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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT APRIL 2019

We have lost a few workshop days this month with Easter and Anzac Day close together. Please refer the calendar to see which days, we are open. Our monthly meeting is on the 26<sup>th</sup> April and we have a guest speaker who will talk to us about the healthy bladder, bowel and pelvic floor, men's incontinence and prostate.

Do not forget the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at Thornleigh on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> April. We had a visit from a Korean Delegation. They were to report on how a Men's Shed operates. Communication was difficult though I am sure when they left they could see how things worked.

We are having a large number of our machines broken by misuse. In particular the Saw Stop. On the weekend it was repaired, but in half an hour required attention. Our hardworking engineers are getting annoyed and frustrated. We are sure that members are not pushing the timber fully through past the riving knife and then dragging the wood sideways across the guard and anti- kickback levers. There will be training session to educate members on the correct use of the Saw stop, on selected days after lunch. Starting after the monthly meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

With all our machinery, if it is making noises which are excessive or unusual see a supervisor and ask for help. This also applies if encountering unusual extra pressure or force to operate it. The equipment is yours please treat it like you had it in your own shed. If you break it, please report it to a supervisor so that it is repaired promptly

## SECRETARY'S REPORT APRIL 2019

### Fund Raising.

This is the final reminder for the next BBQ is at Bunnings Thornleigh on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. If you have not already put your name on the notice board, please let Ian Raper know when you are available.

### TV Series.

An email was recently sent out us regarding an upcoming TV programme about an attempt to solve the current housing problem by matching up older Australian with young Australians seeking accommodation. If you are interested, please follow up by contacting Kirsty de Vallance at Screentime Australia.

### Shed Closure Easter and ANZAC Day.

The Shed is closed Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and ANZAC Day 25<sup>th</sup> April.

The Committee wish you and your family a Happy, Healthy and Safe Easter.

### Outstanding Borrowed Equipment.

The Makita Multi Tool and a Picture Framing Clamp have been borrowed but not returned. They have not been entered up in the book. Please return them immediately.

When borrowing equipment please see a supervisor and have it entered in the book. If it is a piece of equipment that is required for each session then it must be returned to the Shed the beginning of the next work day IE if you borrow on Monday must be back in the Shed on Tuesday morning, Borrow Tuesday back Thursday morning, Borrow Thursday back Friday morning, Borrow Friday back Saturday morning and Borrow Saturday back Monday morning. If the next work day is a Public Holiday and the Shed is closed, then the next return the next workday the Shed is open.

Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed acknowledges the support of the following. Local state member for Hornsby, the Hon Matt Kean; Hornsby Shire Council; Hornsby RSL Club; Magpies Waitara; Bunnings Dural, Bunnings Thornleigh, North Shore Timber, Orangelime web design, Bakers Delight Hornsby, and Westfield Hornsby

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Please support the organisations that support HWMS.

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NEW MEMBERS

GREG GHAVALAS, DANIEL SWAIN -family, LEONARD TAYLOR and STEVEN WU.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS WHEN YOU SEE THEM AT THE SHED.

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MEMBER OF THE MONTH APRIL 2019

MICHAEL HANNAGAN



Michael is a core member of our toymaking effort. He can be seen with his helpers at the back of the shed surrounded by toys at various stages of completion. (Arriving with his stretch limo)

## THE ROBERT EVANS STORY



I was born in January 1939, 6 days after black Friday, the hottest day ever recorded in NSW, and now 80 years later, in similar weather, I recall my past life.

My primary schooling was in Forbes and Dubbo in the central west of NSW and High school at Wollongong High, a selective high. What a shock after one term at Dubbo High!!

Because I had lost the sight one eye 6 months prior to sitting my LC, I failed and continued my

studies at evening college whilst working in the family furniture business,

At twenty, it was time to move to Sydney, after obtaining a cadetship with Fibre Containers, a manufacturer of corrugated boxes, and at the same time I enrolled at UNSW in the Commerce faculty. Perhaps not a great idea, for soon I was working past the normal 5 pm and lectures commenced at 6pm and ran till 9. 5 days per week.

