



Port Fairy Men's Shed 2010 - 2011 Annual Report



As presented to the Annual General Meeting held 7th October 2011

MEMBERS 2010 – 2011 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

President – Ewen Cameron

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ACTIVITY REPORT

Committee of Management Meeting Monthly

Shed open on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10am – 4pm. Open on other days for planned activity.

Members have worked a total of 2981 hours

2474 hours on projects and the new storage annexe

507 hours on Folk Festival Projects (we have contracted with them to do 750 hours or work to offset against their \$15,000 grant).

Attendance

There is an average attendance of 6/8 members on the days the Shed is open. For specific work tasks e.g. The Folk Festival Project, 15/20 members will attend.

\$5 winter lunches proved popular with 20/25 in attendance and sharing plenty of chatter. We have decided to move these social/luncheons to the first Monday of each month.

Workshops and events

- i. First Aid talk by Mike Cornett (W.D. Ambulance Service)
- ii. Welding Demonstration by Joe Harris
- iii. Fire Ready Workshop – Julie Owens CFA Ed. Officer – Port Fairy Firebrigade truck and crew.
- iv. Preparation for 'Health and Wellbeing' event, in conjunction with Moyne Health Services, Lions and the Rotary Club on October 26th.
- v. Fiona Hellier (HACC Nurse) spoke to the men about options and support for continuing to live at home.

Craft Group

Meeting regularly on Thursday afternoons for coffee, craft, knitting, felting and chat. A strong group.

Visiting Groups

- i. Port Fairy Probus Club for luncheon and tour of Shed.
- ii. Men's Shed Groups from established sheds or those in formation stages. Timboon, Cobden, Horsham, Simpson, Portland and Macarthur.

Broadband for Seniors started with a rush, but has now slowed down. Murray Hennig has agreed to take up the role of tutor.

Web-site for the Shed has been set up by Harry Bracegirdle.

Kits for Kids – Assisting children to assemble basic wooden toys at the Moyneanna Festival, Hawkesdale 150th and Winter Weekends.

Newsletters

President Ewen has produced several Newsletters. These are sent out by email, and snail mail to those without IT set ups.

Grant Applications

Pacific Hydro \$2,720 – Slow Combustion Heater. Moyne Shire Community Assistance Fund \$2,785 – Tools and Equipment. Volunteers Grant (Commonwealth Government – Pending (O H & S)).

WORKSPACE AND PROJECTS

The completion of the new storage area (The Keith Bunge Annexe) allowed a clearing out of the main work area, which makes it a safer area. We were able to move some noisy machinery out there also. There is an Attendance book to check our hours and for insurance purposes.

An Incident Report book is also available.

The Committee of Management has responsibility for OH & S issues and accepts this position. We have no designated OH&S or risk management worker, but have applied for grant funds, as training and regular inspection and tagging is a legal requirement.

Some members have attended 'Worksafe' events.

It may be more economically viable to contract this work out or work in cooperation with another community entity e.g. Folk Festival or Shire.

Projects (completed and pending)

Lighting Poles and Art Work for the Folk Festival

16 Pub Tables (refurbish for flood victims)

Computer box (Belfast Aquatics)

Bowls Club seating and shelters

Safety cage (Cemetery Trust)

A garden setting

Kits for Kids (6models)

Artist's Easels/Notice board stand

Towel racks and potato and onion storage box

Coffee Tables (various) Lazy Susans

Microwave tray mobile for Moyneanna Hostel.

Display Cabinets for Show Society

Baby Grand Piano renovation and painting (Moyne Shire)

Recycle Wheelie Bins – Billie carts and tomato planters

Fletcher Jones Surf Boat renovation

Garden Boxes – Community House Play Group

PORT FAIRY MEN'S SHED WOMENS CRAFT GROUP

The Port Fairy Men's Shed Craft Group meet each Thursday between 1pm – 4pm.

We have 18 members who participate in a variety of craft activities, including knitting, patchwork, jewellery making, cooking demonstrations, story telling with lots of good humour and laughs.

Each member contributes \$2 per week, from this we donate to various charities, the men's shed and local groups. For example we contributed the following to the men's shed.

Chair – Mat – Clock – Mirror

We have also contributed to many additional activities including flags for the Folk Festival, uniforms for the Rescue Boat, Peter's Project, Moyneanna House.

Our Craft group was invited to participate in the Johnson Collection's Christmas exhibition in East Melbourne which was a huge success.

We hope to continue our happy association with the Men's Shed for many years to come.

Port Fairy Men's Shed Ladies Craft Group – 29 September, 2011.

WE SINCERELY THANK ALL OF OUR SPONSORS, DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

Port Fairy Belfast Lions Club
Port Fairy Show Society
Moyne Shire Council (Community Grant)
Port Fairy Community House
Pacific Hydro (Community Grant)
Victorian Government (Amanda Miggins DHS)
Port Fairy Folk Festival
Brookes Timber and Hardware
Port Fairy IGA
Aussie Broadband
Matthews Petroleum
Bamix Concrete – Bamstone
Geoff Arnold – Auditor
Harry Bracegirdle – Public Officer
Peter from Holcin
Watsons Earth Movers
Terry Finnigan – Plumbing
Nick Sheehan Meats
Cobbs Bakery
Ladies Craft Group

All other persons not itemized for donations of tools and equipment and other Shed supplies. Also the Shops and Traders who supported our massive Christmas Gift Hamper etc.

