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Presidents Report

Good morning Fellow Shed members,

As this issue of the *Cutting Edge* goes to print the committee is considering whether to close the Shed due to the Coronavirus outbreak. I am reluctant to do this, but the vast majority of the membership is in the “most vulnerable” category; being the (elderly) over 65 years. We have had communications from AMSA (the Men’s Shed governing body) but most of what they are telling us is what the politicians and health professionals have been saying for the last week or so. By now all members should have been sent a copy via email. If you haven’t please see one of the Committee members.

The other issue is the things we all touch and how to prevent any possibility of transition in this fashion. Toughing objects, such as the sign-on book and pen, isn’t an issue if you wash your hands and never touch your face. Perhaps everyone should bring their own pen to sign-on. But we share all the tools and touch the start buttons on all the machine. Cleaning these start buttons after every use would become a nightmare in itself.

However, the objects which concern me most are the taps on the sink and hot water urn. Everyone touches these, to make a cuppa, and then sit down and have some food; and in doing so touch our faces. Then we all sit in close proximity to each other.

Personally, I think we should leave it up to the individual member to decide if they feel they are in a *most* vulnerable position. Certainly, if are taking medications which lower your immune response you need to stay away from the Shed. However, the Committee will discuss all of the pros and cons and make a decision whether to close the Shed and for how long.

The Bunnings BBQ at the Dural Store, on February 23 was a great success. Although, money wise it was not as good as some previous outings, the participation of some many members was excellent. These events are a very important part of the Shed’s fund raising and helps to keep the annual fees to a minimum. Thank you to all the Members who turned up and to David Tarran for his organising of the event. (See David’s report below).

Our tool sale at the North Rocks Markets was cancelled due to the impending bad weather, which didn’t eventuate. We have so many tools we are intending to hold another tool sale this weekend, Sunday March 22 and again on Sunday March 29. This is another important component of our fund raising and I’d urge

you to come along and help out on the day. Please see Fred Blaauw if you can help. If you see a tool that you would like to purchase, before the tool sale, see one of the Committee and we can work out a favourable price.

Safety is our major priority. Think safe and work safe! We keep harping on about this and I want everyone to go home with ten fingers and two eyes. On a number of occasions I have found that the Planner has been left running and unattended. Although there is a cover over the rotating cutters is a dangerous situation as the machine is quiet and can't be heard over the ambient noise in the Shed. The committee has decided to have a "running" light installed on the machine to indicate that it is on, similar to that on the Saw Stop table saws. This will, I hope, remind the operator to switch it off then they are finished or if you see the running light glowing and the machine unattended you can turn it off.

The toy makers are completing the "Thomas the Tank Engines". This is a simplified design and has taken much of the work out of constructing them. Thanks to David Boyd (VP) for his work here. We have also decided not to paint them, which has eased the workload again.

I hope you enjoy the meeting

Kevin Wallace

MONTHLY MEETING

FEBRUARY 33A Sefton Road Thornleigh

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

OPEN MEMBERS' MEETING Agenda

APOLOGIES

WELCOME TO VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS

SECRETARY'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

WOODTURNER'S REPORT

TOY MAKER'S REPORT

EQUIPMENT REPORT

WELFARE REPORT

SHOW AND TELL

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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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 supports HWMS.

GOINGS ON AT THE SHED

TO ALL MEMBERS:

AS OUTLINED IN AN EMAIL SENT BY OUR SECRETARY REGARDING THE **CORONA VIRUS** OUTBREAK. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT PERSONAL HYGIENE IS OF UPMOST IMPORTANCE. ALSO, IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS DO NOT COME TO THE SHED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS YOU HAVE BEEN CLEARED BY A DOCTOR. MOST OF US ARE PRIME CANDIDATES TO BE AFFECTED BY THIS VIRUS. **STAYSAFE.**

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Andrew Peel – Rodney Dunshea -Track Knights – Visa Thiruchelvam - Ian Boyd – Marc Lusted- Tracy Knights
Say hi to them as you see them at the Shed and assist if required. Thanks.

BUNNINGS BBQ – DURAL – SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 202 Thank you to Phil Bailey, John Barrett, David Boyd, John Dear, Wallace Fu, Greg Ghavalas, Michael Hannagan, Philip Hirshbein, Tony



Kelman-Smith, Michael Kevin, Peter Mercer, Keith, Peel, Robert Plant, Jane Ruehmkorff, Glenn Shapter, Paul Stenhouse, David Tarran, Mark Wilson and Peter Whitten for working the BBQ at Bunnings Dural on Sunday 23rd February.

Unfortunately, this BBQ was one of the quieter ones with takings less than \$1,000.00 and profit just under \$550.00
Photo courtesy Barry Purnell, Bunnings Dural

The Shed organises four Bunnings BBQ each year. The funds raised from these BBQs go towards materials, maintenance and new equipment (and keeping our annual subscriptions down) The next HWMS Bunnings BBQ is on Sunday 26th April at Thornleigh and the Shed requires volunteers. There are 4 shifts of 2 hours – 8 to 10, 10 to 12, 12 to 2 and 2 to 4. Please put your name on the white board or advise David Tarran on dstarran@optusnet.com.au (don't phone because he will forget

IDEAS

