



## Hello Members,

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of the Menai Men's Shed newsletter.

### Member Profile Corner:-

In this and future newsletters a willing Shed member will be profiled, providing the opportunity of getting to know our MMS colleagues a little better.

This issues victim, sorry, I mean participating member is Clem Charles. He was born in Lameroo, South Australia and was the 7<sup>th</sup> eldest of 13 siblings (8 brothers and 4 sisters).

He attended a State public school then entered the workforce as a Labourer. Then joined the Navy as a Stoker and saw action in Darwin (WW2) and was honourably discharged in 1946 – Sydney. Participated in a Commonwealth training scheme and graduated as a Carpenter.

When aged 26, Clem met the love of his life and married Nola. Sadly, Nola recently passed away after 64 years of marriage. Clem and Nola have 2 adult children - one son, a Doctor and one daughter, a Nurse, 6 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and 1 on the way.

Clem recently celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday with his mates at the Menai Men's Shed.

Clem, being a Man of many words, gave a short speech, then we all devoured a lovely cream covered birthday cake.



## Recent Shed Activities;

On 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, the Menai Men's Shed held the AGM and the outgoing executive (2017 – 2018) were thanked for their contribution towards the continued development and expansion of our shed.

Outgoing Executive members;

President:- Jo Buchan

Vice President – Tom Harris

Secretary – Don Rothnie

Treasurer – Phil Roffe

Committee Members:

Bill Black

Phil O'Reilly

Ron Dickinson

The election of the Incoming Executive for 2018 - 2019 was rather painless as there was one nomination for each position. The election for each position was unanimous and our Executive for this year is;

President:- Tom Harris

Vice President – Bill Black

Secretary – Don Rothnie

Treasurer – Phil O'Reilly

Committee Members:

Ron Alexander

Ric Schwartz

Ron Dickinson

Also, Life Membership was awarded to Clem Charles and John Oste. Congratulation men.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:-

Most members have undertaken a Menai Men Shed induction along with training on most equipment and have been signed off on the related equipment.

Members who have not received induction and safety training, time is running out. Those not inducted or signed off by the end of November will not be permitted to enter the machinery / equipment sections.

The members who require training please let either Tom Harris or Bill Black know and arrangements will be made for the training. This is not at the individuals' requirement but when convenient for Bill or Tom, on either Mondays or Wednesdays.



As a duty of care, members not wearing safety equipment will be asked to stop operating the machinery.

Safety glasses, ear plugs, ear muffs are required to be work when in the wood or metal workshops. Closed toe shoes to be worn at all times when in the shed.

Members, as you are aware, your shed is involved in community projects from time to time. Unfortunately, there is very little assistance offered by the membership when volunteers are sought to get involved.

This is also the case when the MMS is participating in Bunnings BBQ fund raising. When volunteers are being sought, only a handful of members agree to help. It is the same members every time.

### Recent Shed Projects;

Brian recently undertook the task of building a unit to store a selection of screws that were donated to the shed. A number of MMS members assisted in the construction. This new addition has proven to be very useful. Well done Brian, H and Mick.



The Pirate Boat for Kareela Public School and the Bridge for Jannali Public School.



There is years of enjoyment for the children who will play on them. Not to mention the enjoyment the bigger MMS boys got in building them.

Members may be aware that the MMS, through Bunnings (Kirrawee) conducted a BBQ 'fund raising' project for the Farmers affected by the drought. The project was very successful and \$1,802.00 was raised.



On the 12 November, 2018, Cath Sloan – President – Phillip Branch CWA, Tracey Bonfante - Hand Crafts Officer, Cathy McLean – President and Sue Vessie – Immediate Past President from the St George / Sutherland Country Women's Association visited the MMS and Treasurer - Phil O'Reilly presented our cheque. Don Rothnie also gave the ladies a guided tour of the MMS and they were very impressed. Might be some more projects coming our way.

The ladies then joined the men for morning tea. They reckoned it was the first time they did not have to do the morning tea.

It was important to learn that this financial assistance 'Help the Farmers' initiative has to date, assisted 2,450 farmers.

The MMS is certainly proud to have been able to contribute to this very worthwhile project.

**Men, share the brotherhood and get involved.**

**Assistance is required:-**



**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 at Caringbah / Taren Point**

Stay tuned for our next newsletter.

**NOTE:- If you have any relevant articles with photos for the MMS newsletter please submit for consideration, via email to [ron.alexander.nsw@gmail.com](mailto:ron.alexander.nsw@gmail.com)**