Later, I became a member the Commerce Society, serving 2 years as President, and then the Rugby Club, so time for lectures became less and less, so after 3 years I finally dropped my chance of a degree.

My roles at Fibre Containers included Customer Service Manager, Product Development, and then Methods Engineer.

My claim to fame was the development of the "bag in box" concept for the transport and marketing of wine. This has now become a worldwide phenomenon.

Impatient for further promotion, I joined Corinthian Industries as Production Manager of the Corinite Division, laminating melamine products to particle board, plywood and Masonite for the caravan industry. As this was a 12 hour's shift operation, I was expected to see both shifts on and off, which meant 13 hour days at the factory, plus 3 hours on Saturday for cleaning.

After 8 months of this, hardly seeing my wife and 3 young daughters, I pulled the plug and was head hunted to work as a contractor for APD, the food division of British Tobacco, where I worked with Greg Croker!!, and later rejoined the corrugated box industry, charged with the job of changing growers concepts of packaging from wooden boxes to corrugated boxes.

Then, after an 18 months stint as Production Manager of a fruit and vegetable prepacking operation, I rejoined the Fibre packaging industry in a company which was to become Amcor Fibre Packaging.

My life changed at this point of time, as after my marriage breakdown, I remarried, to my wife Helen, inheriting a son and another daughter. After 25 years, in various roles, I was made redundant, only to be offered a position with Visy Board, the following day, as a contract salesman.

What a change to my life this made, as I managed to only work 1 day per week, though each morning I spent some time on my computer and had plenty of spare time.

Prior to being made redundant, I had purchased a Triton 2000 Work Centre, and attended a meeting organised by Philip Hirshbein via the Triton Company, with a view to starting a Triton User Group in the Hills Shire. At this meeting Philip was elected President, and I, the foundation Secretary, a position I held for 5 years.

Prior to moving to our apartment in September 2016 we had lived in our home in Castle Hill for 28 years, there I undertook many woodworking and building projects, in addition to making, over the years, hundreds of ducks, toy cars and sundry other toys for Westmead Children's Hospital and our usual Christmas appeal. Fortunately, I had been able to duplicate, on a minor scale, similar equipment to what we have in our shed, which simplified my task.

Hopefully I'll be able to continue working at the club for many years to come.  
Robert Evans

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Our shed recently received a delegation from South Korea.

They were interested in the function the shed, perhaps in view of setting up something



similar in their own country. [At last we have gained an International profile.](#)

Philip Hirshbein will follow up with a full story on the event.

MONTHLY MEETING

**12.00 NOON\* 26 APRIL 2019**  
**33A Sefton Road Thornleigh**

\* Work in Shed will cease at 11.45am and the meeting may start slightly earlier than 12.00Noon

<b>12.00</b>	<p><b>OPEN MEMBERS' MEETING</b> <b>Agenda</b></p> <p><b>Apologies.</b> <b>Welcome to visitors &amp; new members.</b> <b>Secretary's Report &amp; Correspondence.</b> <b>President's Report.</b> <b>Treasurer's Report.</b></p> <p><b>GUEST SPEAKER:</b> <b>LISA MAUNSELL – HEALTH PROMOTION OFFICER</b> <b>NSW/ACT CONTINENCE FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA.</b> <b>LISA'S PRESENTATION WILL COVER HEALTHY BLADDER,</b> <b>BOWEL AND PELVIC FLOOR, MEN'S INCONTINENCE AND</b> <b>THE PPROSTATE.</b></p> <p><b>Woodturners' Report.</b> <b>Toy Makers' Report.</b> <b>Equipment Report.</b> <b>Welfare Report.</b> <b>Show &amp; Tell.</b> <b>Question &amp; Answers.</b> <b>General Business.</b> <b>Close meeting and resume work on our projects in the Shed.</b></p>
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