed
- They are still sorting out and dumping rubbish
- They have plans for a new metal work shed underway
- They have a car hoist for sale
- They have had a carport donated
- They are helping out defence members
- Their membership is increasing

Cooranbong – David

- They have a membership of 15 and meet Tuesdays and Fridays
- They have a good skill base of members in the shed
- They are carrying out community based work



Wangi – John

- They have just completed Possum Boxes for WIRES, the production of the boxes became a group participation within the shed
- They are carrying out community work
- They have a mini garage sale coming up, monies raised will be donated to a charity such as Blaze Aid
- They are making pine presentation boxes
- They have a membership of 75 learning new skills

General Business:

- ❖ Thank you Raymond Terrace Shed for hosting our Cluster Meeting and Bill's wife for the slices
- ❖ Our next Cluster Meeting will be in February 2021 the venue and times to be advised by the secretary
- ❖ Don't forget Facebook posts, photos and stories for our amsansw.org page, this web site is updated regularly, so let the rest of us know what is happening in our region
- ❖ On behalf of the Cluster Committee we wish you and your families a safe and happy festive season
- ❖ You will still receive emails during our close down

Meeting Closed 11:45am