

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Committee of the Channel Men's Shed Inc it gives me much pleasure in presenting this report, my first, to you at the time of our seventh Annual General Meeting.

2018 has proved to be another full year for the "Shed" and its membership: Membership is relatively stable, as at 31st December, 176 Members.

Shed Activities

- Members personal projects. Too many to mention
- Small public projects undertaken for Community members.
- Nesting boxes for DPIWE Orange Belly Parrot breeding program.
- Monthly "Shed" Barbecues with 30 to 50 Members and partners attending.
- Additional work undertaken on the Willys car restoration.
- Produce from the vegie patch (special thanks to Lawrie Fisher).
- Christmas Fund Raising raffle (organised by Lyndley Chopping).
- Christmas buffet attended by over 100 Members and visitors.
- Member bus trips with approximately 35 participating:
 - Visit to Hellfire Distillery
 - Visit to Gerrard McShanes sheep property "Lovely Banks"
- Thursday walking group organised by Andy Hocken.
- Mentoring, training sessions for Members held:
 - Mig welding
 - Woodworking and wood turning
 - Small engine and mower repairs.
 - Pewter work
- Members Health Check Day with support from medical professionals from:
 - Australian Hearing
 - Cancer Council Tasmania
 - The Heart Foundation
 - Rural Alive and Well
- St Johns First Aid Training organised. Attended by Forty, five participants Feb. 2019, partially funded from TMSA/Communities, Sport and Recreation Grant.
- Unfortunately, the Committee found it necessary to bow to pressure from Members who were concerned with the manner in which the Pewter sessions were being handled. While this did cause some disruption, interest from a few Members is now growing.

Social Outreach Program

- The Shed provides soup for Kingborough Helping Hands, ongoing throughout the year.
- Fund raising dinners for Boronia Trefoil Guild. Profits shared
- Assistance to Stitch and Share group to purchase an overlocker for Days for Girls Foundation in Nepal.
- Repairs and maintenance jobs for Margate Primary.
- Participating at the Margate Primary School Fair, manning their barbecue.
- Supervise a crew of Max Employment WFD participants on various projects:
 - Various painting projects.
 - Excavation an all-weather path around the Shed.
 - Excavation, consolidation and laying pavers around part of the Shed.
 - Woodworking jobs – Nesting box construction.
- We have been participating with WFD providers continuously since inception.
- Fortnightly crib meetings for Members and visitors.

Capital Works for 2018

- Computer and software upgrades started during 2017 and completed, partially funded by KCC.
- Painting and installation of a 40ft shipping container, partially funded from a grant from TMSA/State Government Communities, Sport and Recreation.
- Internal fit-out of the container, comprised of racking, lighting and dividing wall plus entry doors.
- Replacement of our table saw and Member training on the new unit.
- Upgraded upstairs Mezzanine windows to sliders.
- Upgrade and sale of our electric fork lift to a gas power unit, with generous assistance from our patron Robert Hazell.
- Various additions and replacement of smaller equipment as required.

Planned/Proposed Works for 2019

- Plans to address power costs:
 - Loss of income due to feed-in tariff reduction. Ongoing and increasing.
 - Install four under-mezzanine windows.
 - Encourage restraint with future energy usage.
 - Replace existing fluorescent lighting with energy efficient LED's.
 - Replace bay lighting with LED's.
 - Install timers and motion sensors to minimise energy wastage.
 - Switchboard upgrades.
- The above work is underway and is partially funded from a Federal Government "Stronger Communities" grant. Cost of the work is estimated at \$15000 plus labour costs.
- With the electrical upgrade, we expect a certain amount of plaster repair and painting. As we are now in our eighth year, repainting would now be due as part of normal maintenance. Estimated cost \$3000.

- Provide an outside enclosure ducting and electrical for a woodworking dust extraction system. Estimated cost from Shed funds \$9000.
- Replace our metal cutting band saw with a heavy duty three phase unit. Estimated cost \$5500.
- Upgrade the main Shed barbecue with a heavy duty, commercial unit, plus purchase 50 stackable chairs to replace the “school” chairs currently in use. Estimated cost \$2950
- Replace the Shed main printer/scanner. Estimated cost up to \$5000.
- Landscape the embankment at the front of the Shed \$2000
- We have also been in communication with Kingborough Council via Mayor Dean Winter regarding congestion in the Car Park and the high risk of damage to Members and visitors’ vehicles. We are requesting that Council extend the Car Park to encompass the grassed area. As there will be a considerable cost to Council, CMS may be asked to contribute. Possible contribution unknown.

While we do have funds in our working accounts of approximately \$32k and \$52k on fixed deposit reserve account the Committee does expect outlays in the coming years to increase as replacements become necessary. Fortunately we remain in a financial position other groups would envy.

Members Passing

During the year we saw the unfortunate passing of David Cousins and Des Wolfe.

Thanks to our Committee for 2018 with a special thanks to retiring Member Don Jamieson. We thank Don for his efforts during the year.

May I take this opportunity of wishing the incoming committee and all of our members and stakeholders every success for a great 2019 at Channel Mens’ Shed.

Thank you

President and on behalf of
Channel Men’s Shed Inc

Margate February 26th 2019