

# THE CUTTING EDGE

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Shed Hours: Tuesdays & Fridays 9.00am to 2.00pm, Saturdays 10.00am to 4.00pm

Thursdays (Woodturning only) 9.00am to 2.00pm

Invitation to the Monthly Members' Meeting

**7.30PM 19 FEBRUARY 2016**

**33A Sefton Road Thornleigh**

- 7.00pm** Registration  
Sale of raffle tickets  
Socialise over tea and coffee
- 7.30pm** **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

**8.00pm**

## DIDGERIDOOS

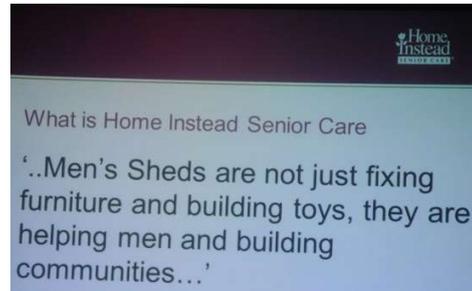
Peter Kirkwood, Director of Communications & Power Industries Australia Pty. Ltd., will speak on the History, Making and Playing of the Didgeridoo.



Show and Tell  
Questions & Answers  
General Business  
Draw raffle

**9.30pm**

Close Meeting  
Socialise over tea and coffee  
Tidy meeting room



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2016

Well, with the summer holiday season coming to an end, the Shed is back to a hive of activity and we have a number of new members. Please make them feel part of the team.

With close to 150 members, the Shed is a large organisation with a diverse range of persons and skills, as such, over the years the various Management Committees have implemented a number of rules (referred to in our Constitution as Standing Orders) for the safety of members, efficiency in the use of equipment and the containment of operating costs. Whilst the Shed Constitution gives its Committee the power to make these rules, it is silent on whether such rules should be approved by the Shed members. Given that non compliance with these rules gives the Committee the right to suspend a member or not renew membership it is felt that such rules should have membership approval. On behalf of your Committee, I will be asking members at this meeting to formally approve these Standing Orders.

Thank you to those who are assisting in the construction of our timber storage unit and those who have put their names forward to help with the Bunnings sausage sizzle and the Old Tools Sale.

We would like to keep our wood carving training going but may need to cancel it if we cannot get enough participants. Please consider.

Ian Raper

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

## STANDING ORDERS

At the end of this Cutting Edge is a set of Standing Orders. These Standing Orders will be put forward to the Members at the Members Meeting on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 for your

approval. Please read these Standing Orders before the meeting.

### FUND RAISING

Have you ever paused for a moment and looked around the Shed? If so you would have noticed Bandsaws, Stop Saw, Panel Saw, Router Tables, Thicknesser, Jointer, Pedestal Drills, Lathes as well as numerous small electrical tools and hand tools.

Then have you stopped and thought "I get access this for \$100.00 per year - \$2.00 per week."

Well it is not quite as simple as that. Our membership fees account for just under 50% of our budgeted income. In order to make up part of this shortfall we depend on Fundraising and the Committee asks for you to give a few hours to help.

Our First Fundraiser for the year will be Bunnings Sausage Sizzler on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February at Bunnings Thornleigh store. At this stage we have 12 volunteers. A few more hands would ease the burden – it is Your Shed. Please contact Philip Hirshbein if you can volunteer for a few hours.

If you are unable to help on this date there will be 2 more opportunities – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – both at Bunnings Dural.

### Member Profiles

This months issue features Philip Hirshbien and Louise Pollock.

Philip was instrumental in establishing our Shed (originally known as The Hills District Triton User Group) and was the inaugural President. This was in 2001. Philip left the Shed to pursue a Career opportunity in Queensland. Returning to Sydney in 2004, Philip re-joined the Shed and served as Secretary for 10 years. He is now our Public Relations Office. While the Shed takes up a lot of his time Philip is also a keen photographer.

Louise

In 1788 Captain Arthur Philips sailed into Sydney bringing Mary Parker and John Small (along with many other convicts) arrived in Sydney to marry and propagate, so here I am, a fifth generations 'first fleet' descendent.

Born into a family of teachers, with both my father and brother Woodwork teachers! Then with my Grandfather the builder of many of the federation homes in Epping it is easy to see I have a real love and appreciation of timber. Sadly though my talents fall far short of those of my kin!

Late last year I moved into semi retirement! Following my theological training, post grad studies in counselling, chaplaincy and pastoral

care and working as a Baptist Pastor for 40 years. I decided it was time to give my brain and heart a rest and let my creative side have a chance to bloom!

So meeting Ian at Bunning's and hearing that this club was open to women I jumped at the opportunity, and haven't looked back.

A big thank you to those who have advised, guided, encouraged and cared about my safety, you have helped make my experience a great one!

Thank you Louise and Philip

David Tarran

### HWMS Committee

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

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

**Vice President:** Vacant

**Secretary:** David Tarran  
(ph 9875 3607, **Mob 0409 045 179**)

**Treasurer** Mark Wilson  
(**Mob 0422 291 684**)

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

**Membership:** Brian Hart

**Woodturning;** John Markham

**Toys:** Bruce Campbell, Fred Blaauw

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### Projects

Fred Blaauw

### Equipment

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

### Safety

Supervisors

### Auditor

Keith Peel

### Woodcarving

Keith Day

**Electrical - Vacant**

### Catering

Monthly Members' meeting, Bob Carruthers and John Talbot;

Kitchen, Les Sanford & Bruce Campbell

### Librarian

David Harrison

### First Aid

Paul Crowe

### Web Master

Murray Irwin

### Welfare

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

### Maintenance

Brian Sugden, Tony Blair and Jim Spence

### **STANDING ORDERS**

**In Order to ensure the efficient and safe operation of the Shed for its members and in terms of sections 14. (4) and 19.(9) (b) of the Shed's constitution, the following rules have been developed by the Shed committee for compliance by Members.**

#### **MEMBERS**

- Must on entering the premises sign the attendance register and record whether they are to be working on their own project or Shed projects.
- All members must wear their name tags.
- Must comply with supervisor instructions and directions given to protect the safety of themselves and others.
- Every member has the right to stop a machine if they see danger to the operator or others.
- Must report all accidents in order that causes may be investigated and in need steps taken to lower the risk of reoccurrence.
- Members damaging equipment may be asked to make a contribution toward repair or replacement as agreed by the Shed Committee
- Members are not to use the Shed facilities for commercial purposes,
- Members considered to be making excessive use of any equipment may be asked to comply with restricted conditions of use and/ or make a contribution toward equipment maintenance costs as agreed by the Shed Committee.

#### **USE OF MACHINES, TOOLS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT**

- Only persons holding a red signed dot on their membership tag are allowed to use the sheds electrical equipment,
- Non red dot members are restricted to non powered hand tools,
- Members classified as "Restricted" for the safety of themselves and others are restricted in the use of some items of equipment. These members are required to abide by the terms of their restricted use of equipment as stated to them in writing by the shed committee,
- Non members are not allowed to use the Shed Equipment (except for invited demonstrators).
- Every member has the right to stop a machine if they see a danger to the operator or others.
- Both table saws for safety reasons have a red light that will show when the saw blade is turning. Material must not be removed from the saw bed until the red light goes out. This rule is for the safety of your fingers and hands.
- Never leave a machine running unattended no matter how little the time.
- Timber shorter than 200mm must not be put through the thicknesser
- Drill chucks keys must not be left in the chuck.
- When necessary, Shed projects will have priority use of equipment.

**Non compliance with the above Standing Orders may result in suspension of a member or non renewal of membership.**