

Our Christmas Party

Last Thursday, 15 December, 2022, Stonehaven & District Men's Shed held their Christmas party at the Station Hotel in Stonehaven.

Unfortunately a number of our "Shedders" were unable to attend either through illness or other pre-planned activities. It is fair to say, however, that those who attended enjoyed the affair very much.



As we now move rapidly towards 2023 one cannot help but reflect on the start to 2022. The uncertainty, the feeling, "What's going to happen next?" In the end it turned out OK for most of us with a few little blips here and there for most and more serious blips for others.

Our evergreen person of the chair, Bill Allen, gave us his summary for the year from the Shed's perspective and some of his comments follow:



".....it's worth noting that the year 2022 is actually our first complete year of operation as we opened the shed in 2019 but we were hit by COVID through '20 and '21. The attendance at the beginning of the year was pretty badly affected by COVID but over the year the numbers have increased, and we are now back to almost normal operation.



Much has been achieved this year, despite the COVID intrusion, and I would like to highlight our contribution in the following areas:
Working with the Council and with other community groups, in particular Horizon, Rotary, Lions and the annual Beer Happening
Running the Farmers market, and the camp site for the Folk Festival
Carrying out projects for local community groups, for individuals in

the community, for local schools and businesses and, of course the Council
Our massive contribution to recycling with our work on bicycles, garden equipment, household equipment, furniture and use of old timber on our many projects

Our contribution to the African continent in conjunction with Rotary on Legs4Africa and Tools for Africa

..... in house, we have carried out significant improvements to the premises, in renovation of the drive and drains, insulation and cladding of the loft storage area and a host of other improvements and contributions which tend to go unseen



I guess this could be summed up in that in the judges' feedback on the Beautiful Scotland Gold Medal award to Stonehaven, Men's Shed's emphasis on recycling, our work for Africa and the high level of co-operation between community groups played a significant part of the success

All this is a credit to the organisation, and to you, the members and trustees, and I think we should be very proud of our achievements."

A well considered, brief, yet precise summary of the efforts of the Shed and the "Shedders" over the past year.

The Stonehaven & District Shedder of the Year 2022 was also presented and this is covered under another post.



Meanwhile, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you, our supporters and the people of Stonehaven, for your continuing support of your Shed. Your financial

and goods in kind support has been invaluable to the Shed and is very much appreciated.



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous 2023.