



**HORNSBY WOODWORKING
MENS SHED**

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**Monthly Newsletter
July 2022
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THE CUTTING EDGE

Next Members Meeting 15th July @ Midday

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.

Woodturners' Report.

Toy Makers' Report.

Equipment Report.

Welfare Report.

Show & Tell.

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Close meeting and resume work on our projects in the Shed

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Bill Hart will be playing his bagpipes at the members meeting next Friday 15th July



**Australian
Men's Shed
Association**
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

Please note the next members meeting is scheduled for Friday 15th .

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

Covid 19:

Recently two of our Shed members contracted Covid 19. We urge everyone to wear masks and maintain social distance. No more than six (6) members at the table for morning tea and lunch. Even though we have had our vaccinations and boosters we cannot relax. Remember some of members are more vulnerable and it is up to rest of us to ensure that we protect them as effectively as possible.

Australian Men's Sheds Association (AMSA):

You would have read in Philip Hirshbein's history of the Shed that our organisation started off

in 2001 as the Hills District Triton Users Group. The aim at the time was to develop skills in woodwork. In 2007 HDTUG changed its name to Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed, still a place to develop our woodworking skills., but slowly adopting some of the objectives of the AMSA.

In 2016 HWMS formerly joined AMSA. In the lead up to our new constitution some members spoke of how important the Shed was to them, not only as a woodworking place, but as a Men's Shed. HWMS has now gone one step further and the committee has ratified Michael Kevin as the Liaison Officer. This is an important role and we thank Michael for taking it on.

2022 Annual General Meeting:

The AGM is fast approaching. It will be on Friday 19 th August. A shed of our size requires much assistance to run smoothly. This is your chance to volunteer. We are looking for new faces and new ideas – you are the future. Please don't leave it to the tired old faces – they won't be around for ever.

Grants:

We recently voted to purchase a new 15" thicknesser. This purchase has been delayed until the announcement of the Clubs NSW annual grants. We thank Tom Gates for submitting the application.

The committee has also applied for a grant, through the Community Building Partnership (CBP), for the proposed mezzanine. The results of this application will not be known until December . There are over 3,000 applications. In view of the complaints about lack of space this would be a good grant to receive. We thank Michael Kevin for submitting the application.

Shed Visits:

Lane Cove Men's Shed will be visiting our Shed soon to get some ideas for developing their shed.

Christmas Party:

A reminder that the HWMS Christmas Party will be at the Thornleigh Community Centre on Wednesday 7th December. Last year's change of venue to celebrate our 20 th anniversary was well received and so it was decided it be there again this year.

July Monthly Meeting:

Come along to hear Bill Hart's play his bagpipes.



Put it in your diary now....

**HWMS Christmas Party will be at the
Thornleigh Community Centre on
Wednesday 7th December**

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS
WESTPAC BANK ACCOUNT CLOSED**

Members are advised that as of today, 8 July 2022, the Shed's transaction account facility with Westpac Bank is closed.

The Shed's bank account facilities are now completely with Bendigo Bank - Turramurra Branch.

Details of our Bendigo Bank transaction account are:

**Name: Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed Inc.
BSB: 633 000
Account No: 183 689 348**

Members are requested to change details they may have saved in their own banking records for the Shed to the above Bendigo Bank account.

**Authorised by:
Michael Kevin
HWMS Treasurer**

Date: 8 July 2022



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Member of The Month - June

Magpies Waitara have kindly donated to HWMS a number of \$25.00 dining vouchers. Your committee has decided to award one of these vouchers to the *Member of the Month*, the recipient of this award will be announced at the monthly member's meeting.. For June the committee awarded Member of the Month to Ron Fellows who joined the Shed in 2017 and is a regular Friday attendee. Ron is a keen golfer and can often be found on the Pennant Hills golf course.

An IT Specialist in a previous life, Ron has been setting up the Shed's data security. Currently he is working with Karen Benhar to set up a Member's Only page on our website. When completed, members will gain access to the Cutting Edge through the Member's Only page. This is to prevent people outside the Shed membership accessing any personal information that is available in the member's stories.

We thank Ron for his time and effort in setting up and monitoring the Shed's digital services.



EAT DRINK ENJOY

Magpies Waitara, proud supporter of our Men's Shed have great food options at The Kitchen and Lucky Magpie Asian Cuisine.

Enjoy the wide range of beverages on offer with free live music every Saturday night.

