

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Committee of the Channel Men's Shed Inc it gives me much pleasure in presenting this report, for our eighth Annual General Meeting.

2019 has proved to be another full year for the CMS and its membership: Membership is relatively stable, as at 31st December, 173 Members.

COVID-19

We do ask all Members and Visitors to the Shed to treat this as a real threat. It is highly likely we may need to limit visits to the Shed and/or close the Shed for a period in the near future. We ask at this time that Members take the following precautions:

- Wash hands thoroughly on arrival and departure. Additional handwash and sanitizer has been made available.
- Avoid shaking hands and other forms of contact. Adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- Adhere to Health Department guidelines and updates.

Shed Activities during the year.

- Members personal projects. Too many to mention
- Small public projects undertaken for Community members.
- Nesting boxes for DPIWE Orange Belly Parrot breeding program. Two batches, plywood initially and an experimental batch of plastic breeding boxes.
- Members attended the official opening of the DPIWE Orange Bellied Parrot breeding facility at Five Mile Beach.
- 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).
- A very successful Christmas buffet attended by close to 100 Members and visitors.
- Member bus trip with approximately 35 participating:
 - Bruny Island – visit to Murrayfield with lunch at Alonnah Hotel
- Thursday walking group organised by Andy Hocken.
- Music Group – Paul Baker and the "Shedows" going well with six or seven permanent attendees.
- John Rainbird has instigated a cooking training lunch attended by around 20 Members.
- Mentoring, training sessions for Members held:
 - Mig welding. Some 30 plus Members assessed and accredited.
 - Woodworking - Bruce Weller and Bruce Macleod
 - Small engine and mower repairs – Rex Johnson
 - Pewter work – Peter Alford

- Lathe work – Derrick Conry
- CMS nominated for and received a Suicide Prevention Award from Relationships Australia and Lifeline. \$1000 received put towards a Wellness Day and donation to speakers.
- Wellness Day at Kingborough Bowls Club attended by CMS and other groups
 - Free Sausage Sizzle
 - Presentation by Mitch Mapherson – SpeakUp Stay Chatty
 - Attended by Lifeline representative
 - Cheques presented to Speak-Up and Lifeline
- Members surveyed by CMS in conjunction with Relationships Australia regarding health issues and things the Shed could do. This has resulted in trial openings on Saturday afternoons.
- Replacement of our infrequent CMS Newsletter with a weekly email “News From The Shed”. Items deemed appropriate are subsequently added to our website by our Web Master. As information is more current, this change has been well accepted.

Social Outreach Program

- CMS continues to provide soup for Kingborough Helping Hands. Volumes have increased due to vegetable donations from Woolworths via KHH. Also provided a donation to KHH Giving Tree.
- Fund raising dinners for Boronia Trefoil Guild. A good fundraiser for Boronia and CMS.
- Donation of \$2000 to the Red Cross Disaster Relief appeal, with a provision of a similar amount intended to be donated via TMSA.
- Supervise a crew of Max Employment WFD participants on various projects:
 - Painting following installation of LED's
 - Woodworking jobs – Nesting box construction.
- We have been participating with WFD providers continuously since inception.
- Fortnightly crib meetings for Members and visitors.
- Procured, cut and split firewood for Edna Pennicott (Kingborough Helping Hands) who has been laid low with a heart condition.
- Investigation and lobbying Government by Peter Shelley to establish a Mens Shed/Community Shed in the City of Hobart, potentially at Macquarie Point. Peter should be commended on the work and effort he has put into this.

Capital Works for 2019

- Upgrade all lighting to LED. Installation of a new switchboard. Funding from a Stronger Communities Grant and additional funding from CMS resources. The upgrade has resulted in substantial power cost savings.
- Five additional windows added to the under-mezzanine area has substantially improved natural lighting.
- Lighting upgrades has necessitated substantial plaster repair and painting. This has resulted in most of the internal area having a painting make-over. Due after seven years.
- Entry air lock under way and to be completed during 2020. Funded from CMS resources.
- Replaced the metal cutting band saw with a heavy duty three phase unit at a cost of approximately \$5000. Funded from CMS resources.
- Replaced the drum/disc sander. Funded from CMS resources.

- Various additions and replacement of smaller equipment as required.
- Upgrade the CMS barbecue with a heavy duty, stainless commercial unit, plus the purchase of 50 stackable chairs. Funded from the Premiers Discretionary Fund.

Planned/Proposed Works for 2020

- Provide an outside enclosure ducting and electrical for a woodworking dust extraction system. Estimated cost from Shed funds \$9000.
- Consideration given to replace the Shed main printer/scanner if and when required.
- Landscape the embankment at the front of the Shed \$3000
- The Committee has had ongoing discussions with Council representatives and Mayor Dean Winter regarding the Council Car Park. There are two aspects to these discussions:
 - Extending the Car Park to encompass the grassed area. Council have included in future budget discussions and allowed \$50k.
 - Improving the surface to all-weather capability. This has been difficult and discussions are ongoing.

While we do have funds in our working account of approximately \$28k and \$63k 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 Bruce Webber. We should take this opportunity to acknowledge the work done by Bruce. He was the main driver of Shed construction work over a number of years.

Thanks to our Committee for 2019 with a special thanks to retiring Members Peter Ralph who has relocated out of area and Terry Long who has taken leave to sail overseas. We thank them both for their efforts during the year. Also special thanks to Bruce Weller (Secretary) and Peter Johnstone (Treasurer) for the effort they put into keeping the Shed going.

Our appreciation goes to those who have nominated for the Committee and for those elected who we expect will each and all take on some responsibility in the running of the Shed. Also wishing all of our members and stakeholders every success for a great 2020 at Channel Mens' Shed.

Thank you

President and on behalf of
Channel Men's Shed Inc
Margate
March 17th 2020