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## Members' Monthly Meeting

12.00 NOON\* 18 OCTOBER 2019

33A Sefton Road Thornleigh

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

<b>12.00</b>	<b>OPEN MEMBERS' MEETING</b>  <b>Apologies.</b> <b>Welcome visitors &amp; new members.</b> <b>Secretary's Report &amp; Correspondence.</b> <b>Treasurer's Report</b> <b>Woodturners' Report.</b> <b>Toy Makers' Report.</b> <b>Equipment Report.</b> <b>Welfare Report.</b> <b>Video Presentation.</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>
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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

The new Shed Committee is now into its second month and, I think, is working well; ably assisted by some “old hands” who are keen to see the Shed continue on its upward projection. We have been faced with a number of challenging “solution opportunities” and we are working through these. We have had a couple of letters from “senior” members regarding their concerns with the running of the Shed. Any letters to the committee should be addressed to the Secretary, John

Barrett, which is the correct procedure, but if you are writing could you please CC myself. This will take some of the “load” off John. The Secretary, I think, is the toughest of the executive jobs and entails a lot of work.

The Bunnings Bar-B-Que (BBBQ), on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, went well, despite a slow start and we netted \$740.00. I'd like to thank our new BBQ co-ordinator, David Tarran, for organising the workforce and also for editing this issue of the CE; standing in for Ivan Bosnich, who is OS.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our five new members; Robert Plant, Lou Coenen, Andreas Dimakopoulos and son, Alex, and Martin Foster. Robert came along to the BBBQ and was thrown in the deep end (metaphorically) being tasked with the cooking the sausages for two hours at the end of the day. Our next BBBQ is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, so let David T. know you want to get involved. It's actually a lot of fun and brings in much needed funds to run YOUR Shed.

The woodturners have done an excellent job producing the Bat Mobiles, Ball Games and Dumbbells. Thanks to John Gillespie and team for all their work with this project. The committee has approved the purchase of a second hand lathe to replace the existing lathe; subject to our bid on eBay.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, we have a visitor to the Shed. She is Ms Vivienne Selwyn who is studying at Macquarie University and writing a PhD titled, *“An intersectional approach to the construction and enactment of diversity amongst ageing men involved with Community Men’s Sheds”*. She has requested our assistance with her study and would like to interview the members of the Shed. If you would like to be involved see her on these days.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> November. Put this date into your diaries and come along and celebrate the end of another year in the Shed.

We now have about six weeks to finish off the toys for our charities. Could everyone who is free to help, please let Fred Blaauw, our Toy Making Co-ordinator, know. It is important that we demonstrate our community involvement with these charities. This puts us in good stead with government and other organisations who hand out grants.

We have an interesting video to screen at the General Meeting.

Kevin Wallace

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### Fund Raising

Bunnings BBQ held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – We wish to thank all those volunteers who assisted with making the BBQ a success.

The gross takings were \$1216.00 with a net return reported to Bunnings of \$740.00.

### Toy Making



This is a reminder to all Shed members who are building toys at home for the Shed note that all toys must be complete and delivered to the Shed by the 31 October 2019.

In the Shed we are focusing on completing trucks, painting dolls houses, constructing billycarts etc. Member's assistance in completing these items will be appreciated.

We are proposing to hand over the completed toys to Wesley Mission on Tuesday the 19 November after the Christmas Party



### **Christmas Party**

- The Christmas Party will be held on Friday 15 November 2019
- Changes to Opening Times
  - On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> at midday stop for lunch and close shed for woodworking.
  - After lunch move lunch benches and equipment and clean the shed in preparation for the Christmas Party
  - Shed closed for woodworking Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Volunteers are required on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to help with decorating shed in preparation for the party.
  - On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> the shed will be closed for woodworking and equipment will be returned to existing locations ready for commencing work.
  - On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November normal operation of the Shed recommences
- Meesha Perera will be coordinating the catering for the Christmas party and we will need volunteers to help them prepare for the party. Please contact me if you can help.

### **Equipment**

It has been decided by the Committee that the recently purchased finishers are not suitable and would be unsafe for use by members. We will approach the supplier to return them for a refund and purchase more suitable units.

The Shed is proposing to purchase a pallet jack to assist with the safe handling of heavy equipment

### **Membership**

The annual or six month membership fee entitles a member to attend on any day the Shed is open if they choose. If a member does not attend the shed due to holiday or for other reasons there is no extension of their membership renewal date, even if they have advised the Shed in advance.

### **Payment of Expenses - Reminder**

**Please note** that the HWMS has changed its payments system to **direct deposit** into the member's bank account for expenses. When making an expense claim please provide the Treasurer Michael Kevin with your banking details e.g. BSB and Account numbers.

### **Borrowed Equipment and Books**

There are a few items of equipment and books that have been borrowed and not returned to the Shed.

