



Narooma Men's Shed Newsletter

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Men's Shed Diary

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Committee Meeting 1:30 -3:30

2020

Happy New Year
and
Stay Safe!

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President's Report

New Year – New challenges! What's new?

We opened on January 7th and had quite a few of us arrive. It was great to see each man get a warm reception as they arrived. A real warm welcome home. It was a coffee and a chat club for sure that day. Many of us had stories to tell, pain to shift, ideas to put, frustration to acknowledge and jokes to share.

It was a real Men's Shed gathering.

Sandpaper

The talk reminded me that crisis, trauma and worry sharpen us up! Our emotions, at these times, rise to the surface. But in this event of a lifetime, a big event, it is easy to have the rawness of emotion, of pain, loss, to be sandpapered (rubbed up and agitated) by comments of others. It is a time to take greater care of each other, to allow time to listen, to respond carefully and to offer up help, solace and show our connectedness in our own ways.

It was also special to see how many men were after information of mates: 'How is x?', 'Did you hear if 'y' got out?', 'Where is z?'. All very caring and concerned.

It seems we are all safe and have got through in reasonable shape! We have all had some form of impact and I especially wish to acknowledge those of us who have done it alone. Some have had big impacts on their business and others felt the stress of looking after and caring for family. No bravado here. We will all be recovering soon in some form or other.

So be aware of each of your mates needs and take care of each others as you see fit.

President's Report (cont..)

For Now

At the shed gathering (9/1) we began to ask each other how we can contribute to our community, what can we do? (and what we cannot do!).

This year will call on our considerable collective life experiences and our talents in all directions to re build our community through the strength of camaraderie and care. It is a special time for us and we will not be dragging our heels.

The year will offer up new challenges and stretch us, and our build WILL be done. So come with an open book, open heart and a willingness to have a go in your own varied special ways.

A Book (for us)

This fire is our living history. There are so many tales to tell. So much that is our own experience and our reactions as older, more experienced and dare I say it wiser men. An idea I had was to have all who wished to offer up a story, an anecdote, an experience that we compile into a folder of 'The NMS fire experience'. To get it going any members willing to be recorder/interviewer of others and write up an entry signed by the story giver? That way we can remember and reflect. We could establish a really good pathway to healing. Any potential interviewers and thoughts? I will put it on the agenda for a decision.

President's Report (cont..)

Money

Direct giving. I feel a series of fines being visited on members i.e. for too great a contribution, for breathing heavily, for parking your goods, for not parking goods, for noise making too early, or for losing weight or not etc. etc. Be aware and bring a wallet!

Finally

A great welcome back to all our mob. I look forward to the year, to meeting everyone and getting up and running. I reckon you are a great group of talented and interesting gerries who have lots to share and I look forward to this year with you all.

Best wishes

Bernie

P.S. Anyone needing support just call me - 0418497646

What is happening with the New Men's Shed

Yes, the bush fires will have an impact on our building program in 2020.

The following issues need to be addressed:

1. Sadly, George at Cobargo (our engineer) who was doing our drawings for Council and the certifier, has been totally burnt out. Needless to say our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family at this time.
2. Jeff Lean from Mystery Bay has agreed to complete the required Council Drawings to get us to Construction Certification stage. Jeff has evacuated from Mystery Bay due to the fires over the last week. So Jeff's ability concentrate on our requirements may be impacted for some time.
3. We have 70 blocks stored on the scout hall site ready to support the earthworks stage. While planning for earthworks was for the first week in February, we will be in the hands of other priorities for getting Richard's earthmoving equipment when so much need is in Cobargo and Batemans Bay areas.
4. I am making enquiries about our timber stored at Batemans Bay and at Dalmeny Sawmill.
5. I understand that Greg Willis who is our manager and builder, had his house burned to the ground at the back of Bodalla. Again Greg's availability in 2020 will be severely compromised.
6. We undertook repairs to the Scout Hall over the fire period to support families who were burnt out in Cobargo. The water supply for drinking, cooking and toilets is now working. The security of the front door needs to be addressed.

New Building News (cont..)

So as a general expectation at this stage, I would say that the project will be considerably delayed due to other community priorities and the demands on local resources. Nevertheless, what can be done to move the project forward will be done!

I will contact the Commonwealth Government Departments and advise them of these issues and seek an extension of the project timetable.

But be assured the New Shed will be built in 2020.

Keep Safe

Wal Sheehan

Other News

Bernie was helping out with Anglicare who are using Col Macauley's new shed as a storage and staging area for delivery of much needed supplies to the community.

Anglicare loaded up a large quantity of drinking water which was delivered to Cobargo.

They also gave Bernie two boxes of P2 face masks which he delivered to the fires in Narooma to distribute.

Markets

The Men's Shed had the Bunnings Market stall on 23rd December. Thanks to Dave and his crew, we made over \$700 which is a great effort so near to Christmas.

Treasurer's Report

The Men's Shed has had a number of grants paid into our bank account during December. Hopefully we can use this money soon to start our build, but that start date has been impacted by the fires ravaging the country at the moment.

Member's Corner

Anyone visiting Bega and interested in wood products, a visit to the Bega Valley Market lace in Rixon's Arcade adjacent to Plevy's Pharmacy is well worth a visit.

Many larger items line the arcade and smaller ones within the gift store off the rear of the arcade.

Chas

Web Site

The website is now up and running.

www.naroomamensshed.com.au

If you have any news articles and photos that you would like published on the web site, email details to the web master at colin381@gmail.com

Committee Members

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