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MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM THE COMMITTEE
TO ALL SHEDDERS

Dates to remember

To close on Friday 22nd December

Reopen on Wednesday 10th January 2024

No work to be done at shed on Friday 22nd

And a free lunch as part of breakup on Friday.

to finish up









This year's Christmas function was organised by Ted Riley with super support from his wife Maureen. The function was well attended and held at the SUNBURY SOCIAL CLUB and not the Ball Court hotel as thought by one shedder.

Using Shed Material and Equipment for personal use? Don't forget to make a donation

president Report December 2023



In opening I would like to congratulate Nic Germano on his appointment as Assistant Treasurer. It has become evident to the committee that the Treasurers role has become more than one person should be expected to perform. Ted Riley who has performed admirably in the temporary Assistant Treasurers role has decided to revert to the role of committee member going forward. Our thanks to Ted for his assistance. Nic is well qualified for the role and keen to provide his services to the Shed. Please make Nic welcome he will provide welcomed assistance to Peter as we move forward.

You will have noticed improvements to the Sheds facilities with the newly asphalted driveway and resurfaced rear carpark. These improvements have been provided by the Hume City Council and greatly enhance the look and feel of the grounds. It should be remembered that we lease the premises from the council and have a responsibility as a lessee to maintain the Shed at a high standard. To that extent the Committee have highlighted the need to continue with the general cleanup with particular emphasis to the storage area down the side of the sheds. A general restructuring of that area will be undertaken in the new year to augment the work already done by Denis in regards to sorting and organizing the area.

Also, the lean to beside the container is to be removed and the area converted to a sheltered area with seating.

The garden area is also being reconfigured to allow for more car parking. The introduction of Wicking Garden beds is being championed by Milne and will be combined with the relocation of some existing raised garden beds. Assistance will be required in due course for the relocation and building of beds, please feel free to volunteer your time.

We have been donated a Bridgeport Milling machine thanks to Trevor, he and Thommo are busy doing a restoration on the item. This will replace the existing unit which will be combined with the Thicknesser and Panel Saw which are being prepared for sale.

Our finances have been improved thanks to a relatively successful Garage Sale and Bunnings Sausage Sizzle thanks to all involved.

The upgraded dust extraction system is almost complete thanks to Steve, Kevin and Woody for their commitment to the project.

On a more concerning note, COVID is still a thing so please do not attend the Shed if you or a family member is unwell.

In closing on behalf of myself and the Committee have a safe and enjoyable Xmas and very Happy New Year.

Don't wait to be asked to volunteer, offer to volunteer



"Wood comes from trees. This is the most important fact to remember in understanding the nature of wood." This quote from R. Bruce Hoadley's Understanding Wood should be the first thing that comes to mind when you're puzzled by by a piece of wood.

The Basics:

- Wood moves: Wood is a living, breathing material, and as a result it moves. Learning why and where it moves will help you become a better furniture maker.
- Rays, vessels, and figure: The cell structure of lumber defines its look as well as how to work it.

Wood moves:

Wood movement depends on several factors, all of which must be accounted for when constructing a project. Wood expands as humidity increases, and it shrinks as humidity decreases. Another factor to take into account is how lumber has been sawn from a log. A flatsawn board will undergo a greater degree of expansion and contraction than a quarter sawn board because of the way the growth rings are oriented. All of these movement issues can be accounted for with the right construction method. They include frame-and-panel construction, breadboard ends, and mortise-and-tenon joinery.

Rays, vessels, and figure:

The structure of wood affects its appearance, as well as how easy it is on a hand-tool or power-tool blade. The wood cells that radiate from the center of a tree to its perimeter, known as rays, can add a great deal of beauty to a board. Quartersawn oak, for example, is known for its beautiful "ray fleck" pattern, which is the result of the surface intersecting the ray. Vessels are wood cells that extend parallel to the grain. They appear on the surface of a board as long open tubes and on the end grain as small, open pores. Figure is the display of the varying densities and color of the annual growth rings as they intersect with the surface of a board. Every species of wood has its own characteristic patterns and tooling characteristics.

A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling.

"I'm OK, but I didn't like the four letter-words the doctor used in surgery," he answered.

"What did he say," asked the nurse.

"Oops!"



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Secretary Report

19th December 2023

General Business

1/ Appoint Nicolas Germano (Nic) as Assistant Treasurer. Nic previous occupation was Council Employee Finance.

This is to assist Peter Canning especially during his recuperation from his knee operation.

2/ Appoint Ted Riley as Committee member and resign as assistant treasurer.

3/ Christmas and New Year shut down

Final day at shed Friday 22nd December reopen Wednesday 10th January 2024. No work to be done at shed on Friday 22nd. Free lunch as part of breakup.

4/ Confirmation of purchase of UPS for both computers at a cost of \$399. The current UPS at Secretary desk has died and we require a power backup for the secretary computer in the office.

5/ Fred Hollows Foundation saving spectacles for Specsavers. Peter Hobbs brought in a box for members to dispose of their old glasses.

6/ Think about if we should or can do something about the potential for a collision between members exiting the driveway and EV scooters or bikes flying along the footpath.

Albert to write to City of Hume expressing concern for pedestrians and scooters and council to suggest appropriate signage at gate exit.