If you have borrowed equipment or books from the shed that you are no longer using please

- return equipment immediately
  - books as soon as possible
  - make sure they are signed off as returned by a Supervisor
- Equipment can only be borrowed overnight or until the next Shed working day unless agreed with a Supervisor before borrowing.
  - Books should be returned within one month of borrowing.

- Please make sure books and equipment are entered the borrowings book and signed out by a Supervisor before leaving the Shed.

## **Club Projects in Progress**

### **Pine bench – Beecroft Community Centre**

Ian Raper has prepared some draft plans of proposed bench (to be made from timber sourced from a tree cut down by the council and dried) and will liaise with Bob Carruthers regarding bench construction. A proposal will be then submitted to Council for their agreement before commencing construction.

### **SES - Plaques**

Three plaques will be made for the SES for showing member awards

### **Stairs to Access Timber Storage Area**

A set of stairs with hand rail will be constructed to access the Shed's Timber storage area, out the back in the parking area. This has been requested by the Council as a safety issue. Stairs will be constructed to meet Council requirements.

## **VACANCY – WELFARE OFFICER**

With John Barrett now taking on the role of Secretary there is a vacancy in the Shed for Welfare Officer. This is an important role in keeping contact with members who, through various reasons, are unable to attend the Shed. It also keeps members informed of members' recuperation after illnesses. If you like to have a chat with fellow members then this is the role for you. Please see a committee member.

## **NEW MEMBERS.**

The acting editor has been remiss in not welcoming new members to the Shed (*note to editor: next time get reliable help – looks like this one spends more time in the hot spring then editing the Cutting Edge!*). At least our President is on the ball in welcoming members who joined in September.

**July** – Wallace Fu, David Hanly, Pasindu Siriwardena; **August** – David Ashton, Dale Rowell; **September** – Lou Coenen, Alex & Andreas Dimakopoulos, Martin Forster, Robert Plant.



Acting CE Editor preparing October issue

Welcome to the Shed. If you need any help or looking for a project to make please see a supervisor.

## **Bunnings BBQ, Thornleigh – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.**

Thank you to Phil Bailey, John Barrett, David Boyd, Colin Crispo, John Dear, Pierre Fonsny, Wallace Fu, Michael Hannagan, Philip Howe, Ron Koutchavlis, Robert Plant, Keith Peel, Jane Ruehmkorff, Jim Swain, David Tarran, Kevin Wallace, Peter Whitten and Mark Wilson for volunteering for the Bunnings BBQ last Monday. Your time and effort has resulted in the Shed raising \$740.00 for equipment and materials.

The Shed has four BBQ's each year and, as Kevin has already mentioned, our last BBBQ for 2019 will be on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December again at Thornleigh. These events are important to the Shed's

fundraising activities. Please pencil in this date and put your hand up to help out for a couple of hours on the day – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

## MEMBER of the MONTH - OCTOBER.

Our member of the Month for October is Jim Spence. Jim, a retired Electrical Engineer who hails from Scotland, joined the Shed in June 2005. Another one of quiet achievers who, without fuss keeps the Shed humming. We take it for granted that when we flick a switch the equipment in front of us will do what we expect. However Jim is one the members makes sure it happens.



Jim prepared most of the Safety Procedures. In fact he prepared 16 of the 19 and assisted in 1 of the other three. Just think how much time was involved in preparing each of those procedures.

Recently the Jointer was not cutting true. After many hours Jim had it working again.

Some of the Shed's equipment has been worked well beyond its retirement date. However, with the assistance of Brian Sugden and John Talbot, Jim has kept it in working order.

Like the rest of us Jim joined the Shed to enjoy his passion for Woodwork but spends much of his time ensuring the equipment is operating. So next time you are about to press the green button, pause a moment and think about the people who make it happen.

Photo courtesy Philip Hirshbein.

## RECYCLING

A green wheelie bin has been set aside for collecting recyclable materials – Cardboard, Paper, Soft Plastics (including brad wrappers, plastic bags, etc\*), Hard Plastics designated recycle (including food containers – please rinse), Glass etc. Apart from the ideal of recycling this is an attempt to free up space in the Red Wheelie Bin which, sometimes, is overflowing.

\* <https://www.redcycle.net.au/what-to-redcycle/> for more information

Please put the drink containers which have a deposit in the bin near the entrance door (not in the green recycling bin). They will be given to Hornsby Lions – please do not crush the aluminium containers.



