



# News Channel



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## Human Kind

Be both

## Christmas BBQ



As recently stated in a general email to Members, for catering purposes, if you and your partner intend to join us at the BBQ on 15th December, you must inform the Secretary by email with the number attending.

The cost of \$20 per person includes food and drinks, but you must confirm your attendance by 10th December. **If no reply is received, it will be deemed that you are not attending** and therefore, you will not be included in catering calculations, so don't be disappointed if you front up unannounced and there is no food or drink left.

Our patron, Robert Hazell, will be attending and drawing the raffle at 5:00 p.m. For those who have yet to collect your book of tickets, make sure you do so and have them returned to Lyndley Chopping by 14th December with the money.



### Future Events & Activities

In-House Computer Assistance	Shed Clean-Up	Christmas BBQ
9th December - from 10:00 a.m. Ross Thomas can assist with your computer issues.	10th December—Volunteers are required to assist in a clean-up / clean-out starting at 9:30 a.m.	15th December starting around 3:30 p.m.
Kingston LINC Computer Training	Committee Meeting	Committee Meeting
16 December—The 5th and final session is about Using SKYPE, What's App and FaceTime to keep in touch	20th December - starting at 2:00 p.m.— attendance is open to any member wanting to know more about the Shed.	24th January - starting at 2:00 p.m.— attendance is open to any member wanting to know more about the Shed.

## Computer Training By Kingston LINC

Kingston LINC has provided some valuable training, hints and tips to Shed members and their partners and the next will be no different. The final session is on Friday 16 December and the topic is "Using SKYPE, What's App and FaceTime to keep in touch".

To enrol in this session, you will need to do so by clicking on the following link:

[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/computing-and-technology-classes-channel-mens-shed-tickets-26387542851](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/computing-and-technology-classes-channel-mens-shed-tickets-26387542851)

This FREE partnership shows how community groups and government can work together on the ground, to improve access and digital skills for individuals.



## Trophy Cutting & Assembly

Among many of the little jobs that come to the Shed (and assist in keeping the doors open), one from our valued supporter, Peter Bender of Huon Aquaculture, proved to be interesting. It comprised laser cutting an etched map of Tasmania with an attached reproduction, cast, aluminium gear box cover for a "Matchless" brand bike.

Peter Shelley organised Shed member Lachlan Davey to do the laser cutting, while Reuben and Bruce (pictured at right) prepared the trophies for a vintage motor cycle rally.



## Mezzanine Floor

Work on the new mezzanine is coming along nicely with the latest addition being the hand rails for the stairs. The cutting of the pipe was facilitated by Ian Jay's contacts and our members attended to the welding.

You may recall that the new floor is partially financed by a federal government grant via Julie Collins MP (federal member for Franklin), who will be able to see the project when she attends our Christmas BBQ.

# THE VEGIE PATCH

Major infrastructure has been completed, beds planted out with Green manure and subsequently dug in.

Fruit Trees are now in leaf & thriving. Plantings to date include: Rhubarb, Tomatoes, lettuce, cucumber, capsicum, beans, potatoes, perpetual spinach, radish, garlic, beetroot, pumpkins, mini salad turnips (sweet), leeks and garlic now well established.

Once soil temperature increases (hopefully mid to late Nov) remaining space will be sown with a variety of crops including zucchini.

Seeds & fertilizers are being put to good use courtesy of donations from Hollander Imports. Produce as it matures will be made available to members for a small charge.



There is plenty of scope for members to become involved in the Patch. Contacts are:

Bruce Laffer 6267 2904

Lawrie Fisher 0428 331 800

Peter Norris 0417 109 070



### SHED INCIDENT

In last month's "News Channel", we reported on an incident whereby the emergency stop switch on the drum sander shut down the three phase drum motor, but did not deactivate the single phase feed motor. This is no longer a safety issue for the Shed, because the machine has been rewired so that both motors cease operating when the stop switch is depressed.

Since then, we have again communicated with the Queensland supplier (Gregory Machinery) asking for the comments to our safety concerns. The following email was sent to them on 1st December:

*Reuben has communicated with your electrician and advised him of the simple fix to have both the single phase and 3 phase motor connected to the emergency stop.*

*Irrespective of the supplier's and the manufacturer's comments, we still consider the electrical circuit as supplied to us has a design defect. Whilst I am not familiar with the current or relevant Australian Standards, the widely perceived purpose of an emergency stop is to de-activate a machine in its entirety, not just a part of the machine.*

*At our Committee Meeting yesterday, it was decided to advise the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association of the issue with the view of them passing on a warning to all men's sheds within Tasmania. The state association also has connections to other state associations in Australia, so they may decide to send the warning further afield.*

*A further matter of consideration by our Committee was to advise WorkSafe Tasmania of the issue, given the lacklustre response from the parties involved in dealing with such a potentially serious and major safety issue.*

*Prior to our proceeding with advising other parties of our concerns with this equipment, you may wish to advise us of your thoughts on this issue.*

The following answer was received from Alan Gregory on 2nd December:

*I am in receipt of your email and I am aware that our electrician Marek has been in contact with Reuben.*

*Our company has been involved with the selling of Performax, Powermatic, Jet, SwissTec and SuperMax sanders over the last twenty five years. Never in this length of time have we ever had this situation that you have pointed out with any other machine.*

