

Noises from:



Shed Christmas Party, 5th December, 2019.



Members and partners chinwag with drinks to loosen the tongues prior to the arrival of the fine food being prepared in the kitchen.



Bob Peterson ensures that the "carvers" complete their task with expertise while Chairman Tony Brown serves up the fine fare to the starving hordes. As for the "Old Guys Rule" tee-shirt - who is inside it???

Thanks to all involved in the End of Year Dinner. It was, again, a great success. Special thanks have to go to the Chefs Extraordinaire Bob Peterson and David Syminton. They were well assisted by a team of helpers who slaved through the night in the (hot) kitchen. Also, thanks to Andrea, a new member, who at the last moment put up his hand to handle the bar, we thank you. It was a great night for all those involved.

Tony Brown Chairman

A very happy Christmas and safe and healthy New Year to all members and their families and friends.

Christmas/New Year break

The Shed will be closed on the following days: DECEMBER 24th, 25th and 26th ie Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
DECEMBER 31st and JANUARY 1st ie the Tuesday and Wednesday



Iris Thomas – Consumer Protection – Scamming Presentation

Member David Syminton’s recent experience with a special offer scam was a fitting introduction to the fact that 1 in 20 of us would be exposed to a scam attempt in the year past and 1 in 3 will succumb at some point in our lives. Scamming has become an industry. It preys upon our trust. Even when trapped by a scammer our embarrassment to accept and reveal that we have been scammed prevails.

Scamming is estimated to cost AUD10M/Year In WA and up to \$240M/Year nationally. An average take from an effective scam event is \$14,500 with some scams yielding up to \$130,000. Scams have been recorded to have emptied individual bank accounts and destroyed retirement savings. Even when intercepted loss of personal identity information, damage to credit rating

and recovery to a norm can become a nightmare for you while the scammer rates the attack as a professional success.

Scamming methods skills are refined and even traded and victims personal information and vulnerability is traded even across borders as a business. That is what we are dealing with when we succumb to a scammer.

Identity theft is particularly dangerous. Don’t give up identity information over the phone, via the internet or in person. It can be pieced together to attack your assets.

Attacks are refined and often occur in managed stages in order to gain your trust. They can even give something of apparent value to you in order to gain credibility in your eyes. The scam then progresses in stages.

Always use a Credit Card (or Paypal) for phone or internet payments. The bank will refund if un-authorized funds are withdrawn and the bank can trace the recipient. Don’t use postal order services, they are un- traceable.

Scams can involve love and loneliness, identity theft, business transactions, taxation, legal threats or door to door canvassing and internet fraud. They are normally well planned and appear to be credible.

If you suspect an internet fraud bring the link to the attention of your service provider. Look for the link to report “abuse”. The provider can lock them off the domain.

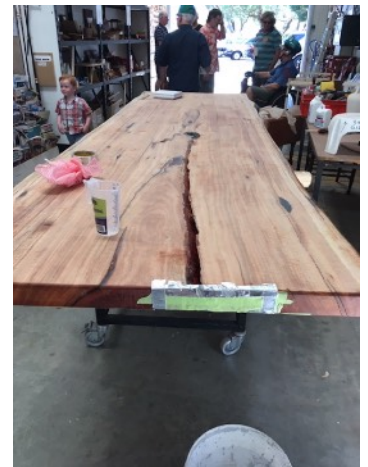
At the risk of preaching might it be suggested that if you don’t know the person or something does not add up do not engage.

If you would like help on a suspected scam call the WA Government Department for Consumer Protection.

Vic Power. Health Rep

Timber Salvage

David Symington has undertaken a salvage job on this timber slab but is has proven to be very difficult to fill the large crack with resin so with much gnashing of teeth following some spills of the resin he has made some progress and hopes the last pour has given a seal to the crack which should allow the gap to be filled completely with the next pour.



Jeep Registration.

With all the restoration work completed on the Jeep Richard and Brett are at the point of having the Jeep registered to be able to go on the road. Big effort to get this vehicle to this point and now all the effort has come to fruition.



Rotto Guide.

John Russell performs his guide duties on Rottnest. his guide duties on Rottnest

“Vaping”
back in
my day.



Picked up a hitch-hiker. Seemed like a nice guy.
After a few miles, he asked me if I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer?
I told him that the odds of two serial killers being in the same car were extremely unlikely

And he only had one job to do!!!

What a great response!!

Busy Bee!

The Russell Brown Adventure Park busy bee was well attended by the usual “crew” from the Men’s Shed, organised by Jack Griffin, on Saturday morning, December 7th.

The ageing crew appreciated the help from the football and cricket clubs. The Mayor (Brett Pollock) had ensured that the sand and mulch used in the maintenance of the park was on hand, courtesy of Council Services. The workers were rewarded with morning tea- scones, jam and cream- back at the shed.

