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2015 Annual General Meeting

The 2015 AGM, held on 24th February 2016, was attended by 36 members. For those who were unable to attend, here is a snapshot of the meeting.

The financial statements and audit report were presented showing the Shed is travelling OK and is capable of meeting its financial obligations going forward.

The President's Report was read out by Peter Shelley and has been posted on the website for reading at your convenience.

The election for officers and committee members concluded with the following persons elected unopposed:

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| President | Peter Shelley |
| Vice President | Peter Norris |
| Treasurer | Peter Johnstone |
| Secretary | Graham Fogarty |
| Committee | Bob Warne, Bruce Weller, Gary Durrant, Heiko de Groot, Ian Jay, Ivan Morrison, Lyndley Chopping, Reuben Sternberg, Stuart Braunholz and Tim Oxley. |

Two other nominations were received for the Committee, however both withdrew before the AGM. Each Committee Member will be assigned a portfolio of responsibility at the next committee meeting, to be held on 29th March 2016.

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Future Events & Activities

<p>Music Appreciation Group</p> <p>17 March — 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you need more information, contact Bruce Laffer</p>	<p>Computer Training</p> <p>18 March - The next session by Greg is about facebook and magazines and Newspapers on your iPad / tablet</p>	<p>Committee Meeting</p> <p>29 March - starting at 2:00 p.m., attendance is open to members</p>
<p>Monthly Shed BBQ</p> <p>31 March — the last Thursday in the month is normal day for the Shed BBQ, starting around 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Governor's Visit</p> <p>The Governor of Tasmania is planning to visit the Shed on or about 20th April— time of visit TBA</p>	<p>Committee Meeting</p> <p>26 April - starting at 2:00 p.m., attendance is open to members</p>

SOMETIMES, A MEETING IS AN EVENT IN WHICH THE MINUTES ARE KEPT AND THE HOURS ARE LOST

2015 AGM (continued from page 1)

The membership subscription for 2017 was agreed to remain the same as last year and the current year, however closer consideration of this may need to apply for 2018, but that recommendation will be left to next year's Committee.

Matters raised under Other Business were:

Un-financial Members

In general business, the matter of un-financial members using the Shed facilities was raised and whether they are covered by our insurance policy. This will be checked and reported back to the members.

The general feeling of the meeting was that un-financial members should not be in the Shed, a list of them be placed on the notice board and their name badges be removed from the rack until they have paid. Again, this highlighted the need for all members to wear their name badge at all times in the Shed. It was also suggested that a sign be printed and placed in a prominent position to this effect.

Garden Operations

How the garden was going to be run once the work was complete. Could members and non-members have a plot allocation?

The response was that there was no firm decision on how it would operate other than to say some of the produce would be used to make soup for the Louis' Van and it was a matter for the newly elected Committee to consider.

Premier's Visit

The Premier, Will Hodgman, and Jacque Petrusma (Member for Franklin. Minister for Human Services & Minister for Women) visited the Shed on 10 February 2016 and stayed for about an hour as part of his southern area visits. The Premier was particularly interested in the Kingston Sea Scouts' boat project and the Willys car project.

We have received a letter thanking Shed members for making the time to meet with him. He wrote: "You have an impressive facility and great projects currently underway."



From left, Peter Norris, Jacque Petrusma and Will Hodgman during a visit to the Shed

“Arunta”

It has been a long hard slog for Graeme Nichols and his small team of volunteers, but the end is in sight for the return of the Arunta to the Kingston Sea Scouts.

The baltic pine deck is almost fully installed and includes a couple of lift out panels to allow the Scouts to swab out the bilges. The water repellent finish is being applied at the time of writing.

Once the final and a couple of be upgraded to stalled --- the ston Sea Scouts.



