

# THE CUTTING EDGE

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Shed Hours: Tuesdays & Fridays 9.00am to 2.00pm, Saturdays 10.00am to 4.00pm  
Thursdays (Woodturning) 10.00am to 2.00pm

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*Invitation to the Monthly Members' Meeting*

**12.00 NOON 17 FEBRUARY 2017**  
**33A Sefton Road Thornleigh**

## Open Members' Meeting

Apologies  
Welcome visitors and new members  
Secretary's Report and Correspondence  
President's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Woodturner's Report  
Toy Maker's Report  
Equipment Report  
Welfare Report

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Show and Tell  
Questions & Answers  
General Business  
Close Meeting and resume work on our projects in the Shed

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT February 2017

Well it's great to see the number of members back in action with many keenly working on our 2017 toy program. With a start like this we should be able to beat last year's toy production numbers and quality.

Members have adjusted well to the new rules regarding the dust gates but yes, we will all forget from time to time so do not be alarmed if you get a tap on the shoulder from a supervisor or a fellow member when you have failed to turn on or off a gate. The system is designed to operate based on a maximum of 60% of gates being open at any one time. Feedback on any concerns re the new dust system and changed shed layout would be appreciated at the February members meeting.

Your Committee is working on a possible members' visit later this year to the new Gosford car museum and March will see the first of our 2017 Bunnings BBQ's.

I congratulate our Members of the Month- Alan Williams, John Talbot and Karen Benhar. Whilst many may not know Alan, the shed has reaped and continues to reap the benefits of his skill in working with metal. He and John with his electrical skills are two of our go to members when we have a problem. Karen one of our newer members has recently updated/redesigned the Shed Web Site.

It is great for the Shed to have the assistance of such members.

Ian Raper

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### FUND RAISING 2017

There are two things that I think are great value – my Seniors Opal ticket that allows unlimited travel in Sydney and surrounds for \$2.50 a day and my HWMS Subscription which gives me access to all that Woodworking equipment for \$2.00 week (AND you don't have to be a Senior). However, there is a slight catch. Subscriptions account for about 50% of our annual budget while grants account for about 10% (and we must thank the Hornsby RSL and Magpies Waitara for their support) and Sale of Goods about 15%. We still require another 25% and that comes from Fund Raising. This year there will be 5 fund raising events – 4 Bunnings Sausage Sizzles and the TTTG Tool Sale. This is where we ask you for your extra support. The TTTG Old Tools Sales will be on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. Ian Raper, Bruce Campbell, David Harrison, Fred Blaauw and Graham Kemmis have already volunteered – thank you gentlemen.

However you are welcome to come along and browse around – there are many interesting items and some bargains. Entry is \$5.00 and the venue is **The Brickpit Sports Stadium, 1A Dartford Road, Thornleigh** – just around the corner from the lights on Pennant Hills and Dartford Roads.

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzles will be:  
 Dural Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March,  
 Dural Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May,  
 Thornleigh Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
 Thornleigh Date to be advised.

Pencil in these dates and, please, set aside a couple of hours to help.

One of the advantages of having the Sausage Sizzles is that we can raise the same amount of money as doing a major work project such as the Bird Boxes without tying up bench space. This allows us to spend more time on our own projects. So it is worth giving up a couple of hours on a Saturday or a Sunday.

## TOYS 2017

As Philip Hirshbein reported last month the Shed, in 2016, supplied 374 to our two charities – Wesley Mission and the Salvation Army.

