

## THE CUTTING EDGE



### **FROM THE COMMITTEE**

#### **Greetings Members**

It is that time of the year again, now Covid-19 restrictions have been relaxed and we are planning our Annual General Meeting for 2021. This is an opportunity for members to

- Offer themselves for election to positions on the Committee and contribute to how the Shed is managed and operated,
- Review our financial progress for the past year
- Hear about the achievements of the Shed and our members in the last year and plans for this coming year
- Ask questions about what is happening at the Shed

All positions on the Committee are open for members to nominate. Nominations close at noon (midday) on Friday 19th November 2021 and must be received by the Secretary no later than this time to be considered for election.

The positions that will become vacant are:

- A. President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer – who form the executive committee responsible for the day to day running of the Shed
- B. Public Relations, Membership, Toy Coordinator and Wood Turners representative form the remainder of the Committee

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## **FROM YOUR COMMITTEE**

### **Welcome Back**

**Thank you for your patience during the lock down and welcome back to the Shed. It is good to get to do what we enjoy doing.**

### **Membership Subscriptions.**

**All Membership subscriptions have now been extended 3 months. If you paid your subscriptions during lockdown your renewal date will be extended 3 months. If your subscription is due and you have not yet paid, the due date is now extend by 3 months from when they were originally due.**

### **Toys.**

**We need a final push to complete all toys ready for distribution at the end of the month. If you still have toys at home please bring them to the Shed next week. Members who are in the Shed over the next 2 weeks please lend a hand to complete the outstanding work. Thanks to all members who made toys at home during the lockdown.**

### **Christmas Party/ 20th Anniversary.**

**You should have received an invitation to 20th Anniversary/ Christmas Party. Philip Hirshbein has put a lot of time into coordinating the event. This is limited to 80 people so ensure you get RSVP's and money in before 20th November.**

### **2021 AGM**

**Notification along with nomination forms for the 2021 AGM have now been sent out. Nominations close Friday 19th November. If want to help the Shed, we urge you to put your name forward.**

**PS: Thank you to Ivan Bosnich for putting the finishing touches to the new kitchen by installing the framed photos.**

**New members for the month of October. Please welcome them and assist if required.**

- 1. Victor Critoph**
- 2. Peter Sadler**
- 3. Adrian Zegelin**
- 4. Chris Beazley**

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020/2021

**Equipment Maintenance.** There are some things in the Shed we take for granted. Equipment maintenance is one of those. We take our project to a piece of equipment e.g. a table saw, thicknesser, bandsaw etc., – set our timber up, press the green button and away we go. When we finish we push the red button, clean up and walk away. Do we ever consider why this happens? It is only because of the efforts of Ian Raper and his maintenance team – John Talbot, Ian McKay, John Edwards, Mark Lusted, Yuval Cohen, David Boyd, John Barrett, Phil Newman and Roger Thornback that our equipment is kept in working order ready for us just to press the green button and expect it to work – thank you, gentlemen.

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"They do not appear by magic,"

**Morning Tea** On most days we have buttered buns, scones etc., prepared for us at "smoko". They do not appear by magic, these are the result of work by Michael Hannagan, picking up the buns, scones other products from Bakers Delight who kindly donate them to the Shed. Michael ensures the kitchen is stocked with tea, coffee, sugar, milk and biscuits. Then after we have eaten our fill and made a mess he cleans up. We all thank you, Michael, for your efforts.

**Kitchen** Returning from our enforced "Covid sabbatical" we were welcomed back by a new kitchen and a painted floor. Many members helped make this happen and I will not name them all for fear of leaving someone out. However, some members need to be recognised for making it happen. Tracy Knights and Paul Crowe put in many hours preparing the Stronger Communities Grant application. They submitted an Expression of Interest to get us put on the shortlist. This was followed by the actual grant application. As a result, the grant application was successful with HWMS receiving a grant of \$10,000.00, enabling us to purchase the new kitchen and a new thicknesser. Ian McKay took on the role of coordinating the kitchen starting with preparing the layout, getting prices, ordering the kitchen, organising a plumber and electrician. David Boyd and Kevin Wallace ably assisted Ian in demolishing the old kitchen. Ivan Bosnich assisted with the painting and tiling while John Talbot was heavily involved in the final clean up of the new kitchen and getting the rest of the Shed in order.

