



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

### **March 2019 Meeting**

**Venue:** Newcastle Men's Shed

**Date:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Open:** 10.30am meeting opened by Chairman Col who welcomed all and asked the Chairman of Newcastle Kevin Moon to welcome members, cost of lunch a gold coin donation

**Apologies:** Dungog, Stroud and Bob Bull Raymond Terrace

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Moved Maitland, Seconded Salamander Bay - passed

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Correspondence:** In and Out

- In - 26 emails covering various subjects such as contact updates, grants, web updates, apologies, AMSA Grant recipients Round 18, demonstrations and coming events
- Out – grants, surplus I.T. equipment, Cluster Venues 2019, cancellation of coach trip and reminder of March Meeting  
Moved Cessnock Seconded Newcastle – passed

**Treasurer:** Bank Statement \$4,837.0  
Expenditure \$30.00  
Moved Maitland Seconded Wangi Wangi – passed

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**Guest Speaker:** Mr Brian Bruce Community Relations Officer for the Red Cross Blood Services

He spoke on the importance of blood donations, cookies and handouts given out  
Anyone requiring information – phone 02 4041 4831 – mobile 0422 330 110  
Email: [bbruce@redcrossblood.org.au](mailto:bbruce@redcrossblood.org.au)

### **11.00am Around The Sheds:**

#### **Maitland:**

- Glen spoke on various activities that Maitland Shed are doing for Thornton Special School, painting, making boxes and pegs for students to hang their bags on, they are doing community work, working for Maitland Private Hospital
- They have raised and donated \$1000.00 to the Greatest Shave
- ticket sales going well for the rocking horse
- they are giving away a 12" planner if anyone interested
- Glen also spoke on the white ant infestation in the top area, area is to be demolished, white ants treated then rebuilt, air conditioning, cleaning both of filters had to be carried out both the inner and outer filter as they have found mould spore in the carpet

#### **Waratah/Mayfield:**

- Graham said that it is quiet at the moment
- They are still doing garden boxes, community work, a mud kitchen
- Flyers were handed out on Autism Day
- Coming up there will be another Market Day on 29<sup>th</sup> May, sites now on sale

#### **Cessnock:**

- They are busy having a major clean up
- They are doing bench tops for a local gym and honour boards for a school

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### **Cessnock continued:**

- They have been doing signage for Port Stephens Council
- They had an outing to Sydney Fish Markets
- The outside toilets are now finished
- They have 114 members
- They raised and donated \$750.00 from the Greatest Shave BBQ

### **Salamander Bay:**

- Their display cabinet is finished
- A dust extraction is on its way
- They're making toys for a local pre school
- They have 32 members and are now sponsored by Toyota

### **Newcastle:**

- Steadily looking for a new venue
- The last Bunning's BBQ made \$1,200.00 net
- Total Field Day is coming up, they still require more assistance from any interested sheds
- They finished a Fish Cutout for local schools, the fish are to be painted by the students and hung on the fence, 305 fish have been completed, the idea of the fish is to publicise the state of Throsby Creek
- They are restoring pot plant boxes for Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
- They made 7 crosses for Temor Soldiers
- They are finishing off at the Mater Hospital

### **Blue Gum Hills:**

- At last they are moving into their new shed and setting up, it should be completed by the next month's meeting

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### **Blue Gum Hills continued:**

- They are doing Anzac Day crosses for the Wallsend service
- They have to do a D,A. for the curb and guttering outside the shed

### **Wangi Wangi:**

- They are doing the same as last month
- Repairs to trailers will cease due to a local conflict
- Some of their members are returning to the country to help out local farmers

### **Karuah:**

- No change from last month's meeting
- But they had to eat crab for 3 days after the last meeting (no doggy bags)
- They spoke about the email from Brian Durant he's not standing in the Zone 7 elections

### **Cardiff:**

- They are still working from Boronia St Cardiff
- They hope to move into a new shed next year, council has land and funds
- They are doing small projects for schools and pre schools
- They have a recycle programme going with a local school
- They have 23 members

### **Raymond Terrace:**

- Bob McGregor said they were doing the same
- They have started an exercise group for seniors, 6 members so far
- President Bob Bull sent a flyer about a demonstration day by Chris Pouncy from U.K. of Robert Sorby Tools (see attachment 1)

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## General Business:/5/2019

- ❖ Prostrate Society now has 2 nurses in Newcastle Bob McGregor to supply details
- ❖ Zone 7 AMSA representative email was read out by Glen from Maitland, not all members present have seen it or knew of it (i.e. not passed on to the members)
- ❖ There are a few viruses floating around at the moment gastro and respiratory problems
- ❖ Secretary Bob stated if you are sick stay home and don't go to your shed, good personnel hygiene is very important
- ❖ An article appeared in the Newcastle Weekly in regards to a Defence and OOO Shed for Newcastle, based on a concept set up as a pilot programme in 2015 in Port Adelaide, a shed is way down the track but the Hunter Defence Shed meets for coffee every Thursday at Mayfield Onyx Bar at 10.00am

## Coming Events:

- ❖ Waratah/Mayfield
  - Autism Day 04/4/2019
  - Market Day 29/5/2019
- ❖ Newcastle
  - Total 2019
- ❖ Raymond Terrace
  - Demonstration Day 10/6/2019      RSVP 31/5/2019
  - Phone 0402 901 238
  - Email [rtmensshed@gmail.com](mailto:rtmensshed@gmail.com)
  - Cost \$10.00 includes morning tea and lunch

## NEXT MEETING

**Hosted by** 2322 Beresfield Men's Shed  
**Location** Beresfield Bowling Club – Meeting Room 2  
**Guest speaker** Dept Fair Trading on **SCAMS**  
**Close** 11:55am

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