



NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2010

Greetings all. The management committee of the Windale shed has decided to post on our new website a bi-monthly update of items of interest occurring at Windale in the form of a short newsletter.

Shed members are regularly busy involving themselves in projects that benefit the shed, the community or each other. Shed projects have been emanating from aged care facilities to assist their members with daily activities, Hunter New England Health to assist their patients in the rehabilitation process, and the broader community. Many personal projects are ongoing but make way for projects that generate funding, as required.

Mentoring of youth is still a high priority for the Shed which has been ably assisted by a number of new members whom are willing to get involved. Thankfully, the new Working with Children legislation has provide an improved management system for us at the local level.

The committee has also examined a change of name for the association from the Windale Community Group Inc to Win-

MENTORING

Beside mentoring youth from socially disadvantaged backgrounds in the Shed, members have been involved in an off-site pilot scheme to mentor selected students from years 9 & 10 at schools. The aim is to impart their own career experiences with a view to a encourage students to at least review their future in regards to remaining in school or their personal career selection. Furthermore, it is anticipated we will soon trial mentoring at the Shed of students from local primary schools to provide a form of transition from primary level to secondary level.

We have experienced some success so far with youth mentoring and members are keen to pursue and improve on those successes.

THE EDITOR

dale Men's Shed & Community Group Inc. The main reason for the change resulted from recent communication with the Australian Tax Office when applying for Deductible Gift Recipient status and although the application was eventually successful, the primary focus for the Shed was initially distorted because the name didn't reflect it's direction.

We have been busy also developing a 'Shed' brochure and our own web site which is linked with the Hunter Valley Shed Cluster Group's site, also maintained by the Windale Shed.

You can view the Windale site at - www.windalemensshed.org.au

And the Cluster site at - www.huntervalleyclustergroup.org.au

So have a look , all feedback welcome.

A social gathering in the Shed lunch room to celebrate a members birthday

