

THE CUTTING- EDGE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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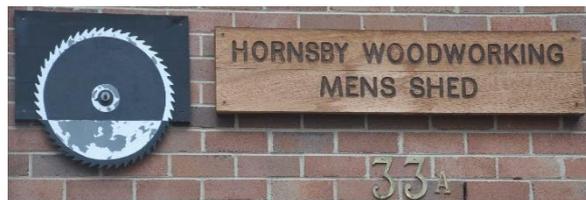
JOURNAL OF HORNSBY WOODWORKING MEN'S SHED INCORPORATED

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FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

Revised Constitution

Michael Kevin will be approaching some of the foundation members and current members and inviting them to form a committee to renew the Shed's constitution. This is a process recommended by AMSA to be done every three years. See the notice on the constitution elsewhere in the Cutting Edge.

Toys

Toy production is well underway. Five members are making toys from home – Garages, Table and Chairs, Cradles and Deck Chairs. In the Shed trains, trucks and tractors are being made. The exposed surface of the individual parts need to be painted before assembly to improve the finish.

Club Projects

The Shed has received a request from the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children to refurbish their toys and children's furniture. If acceptable as a Club project we will undertake the project as a community service. More details next month.

Heart Start.

While we hope we do not have to use the defibrillator the Heart Start video will be shown at lunchtime each day for a week. This is a procedure which is to be repeated every three months.

Layout of Lathes.

The wood turners have been working on a revised layout of the lathes. This will allow the fifth lathe to be put back in action on Thursdays.

Shed Lease.

The lease of the shed with Hornsby Shire Council is due for renewal in October. David Tarran and Robert Plant will be talking to Steve Fedorow, HSC – Community and Environment Division Director regarding extending the lease.

Timber.

The Shed has a stockpile of timber. Unless it is marked as reserved the timber is available to members. There is a charge on the timber and notices have been placed on the racks advising costs. The money raised from sale of timber goes towards the maintenance of equipment.

De-nailing of timber.

If using recycled timber, please check there are no nails staples or screws in the timber. There are two metal detectors located at the thicknessers'. If you are putting the timber through the table saws or the thicknessers it is important you check, there is not metal in the timber. There was a recent fire in the crosscut table saw. We believe was the result of saw cutting through metal and the hot metal settling in some sawdust within the flexible duct. As it takes a while for the sawdust to ignite it can be catastrophic if it happens late in the afternoon and sawdust ignites after the shed closes.

Members' Monthly Meeting

12.00 NOON* 19TH FEBRUARY 2021

[33A Sefton Road Thornleigh](#)

The meeting will also go out on Zoom.

The IP address will be sent out next Wednesday.

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

12.00	MEMBERS' MEETING Apologies. Welcome visitors & new members. Secretary's Report & Correspondence. Treasurer's Report Woodturners' Report. Toy Makers' Report. Equipment Report. Welfare Report. Video Presentation – Heart Start. Show & Tell. Question & Answers. General Business. Close meeting and resume work on our projects in the Shed.
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NEW MEMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

We welcome Chris Imre and Gianni Lazarro as our newest members. Please make them welcome and assist if required.

Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed Inc

The HWMS Committee is currently in the process of managing a project to replace the Shed's current Constitution and to establish a set of By Laws that will detail how the Shed is managed on daily basis.

A project team involving members of the current Committee and several past Presidents and past committee members will shortly be formed to make progress with this important undertaking.

The HWMS Committee is keen for Shed members to begin to develop an understanding, at this early stage, as to why this project is important and necessary.

The Committee wants to do this now because, ultimately, the Committee cannot approve these changes on its own and is bound by the constitution to present these matters to the Members for their approval.

A Special General Meeting will be convened later this year solely for this purpose.

Essentially, the project is about good housekeeping which means, taking action now to ensure, and thereafter to keep, the Shed's constitution and its documented management policies and procedures relevant and current.

An incorporated association's constitution is meant to be a document that details how an association like our Shed complies with the strict requirements of the law and regulations.

A document such as that should not include the day-to-day policies and procedures for how an association like the Shed manages its operations.

That is the place for a document to be called By Laws which will fully detail the why, who, what and when as to how the Shed is capably and competently managed.

Why replace the current Constitution?

- The Shed's current document has not been revised since, November 2012.
- Our constitution document is a mix of the following:
 - Dept of NSW Fair Trading Model Constitution (pre - 2009)
 - Excerpts from other association's constitutions
 - Excerpts from what appears to be a company constitution.
 - Multiple references to what would usually be described as policies and procedures for managing the Shed.
- Our current document has several incorrect references:
 - Wrong date for Associations Incorporation Act 2009
 - No reference at all to Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016
 - Unnecessary reference to ASIC
 - Unnecessary reference to Corporations Act 2001
- **AMSA recommends Men's Shed constitutions be reviewed every 3 years.**

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

For the month of January, we have no less than two “members of the month”. They are both invaluable, and give so much to our organisation, both are experts in all things electrical.

John Talbot and Yuval Cohen. Thank you both for keeping our equipment in excellent working order, first class effort “Gentlemen”.



A PROJECT: BY DIMITHRI PERERA

I have attached some photos of my Christmas present to my younger son, Asher. I thought you could use it for the newsletter.

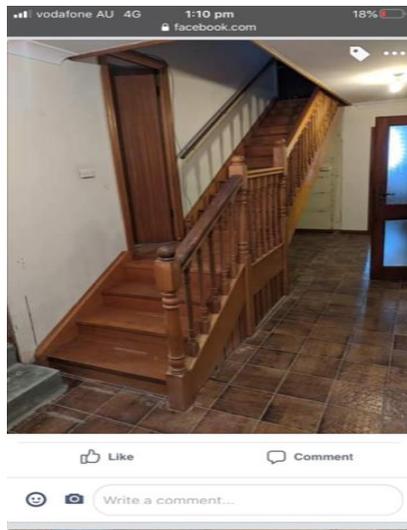
Some background. I was offered some Tasmanian oak if I dismantled a staircase which was being replaced. So, I turned up with a crowbar and took the thing down. It was built in my garage using hand tools mostly between 10pm and midnight when the family was sleeping. The only power tool I used was a bandsaw. The body of the lion is made of 4 pieces which were hand jointed with a Stanley no 7. I was planning on turning some handles, but I found that the balusters made decent handles. The mane is made of merbau.

It weighs over 20Kg, and probably way over engineered.

Finishing was done with Shellac (first time using it), I tried French polishing the seat which made the inlay pop, I ran out of time to French polish the entire thing, but it might be a project for later. Total build time was about 30 hours, which was on the long side because I did not use plans, I just freehand draw the parts and then jiggled everything till they fit.

A big shout out goes to the folks at the shed, for helping me to develop my skills over the last few years.

Kind Regards
Dimithri.



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ROCK FORMATIONS FROM THE ICONIC HAWKSBUURY RIVER

