



# WRINKLY RAG.

**November - December 2016**

Another combined issue, as the editor is having an extended stay in the St John of God "Hilton" in Midland

## **SPEAKERS CIRCLE**

Due to Allan's extended stay in hospital a list of speakers for the start of next year has not been finalised.

It is anticipated someone from RISE, the Shed neighbours will be the speaker for February.

More will be communicated in the first issue for 2017

If anyone has a suggestion for a speaker, please let Allan know.

## **CHRISTMAS BREAK**

The Shed will close for the Christmas break, this Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December with a sundowner & barbecue.

Reopening on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Wally  
on achieving Life Membership of  
the Mundaring Men's Shed

## **GET WELL SOON**

Your editor, Allan is finally on the road to recovery. There were a number of hiccups but he is now in rehab and looking forward to "real" food.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

**&**

**Best Wishes to all and  
your families for**

**2017**



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### THE PRES'S BIT.

We've heard it so many times, "Doesn't time fly when you're having fun". Well this last year must be the fastest ever, so we must have had a lot of fun.

Some of the fun has been at the Sundowners where the atmosphere has always been great. The Singalong Group has been great fun with more and more people attending throughout the year. The Games night has not yet gained momentum but is still going well. Also, in the "Rec" Room, the Photography group has continued to meet and in the Woodwork Shed the carving group has become a feature of MCMS. All these activities are a direct result of the building of the "Rec" Room.

Over the year the Shed has continued to do its bit for the community and the Shire of Mundaring. The blokes have created some toys from recycled materials for Chidlow Primary School. They have also raised funds with a sausage sizzle at Bunnings; raised funds with two raffles a month at meetings and the Guest Speaker gatherings; raised even more funds with huge fire wood raffles; and of course all the work done for local people who have donated funds to the Shed. Over the past twelve months we have increased our bank balance by about \$3000 after taking out our costs.

Let's not forget the work the blokes have done for the Shire. We helped them with two days volunteering at Trek the Trail, put on a BBQ at Camp Leschenaultia and shifted furniture for Thank a Volunteer Day, twice.

There was a little bit of political activity. We had two politicians visit, with their photographers of course, and they received a few pointed questions from us. And there was the ongoing dispute between AMSA and WAMSA which is still going. Fortunately it has not affected our shed so far.

On a less cheerful note we saw the passing of Dave Currie. Dave was a very popular member of the shed which was made very clear by the number of shed men who attended his funeral. Having his wake at the shed was a heart-warming occasion for us, one we will not forget for a long time.

We did have a great fun year from an eating point of view. There was lunch at the Mallard Duck, the Melbourne Cup Lunch, End of Year dinner at El Cabalo Blanco and don't forget Charles' 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, that was fun too.

We can't end the year without commending the blokes on the committee for the effort they put in over the year. Well done to them and all the blokes that helped to make it such a fun year.

Marty B

## EVENTS & PHOTOS

### **The Cup. You Know the One.**

The shed hosted its Melbourne Cup lunch on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Manny and Brian did the shopping and judged amounts very well. Phil, Charles, Robin and Ken did the preparation of the food. The presentation was tops.

There were over forty guests at the lunch including a number of associate members, you know the ones, who enjoyed the food and a few sparkling wines.

There was brisk trade with our resident bookie, who again looked the part, and managed about five sweeps for us. Well done Brian.



The race, you know the one, was viewed on our massive flat screen television. Everybody had a good view of the event and there was plenty of vocal encouragement for the horses from the audience.

After the race, lunch was enjoyed by the guests which included warm, home grown asparagus tips brought by Wally, you know the one.

Thanks to all the people that helped set up the event and thanks to all the people who came along and enjoyed themselves.

### **Happy Birthday Charles**

We celebrated Charles's significant milestone, his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. This year he overcame a broken leg which did not break his spirit, as can be seen from the photo below. And with the roller skates, he is on a roll!

All the best for the coming year Charles.



## Working with the Community

### Assembling nesting boxes



### A Splendid Addition to the Shed



Antoine has excelled again with this colourful and attractive tiling, which he himself painted. We are sure it will grab people's attention.

## News from the Shire of Mundaring

### Incredible finds in nesting box check ups

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AN endangered Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo chick was among the variety of species found during a recent check of nesting boxes in Shire of Mundaring Reserves.

Shire President David Lavell said following the Parkerville, Stoneville, Mt Helena Bushfire in 2014, a variety of nesting boxes were installed in Shire reserves to encourage local wildlife to return to the area.

"Local environmental expert Simon Cherriman was commissioned to install the boxes in early 2015," he said.

"On Friday 25 November 2016, a number of local volunteers checked around 70 boxes, which were located in Milligan, Sunninghill, Gilfellon and Mardo reserves, as well as along the Railway Reserves Heritage Trail.

"The group discovered some incredible wildlife including broods of Australian Ringneck Parrots, Red-capped Parrots, Common Brushtail Possums with joeys, hatched duck eggs, spiders, geckos and even the discovery of several Brush-tailed Phascogale nests inside some of the boxes."

Cr Lavell said it was fantastic to see such a diverse range of wildlife using the boxes.

"The Shire is incredibly lucky to have local expertise in Mr Cherriman who has the right equipment to install and maintain the boxes which provide shelter to local fauna," he said.

The seven-week old Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo chick discovered in one of the nest-boxes is the third record of the species breeding in this area. As part of the WA Museum's ongoing cockatoo research, the chick was successfully banded and measured on Friday 2 December.

Mr Cherriman said friends group volunteers and children were lucky to be able to attend the banding event and learn about techniques used to research the species.

"It is just wonderful to be part of a community with so many enthusiastic people willing to donate their time to assist with monitoring local wildlife," he said.

"And the practical activities that this work presents play a huge part in helping educate the next generation."

# SOCIAL EVENTS

## Sundowners

Second Thursday of the month, after the workshop at 2:00pm

Members only, with occasional invites to others

We all get together for a convivial afternoon snack, enjoy BYO drink,( or a purchased drink from the fridge) and share a joke or two. Peter arranges a selection of antipasto bits, savouries and occasionally there is a much sought after vanilla slice. Every member is welcome so come along and join us. There is no charge for the food. A good time is assured.

## “Sing – a – Long” Group

These are held at 2 weekly intervals on Thursdays – subject to change if Meg is not available

## Shed Policy Meetings.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

## Games Night

Ralph has organized a games night so you can try your skill at darts, pool and/or cards. You can also form a cheer squad to support the contestants

This is a fortnightly event on Mondays, so come along and give it your support