

## *Arrunga Community Men's Shed Summer 2012 Newsletter*

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This has been a busy time for many of the men to make Christmas presents, and complete many household repair jobs in the shed. This Newsletter attempts to cover many of the activities that Shed members have been engaged in to make this Christmas time more memorable for their families and friends.



Some of our Shedders enjoying Christmas Lunch

The Shed Members celebrated the end of the year with a well provided Christmas Luncheon. We filled the large community room at the Arrunga Aged Care Facility with 45 Shedders attending. One of our Committee Members, Gethla Connor, organised this event with the result that many of the Shedders would not have wanted any dinner that evening!



## Christmas Presents



For the lead up to Christmas many of the members were busy on wood turning lathes making "cotton dollies" or Biro pens which were sold or given away for Christmas presents. We have since received several orders for more wood turning items including making 'music sticks' and the more challenging lace making bobbins.



Restoring old toys and childhood treasures is a common activity at the shed and Michael Casey has been drawn into this activity by restoring this cart and horse to its former glory ready to be loved by grandchildren, nephews and nieces.



Sylvia Murphy from Carlingford commissioned members of the Shed to make a children's table and chairs for her grand children. Sylvia has now sent us this photograph to show us that the table and chairs are being well used and appreciated.

Bert Gude was caught up in furniture restoration with the direction to repair the wicker work seat of a dining room chair. This can be a difficult task and he has the hope that it shall be many years before another chair needs restoring!



## Fellowship & Fun at The Shed

Sheelah Higgins and Peter Alexanderson are residents at Arrunga and are regulars in attending the Men's Shed enjoying conversations and the activities that are ongoing. In the photo Sheelah is celebrating her Birthday while Peter has been painting pink pigs that are destined to become mobiles that will hang from a ceiling.



Chopping Blocks come in all shapes and sizes and John Leary's neighbour has a large and magnificent segmented chopping block that was rapidly coming apart. Because of its weight and size the repair was undertaken by John at his neighbour's house with heaps of advice from other Shed members. John stands proudly by the completed work that has now been well tested.



Company Christmas functions often set an event theme for party goers. In Itzic Mueller case his work party had an underwater theme. Itzic using the facilities of the Shed turned his hand to constructing an extra terrestrial aqualung from everyday household items to look the part. His artistic talent proved to be a great success amongst his fellow workers.

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Remember the old felt covered card table? Well Ian Nicol decided to restore his and make it serviceable again. "Nothing to it" says Ian after the restoration was completed.



Bruce Kenny, another resident of Arrunga, embarked on a major project to construct a large billycart for his grandson. Bruce was the test driver and after several spills modifications were necessary to the brakes and steering. Following the completion of this work we are told that his grandson's billycart is the envy of other boys in the street.

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The Arrunga Community Men's Shed is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am. Location: 17-21 Delaware Road Ermington. The Shed's phone number is 8878 6479 during the opening times.

### Committee Members are:

Bob Junor (Convenor):	9872 4270	Ken Bruce:	9876 2260
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This Shed is organised under a partnership developed between the Arrunga Uniting Care Retirement Facility and the Carlingford and West Epping Uniting Churches.