Phone 9487 1066 or
visit magpieswaitara.com.au

new members

New Members in June:

1. John Jackson
2. Thomas Qiao
3. Simon Schell
4. Deb Jordan
5. Faisal Amiri

New member
Simon Schell
getting to
know the
Shed's
machinery.



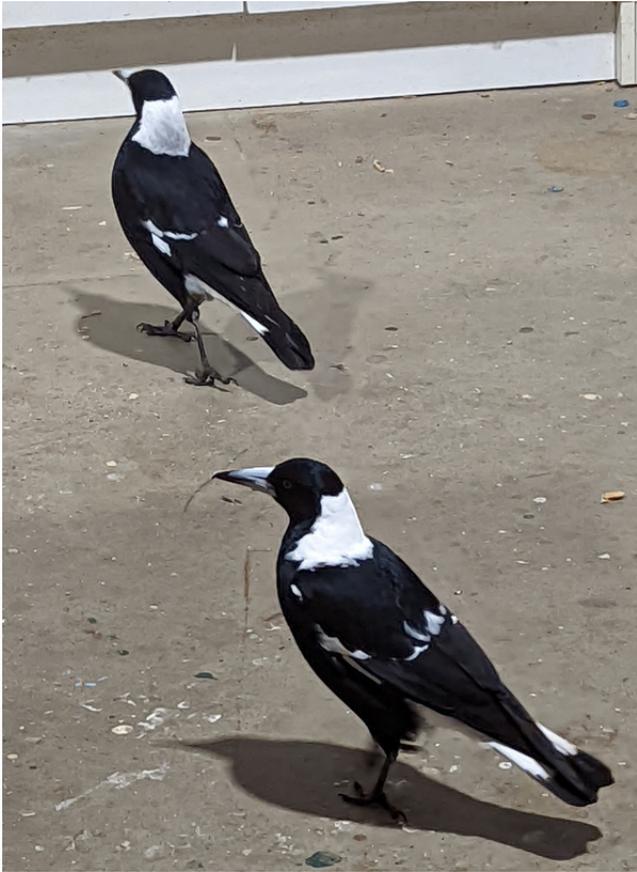
Please welcome new members and
assist if required.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bill Hart playing the Scottish and the Irish bagpipes at the Shed a few years ago, what a talented fellow, I believe he not only plays them but made them. Come along next Friday to experience Bill's talent.



Visiting Magpies

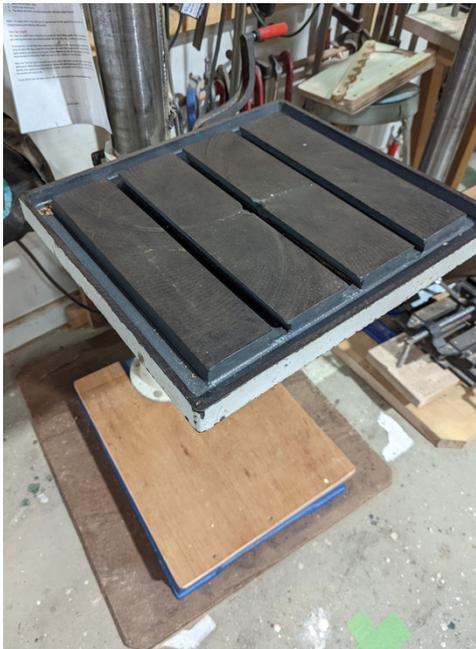


Just recently the CE reported on a visit from the management of the Magpies Club. Well we had a follow up visit by some Magpies. No sooner had the Shed doors been opened and the lights switched on than in flew a pair of Magpies that appeared very much at home in the Shed. After checking things out, and making a quick 'deposit', they were off again....Why they came in is not as black & white as one would imagine :-)





We all know a clean and tidy Shed is a safe Shed but how hard is it and how long does it take to clean the shavings out of the T-slots on the drill presses? So the best thing to do is to cover up the T-slots when they aren't being used to hold a job down. The bonus is that the base on this drill press is exactly the same as the Nova Voyager... so if we get a new Nova this cover will transfer straight over :-)





Glenn Shapter

This is the toy making programme for the Shed and it's roughly on schedule, well done Glenn.

- February – Rockers with Baby dolls;
- March – Trucks with blocks;
- April – Bat Cars;
- May – Ducks;
- June – Pens (Woodturners) and Tractors;
- July – Jewelry Boxes;
- August – Petrol Station (Garages)
- September – Table and Chairs.
- October – Finishing and
- November - Send out.



