

President's Report 2018/19



Yes, another year has passed and, in the blink of an eye, we enter a new phase in the history of our shed. I must admit that it has been a year of highs and lows however, the highs outnumber the lows so I'll just concentrate on them.

With the new extension up and running we needed to look at the next step which was to upgrade the status from "Storage" to "Workshop". There are a number of plans and design changes required and a subcommittee of Ian Lupson, Kevin Swaffield, Peter Wilkinson, and Dieter Jankovic was formed. Special thanks to Ian for all the running around he's done getting quotes and organising with Council. His perseverance has seen council streamline the process for us and we should see work commencing as this hits the press.

Nat Perri, who is working full time, continues to be an asset to the shed, working hard on grant applications, our Ebay account and of course, our successful Xmas Dinner. Thanks Nat, we really appreciate your contribution.

A new initiative this year has seen Annesley Caspersz and Peter Hobbs volunteering to put more emphasis on welfare. Annesley has been busy arranging guest speakers and Peter has been following up those on the sick list. My thanks to you both. Please support these guys by attending the guest speakers and letting Peter know of any member who is sick or in hospital.

To our OH&S guys, Kevin Swaffield and Rod Jackson. Not many of us realised how much you had done until we got an unannounced visit from WorkSafe.

The visit was a blessing in disguise in that it showed we are on top of our game. In fact, the inspector commented that our practises and procedures were better than a lot of businesses he visits. I should also mention the improvements to the dust extraction system. What an improvement—well done.

To my two right hand men, Albert and Stan. Albert put his hand up when our long-term secretary, John Hunter, decided to take a well-earned break. Albert has been a great support and used his previous experiences to great benefit. His organisation of two General Meetings was testament to this. As you will see, our financials are in very good shape due to strong fiscal responsibility from our treasurer. Stan has done an excellent job controlling spending and we are in the unenvying position of being able to meet any unexpected costs. My thanks to both Albert and Stan.

A shed can only be as strong and successful as the people behind it and we are fortunate that there are many willing to put their hands up and help out. Remember, we are all volunteers, we are all responsible, it is all our jobs, and it is all our faults.

Naming names is always difficult because you are bound to miss someone. So, thanks to the committee for their support and cooperation. Thanks to the area coordinators for their efforts. A big thank you to all that have contributed to our Friday lunches – cooking, preparing, washing up etc. To those who have assisted at our Bunnings sausage sizzles, worked on our many projects including our rooftop displays, built items for sale, lifted spirits with a pack of cards.

Thank you all.

Here's looking forward to smooth sailing into 2019/20.

Mike Newman