Graeme Nichols (above) has spent many hours working on the “Arunta”, so we guess he’ll be glad when it’s complete and returned to the sea scouts.

modifications to the trailer are complete smaller jobs done --- e.g., rowlocks are to stainless, nameplate and bilge pump rein-boat will be ready for delivery to the King-



Rex & Rod—a few of the many helpers assisting with construction. Do they follow the adage: If at first you don’t succeed, get a bigger hammer?

Why Wear A Name Badge?

For whatever reason, some members are not wearing their name badge when in the Shed.

The badge not only identifies each member to one another, more importantly, it identifies the equipment that you have been assessed as being competent to use. The need to be assessed for competence is a basic safety requirement for all members — something that has been mentioned in every induction session.

We are indeed fortunate that our Shed has not had a single reported incident relating to safety - a record we would like to uphold. During the Shed Induction, each member is advised of the need to wear their name badge and no valid reason has been made known to any of the Committee as to why they should not be worn.

Should you be operating equipment for which you have not been assessed as competent, do not be surprised if another member asks you to cease using that particular item of equipment.

Each member has the responsibility to arrange their own competency assessments. Check the list of mentors on the notice board and make direct contact with the appropriate person to arrange your assessment session.

Do the right thing and “badge up”. Sign in and wear your name badge -- then sign out and return your name badge.

Orange Bellied Parrot Transport Boxes

The Shed received another approach from the Department of Primary Industry, Parks, Wildlife and Environment (DPIPWE) to make them more transport boxes for the orange-bellied parrots.

A call to members to assist in the project resulted in offers of assistance from Arie Beets and Heiko de Groot.

DPIPWE has agreed to a proposed redesign of the boxes and costing is being undertaken by Bruce Weller for DPIPWE's approval before production commences.



You can learn more about the birds by going to DPIPWE's website: <http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/?base=5136>

"The Fisherman's Shed" Q&A Night

A group of around 15 members visited Tom Crawford and Jarod Vanderlaan at their fishing shop - "The Fisherman's Shed" - on the evening of 3rd February. The theme was a question and answer session that started with Tom talking about the pros and cons of fishing for flathead.

Should you use a mono-filament line or a fluoro-filament line?

What about a rigid rod versus a soft sensitive rod?

Which rod should I use in a boat with children aboard?

What is the best lure for flatheads and other types of fish? Soft plastic lures or real bait?

What are the benefits of wearing polarized sunglasses against ordinary sunglasses?

This was followed by a short film to elaborate on what had been said during the night.

As a non-fisher person, I came away with the realization that fishing is not just a sport ... it's an art form. The technicalities involved in fishing are vast and it's clear to me that Tom is very obliging by assisting those with fishing interests, whether it be with their gear or the technique to maximize the catch.

A question asked on the night was whether there was any truth to the "old wives' tale" about not taking bananas on a fishing trip. Those who were on the fishing trip donated by Rick Gumley, would understand the meaning in this. With overwhelming agreement, it was resolved to never take bananas on fishing trips if you want to catch fish.



Jarod (above left) and Tom during the session

In the words of another Shed member, the night was:

"A generous three hours devoted (mostly) to fishing for flathead in the Channel with side lights on set up of the most desirable rod-reel-line combinations for this purpose. Tom and

Jarrood are enthusiasts who have migrated their lifelong avocations into a commercial enterprise which value adds to the local amateur fishing community.

It's location means, in the words of several Shed members, that they no longer need to travel to Hobart to find wide variety of equipment. Nor should we forget that Tom and Jarrod are very willing to pass along their expertise and to help with all aspects of angling. All in all a pleasant low key, no hard sell evening with our mates from the Shed."

Want to know more about The Fisherman's Shed? Contact Tom on 6227 2345 or visit the shop at 6/34 Mertonvale Circuit, Kingston.

The attentive audience from the Channel Men's Shed filled the shop.



Are You A Rocker?

Dave Weltman and Gerry Fletcher are looking for members interested in forming a "Shed Rocker's Group", to cut, shape and polish a large number of agates and gemstones.

The Shed was fortunate to acquire enough lapidary equipment to set up an area dedicated to members interested in the many facets of gemstone cutting and polishing.

