

Stonehaven & District Men's Shed Shedder of the Year 2022

At the recent Christmas party held on 15 December, 2022, at the Station Hotel the holder of the Chair, **Bill Allan**, presented the "Stonehaven Shedder of the Year 2022" award.

Extracts from Bill's award speech follow:

"You may recall that last year, because of COVID we had two years winners, which was **Peter** and **Tom** for 2020 and **Andy** for 2021.

Back then, because it was a new trophy and a surprise, I chose the recipients myself.

For this year I asked the three previous winners if they would meet up and make a recommendation for this year's recipient as I felt that others should be involved in this decision.

It was quite difficult **for Tom, Andy** and **Peter** to arrive at a recommendation as there have been many fine contributions by members over the past year, however the following is the gist of the team's recommendation.

The gentleman nominated this year is appreciated, not only for his unstinting efforts for the good of the Shed, in identifying, initiating, supporting and carrying out a range of community and client projects but also his behind the scenes and often unnoticed efforts on tasks that are often taken for granted.

Things like, bin emptying, doing recycling skip runs, use of his trailer for delivering and picking up, and organising the supply of cleaning material.

He gets stuck into maintenance of machinery and equipment and, into improving the fabric of the Shed and even into the minutiae of sorting out screws and nails.





This gentleman's approach could hardly be described as 'unobtrusive'! Even if you are in the loft, you know when he comes in the door..... he brings his unique sense of humour to the shed.

In addition, his wide range of contacts amongst the other community groups in and around Stonehaven often facilitates communication between the shed and these organisations.

As you will have concluded it was unanimously agreed that **Paul Tosh** is the nominated person for this year's award."

The Shedders present showed their approval for the award in time honoured fashion.

