

# January 2024 NEWSLETTER

## Introduction

Good afternoon folks.

This is our first Newsletter for 2024 and will largely consist of photos which celebrate our pre-Christmas activities, including a fantastic Christmas Party at The Hangar.

On behalf of our President, John Stevenson, and all your Committee members, we hope you had a joyous Christmas and that 2024 brings you much happiness.

Just a couple of reminders of upcoming activities as previously advised via a message from Terry before Christmas.

- the first Committee meeting is on Tuesday 23 Jan.
- the first regular Thursday meeting at The Hangar for members is on 25 Jan.
- the first Friday afternoon social get together at The Hangar is on 26 Jan.
- the Shed at Stringers opens again on Tuesday 16 Jan.
- the 500 Card group has commenced on Tuesday nights
- The Shed Men have commenced rehearsals on Wednesday afternoons
- Our first Guest Speaker for the year will be from Umbrella Dementia Cafes who will provide info about dementia and strategies for coping as a sufferer or carer - keep aside Thursday 1 Feb for this important discussion.
- The Shed Men are once again playing as part of the Australia Day activities in the main street of Sorrento. The Rotary Club of Sorrento do a great job of organising a number of fun activities - so we hope to see some of you on the day.

Graham Goudie (GG)

## **A word from Secretary John Crough**

Friday 15 December saw the 2023 edition of the PNMSA Christmas function, conducted as usual at our fabulous headquarters, the Hangar. Although the event got off to a slow start with the wedding being held on the grass outside the main doors, the ideal weather attracted what was probably a record crowd, and the evening got off to a flying start as they enjoyed a complementary drink on arrival. With the tables groaning under the weight of the innumerable and varied dishes brought by attendees, the party got started very quickly with members meeting and greeting each other in true Christmas spirit.

As the party progressed, members were addressed in fine style by President John Stevenson, highlighted by the presentation of a number of awards. James Rennie was honored by the receipt of the 'Shedder of the Year' award for his tireless community work, particularly with the bicycle program at Rye Primary School.

The sterling efforts of Peter Moore and Malcolm Barrow were acknowledged as The Hangar Shed Captain and convenor of the very successful Card Group respectively, with Gary McPhee being feted for his skills in footy tipping. Warren Dickins then rounded out the presentations by acknowledging the efforts of Rob Rostolis with the Music Group.

As the sun began to set, The Shed Men, displayed their undoubted talents and really got the party started, with a number of members shaking a leg on the dance floor. The night was rounded out by the completion of a three phase silent auction of items generously donated by Portsea Estate, the Portsea Golf Club and the Rosebud Country Club, resulting in the addition of in excess of \$1,200 to PNMSA coffers.

Many thanks to those who played a part in organising this memorable event, notably the Lunches and Functions Group led by Lino Tarquinio and to those who prepared the Hangar by their outstanding efforts in cleaning and decorating. We particularly acknowledge the

support for this event, once again, from Judy Crandon for her undoubted talents in decorating the Christmas tree.

We look forward to many more successful gatherings in 2024.

## **A Picture tells a Thousand Stories**

Some pix of the Christmas break-up at The Shed at Stringers



Nice one Yves!



## Visit by Zoe McKenzie

We had a visit to the Shed at Stringers from our Federal MP, Zoe McKenzie - reportedly very impressed with the place. Terry advises that she could see the impact her support for the StrongerCommunities grant has had on our activities. She is keen to support the local sheds wherever she can. She recognises how the Shed is supporting our local community.



## Pix from our Christmas Party at The Hangar



Well done Rob!





Congratulations James



Well played BigM



Good one Gary



























In the groove!

***Your Lunches and Functions Group is very keen to hear from all members who have suggestions on possible events or locations you would like us to consider in 2024. The more input and ideas, the better the outcomes - so don't be hesitant - put forward any suggestions of places or activities you think we should add to our list of possibilities.***



**Now a final free offer!**

David Bristow has a pair of display cabinets he no longer needs - if you want them, they are free to collect in Sorrento. Note, the model cars are NOT included. Please call David on 0411 649 116.



That's all folks.