Glenn is not just the man behind the Shed's toys but he also makes some of them...look at these beautiful timber steam locomotives he has lovingly crafted for the the kids the Shed provides toys for.



Members making toys at home please let Glenn Shapter know.



Have you ever wondered what they do in other Men's Shed's around Australia? John Dear visited Balranald Men's Shed, which has 10 members and took this image. What a great way to repurpose old saws



Thank you to Philip Howe for this month's humour

A businessman went into the office and found an inexperienced handyman painting the walls. The handyman was wearing two heavy parkas on a hot summer day.

Thinking this was a little strange, the businessman asked the handyman why he was wearing the parkas on such a hot day.

The handyman showed him the instructions on the can of paint. They read: "For best results, put on two coats."

LISMORE MEN'S SHED – HWMS FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL

MAY - JUNE 2022

The Flood Relief Appeal for Lismore Men's Shed conducted by HWMS had its origin at an Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) zone meeting at Pottsville NSW on Tuesday 3 May 2022.

The following report is from Treasurer, Michael Kevin, who attended this meeting as a guest of AMSA Northern Rivers Zone Coordinator Tony Heeson and Beth Gow and Marty Leist who are AMSA event coordinators from their head office in Newcastle.

The Pottsville meeting was attended by representatives of the majority of the seventeen sheds operating in the Northern Rivers zone which stretches from Grafton in the south to Tweed Heads in the north.

As an indication of the respect for AMSA and the Men's Shed movement in the Northern Rivers the meeting was also attended by the elected representatives of the local, state and federal governments. The meeting was chaired by Mr Heeson who invited a spokesperson from each of the fourteen men's sheds in attendance to give an update on activities at their respective sheds and to take the opportunity to let everyone know how their sheds fared in the floods. At that stage in early May the floods were top of mind for almost every local community in the Northern Rivers as most men's sheds were still only in the early stages of cleaning up after the devastation caused by water inundation and, in the case of Lismore, "water over the top". All of the men's shed's representatives at the meeting gave a good account of their experience during and after the floods and it was obvious that all in attendance were concerned about their fellow shedders and keen to know how their neighbours had fared. The devastation of men's sheds' facilities in the zone ranged from minimal in places such as Bangalow and Mullumbimby to absolutely total in Lismore where the men's shed went right under the fourteen metre peak of the Wilson River and everything they had was either lost or destroyed.

The address at this meeting by Lismore Men's Shed President Don Abrahams was from the heart and was heartbreaking for everyone to hear. It was not only the destruction of Lismore's men's shed that he spoke about but also the experience of several of its members who had lost their possessions in their own residences as the flood indiscriminately destroyed everything in its path in the low-lying parts of the city.

Not knowing that I was going to this meeting on the Tuesday until the night before I visited Lismore on the Monday with a family member who lives in nearby Bangalow so that I could see for myself the impact the flood had had on the city. That experience enabled me to put a very real focus on the plight of Lismore Men's Shed as portrayed by its President.

As Lismore was the only men's shed in the zone to go completely underwater and to lose everything I took the opportunity to introduce myself to Don Abrahams and to let him know that as soon as I got back to Sydney I would put it to HWMS's members to participate in a flood relief appeal for their shed.

HWMS President David Tarran immediately gave support to the appeal and agreed our shed would participate on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Shortly thereafter an email from David launched the appeal and strong initial support was given by some very generous donors.

Over the next five weeks \$800 was raised from HWMS members and the shed matched this amount for a total of \$1600 which was I presented to Don Abrahams at the new Lismore Men's Shed on Monday 27 June 2022.

I took great pride in the generosity of our shed in handing over sixteen \$100 Bunnings gift cards to President Don Abrahams at the new Lismore Men's Shed in a very informal ceremony that morning.

Don was very thankful for our support and gave assurances that the gift cards would be well spent on replacing stocks of timber and other consumables that were destroyed or lost in the floods.

After a two month closure due to flood damage Bunnings Lismore had only just reopened for tradespeople on the prior Saturday so the timing was perfect.

Prior to the presentation I had had several telephone conversations with Don Abrahams in preparation for the meeting at Lismore's new shed and it was from those conversations that I learnt of the amazing generosity of men's sheds from all over Australia that had also made appeals to their members and who had similarly presented Lismore Men's Shed with funds and equipment to help them get their shed back up and running again.

Some examples of the generosity of other men's sheds are:

Cash donations

- Cairns, Adelaide, Victoria (2), Sydney (2), Raymond Terrace and Taree sheds had already donated cash from their appeals which Lismore intended to put towards replacing their thicknesser and drill press which were damaged beyond redemption.