Old Sea Dog

## HWMS Committee 2019/2020

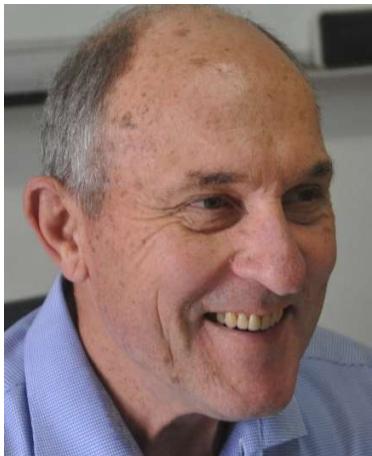
Your committee for 2019/2020 is:

### The Executive:



**President: Kevin Wallace.** Kevin joined the Shed in March 2016. Kevin is a retired Railway Carriage Builder and has also worked in the travel industry. He was Vice President for last two years and prior to that Librarian. Outside the Shed Kevin enjoys travelling and playing football.

**Vice President: David Boyd.** David joined the Shed in August 2016. David is an almost retired Crime Scene Investigator. He is a supervisor and this is his first time on the Committee. David is a keen archer belonging to Ku-ring-gai Bowmen.



**Treasurer: Michael Kevin.** Michael joined the Shed in August 2018. Michael is a retired Motor Vehicle Financier. This also his first time on the Committee. When not balancing books Michael may be seen on the golf fairways in Sydney or the Gold Coast



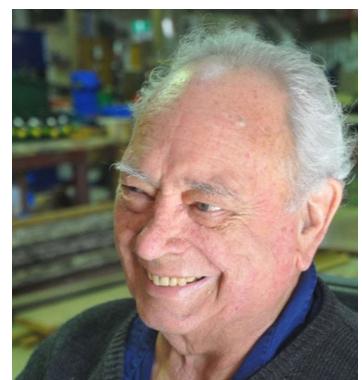
**Secretary: John Barrett.** John joined the Shed in August 2017 and is a retired Mechanical Engineer. John is the third new person on your Committee. When he has some spare time John engages in photography.

The above positions form the executive.

There are also four member representatives on the Committee:



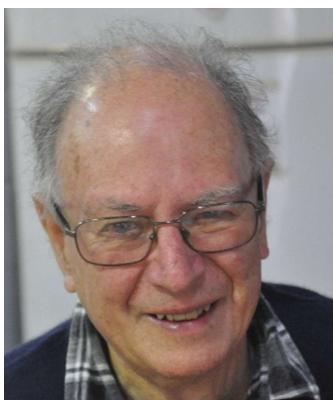
**Philip Hirshbein (Public Relations).** A foundation member, Philip first joined the Shed in October 2001. Previously secretary, Philip has been Public Relations Officer for four years. Outside the Shed Philip is a keen photographer.



**Colin Crispo (Membership Officer)** Colin Joined the Shed on October 2015 and has been the Membership Officer for two years. A retired Telecom Officer, Colin likes to travel around Australia when the opportunity arises.



**Fred Blaauw (Toy Making):** Fred joined the Shed in October 2007. He is a retired Real Estate Agent. Fred has coordinated the Shed's Toy Making programme for several years. When he gets the opportunity Fred takes his caravan out to explore Australia.



**Greg Croker (Woodturning):** Greg is a retired Industrial Chemist who joined the Shed in November 2013, Greg, a keen woodturner, was active with Hornsby District Woodturners prior to HDW joining with HWMS in 2015.



In an ex-officio position is the **Immediate Past President: David Harrison**. David, a member since October 2004 was Vice President for 2 years and President for last 2 years. Outside the Shed David is active in Marine rescue.

The Committee meets once a month and the above members have been charged with the responsibility of the planning, administration and financial control of the Shed for 2019/2020.

#### Other Positions:

**Auditor:** Keith Peel; **Catering – Christmas:** Meesha & Dimitri Perera; **Catering – Kitchen:** Les Sanford & Bruce Campbell; **Council Liaison Officer:** Ian Raper; **Cutting Edge Editor:** Ivan Bosnich; **Events Coordinator:** David Tarran; **Grant:** Tom Gait; **Librarian:** Philip Lincoln; **Maintenance:** Jim Spence, Brian Sugden; **Toys:** Bruce Campbell and Fred Blaauw; **Purchasing Officer:** Bruce Campbell; **Web Master:** Karen Benhar; **Welfare Officer:** **Vacant;** **Woodcarving:** Keith Day

All the above members give their time for the smooth running of the Shed. If you can think of a way to assist them please help.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed acknowledge the support of the local state member for Hornsby, the Hon Matt Kean; the local state member for Ku-ring-gai, the Hon Alister Henskens; the local federal member for Berowra, the Hon Julian Leeser and the Hornsby Shire Council.

Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed also acknowledge the support of the following organisations: the Hornsby RSL Club; Magpies Waitara; Westfield Hornsby; Bendigo Bank, Turramurra & Lindfield; Bunnings Dural; Bunnings Thornleigh; North Shore Timber; Orangelime Web Design; Coca Cola Amatil and Bakers Delight Hornsby.

**Please support the organisations that support HWMS.**

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