

Attachment 1.

Maitland Community Men's Shed

Cluster Report

We need to report that like most Sheds within the organisation we found ourselves in the unfortunate situation where we had to shut our doors on the 23rd March 2020. It was not an easy decision; however, it was something we had to do. We undertook to keep in touch as best we could with our members via 'phone calls (much appreciated by many). Then things started to look good, and on the 16th June 2020, we opened the doors back up, with all of the new conditions. We had installed another meal area upstairs to facilitate social distancing and people limits in all areas around the shed.

We are now getting back to "normal" functioning, with projects to supply a seating area and an outdoor learning area at the Access Autistic School at Thornton. Other community projects have also been completed.

We have several grant applications in the system and were fortunate to have received a grant from Easts Leisure Group that has allowed us to purchase and install an electronic sign-in facility for our shed.

The card players have returned and it is good to see fun, frivolity and great mateship back in the Shed.

We thank our members for their patience throughout the COVID break, however, I must report that we timed the return to co-incide in time for Geoff Pisani, a member since 7th July 2011, to celebrate his 95th birthday, HAPPY BIRTHDAY Geoff.

Charlie Sanders

President MCMS Management Committee