



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

### **April 2019 Meeting**

- Venue:** 2322 Beresfield Men's Shed
- Date:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019
- Open:** The meeting was opened 10 minutes early by Chairman Col who welcomed all and asked the Chairman of Beresfield Alex Szokolik to welcome members, cost of lunch \$3.00
- Apologies** Richard Nicholson Wangi Wangi, Grahame Berthold Raymond Terrace, Marty Leist AMSA, Phillip Boyd Singleton, Nev Radnidge Cessnock

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Moved John King Karuah, Seconded Kevin Moon - passed

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Correspondence:** In and Out Moved John King Karuah, Seconded Kevin Moon - passed

**Treasurer:** The treasurer handed out invoices for the 2019/2020 period, those sheds not present your invoices are in the mail

Bank statement \$4837.09

Expenditure \$143.68

Balance \$4693.41

Moved John King Karuah, Seconded Greg Millar Newcastle - passed

**Guest Speaker:** Renay McCormack from the Dept. of Fair Trading, she gave an impressive presentation with plenty interaction from the group.



**Guest Speaker:** The start of the presentation was about Fair Trading and what they can do for you, a variety of subjects were covered along with your consumer rights.

- ❖ The main topic SCAMS were covered pointing out that all are targets for scammers but the most vulnerable are the elderly and intellectually impaired. Research shows that 1 in 20 Australians fall victims to scams
- ❖ Renay spoke on all the scams doing the round and how to protect yourself i.e. true caller and password apps
- ❖ Fair Trading compiles a monthly list of the most complained about traders which can be downloaded from the website **[fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://fairtrading.nsw.gov.au)**
- ❖ Fair Trading also compiles a newsletter which can also be obtained from their website or emailed to you by applying on their website
- ❖ If you are on **mailing lists that you don't want !!!** you can be taken off these lists by contacting A.D.M.A, (Australian Direct Marketing Assn)
- ❖ Renay is available to talk to any shed at their monthly meetings by contacting her via email at [renay.mccormack@finance.nsw.gov.au](mailto:renay.mccormack@finance.nsw.gov.au)
- ❖ A goodie bag was handed out with a variety of information booklets etc.
- ❖ See attachment 1 for scam statistics 2019
- ❖ Renay was thanked for her detailed presentation by Chairman Col and was applauded by all present

### **A.M.S.A.**

- Cessnock received an email from Stuart Torrens in regards to Blue Tree, no other sheds present knew of Blue Tree, Brian Durant will chase it up
- Brian spoke on the upcoming Zone 7 Coordinators position and stated that he will continue to put the sheds emails on the AMSA NSW Facebook page, nominations for the position close in June
- The state committee is no longer funded by the National Body and has a finance problem at the present time, they are hopefully waiting on a grant from the state government



### **Around the Sheds:**

#### **Newcastle:** Kevin Moon

- The work at the Oncology Unit at the Mater Hospital is now almost completed
- Kevin spoke on the design and high standard of finish by Cessnock Shed
- They are still looking for a suitable building for relocation
- The shed will be setting up a building fund
- They had good publicity from NBN TV and The Star about the Fish that was made for Islington Public School
- Shed members are still setting up for Tocal 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May
- DVGR: from 1/6/20 all sheds can apply more information will follow
- NSW Government have now announced the appointment of a Crown Lands Coordinator

#### **Raymond Terrace:** Bob McGregor

- Shed members are helping out with Driver Reviver at 12 Mile Creek
- They are having \$5 meals on Wednesdays
- They have an exercise group of 7 - 8 members at present
- Shed projects are slow at present
- Bi-Monthly General Meetings are on trial at present trying to have a better attendance, followed by a free sausage sizzle
- The Fun Day consisting of darts/bowls/pool etc. has collapsed

#### **Salamander Bay:** Alan Sams

- They are still working on the dust extraction system and meal room
- They have 4 new members now total 38 members
- Sponsor signs are not allowed to be placed on the fence

#### **2322 Beresfield:** Alex Szoklik

- They are still in limbo regarding their shed
- They are doing various orders and community work
- They have 5 new members



**Dungog:** Ian Young

- They have just signed a new 5 year lease with Hunter Water
- Solar panels were installed on the roof last week but further electrical work to be done, the solar system was courtesy of Local State Members Grant of \$5,000
- They currently have 37 members

**Stroud:** Eric White

- They are ticking along trying to raise their profile in the area
- They are doing a free BBQ in May for Mothers' Day
- They are doing local work for the church
- They have 1 young new member

**Cessnock:**

- As per attachment 2

**Blue Gum Hills:** Phillip Murnain

- The new shed is almost completed
- The slab is down for the quiet room, the slab cement was donated by Daracon
- They are helping out in the community
- They have 3 new members

**Karuah:** John King

- The DA process and engineers report have to be resubmitted to council
- The sewers are to be done
- Membership 30+ some new members

**General Business:**

- A list of sheds requiring smart boards was passed on to Newcastle shed for pick up



### **General Business continued:**

- Marty Leist's email was read out regarding Mens' Health, Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> it is an AMSA and Turool Kore indigenous Men's Group joint venture
- Jenny Aitchison's ( M.P.) email was read out regarding My Community Project Grants
- Salamander Bay test and tag machine requires recalibration, does anyone know who does this
- Brian Durant Facebook, he will post on the AMSA NSW website any posts by sheds that he sees

### **Coming Events:**

- ✓ Total 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May
- ✓ Men's' Health Extravaganza Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May on the Newcastle foreshore, for more information contact Marty Leist via email [marty@mensshed.net](mailto:marty@mensshed.net)
- ✓ Raymond Terrace Shed hosting a Robert Sorby demonstration on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June (the date is correct)

### **Special Note:**

To save time and the secretary's fingers any topics/reports over 2 minutes can be sent via email to the secretary's email [mshc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:mshc.secretary@gmail.com) and it will be put in the minutes as an attachment

### **NEXT MEETING**

<b>Hosted by</b>	Dungog Men's Shed
<b>Location</b>	3 Simmons Lane Dungog
<b>Guest speaker</b>	Hunter – New England Area Health
<b>Topic</b>	Men's Health Expo
<b>Meeting Closed</b>	12.05pm