Tools and equipment donations

- Sheds from the Northern Rivers Zone and other neighbouring zones in NSW and Queensland had given Lismore more hand tools and power tools than they can possibly use.

Just minutes before I was about to present our HWMS donation to Don Abrahams the president and secretary from Raymond Terrace Men's Shed arrived to make their own presentation in their new Toyota Hilux utility sign written with their shed's name and bearing special number plate RTMS. What an entrance they made!

It was good to have company from another shed doing the same thing and I felt their inclusion on the same morning to present their donation added significantly to the strong sense of mateship and camaraderie associated with the Men's Shed movement.

I got to talking to the two fellows from Raymond Terrace Men's Shed and the conversation proved to be quite an eyeopener as their modus operandi is very different from ours. RTMS provide quite an interesting variety of shed activities. Raymond Terrace not only does woodwork like we do but they also have special classes devoted to music, cooking and art which they conduct on separate days of the week.

Before going to their new shed I made it my business to check out their old shed where I took several photos which are displayed below.



Photo of front of old shed

When looking at these photos you need to imagine the shed going totally under water and the strength of the water flow being so strong as to move shipping containers off their footings and floating caravans away



The caravans, by the way, were fixer-uppers that the Lismore shed had been working on for accommodation for some of Lismore's not-so-well-off and homeless.



Imagine the flood water going over the top of this building by a metre! The shed is located on the riverbank about fifty metres from the Wilson River which just kept on rising. The old Lismore shed is located in the city's industrial area to the west of the CBD where NORCO industries is the largest and oldest business located there. NORCO is actually the largest business in Lismore employing about 240 people.

The business has partly reopened but apparently it is seeking more than \$50m assistance from the government to repair and replace equipment and if this is not forthcoming all those two hundred odd workers will lose their jobs.



Lismore's new shed is located in the university district of the city which was not affected by the floods. At this stage their two sheds are full of gear from their old premises and they are hard at work figuring out what is salvageable. The sheds are also loaded up to their roofs with all the gear that local sheds have donated. One photo shows the thicknesser, welder and drill press that are beyond repair and will be replaced from donations from other sheds.





From the left Michael Kevin, Lismore President Don Abrahams, Bangalow President and AMSA zone coordinator Tony Heeson and Lismore committee members Dwayne and Bob.

I believe my attendance at the new Lismore shed to personally do the handover of our \$1600 donation was highly worthwhile and well worth the 1500 kilometre return road trip from Sydney.

Finally, I would like to thank those HWMS members who donated to the Lismore Men's Shed Flood Relief Appeal. Approximately ten percent of our members generously supported the appeal.

Post script – Thursday 7 July 2022

I got in touch with Lismore president Don Abrahams this morning to find out how he and all his crew were going. Don advised that they still had a lot to do but they are off to a great start and can see nothing but daylight and good times ahead for their shed. He advised that Ballina Men's Shed supported our appeal and together with Bunnings of Ballina they also presented gift cards for Lismore to spend on their recovery.

Don advised that some of our Bunnings gift cards have already been spent on a new Mig welder, the best quality drill bits and many safety items that the Lismore Council have insisted they immediately put in place to comply with their strict requirements as landlord. Don asked me to pass on his sincere and heartfelt thanks to HWMS and its members who are always most welcome to visit anytime they are in the district.

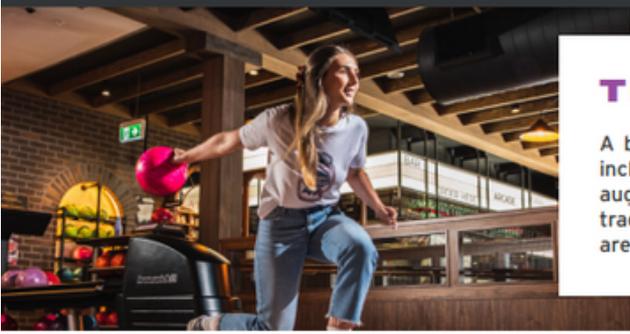
MEN'S SHEDS *Bat for Will*



The Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) and Where There's a Will (Willo) have come together to increase awareness and inclusion for people with disabilities across the Men's Shed community.

"Men's Sheds Bat for Will" is a collaboration that aims to curate an Australian-first art exhibition by Men's Sheds from around the country to help reduce isolation, loneliness and depression for people living with disabilities.

