



# NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2010 EDITION

*Greetings all.* This is the final newsletter for this year for the Windale shed.

Volunteers are involved in, or completed, a number of projects during the past two months, constructing an office style desk out of jarrah timber for private use, as one example. This order has generated a lot of interest with a couple of volunteers getting involved. An additional major project was constructing six metal boat trailers for the 16 Footer Sailing Club's "Sailability" activity. A number of other small projects have also been completed, generating some income for the Shed.



Member Trevor working on the trailer project

We have repaired a three meter water wheel for a person and have been asked to repair a number of bench seats by the local Catholic primary school . A number of other projects were completed during December with a number still ongoing.

Shed members were involved in three fund raising BBQS at Bunnings – Belmont during November and December. They are very successful days for both members and the association as the events provide good bonding and raises good dollars, thereby helping our sustainability.

Members were also involved in the November Try A Trade day for the Lake Macquarie located secondary school. This was the second T A T event for the year, attracting approximately 400 students who were able to experience a variety of career opportunities provided for them to assess.

The association was extremely pleased to be

nominated by Career Links for an award for "Workplace Excellence-Community Service 2010". The presentation to *Shed* representatives Mick Malone and Neville Weibe was made by Jill Hall - Federal Member for Shortland during November at the 16 Foot Sailing Club.

The Annual fund raising raffle was drawn at the Shed's Christmas party after the AGM on December 16. The winners were Anne Kelly 1st prize; Alan Muldowney 2nd prize & Matthew Gibb 3rd prize. Thank you all who supported this activity.

At the AGM life membership was awarded to three members, Trevor Kelly; Don Spence & Roger Greenan for their services to the community and the Men's Shed Project. Life membership was also awarded to the previous coordinators Kerry Thompson & David Helmers in recognition of their dedication to the project.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we have been experiencing extensive storage problems within the Shed (which we all initially thought it was quite big enough!). Notwithstanding the introduction of two storage containers, we were still very short of quality storage space.

Thanks to the foresight and support of the local member for Charlestown, Matthew Morris and the State Government's Community Building Partnerships program, we have been successful in achieving a grant sufficient to facilitate a substantial extension to the Shed building, thereby improving several areas within the Shed, such as administration and reception while providing an area for projects other than metal/timber work etc.

*The Editor*