



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

### **September 2020 Meeting**

- Venue:** Dungog RSL
- Date:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Open:** The meeting was opened chairman Col who welcomed all and called on John Martins to welcome visiting shed, the cost of lunch was a gold coin donation
- Apologies:** Greg Cross Wangi, John Devlin and Phillip Murnain Blue Gum Hills, Dick Wessling Branxton/Greta, Brian Durrant 2322 Bersefield, Maitland Shed, Kevin Moon and Eddie Hall Newcastle

### **Reports:**

#### **Chairman's Report:**

- A discussion on Covid 19 was held and it was decided to put on hold until further notice the Cluster's AGM  
Moved John Martins seconded John King - Passed

#### **Secretary's Report:**

- Minutes of the last meeting Blue Gum Hills Shed, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 tabled  
Moved Gerry Egan seconded Neville Radnidge – Passed
- Business arising – Nil
- Correspondence in and out, there was not a great deal of movement
- A variety of emails to and from sheds, these were dealt with and recorded
- There has not been any Area Health Seminars



### **Secretary's Report: continued**

- Grants there has only been a few – they did not cover sheds
- Some grant information from various state and federal members offices has been sent directly to sheds
- The secretary also spoke on the Covid 19 lockdown, the effects on the sheds and their members, AMSA, AMSA NSW, and our cluster
- Covid new state rules effective from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020, anyone who breaches or attends a public gathering of over 20 people are subject to an individual fine of \$1,000:00, prior to this the host was fined

### **AMSA NSW:**

- Our AGM was held in Newcastle at the end of July some of the topics covered were:-
  - ❖ The Commissioner of Crown Lands spoke in depth of the new Crown Lands draft policy – it still has to go through the State Government – the commissioner is pro Mens' Sheds along with 2 other government representatives on the committee
  - ❖ Insurance – many sheds are under insuring which may lead to a decreased payouts on a claim. Many sheds do not keep their inventories list up to date. A committee has been appointed to look at sheds within NSW with the data provided from the sheds following the returned surveys
  - ❖ WIRES – are still mucking us around, it is hoped to have it all up and running by mid October. Ray Crawley from the Central Coast and myself have been appointed to work with WIRES and ARC
  - ❖ DGR status – an email sent out from Mel White on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 covering DGR
  - ❖ NSW Government expects to see a rise in shed membership from the end of this month with the winding back of Job Start



## **AMSA NSW: continued**

However they have not at this stage given any extra monies to cover some of the things they wish to do

### **Treasurer:**

Bank Statement      \$5,569:78

Expenditure          \$123:60

Balance                \$5,446:18

All reports accepted moved John King seconded Neville Radnidge

### **Around The Sheds:**

#### **Maitland**

- As per email report (see attachment 1)

#### **Newcastle**

- They are moving into a new shed at 99 Beaumont St Hamilton (the old Westpac Bank building next to the bank) They will have a shop front and a small workshop at the rear
- Membership 30, they have lost 3 members over the last few months
- They have picture framing surplus to their needs, if anyone would like some contact Wayne

#### **Raymond Terrace**

- Membership 115 they have approximately 20 members per day attending
- The music tour has been postponed until 2021
- They have been holding toy sales at the shed once a month (last Saturday cleared \$3,000:00)



### **Raymond Terrace:** continued

- AMSA filmed at the shed last Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September they are making an ad for Mens Shed week, it will be shown on 7Mate in the next 2 weeks

### **Cessnock**

- 20 members a day attending operating under Covid safe conditions
- They are catching up on projects
- They have a new BBQ area
- They suffered a break in losing \$800:00 of copper wire

### **Salamander Bay**

- Like all sheds have been closed due to Covid and are now operating with 10 members a day
- They have 3 members in their 90's
- They are catching up on back orders
- They have remodelled the shed

### **Kurri Kurri**

- Membership 18 and they are back at the shed now
- They are repairing pre-school toys and carrying out other projects
- They are selling donated slabs of timber

### **Karuah**

- Membership of 20 they have lost 7 members this year
- The cost of the front deck will now cost \$26k, the project will now be shelved

### **Dungog**

- They have a membership of 25
- They have been open since it was allowed under Covid operating with approximately 12 members a day up to 16 some days



**Dungog: continued**

- They are doing some community work and local projects (need tomato stakes or hardwood to make them)

**General Business:**

- ❖ John King asked about internet servers due to continuing problems with iinet
- ❖ Thank you to Dungog Shed for hosting the cluster meeting at Dungog RSL and Jeff's wife for the cakes

**NEXT MEETING**

**Hosted by** Morpeth Men's Shed

**Location** 21 Duckenfield Rd Morpeth NSW 2321

**NOTE THIS MEETING IS ON A THURSDAY**

**Date** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

**Time** 10:00am for a cuppa, 10:30am start

Meeting Closed 12:00 midday

**Regards**

**Bob Foxford**