Peter Dring

Cards & Photography.

The cards and the Photography groups combined for a BBQ in November.

Numerous people contributed from cooking, chauffeuring to collecting money. Everyone had an enjoyable time and the feeling was that the shed had much greater ambience than going to the pub which we did last year. So look forward to more outings and excitement next year. New members welcome to both groups. We are not elite, we just aim to enjoy ourselves.

Richard Lang.

ShedBoys

Following their fine gig at the Craft Market the next show was to be the Shed Christmas Party but unfortunately at least half the band were already committed to other events on the night so had to by pass the party this year. Practice is still going on with lots of new songs being prepared for whenever we do have another gig but also we are all enjoying the chance to jam together and have fun learning new songs. Maybe there are still some members out there who would like to come along and play/sing for fun and to learn some new skills or hone up on skills learned some time ago. Wednesday nights from 7.00 - 8.30pm is when we meet and start up in 2020 will be on the **15th of January.**

Bruce Varley.

MOSMAN CRAFT MARKET 2019

As reported last month, this year’s Market was considered a resounding success with a minimum of negative reports being received and most people (both Members & visitors) commenting that they really enjoyed the day. Your Shed earned close to \$10k as a result of the efforts put in by Members and others, which is a very respectable result when looked at in the context of other potential fund-raising activities. Hopefully the Market organising committee will be inspired enough to stand up again next year – together with some fresh blood of course! Additionally, the Shed gained considerable brownie points from our exposure to the wider community, which, in real terms, could even be considered to be more important than the financial outcome.

My thanks to all those Members who helped along the way, no matter how large or small the contribution (it all counts) and especially to the wives who slaved away in the Shed Café for us! Also, we must not forget the girl guides who came down and assisted with the children’s entertainment activities. Local business also helped our cause and we should especially thank (& support):

Bakers Delight; Coles Mosman Park); Creative Page; Bunnings, Claremont; Creation Landscape Supplies; D’Orsogna

IGA (Mosman Park); Signman; AEVA for persuading their members to bring down & display the latest in electric vehicle technology

Plus, musically - The Katz , The Shed Boys & the Ukandoits

My thanks to everyone.

COMING SOON! SHED OPEN DAY WITH EXTRA’S!

On Sunday 22nd March from 0900 to 1200 the Shed will be holding a special event for both Members & Visitors. Items to be included are:

Men’s Shed Café open for morning teas etc.

Household items Repair Workshop – fix on the spot or leave for more attention later.

Shed Garden plants and other Products for sale

Members invited to sell personal unwanted items via a “Car boot sale” - \$10 for a site & do your own thing!

Tours of the Shed for interested community members.

Other suggestions considered.

Mike Ansell.



Chairman's Report for 2019

The past year has been a very successful one for the Mosman Park Mens Shed.

Firstly, I have to give thanks to George Klug for his chairmanship over the past years. Since meeting George my respect has grown for him and his dedication to the Shed activities. Yes, he is certainly not the 'quiet achiever', but he has sure made an enormous contribution to our Shed.

The year of 2019 has been our best. In that year our membership exceeded 300 and our turnover has grown. This has allowed us to provide more facilities and activities to our members and improve our service to the community in which we live.

Our 'event of the year', the Craft Market continues to grow. Again, we had a host of positive comments made about the event and even better still our income increased by 17%. Yes, the day is an enormous effort by many members, but that is the type of activity that brings us all together and that is what a Shed is all about.

Every day I am at the Shed I see guys enjoying themselves. That enjoyment might be coming from making something through to just sitting and having a chat with a fellow member, the activity is not the important thing, the enjoyment and satisfaction is. There are too many people to thank individually who have contributed to this year of activities. What I can do is thank you all for your contribution to our Shed.

Next year is looking even better, some of the new activities that are planned are:

1. An Open Day in March which will include a Boot Sale and a Repair Lab as well as the usual open house, café and plant sale.
2. A 'Wives of Shed Men' was initiated recently and there was enthusiasm to develop this.
3. The Craft market will be a slightly new format next year as we are amalgamating with the Mosman Park Council's Community Fair.
4. There will be a small group of members who will start to document the key historical events of the Shed so future members can look back at our history.

It is going to be a good year for us and to make it even better I ask that you ask yourself **"How can I contribute to my Shed?"**

Tony Brown Chairman

Shed Member Moments!!



Jack Griffin: A sight for sore eyes--actually in the Kitchen

Bob Grocke Why do you need a step ladder when you have a hoist?

Tony Brown has a love affair with our bin as he quite often has to get into it to retrieve something he has put in in error.



All articles/photos/information to
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