[Click here to fill out the Expression of Interest Form so we can keep in touch with information about the project and exhibition.](#)



THE ATTIC

A boutique bowling and arcade bar located on level 2! The area includes four 45 foot ten pin bowling lanes and Australia's first augmented reality bowling - Spark, as well as a selection of traditional and custom built arcade games and large bar and dining area to relax in.

LEVEL ONE

Level One offers a completely different experience from our other areas. Our newest addition to the area includes a wood fired pizza oven and new menu with some new and old gems, accompanied by a large selection of delicious cocktails and unique creations that are exclusive to Level One.



THE BREW BAR

The Brew Bar features 20 unique beers on tap! Showcasing beer brewed as locally as Mount Ku-ring-gai, the bar is complete with snacks and a limited range of cocktails for those after something a little different.

THE COURTYARD

The Courtyard is the heart of Hornsby RSL Club and provides three distinctive dining offerings in one area. Whether it be a special event or family dinner, this area is sure to cater to every occasion.



KEKOU NOODLE BAR

Our Kekou Noodle and Dumpling Bar is part of The Courtyard and offers a large selection of authentic Asian cuisine. There is something for everyone with dishes catering for Vegetarians or Vegans, all the way though to the seafood lovers!



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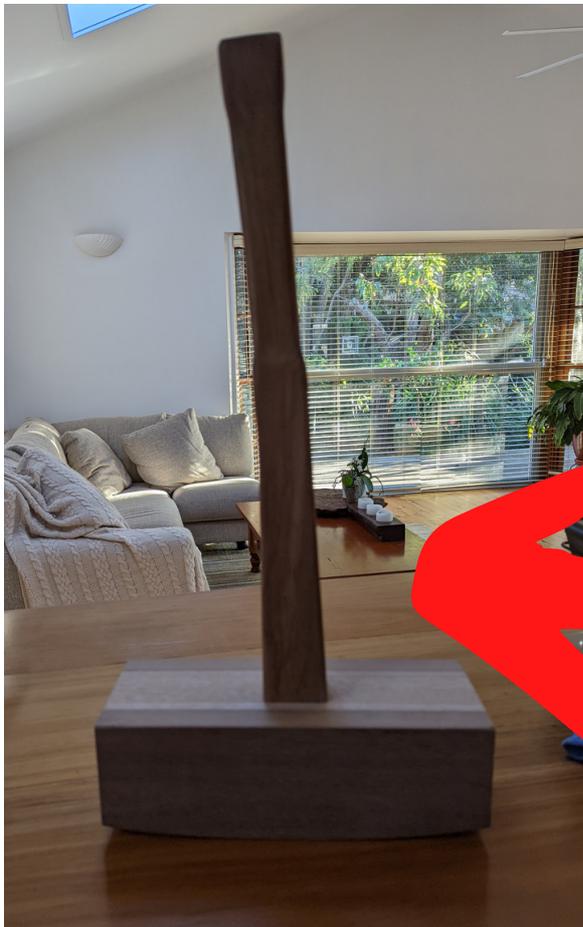
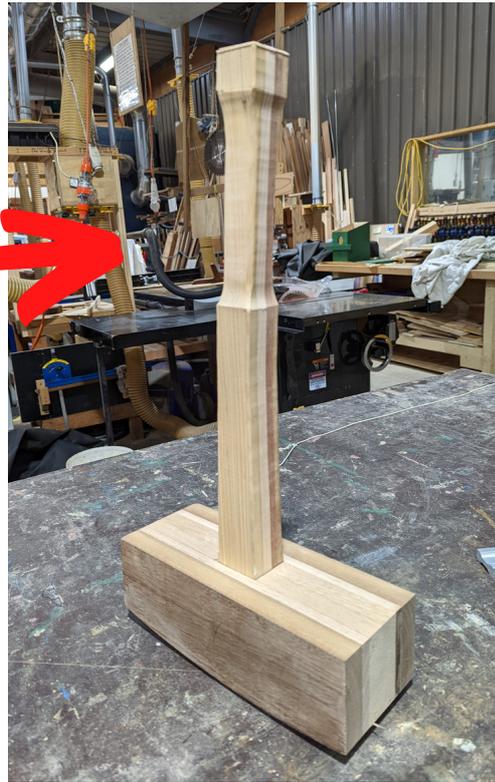
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It progressed to this



and then to this



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The Cutting Edge is a monthly publication to keep members connected and informed, if you have any projects, news, jokes, recipes, great stories etc you would like to share please send your submissions to hwmscuttingedge@gmail.com

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