

President's Report 2021/22



Since taking this position over from Mike Newman in July 2020, it has been a roller coaster 2 years. But I would personally like to thank Mike for all of his help and guidance throughout.

As this is my last year of President of The Hume Men's Shed I would just like to thank everybody for all your help and support throughout these past 2 years, there has been some

ups and downs, but I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge which was thrown every single day at the Shed.

I Wish Dale and his team all the very best for the next 2 years and hope that the Shed will keep on progressing in every way.

Unfortunately because I had just come out of hospital for the last AGM, I was unable to attend and sadly couldn't present the Life Membership to Kevin Swaffield. Kevin has been and is still is a valuable member of our Shed and fully deserved this honour. Thank you Kevin for all you do for all our members at The Shed.

Because of the Covid situation we, the Committee had our Meetings via Zoom – which was a challenge in itself, but we prevailed. In between the shut downs, we did manage to finish a great deal of outstanding jobs that needed to be completed. We also managed to fit in a Garage Sale at the Shed and a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and a very successful luncheon at the United Sporting Club with partners welcomed.

Through all of our restrictions, we had members who were not well (not covid) in hospital. I would just like to wish all of those members a speedy recovery and best wishes for the future.

We were back in the Shed from November 2021, and since then we have built a new Shed for our Compressor, a big thankyou to Dale and Fred for their excellent job. The garden was also reinvented because everything died through the lockdown, and a very good job was done by Barry, Lou and Stan., Ian and Dennis doing a tip runs and all the whipper snipping. We now have a team of 5 members for the weekly tip runs. We also purchased a new band saw for the woodworkers. We also purchased a container, which now houses, our rollers, guillotine, and box folder and storage racks. A big thankyou to Ian, Dieter and Rob for helping to put it into position.

We did manage to fit in a couple of Bunnings Sausage sizzles, which is our best fund raising efforts we have throughout our year, which brings in a lot of money to spend on our projects. We also did a Christmas market at Bunnings with other community groups and it was a great result in selling a lot of our wares, made at the Shed. We also had a very successful garage sale, with lots sold. A big thankyou to all involved in making it a big success. I would also like to thank Albert

for selling heaps of items on Facebook and making a huge different to our funds, very much appreciated.

We had several Grants, from different sources, which enabled us to have seminars on, health and safety, first aid, health and wellbeing, mental health, and it also went towards buying our machines and container. We also obtained a grant from The Commonwealth Bank, which enabled us to have our Christmas B.B.Q. at the Shed. And a big thankyou to one of our members for a generous donation, to be put towards our stock for our Bunnings Sausage Sizzles. And a big thankyou to the Council for installing solar panels to our Shed, which will help towards the cost of our electricity bills.

We also had plenty of donations from different sources, including timber planks, which we sold and are in the process of receiving more timber from the Winslow Infrastructure Company, from The Sunbury Road Project.

We had a working bee at one of our Members and it was great to see Wilko back at the Shed, although it was just for a short while. We wish him all the best for a speedy recovery and back at the Shed full time.

After many years as treasurer Stan handed over the job to Peter Canning. Both shedders do a hard job by keeping an eye on the shed's funds. Thank you fellows.

A big thankyou to Jimmy Moffat for keeping us all connected with our Sponsors and supporters for this year.

Once again, it has been a pleasure being your President for the past 2 years, I have thoroughly enjoyed all of the challengers that popped up and hope that I did you proud. A great big thankyou to Albert, without his help I would have been struggling.

Quilty has also enjoyed being at the Shed and she looks forward to continuing in the future, she loves all your support.

I would like to thank ALL my Committee Members for a job well done, and all other Shed Members who have contributed to our Shed this year.

I wish Dale and his team a huge 2 years and hope that he enjoys being President as much as I have.

Signing off

Ted Riley – President 2021/2022.

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