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Next Meeting

To Be Advised

President's Spiel

Stephen Wall welcomed the members present and thanked the committee and members from the Cessnock Men's Shed for hosting the Men's Sheds Hunter Cluster December 2014 gathering. Again we had an excellent attendance with 13 Men's Sheds represented and over 30 members from the Sheds present.



Good roll up from Cessnock, Edgeworth, Branxton, Wangi, Raymond Terrace, Cardiff, Singleton, Beresfield, Karuah, Morpeth, Gloucester, Belmont and Salamander sheds. Thirteen sheds in attendance with apologies from others that were having break up parties, etc..

John Sharples reported on issues relating to AMSA

AMSA reviewed funding requests and it was apparent that most requested tools were for Carbatec so they will try to secure discount deal for members.

AMSA actual membership that was thought to be approaching 1100 but after review of the shed register, apparently it is closer to 900 as some sheds had been recorded from the registered name, different name or by the locality.

AMSA is also trying to do a deal nationally with Bunnings and Ryobi.

90% of shed insurance is through AMSA and backed by

Lloyds of London. Reason being that some cheaper insurance has to pay up to the first \$5K or so where as we pay \$500 and others don't have coverage to 94 years.

Morpeth Men's Shed new building is underway, they will looking forward be doing some of the fit out in 2015.



Paul Battle asked if the Men's Sheds are interested in getting involved in a joint Men's Shed Hunter Cluster Raffle, this item is to be discussed by the committee and reported back to the February Gathering.

During the discussion a number of issues were identified and the committee are to endeavour to arrange guest speakers during 2015.

The two subjects discussed were:-

CenterLink – Volunteers Time and How can we work better together.

NSW Fair Trading – Constitution and reporting requirements

Representatives from both



CentreLink and Fair Trading as guest speakers to be arranged early in 2015.

The Christmas Raffle and



festivities then began:-

A special thanks to the members from the Cessnock Men's Shed that provide their facility for the December Gathering and worked around the problem of not being able to have the pizza oven working.

Next Gathering



February Gathering is to be held at Men's Shed to be advised in the New Year and members are reminded to RSVP to the MSHC Secretary on the date required, but at least before the Friday of the week before the Gathering.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all



MSHC Sheds and their Members

Stay Safe and Drive Carefully