7/ Develop a list of products and quality we should have in stock in preparation for garage sales and displays.

Make up a product list and quantity of items we can sell. Look at cheaper items to sell at places such as Bunnings etc.

8/ Make up a list of items we make eg Bee Houses and encourage new members to take up that job

9/ No committee meeting in January

10/ Retractable cover for outdoor area, part of Millett Grant. Kevin Swaffield to investigate further to see the most effective cover to obtain preferably electric. Budget left from Millett Grant is \$4000

11/ Need to ensure plenty of lead in time for grants ie any grant that is attached to council property must have council approval. Need minimum 2 months before grant closing date and up to 12 months for items that require planning and building permits.

12/ Additional skip to clear rest of rubbish. Clear up any unwanted timber, Cleanup paint area, shift pallet racking currently at the container to the paint area and dispose of the cupboards. Close machine down for 1 day a week for 2 weeks to clean up the timber etc.

Make a firewood box and a scrap metal out of pallets.

13/ Investigate 2 new wood working lathes.

14/ Investigate walk behind forklift

Meeting closed 10.50am



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Plywood and Shingles—"Passive Shed"

HMSS member Jon Fettes' home "owner builder" project is nearing completion. It uses a conventional timber frame with all cladding, internal and external, made from recycled plywood. The upstairs space is designed to be tightly sealed and well insulated with minimal or no requirement for heating and cooling, along "passive house" principles. Downstairs will be a workshop and storage space.

The most unusual aspect of the build, other than the home-made double glazed windows—(more of that later), is the roof, which is 12mm plywood, topped with American style asphalt shingles. This methodology is great for attractive and tightly sealed buildings. But also great on a pergola or shed.

The plywood is sourced from building site hoardings; which are relatively durable outside, utilising a similar waterproof bonding material to marine ply. With a bit of TLC filling nail holes etc, these are great and low cost airtight building material.

In the roof assembly, the ply sheets are joined underneath with an off-cut piece as a joiner between the two sheets, and it is all glued and screwed together.

Costing for the recycled ply, waterproof membrane and shingles, nails and adhesives comes out at around \$60 / m² material cost, but it is quite labour intensive. Once complete, the roof will be coated with a cool-roof membrane to further ensure comfort and that the low-pitch roof is waterproof.

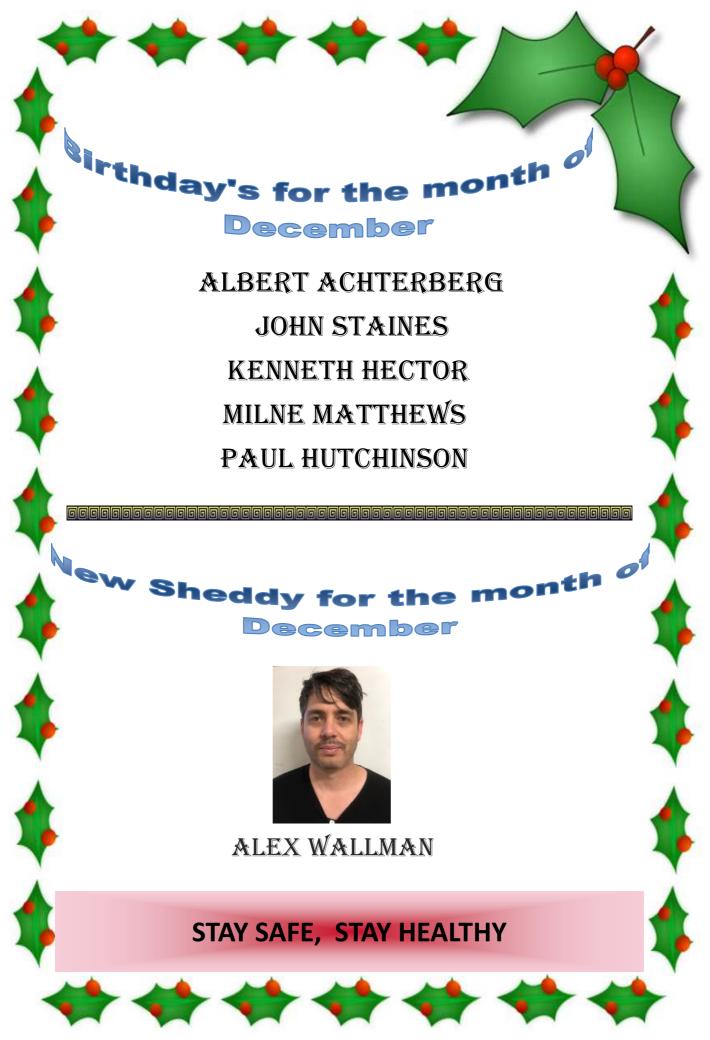
Recycled ply sheets are available from a second hand dealer (Jon can forward details). Shingles and "Astec" cool roof paint are now available from Bowens.





Do you have any old spectacles and sunglasses gathering dust and taking up space in drawers and cupboards at home? Now you can do something useful with them and donate them to the Fred Hollows Foundation through The Specsavers Project. It's interesting to know that the small screws connecting the arms to the frames are just as important, particularly when it comes to "mixing-&-matching" and repairs. In The Shed lunchroom is a simple donation box into which you can drop your old specs, and in due course we will deliver them to our local Specsavers.





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