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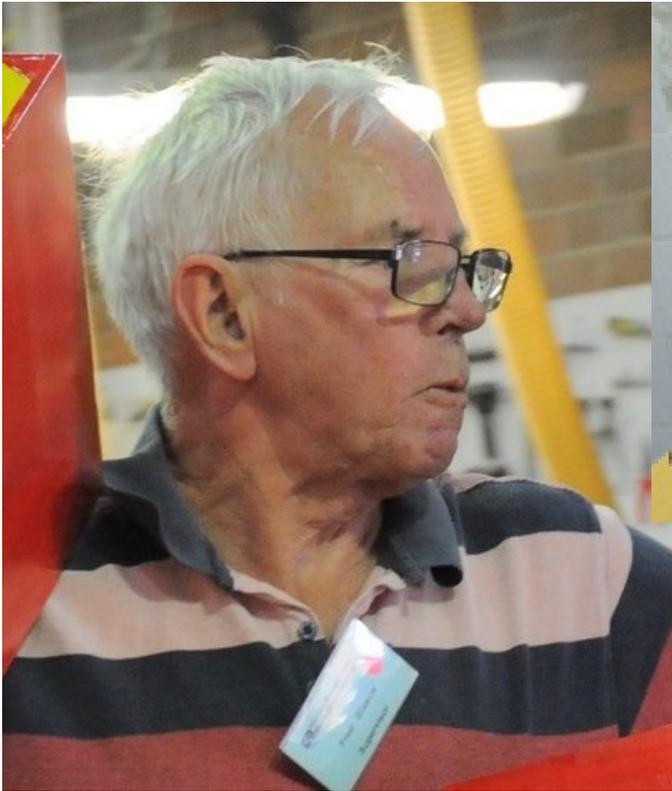
A special mention for Phil Bailey, Ivan Bosnich, David Boyd, Robert Evans, Keith Galloway, Brian Hawkins, Ron Koutchavlis, Glenn Shapter, John Talbot, Les Sanford and Jim Swain.....

**Toys.** The Shed's annual toy making programme was going well until the lockdown. At that stage, the toymakers, led by David Boyd and Joe Fletcher, were well underway in meeting the 400 toys target. However, loss of "in shed" production time of 17 weeks only resulted in a slight decrease in the number of toys produced. A special mention for Phil Bailey, Ivan Bosnich, David Boyd, Robert Evans, Keith Galloway, Brian Hawkins, Ron Koutchavlis, John Talbot, Les Sanford, Glenn Shapter and Jim Swain who continued to make toys at home. We thank those gentlemen for their effort. With regard to toys, I need to specially mention two other people. Dianne Koutchavlis who organised dolls and made up the soft furnishings for the Deck Chairs and Dolls Cradles, and Fred Blaauw who made another wooden motor bike and offered it to the Bendigo Bank for their Christmas appeal.

" In my President's Report sent out with the Notification Of the 2021 AGM in thanking members for making toys at home I omitted Glenn Shapter. Glenn Shapter spent a lot of time making the garages and it was remiss of me to leave him out. My apologies to Glenn and thank you for your effort. David Tarran."



## ***Member of the Month for October***



*“more than a toy”  
a work of art.”*

**Fred Blaauw** is a long time member of our Shed. He has been a committee member and toy making coordinator. Fred has Applied his skill, and his time to make this fabulous “more than a toy” a work of art. The work that has gone into making this Bike is not only first class, it is of great quality. The bike has been donated to Bendigo Bank Turrumurra branch, who are our valued sponsors. The bike will be raffled for a charity Christmas appeal.

**We can't thank Fred enough for his accomplishment.**

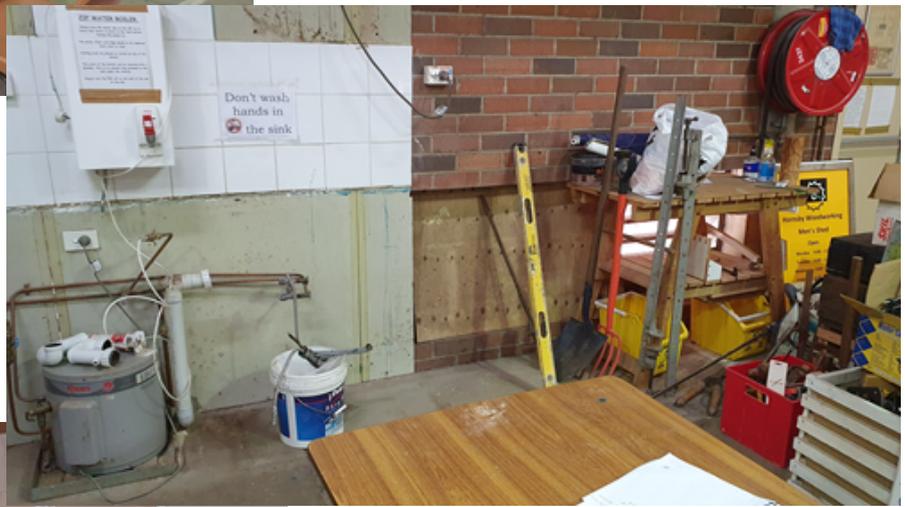
**A very worthy member of the month.**

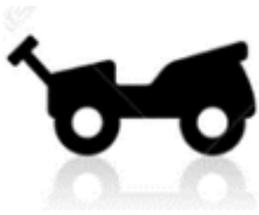
**Thanks again Fred:**

**From the membership.**



*"The new kitchen is making the space look so much better and is so much easier to keep clean."*





# TOYS



**Just a sample of all  
the amazing toys  
made by our  
talented members**





## Hello Shedders

Isn't it great to be back in the Shed! I've been enjoying using the angle grinder to cut loco axles - after a detailed lesson from John Talbot, on where to place fingers and thumbs. Recently, in my enthusiasm to get back to it, I forgot to put on my apron and ended up with a burnt fleece vest - it's just plastic after all! White hot metal shavings bonding to the fleece! Yikes! A stark reminder to wear all our safety gear, slow down and think when using electrical tools.



