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Another Year and a Retiring President



This year's Annual General Meeting was brought forward to escape the heat of summer and to coincide with our regular seasonal "Spring" barbeque. The meeting was attended by 65 members on the sunny spring morning of Friday 8th September.

President Paul, formally resigned from his position after having moved to Newcastle to join his family, but remains a member through his new position of Immediate Past President. He addressed the meeting, highlighting the features of the year for the Shed, which included:

- Staging for the Gilbert O'Sullivan performance
- Production of *The Real Men's Cookbook*
- Medical chairs for Lady Davidson hospital
- Design and manufacture of the Better Business Partner trophies
- Wooden dress accessories – 382 pieces
- Design and manufacture of educational aids for Sydney Trains TrackSafe
- Native Bee Boxes – 2500 to date for Council
- Bee Hotels
- Regular news "Bulletins".



Special mention was made of the support we receive from both Ku-ring-gai Council and Bendigo Community Bank at Lindfield and Turramurra.

Elections for all positions on the Shed Management Committee were conducted with the following results:



- President – Stephen Lloyd
- Immediate Past President – Paul Schiebaan
- Vice President – Tony Varrall
- Vice President Membership – Rob Lander
- Secretary – Mal Bailey
- Treasurer – Don Crocker
- Member – Kevin Callinan
- Member – Mike Schwarz
- Member – Peter Adair

Mal Bailey provided an update of the planning of the Shed extension which despite many challenges is now progressing with a view to undertaking the project with completion by end of year. A rousing acclamation was given to Mal for his extensive efforts in regards to planning and gaining approvals.

President Stephen addressed the meeting outlining some of the plans for the ensuring year, which included:

- Completing the 1200 bee box order
- Completing the Bee Hotel order
- Planning of a new training and accreditation program
- Providing induction for new members
- Maintaining social activities
- Maintaining and developing a "friendly and helpful" culture at the Shed

V.P. Tony Varrall then made a surprise presentation of Life Membership to outgoing President Paul for his enthusiastic and committed contributions over 6 years including two years as President. This was followed by Stephen presenting a wonderful portrait of Paul painted by Genevieve Crocker and superbly mounted and framed by Di Seely. Paul was obviously ecstatic to receive this and takes this away with everyone's appreciation of his efforts.



The meeting closed at 12 noon and was followed by a most successful barbeque produced by Ruth, Bruce and the Cooking Group.

First Response First Aid Station

aid station has been established in the Shed kitchen to speedy and efficient treatment of minor injuries.

he successful purloining of a most appropriate cabinet y, the cabinet was installed by Geoff Greenwell and sioned by Di and Mike Schwartz with all the usual items itiseptic, band-aids and bandages.

s to this team for their initiative and efforts. The regular
ts remain in the meeting room along with the
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Thanks to the Bee-Box Production Team



Following the appeal made by the President at the AGM for members to step up and contribute to our large order for bee boxes, we have had a great response. Many thanks to new members of this team who have given their time to assist Kevin Jeffress with this huge obligation. Gosh we have even had the pleasure of metal workers joining in to make sawdust – both man and woman! The regular contributors are obviously much appreciated too.

Some of the tasks might appear menial and repetitive but participants have acknowledged it's a great way to get involved in team work and get to know fellow members better.

Good on you team – keep up the good work when you can. It is appreciated that some regulars have doubled their days at the Shed to contribute. Many thanks.



Stony Range Arbor

Maria's 100 leaves for an arbour to be installed at Stony Range Regional Botanical Gardens in Dee Why, just to the North of Officeworks.

Hammering away for Cambodia

A team of Di Sealy, project manager, Graham Bradshaw, Taras Wansborough and Stephen Lloyd as quality manager have assembled a doll's house for the charity organisation "Build Your Future Today" in support of children in Cambodia.



Bee Uprising

In the beginning, there were the homeless bees and the Council provided humble bee-box dwellings to provide a comfortable home for them. Over time they became dissatisfied with their lot. New voices rose up amongst them to improve their housing standards. Their homes were too hot and they should have at least equivalent accommodation as the rest of the wild bees. Eventually the Council relented to their demands. And so it came to pass that their homes were fitted with insulation to quieten the unrest.

But they were a cantankerous lot and demanded a retreat to relieve their anxiety when they got stressed out. A commercial company saw a business opportunity and provided bee-hotels for their relaxation and recreation.

Beehold, not all were satisfied. The upwardly mobile bees wanted to express their wealth and status with more ostentatious abodes. And so it came to pass that a highly acclaimed designer was engaged to build a real show home, the likes of which was never seen upon the face of the earth, the bee-penthouse.

In reality, the bee-penthouse is an ingenious housing for a native bee-hive that was in the limb of a tree. A survey of the tree had missed the hive before it was cut. The Kuring-gai Council staff needed an urgent enclosure for the bee colony. A temporary box was provided by the Shed.

John designed and build a more permanent enclosure in the shape of a hexagon, like their hives, just to make the bees feel more at home and it is also insulated. The design splits in two so the branch can be placed inside. The two halves will then be strapped together with one entrance/exit hole.



On the left you can see the construction and on the right the installed penthouse within the camouflaged enclosure.

Cleaning-up Warrawee store



Thanks to those that assisted with the Warrawee store clean-up. A job well done.

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