



Men's Sheds Hunter Cluster Incorporated INC9888975 Cluster Gathering Cessnock Wednesday 18th July 2018

Open 10.30^{am} Gathering opened by President Col Chapman.

Welcome from Peter Torenbeek Shed, lunch provided, donations accepted.

Footnote -Thanks to Cessnock for hosting and providing the lunch.

Apologies 2322, Brian Durant & John Sharples Zone Rep's, committee person Alan Sams is hanging out at 1770.

Previous Minutes Minutes accepted

Treasurers Report: Baden Thanks to all members that have renewed their subscription. 22 members. \$5,295.09 in our account. Brief discussion re AGM attendance & cost.

Around the Shed's.

Maitland: 130 members, 40 on Monday, less on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Has been quite the last couple of months, they have done a lot of work for a Autistic School @ Thornton. A couple of groups come in from nursing homes to visit regularly.

Q.) From the floor to Maitland. "when reemployment firms or handicapped groups clients attending the shed regularly. Are they registered (paid membership) when attending? "

A.) Consensus from the floor was "YES". Clients and carers for Insurance! Carers should have their own workplace insurance ? Please check with AMSA Membership/Insurance Manager Mellisa White.

Karuah: Ron & John Ron spoke briefly about Johns driving ability. Crown Land are auditing properties, more comments in August after their inspection. Make sure everything complies to Local Government Regulations.

Raymond Terrace: Bob Membership 90. Yearly raffle being run, regular BBQ's and sales being done.

Blue Gum Hills: Two buildings up, working fitting out. easel manufactures. A bit of work currently being done at new premises at Unit 361 Roberts Street, Wallsend. Money is in short supply as the shed fit out continues.

Comment from the floor: "you have come to the wrong place to get any"

Newcastle: Greg and Kevin. We have lot going on. Moving into premises in 50 Clyde Street, North Hamilton next week. Next door to Budget Rentals [Newcastle MS 50+Clyde+St,+Hamilton+North+NSW](#) All hands on Deck. Small change from \$20,000.00 yearly rental. Not a cheap solution but need a area as a manufacturing base. Trying to use the area as a community hub or collective.

Refurbishing Waratah Village Xmas Decorations on Village site in K Mart Shed. Hunter Breast Screen courtyard refurbishment with Cessnock, Cardiff and Belmont still in progress. Note: (Planter boxes for BCS (being painted) were stored in the area the gathering was conducted in.)

Youth mentoring project with YWCA (yes W) at schools in the Hunter Area with about 8 shed members involved. Bit of a shaky start but seems to be heading in the right direction now.

Moving containers from Waratah/Mayfield area so this small demarcation issue is finally over and all is resolved.

Cessnock: Peter or Marshal Pete (read further) Membership of 122 50 to 60 attend when we open Monday & Thursday.

VP Graham Dunncliffe is currently doing Snowtime car parking at HV Gardens during July 13 days and this Sunday we have Marathon Marshaling at the Vintage. Both of these are being done in conjunction with Lions.

CD/DVD Rack on display is a order, wooden signs for Winery, shipment boxes for a Mining Company at Mt Thorley, cupboards for Senior Citizens, Clapsticks for Nadioc Week. 400 plants for Cessnock City Council (cCc) for the Schools for National Tree Day ready to go out. Recycling has picked up again.

Officially 10th year Anniversary in September. Brief breakdown of Shed history to date. On site from 2006.

Wangi: Pete and Richard Membership of 75. Expecting another 20 late payers. Continually being given equipment so have been conducting sales on Gumtree, the last month sales netted over \$1,000.00. Garage sale to held in August. Bunnings and IGA BBQ's. \$1,500 security upgrade improving camera resolution. Pete "you can see the hair on your face after you have had a shave" Woodwork and Metal work areas are flat out all the time.

Cardiff: Kevin and Greg 25 Members 5 active. Still working out of the backyard shed. Area for shed has been sorted 7 Glendon Crescent, Glendale [7+Glendon+Cres,+Glendale+NSW+2285](#)

Daracon are currently demolishing the condemned building on site and plans are in with the Council. Offices, toilets and lunch rooms with a 25 x 12 shed attached. A community garden will be set up but hoping to pass that along not retain it as a shed item. 2020 fingers crossed.

Cardiff have purchased a Hi Ace Van and fitted it as mobile tool shed and operate a outside crew of 5 twice a week. They start at the shed so they can mix in with the other blokes. Glendale/Boolaroo Bunnings BBQ once a month on a Friday but are also on the short call list/late notice. Setting up a BBQ trailer this week. All Gear will be stored in the trailer.

Tea Gardens: John Busy fitting out new shed. Working on where do we want the machines, dust extraction and general cable ducting. Received a State Government Grant to buy lockers for tools and a BBQ

Dungog: John 20 financial members another 10 to pay 10 to 12 regular attendees. AGM held last week. Existing committee with minor changes after the passing of President Charles last month. Been doing a fair bit of work for the local hospital. And other small jobs. No word from Water Board as to length of time on site. Following it up but going gently at it (low pressure). "You'll be right"

Salamander: Mark and Baden 36 members, approximately 10 are regulars. Membership is stable but there seems to be more interest from the community. Bunnings BBQ's but irregular frequency. Minor sales of possum boxes.

Issue with incorrect use of drop saw (damaged) A sheet is now attached to machines with a list of names of people certified to use them. Duty of Care. If your name is not on the list you are not allowed to use it. Training and safety issue.

AGM to be held in August. Operating 5 days a week from 8 to midday. Refurbishing 3 dozen wooden platters received from a restaurant. Baden spoke about his experience at Newcastle race track where community members attended a track meet and \$20,000 was raised to help a young injured footballer to get a modified vehicle he can drive/or be transported in. When Baden was asked if he had any wins on the day. "no, their still running" A call came from the floor requesting a Audit. This lapsed for want of a seconder!

General Business: Discussion about women in sheds.

Bob Foxford: The Health Expo recently held at Waratah/Mayfield Men's Shed and the Multicultural Centre ground proved to be a great success. Over 200 plus registered on the day and 16 Exhibitors displayed their services, resources, products etc on the day. Feedback to the organising committee has been very positive from Sheds and visitors.

This being the first of this type of Expo held in this area has set a solid base for a similar event to be held in the future. Waratah/Mayfield Shed has made their grounds available and are willing to run a similar event with AMSA. Raymond Terrace and Waratah/Mayfield Sheds would like to thank all the Sheds who displayed on the day and all other Shedders who attended.

Gathering Closed 12^{pm}

Next Gathering Raymond Terrace Wednesday 15th August 10^{am} for a 10.30^{am} start.

email from Bob Bull

Hi Guys,

*Just advising for your interest I have arrange a guest speaker for the forthcoming 15 August Cluster meeting at RTMS. A representative from “**Kaden Centre**” has offered to come along and provide some background on their services. You might like to advertise this to other sheds FTI.*

*The **Kaden Centre** www.kadencentre.org.au/aboutus/ is a facility designed for the care, support and wellness of cancer patients, pre, during and post treatments. When you are released from hospital, or your rehabilitation services have finished, the Kaden Centre is there for you.*

*All the Best
Bob*

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