



President's Pickings

Activity has continued in the shed over recent months with considerable interest from the public. There have been many requests for repairs to items of furniture or to take on various construction projects where the broad range of knowledge and skills that members have can be utilised. Thanks must go to the regulars that consistently turn up and help with the various projects and make the shed an enjoyable experience.

We have taken on a short pilot program to assist the Raymond Terrace WEA youth centre in constructing a model skate board display that will assist them in gathering support for a new youth skate board area to be established somewhere close to the town centre.

Since our last news letter we have lost one of our shed members. John Dunn was an inaugural member of the shed being in attendance at our first public meeting to gather support for establishing the shed and was a regular visitor at our monthly general meetings. John passed away in March and will be sadly missed by all members.

Many thanks to the Raymond Terrace Chemmart pharmacy for their efforts in raising \$850.00 during their recent fund raising promotion for the shed. Some of the funds have already been put to good use to purchase a new blood pressure monitor unit from Chemmart.

Our shed hosted the March Hunter Valley Men's shed cluster meeting with a good roll up of members from other sheds along with several of our own members. Presentations were made by two quality guest speakers one of whom was Ken Isles from the State Ambulance Service. He demonstrated the purpose of and operation of our new shed defibrillator.

The shed grounds have benefited from a big cleanup over recent weeks and are looking much safer and neater. Thanks to all those involved in helping Frank to tidy things up.

Quote: **You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake. - Bob Hope**

Thanks for your time

Bob

IN THE NEWS

A co-operative project between WEA youth and members of the shed drew interest from the local newspaper. The following item appeared in a recent copy of the Examiner.

Young, old join forces for skate park idea

By SARAH PRICE – PORT STEPHENS EXAMINER

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FINE-TUNING IDEAS: Leonard Kelly and Brody Beresford.

"THE model pictured above represents one of the many ideas youth in the area have for the Raymond Terrace skate park.

And while it does include additional jumps, a bowl, boxes, ramps and a quarter pipe, it also encompasses an outdoor gym, walking track, toilets, gardens and a graffiti wall, in an attempt to make the skate park a destination for youth in the area to enjoy.

Brody Beresford, 15, Leonard Kelly, 15, and Kelsie Moore, 16, are just some of the teens who have been working on the project with members of the Raymond Terrace Men's Shed for its unveiling as part of Youth Week on April 10.

It marks the old and young coming together to work on a project, and while the men said they learnt all about skateboard terminology, the teens had pocketed a few handy hints themselves.

"They tried to teach me how to hammer a nail in," Brody laughed.

When asked if he would attend the skate park, if it becomes a reality, Robert Bull from the Men's Shed joked that he might even give skateboarding a go.

After the unveiling, the model will act as the focal point for initiating consultation between Port Stephens Council and youth in the area for not only the Raymond Terrace Heatherbrae Strategy but also the Port Stephens Skate Park Strategy.

"It feels good to be a part of it all," teen Kelsie said.

Brody and Leonard said they would like to see the old skate park expanded to accommodate the new elements proposed.

Both said the most enjoyable part of the project had been designing the park.

Painting was their least favourite."

From observation it appears both the WEA youth and shed members involved in the pilot program have found it to be a very worthwhile and rewarding experience.

Sydney Wood And Metal Show Outing

The Sydney Wood and Metal Show at Rosehill Racecourse was a bit of a disappointment. Sixteen members went down on the train to see 20 minutes of displays. To fill in time we went around twice and managed to pick up a couple of bargains; a small lathe and a timber thicknesser. Frank is now looking out for a craft show later in the year which will be more interesting.

Shed Activities

Exercise Classes

The exercise classes on Monday mornings are still drawing plenty of interest with an average 14 members attending each week. Members not involved in this activity are urged to join in. At a cost of \$2 a week this is good value from a health and fitness point of view.

Fishing Group

Tony Bull has now returned from his holiday and is again organising fishing outings for those interested in a day's fishing. The weather is still variable but a couple of

successful trips have been held. Mick Burns sneaked out on his own while Tony was away and bagged a nice bass of about 30 cm on one of his homemade wooden lures and didn't miss the photo opportunity. Dave Elliot also caught a nice bream fishing off the pontoon at the Stockton sailing club.



Mick With His Bass



Dave Elliot's Bream

Tony arranged an outing on March 24 but had no luck. The fishermen had a better day on April 7 when 6 nice flathead were caught between four members and again at the same spot on April 8 when 3 flathead were caught between two members. Unfortunately, Tony has not submitted any photos to back up these claims so Mick probably has the bragging rights.

Outdoor Activities

Another successful BBQ was held at Dan Murphy's on Saturday April 13. The team on duty, in accordance with Frank's new roster, was the Fishing Team.

The boys were kept busy, raising \$212.25 from the BBQ while Terry took \$212.40 on the raffles. A great effort on the part of all to raise a total of \$424.65 for the day. Well done to the Fishing Team which has now set the benchmark for other teams to beat

The roster for future BBQ's is attached to the back page of this Newsletter.

Woodworking Group

We have finished filling the orders for possum, glider & bird Boxes for an excellent return of \$8,800.00. Thanks to the Box heads for their hard work and persistence.

For those who wonder where all those boxes went, Frank reports that he has found some in use during a recent outing to Bagnell's Beach. Apparently, these were installed by "Wildthing Enterprises".



Possum Boxes Installed at Bagnall's Beach

Safety Issues

Our shed now has a state of the art defibrillator unit which is housed on top of the shed first aid box ready for use in case of an emergency; in addition we have purchased a blood pressure monitor unit which will be permanently placed on the common room table for your convenience of use. It only takes a minute to check your blood pressure during a coffee break or at any other time so I urge members to take advantage of the blood pressure unit to monitor your health.

All machinery has now been tagged by an authorised person as required annually by government Regulation.

Graham's Safety Hint of The Month

What is wrong with this picture?

I know, I saw it right away too.... No safety glasses or hearing protection!!!



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