

THE CUTTING EDGE

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

Invitation to the Monthly Members' Meeting

12.00PM 15 SEPTEMBER 2017
33A Sefton Road Thornleigh

Agenda	
12.00pm	Open Members' Meeting Apologies Welcome visitors & new members Secretary's Report & Correspondence President's Report Treasurer's Report Woodturners' Report Toy Makers' Report Equipment Report Welfare Report
12.20pm	Guest Speaker - Member Tom Gait, President of the Retirement Village Residents Association, will speak on the need for consumer reforms for retirement village residents* in NSW. *If you are a resident or planning to be one, check the calculator at www.rvcalculator.org before the meeting so you can contribute your experiences. Show & Tell Question & Answers General Business
1.00pm	Close meeting, clear table and chairs and resume work on Shed projects.

basic handyman's unit to our present high quality equipped workshop facility. The move from Sinclair Avenue to Sefton Road in 2010 was a big step forward. We owe past Committees a very big thank you for their efforts in getting us to this current stage of development. A full team of Supervisors look after new members' inductions and oversee the operation of machinery by members.

It is interesting to look at the qualifications and experience of our members. I think that any problem which can arise could be covered by one of our member's expertise. I look forward to working with each and every one of you to ensure the Shed remains strong and successful over coming years.

We have a long-term plan to acquire our own purpose-built premises. There are many changes happening in the community around us. The proposed sale of the National Can Company, the available Water Board land and land at Pennant Hills are being investigated by the Committee.

You, as members of the Shed, are part owners and I ask you to treat our equipment as your own. If our repair costs remain high, it simply means that there are fewer finances available to upgrade our equipment.

Please note that there is a new fire alarm located near the front door. If there is a fire in the shed, the glass should be broken and the button pressed. The Attendance Register now has a sign-off column added to enable us to know who is still in the building.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would ask you to reflect on the changes to our Shed over the last three years that Ian Raper has been President; the Committee has made significant improvements to our Shed. It is now virtually a fully fitted out joinery shop. As a result of the dedication and expertise of past Presidents and Committees, the Shed has advanced from a



David Harrison

ACTING SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 2017 Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on 18 August, during the monthly members' meeting. It was attended by 41 members who were informed



of the Committee's and members' achievements during the year and the state of the finances to 30 June, including major items of income and expenditure. All members expressed their appreciation for the dedicated work of Ian Raper as President for the last three years and welcomed David Harrison as the new President.

Plan to Open the Shed Five Days A Week

Due to the continuing strong growth in membership, the Committee is considering opening another day each week. A poll of all members resulted in the following votes: Monday 36, Wednesday 23 and Sunday 18. Accordingly, the Committee will organise Supervisors and changes to documentation to communicate that, from 1 February 2018, workshops will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (Woodturners), Friday and Saturday.

Changes to the Attendance Register

All members and visitors are required to enter their names in the register when they attend a workshop. Please make sure that your writing is legible. We will soon have a more formal bound register to keep as a permanent record. As a precaution, in the event of fire, a new column has been added to insert time-out when you leave the Shed.

Fee Changes From January 2018

The Committee has noted that many new members pay the six month subscription of

\$50, possibly to do a single project and do not subsequently renew. It was considered that the Shed's investment in the induction and training process for such members was not an efficient use of resources so, from 1 January 2018, new members will pay \$100 for their first year of membership.

New Member This Month

Please welcome to the Shed Nick Wagstaff.

Philip Hirshbein

September Member of the Month

John Talbot and his wife Sue share the title of Member of the Month for their great work on the hobby horses, shown below, commissioned by The Australian Living Museum.



IN THE SHED

Phil Bailey was justly proud of the bowl that he recently finished.



2017 Toy Programme

This year's programme for the construction of toys is largely complete so Fred Blaauw requests that all members working on toys either at the Shed or at home, finish them off so that we can have them ready to donate in November. Please take care to achieve a fine finish that meets the "touch" test.

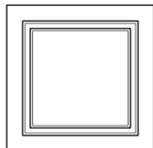


Visit to Gosford Car Museum

Peter Whitten has created an impressive audio-video of the visit, on 21 June. Follow the link <https://youtu.be/ihCr6yCCvHE>

Picture Framing Course

Another Picture Framing course is proposed for Thursday 28 September, providing there is sufficient interest. Please either write your name on the Shed whiteboard or contact Peter



Whitten by email: peter.w.w@bigpond.com or phone; 0417 255 625. He will provide a printed list of items you will need during the progress of the course.

Calendar For Coming Months

5 October - Garden Island Trip. There have been 19 acceptances on the whiteboard to date. More information to come soon.

HWMS Committee

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Membership: Colin Crispo (Mob 0409 7610132)

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Toys: Fred Blaauw

Projects: Fred Blaauw

Equipment: Brian Sugden

Safety: All Supervisors

Auditor: Keith Peel

Woodcarving: Keith Day

Electrical: - Vacant

Catering:

Kitchen: Les Sanford & Bruce Campbell

Librarian: Kevin Wallace

First Aid: Paul Crowe

Web Master: Karen Benhar

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Maintenance: Brian Sugden, Tony Blair and Jim Spence

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