



**WAVERLEY COMMUNITY  
MEN'S SHED INC.**

## Appendix 1. Chairman's Address

### Waverley Community Men's Shed

#### Chairman's Address 15 November 2013

Welcome members, both of the Shed and board, to this AGM, the first ever for the Waverley Community Men's Shed. It is an honour and a pleasure to be standing here today, as the VP and acting chairman in Rodgers absence, because you, the board, have achieved so much in the establishment and operation of the first men's shed in the whole eastern suburbs.

It has been an interesting journey over the past two years or so, the turning of the idea of a few into a reality that benefits many. I would like to thank all board members, past and present, for their commitment and contribution; the original board members Rodger Jamieson, Clif Munro, Catriona Beaumont, Garry O'Toole, Dennis White, Alan Watson (I am one too) as well as new member, David, who couldn't have come at a better time.

This meeting and address relates officially to the year ending June 2013, a period that precedes the opening but an important time of formation and building. Much was achieved, such as:

- Receipt of most of the grant money
- Launch function on 26 July 2012
- Lodgement and approval of a DA to Waverley Council for renovations to the shed
- Renovations carried out and completed by Allen Wilkins
- First newsletter in September 2012
- Registration evening 22 February 2013 when 40 men signed up
- Official opening ceremony 22 March 2013
- Memorandum of Operation negotiations with UCA
- Receipt of charity status , a matter which is on going.

I would like to recognise the original driving forces of this venture, being Clif, Rodger and Catriona.

Clif's contribution in particular has been amazing. Right from the beginning Clif was very active as a founding director, then in acquiring the machines and equipment, the primary organiser of the renovations, author of the 9 newsletters, liaison with UCA and other officials, chief inductor and supervisor.

Thank you also of course to the people of the UCA and War Memorial Hospital, who had the vision and courage to allow the use of this excellent facility and location to help promote men's health.



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There are others to thank:

- The grant and donation providers NSW Government, Uniting Care and Church in the Market place, Waverley Council, Woollahra Council and Bendigo Community Bank at Clovelly, who collectively have provided the circa \$80,000 to renovate and equip the shed
- Allen Wilkins, our builder
- AMSA and its director Ted Donnelly AM have played an important part, particularly in the early stages
- Supervisors and (provisional) members
- Dennis White for creating the Shed's distinctive logo.

How fortunate for Waverley and the eastern suburbs that such a facility now exists. Since opening for operation on July 22 2013, it has not taken long at all for the interest in and need for the shed to become apparent. Already we are open three days a week, have 60 or so inducted members and receive constant enquiries. Up to 15 men a day come to the shed to work on their own projects, community projects or to have a chat and check us out.

I am sure the WCMS is well on its way to fulfilling its prime objective over the years ahead in advancing the health and wellbeing of the men of the eastern suburbs.

Thank you.

Peter Chapman

WCMS Secretary, Vice President, Acting President.

15 November 2013

## **Appendix 2. WCMS Accounts for the 15 months to June 2013**