*The owner of SuperMax in the USA stated that in the twenty years that he has been involved with drum sanders he had not come across this situation before.*

*It is your option to advise whoever you wish with your concerns but before you do so please evaluate the attached photographs of the drum sanders supplied by Carbatec, Powermatic, Hare & Forbes (Hafco) and Leda Machinery and you will find that ALL of the machines are wired in the same configuration as SuperMax.*

*I have also attached and highlighted the safety notes supplied with this sander which are relevant to this incident.*

*In no way am I trying to dismiss your concerns I simply ask that if you do contact Worksafe TAS then you point out that all machines of this type from all suppliers have the same potential issue.*

The CMS Committee remain unconvinced that any of the parties involved have taken any steps to mitigate / prevent the potential of a more serious incident from occurring, irrespective of the length of time the machines have been in production and in use. Consequently, we shall be in communication with the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association asking them to issue a warning to other sheds within Tasmania and will contact Worksafe Tasmania to ascertain the safety requirements for machines in Australia.

### **Brief Committee Meeting Briefs**

The last Committee Meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, with 1 member attending as an observer. The main matters coming out of the last meeting are summarised as follows.

#### **2017 Budget**

Our Treasurer (Peter Johnstone) and Bruce Weller will put their collective heads together and come up with a draft budget for 2017, which will be submitted to the Committee for review, comment, and possible amendments.

This is a proactive step in establishing a budget for the incoming Committee, which may elect to adopt it as prepared, or amend it as they see fit.

#### **Australian Men's Sheds Association (AMSA)**

A "4 States in Conversation" was held in Melbourne on 16 & 17 November, which was attended by representatives of Western Australia, Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania. The resolve was to write to AMSA and ask them to attend a meeting on 16th December in Melbourne.

AMSA responded by asking for an agenda with legal comment on the issues to be discussed, which was not the aim of the 4 states.

It could be that you will hear or read about the differences in governance in the media in time to come.

#### **Work for the Dole (WFD) Training**

An agreement to enter into a training contract has been signed by CMS and My Pathway. This will be presented to Max Employment with the view that WFD scheme may commence in January 2017.

Some members may be approached about providing their skills and knowledge to train the WFD clients, so we look forward to members getting involved rather than leaving it to the usual few.

#### **CWA Pergola**

The final coat of paint has been applied to the pergola, with only the roofing to be done. Heiko needs someone with experience in roof sheeting to complete the project, so if you can assist, please advise the Secretary.

#### **Rules of Association**

As part of the Shed's governance, a sub-committee was formed to review the current constitution for improvements. A draft document has been issued to all Committee Members for review, comment and possible amendment before it is made available for all members to consider.

It is likely that the final draft will be available to the members, either in late January or early February, for your consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Non-Commercial Use of Shed Facilities**

Recently, a member was seen to be using the Shed facilities for commercial purposes. This is a reminder that members' use of the Shed facilities are not for commercial purposes. Should you have a project whereby you intend to sell products that were created, either in part or in full using the Shed facilities, then commercial rates for use of the facilities is to apply. It would be better not to bring commercial projects into the Shed, unless you are prepared to compensate the Shed appropriately.

## Stitch & Share Group

The Stitch & Share Group has had a very productive year by making thousands of items for various organisations / benefits. Here is a brief report from the group.

*Well I will start with the good news, which is we raised \$600.00 for the Margate Primary School at the Fair on Friday night, well actually we raised \$592.00 but a couple of people put in \$8.00 to round it up to the \$600.00. If you think about it we probably raised over the \$600.00 mark as we also gave the school one large blanket, two small blankets and one large teddy packaged together to raffle, and also there were some cakes/biscuits donated and Mavis knitted a couple of dressed dolls.*

*Also we had 2 visitors - Mirinda who is going to PNG and is taking our 300 Glasses and Glasses Cases/Covers, 25 Beanies, 50 Fish and Chip Jumpers along with 33 Colouring Book Sets. Annette came along as well and showed us what goes into the Shoe Boxes which go Overseas and contain from us 12 Soft Knitted Small Toys, 1 Dude Doll and 27 Kids Beanies.*

*Most of our goodies have now been boxed up and are being distributed to 1) Ronald MacDonald House, 2) The Kingston Women's Shelter, 3) The ABC Giving Tree, 4) The Holman Clinic and 5) Rotary's Indigenous Children's Appeal.*

*So adding up the figures all together this year we have donated **1,756 pieces of craft / knitting / sewing goods, plus the items about (200) that were sold at the Fair for the Margate Primary School, well done each and everyone of you wonderful ladies.***

Below is a photo of some of the ladies at their end of year get together held at the Oyster Cove Inn.



### ***My Satnav – by Pam Ayres***

I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car  
A Satnav is a driver's friend, it tells you where you are.  
I have a little Satnav, I've had it all my life  
It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.  
It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive  
"It's sixty miles an hour", it says, "You're doing sixty five".  
It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake  
And tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.  
It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green  
It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene.  
It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear  
And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.  
I'm sure no other driver, has so helpful a device  
For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.  
It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught  
So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?  
Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed  
It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!  
Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff,  
I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off.

