

## MOVING ON

Did anyone realize that last Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, the ABC programme, Gardening Australia came down to Sandy Point to do some filming. They went first to Rob O'Sullivan's plant nursery, "Narkabunda." One of the topics they spoke to Rob about was the fact that he had been growing Manna Gums to plant in Sandy Point to help feed our struggling Koalas.

They then moved on to the old tip site which has now become the Manna Gum Plantation site. Here the production crew filmed members of the community planting some more Manna Gum seedlings. They also talked to Caitlin Pilkington about the Sandy Point Koala Project. No doubt the topic of their well-deserved grant was also discussed.

It will likely be weeks or months before this segment will be aired on the ABC, but the organisers have promised to let us know when they know that this is about to happen.

Now, moving onto the official opening of the Marine Rescue's new home, which is in partnership with the Men's Shed, which has been built next door to the CFA shed. What a great turn out! Maybe the free sausage sizzle was part of the attraction, but everyone stayed on to listen to the speeches and to watch as our local M.P. Danny O'Brian cut the tape to end the official part of the proceedings.

After all the official part everyone got down to socializing and possibly networking? However, there was also a sad note which was touched on by several speakers, and that was the sad passing of Rob O'Brien, who was a long-standing member of the Surf Life Saving Club and took on several roles including Club Captain, Secretary, and Chief Instructor. He joined the Club as a teenager and spent many hours patrolling before taking on more executive roles.

But, generally speaking, it was a joyous occasion and the sausages were definitely a hit as were the free drinks, all of the soft variety, of course.

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