Rita O'Malley from the Wesley Mission sent a thank you:

*“Thank you again for organising delivery yesterday, the girls at Cumberland were thrilled with the variety and workmanship. Many toys already have family names attached, the girls will sort and make sure each toy is given appropriately. A big thank you too for including gifts for adults.”*

We now look forward to another Toy Making year and Fred Blaauw and his team of Elves have set the programme for 2017:

	Woodworking	Woodturning
Jan	Trucks & Tractors	Skipping Ropes
Feb	Trains	Tops
March	Doll's Houses	Pens
April	Doll's House	Letter Openers
May	Tug boats	{Jewellery Boxes
June	Jewellery Boxes	{for Teens pink
July	Planes & Jeeps	{flocking with
Aug	Rolling Toy Rattle	{sparkle.
Sept	Pencil Cases	

Oct Billy Carts & Wheelbarrows  
 Nov Finish all toys  
 Dec Deliver Toys



Toy train for one of our charities

## WELCOME

Please welcome to the Shed the following new members:

**Vitek Budsybski, Damian Caplice, Scott Frear, Aida Machuco, Elisabeth Newfield, Tom Newman, Allan Pooley, Arthur Turner and Edmond Wong.**

## MEMBER(S) of the MONTH

Our members of the Month are:



Karen Behar, who has developed our new website. Karen joined the Shed 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015. Our new website is [www.hornsbyshed.org.au](http://www.hornsbyshed.org.au)

John Talbot and Alan Williams, who regularly maintain our equipment – John the Shed's Sparkie and Alan a wiz with metal work.

John joined the Shed 17<sup>th</sup> October 2003 (he will most probably be after long service leave) and Alan joined 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007



As usual, John Talbot, has his head down fixing another piece of equipment

We do not have a photo of Alan. However, if you see someone busily crafting some metalwork it will most probably be Alan.

Thank you Karen, John and Alan.

## SAFETY and HOUSEKEEPING in the SHED.

We only pay \$2.00 per week to use a vast range of equipment that covers every project we undertake. As a member of the Shed this is your equipment – please look after it.

As Ian has mentioned the new Centralised Dust Extraction System is up and running – just remember before you start using a piece of equipment turn the vent on and when you finish turn it off.

If you have any concerns or comments on the new Dust Extraction system please speak to someone on the committee or bring it up at next Friday's meeting.

## CATERING TEAM for CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Bob Carruthers & Ivan Bosnich along with their wives, Dieneke & Colleen, have organised the Shed's Christmas Party for the last two years and will do so again this year. However, they will be hanging up their aprons at the end of the year and we are looking for a team to take over in 2018.

Your committee would like the new team to assist Bob, Dieneke, Ivan and Colleen this year and next year they will in turn assist the new team.

If you would like to take this on please see someone on the committee. You can speak to Bob or Ivan and they will give you a run down on what is required.

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Hornsby Woodworking Mens' Shed acknowledge the support of the local state member for Hornsby, the Hon Matt Kean; the Hornsby Shire Council; the Hornsby RSL Club; Magpies Waitara; North Shore Timber and Coca Cola Amatil.

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### COMING UP

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Feb Old Tools Sale, Thornleigh  
 Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Mar Members' Meeting – Guest Speaker Jim Kelso.  
 Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Mar Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Dural

### HWMS Committee

*See Mobile numbers below to contact someone at the Shed.*

**President:** Ian Raper  
 (ph 9449 5342, Mob 0400 619 024)

**Vice President:** David Harrison

**Secretary:** David Tarran  
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**Treasurer** Mark Wilson  
 (Mob 0422 291 684)

**Public Relations:** Philip Hirshbein  
 (Mob 0401 068 666)

**Immediate Past President:** Tony Blair

**Membership:** Brian Hart

**Woodturning:** John Markham

**Toys:** Bruce Campbell, Fred Blaauw

**Projects:** Fred Blaauw

**Equipment:** Bruce Campbell  
 (Mob 0408 359 777)

**Safety:** All Supervisors

**Auditor:** Keith Peel

**Woodcarving:** Keith Day

**Electrical - Vacant**

**Catering:**

**Monthly Members' meeting:**

Bob Carruthers and John Talbot;

**Kitchen:** Les Sanford & Bruce Campbell

**Librarian:** Kevin Wallace

**First Aid:** Paul Crowe

**Web Master:** Karen Benhar

**Welfare:** Ron Koutchavlis  
 (Mob 0412 093 898)

**Maintenance:** Brian Sugden, Tony Blair and Jim Spence