R U Ok ?? Coming out of lock-down and mingling with people again is great for most of us, however others may have lost confidence over the months of going nowhere, and feel that they can't do it any more, making them more isolated. So let's make a point of checking in with everyone around the morning tea or lunch table and welcoming newcomers. If you are hesitating about giving a friend a call - do it! It may be just what they need to make their day.

Til next time,  
Jane  
Your Welfare Officer



# *trial to collect blister packs for recycling*

Most of us have used human or animal medications that come in blister packs. And most of us throw the packs in the red bin as they're not suitable for yellow recycling bin.

We've come across a fairly local organisation that accepts blister packs and in return gives monetary credit to go towards buying things. For every shoe box filled with blister packs they'll give \$10.00 as credit that we can use to buy dishwashing liquid, hand soap, paper towel and other related items.

So our rubbish can make us money!

Bring in your empty, dry blister packs and put in the bin near the front door and we'll see how feasible it is. If it works to our advantage then great, if not, we'll can it.

As the saying goes, one man's trash is another man's treasure!

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as credit.."*



### Chivers & Sefton Road Intersection

Everyone who drives to and from the Men's Shed probably has to negotiate this intersection and it appears to leave a high number of drivers confused over who has right of way...So council are looking at making things clearer for drivers..."It is suggested that a holding line be provided in the left turn slip lane from Sefton Road to Chivers Road to reinforce the road rules that apply to this movement as shown in the attached diagram. Adding additional signage is also considered to address this issue. Council staff will now prepare this proposal for referral to the Local Traffic Committee, where this issue will be considered by the members, which include the Police and Transport for NSW representatives. Council will advise further when this matter will be considered. "



## ***A Great Sea Story***

### ***SS Warrimoo***

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia.

The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought the master, Captain John Phillips, the result.

The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0° 31' N and LON 179 30' W.

The date was 31 December 1899.

"Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line".

Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime.

He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ships position.

He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark.

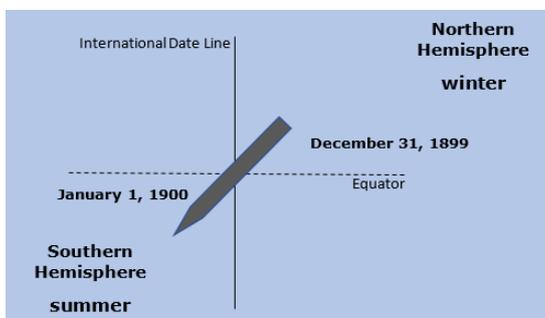
Then he adjusted the engine speed.

The calm weather & clear night worked in his favour.

At mid-night the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line!

The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

- The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer.
  - The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.
  - The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899.
  - In the bow (forward) part it was 1 January 1900.
  - This ship was therefore not only in:
    - Two different days,
    - Two different months,
    - Two different years,
    - Two different seasons
    - But in two different centuries -
- all at the same time.



Thank you Robert Evans for this story



Do you have a recipe  
you would like to  
share?

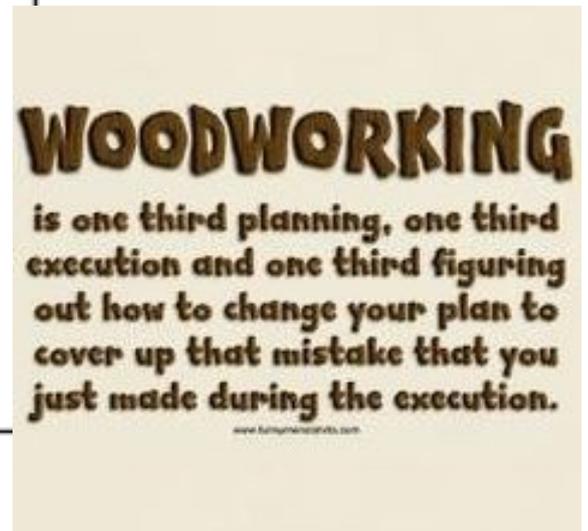


Do you have a project at  
home that you would like  
to share?

Please send your submissions  
to  
[hwmscuttingedge@gmail.com](mailto:hwmscuttingedge@gmail.com)



Write Measurements Down



## Acknowledgements

Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed acknowledges the support provided by:

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Events – Social Secretary	Philip Hirshbein	
Grants	David Tarran/Tracy Knights	
Induction	Kevin Wallace	
Kitchen	Michael Hannagan	
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