



CHIPS, SPARKS AND ARTS

A Monthly Newsletter of the Bundanoon Men's Shed

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Introduction:

The idea of a monthly newsletter came up at our recent general meeting and it was decided that we give it a trial run to see if it meets a need. It will not replace any other means we have already in place to communicate with each other, but rather add items of general interest which we can share among ourselves and our community as well as other Men's Sheds.

Our editorial team is Gordon Thomas, Evan Smith and John Ciregna. We welcome your comments – constructive, of course!!

Note: Issue number 1 will be brief due to some upcoming items being close and the need to inform members soon. Apologies for any omissions.

Monday, 11th November – Remembrance Day – Lest we Forget

New Member: At our meeting on 5th November a new member, Ron Young, who lives in Moss Vale, joined us. Welcome Ron. New members are very welcome. Perhaps we could send our newsletter to a friend we hope will join our Shed. This is a good time to mention that if any kind of assistance is needed and, if possible, the Shed can help, please contact Evan.

Shed Notices:

Our **End of Year Get together** is on Wednesday, 4th December, at Christine and Evan Smith's place. Invitations have been emailed to all members. If you haven't received yours please contact Milton. Arrive at 5.30 pm for drinks and nibbles. The meal will be at 7pm. Meat and a vegetarian option will be provided by the Shed. Members should bring their own drinks and glasses, and either nibbles, a salad or a dessert (Please email Milton to RSVP to check what to bring...we don't want only salads or desserts). Plates and cutlery provided. Looking forward to a great night and we thank Christine and Evan for hosting us.

Interest Groups:

We provide a range of activities to cater for many interests; such as:

Automotive (3rd Tuesday at 9am),

Apple Devices (next meeting Wednesday, November 27th),
Art (Every Friday) at the RSL
Photography (2nd Thursday at 5.30 pm with a competition every month),
Poetry (3rd Thursday at 2.30pm. This month we are looking at another of
Chaucer's Canterbury Tales).

Science and Technology, (SAT Group). 1st and 3rd Mondays).

S.A.T. Group Antenna Report: John Farmer reports: *"The new antenna has been successfully installed last Monday with a great effort from Paul Klausen giving his time doing the 'high wire act' on the top of the shed.... Many thanks Paul! We carried out some instrument tests before we hoisted it up, but the big test is when you actually try it out when it's up there and with the Radio Transceiver. Thanks to Steve Owens & Bob Siegel & others for their help from below"*.

Workshop News. We are very grateful to Bob Sutton of Sydney who generously donated a brand new large metal milling machine and to Steve Owens for transporting this 200kg object in his car! The hobby mill and lathe have been ordered.

Sailing dinghy. This has been kindly donated by Karl Burg. Any interest in refurbishing to be directed to Ray when he returns from Spain.

Please note that all of our Groups would welcome new members.

Sheduction: On Wednesday, 20th November at 2.30pm . Steve Owen will introduce some new technology that will amaze us all. (if, in this modern world, any 'amaze' is left in us!!). Come and enjoy.

Shed's Social Outings: This year some of our members have enjoyed two wonderful trips away and another is proposed for February, 2020. A trip to **Evostyle** in Windsor where state-of-the-art CNC wood turning equipment is used. Watch this space for further details.

Interesting and challenging things:

November is **Men's Health Month.** Wingecarribee Health Association for Men (WHAM), are hosting a series of four Thursday Evenings at St. Judes Anglican Church Auditorium, Bowral from 6pm (sharp) to 7.30pm. One is already over but three remain:

Thursday, 14th Nov. *On the go with Arthritis.* What it is? What causes it?

Thursday, 21st *Sugar Hits.* What is Diabetes? How do I avoid it? Know I have it?

Thursday, 28th *Being a MAN in 2020.* Now that should be interesting! Are you game to give this one a go??

Lions Australia Invite you to join their **Lap of the Map for Diabetes** on Sunday, 17th Nov., from 9am to 1pm. Starting from **Bong Bong Common**. A self-paced walk. Entry \$5.
See notice board for more details.

And for all old timers: come to see *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* at the Empire Cinema Bowral on **Wednesday, November 27th, 6pm for 6.30pm**. Tickets \$25 includes light refreshments. Organised by The Australian Conservation Foundation. See Notice Board.

Book Review

***A Brief History of the Age of Steam*, \$9.09 Free Postage from Book Depository.**

It was in 1710 that Thomas Newcomen invented a machine with a pump driven by coal.....and so began the Age of Steam! For over 200 years the steam engine would drive the Industrial Revolution and change the lives of millions, the fortunes of nations and the shape of history. If this doesn't bring cinders to your eyes, nothing will!

Quote:

"Neither a borrower nor a lender be"

Who said this and to whom? Who wrote the text?

The President's end of term prize will be awarded to the first correct answer each month emailed to bundanoonmensshed2578@gmail.com

The Curse of Surgery!

"So, I'm being circumcised tomorrow"

"Yes, I had that done when I was very young"

"Did it hurt?"

"Well, I couldn't walk for about a year!"

Bill 'n Harry

Bill (up a ladder) "I'm feeling dizzy, I think I'll go home"

Harry (his mate) "Av ya got vertigo?"

Bill: "Nah, I just live round the corner"