There is nothing more satisfying than finding a gemstone, cutting it, polishing it and setting it into a special setting for that someone you love --or just get in the good books with the wife!

From the outset, we need is to set up a group for regular meetings to decide how to go forward. If you think this is for you, or you're just interested in having a sticky beak, let Dave or Gerry know so we can get things moving and "rock on!"



Member's Profile

Name: Bruce Weller

Birthplace: Fairfield Infectious Diseases Hospital (post war baby boom put a great deal of pressure on resources is my story.)

Family: Married (Claire) with two children (grown) and two grandchildren (minors)

Places where you have lived:

In Victoria on the mainland, Kew, Belgrave, Kallista (first home as a married man) Sale, Moe, Traralgon, Childers, Bentleigh, Oakleigh, Oakleigh South, Margate.

Nature of the profession I am afraid, setting aside stints in Head Office, you could count on a move every two years or so.

Educational background:

Failed engineering at Monash, fortunately the bank, at the time I joined, did not require brains or education as it added whatever education it needed. Thus, quite deliberately I assume, rendering its officers quite unfit for any other occupation. So... 42 years in banking plus wide, not to say, voracious reading brought me to my present position.

Gotta love the term "autodidact" (a self taught person). At least I have no-one else to blame.

Career progression:

I suspect that I am part of the last cohort of banking who progressed traditionally doing pretty much every job that the industry offered. I know that I served under the last CEO who had telling experience and the first who had no banking experience at all.

So, (and the names will mean nothing to most of your readers) batching clerk, teller, international clerk, advance clerk, branch accountant, branch manager, administrative manager, asset management, and so on to a senior management position with a title so obscure that not even I could now recite it.

Call it a conventional banking career with a heavy emphasis on the infrastructure of the banking industry.

Has anyone influenced you in your life / career and if so, why?

Over the years of my career I had many mentors from my first branch manager ("Are you a drinking man") up to my last regional manager ("Tell 'em a story man") but I think that most memorable influence was our Personnel Department who, among other things, seem to have confused Papua New Guinea ---I had requested a transfer there--- with East Gippland. Close but no banana for geographic knowledge.

Put not your faith in personnel managers.

What the Shed means to you?

Three things, social contact, knowledge sharing and available equipment. These, in combination give me the opportunity to stretch myself and expand my abilities and to give back to the community which supports me.

Pious sounding I agree, but I keep coming back because the Shed entertains and amuses me.

What are your favourite sports and hobbies?

Never saw the point of sport and, I am ashamed to say, a serial hobbyist.

At last count (and the number is still rising) I had 29 projects on foot ranging from Letterpress Printing to fishing rod repair and skipping lightly over furniture construction, bookbinding and gardening. Sometime I must get around to home maintenance too.

Well Done to Our Stitch & Share Group

For quite some time now, the Stitch & Share ladies have been toiling away most Monday afternoons in the Shed and have made an amazing number of articles for distribution to the less fortunate.

A display of their efforts was made recently, which included boxes and boxes of products. To quantify their efforts, they have made:

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| 314 jumper / beanie sets | 30 large beanies | 8 small beanies |
| 31 blankets | 5 scarves | 50 finger puppets |
| 22 small teddies | 15 large teddies and | 8 cuddly toys |

Each lady makes their own contribution by purchasing materials and giving freely of their time. which have been made for distribution to under-privileged children in Liberia.

Presentation of the ladies' work was handed over during an evening with the "Rotary E-Club" at the Hobart Showgrounds on Sunday 6th March. Three members of the E-Club visited the Shed the following day. Once again it shows the community based approach that applies to the Shed, whether it be members or associates using the facility.



Heather, Sheryl and Glenys of Rotary E-Club at the Shed on 7th March



"Stitch & Share" ladies handing over the efforts of their hard work to members of the Rotary E-Club during a BBQ and music night at the Hobart Showgrounds on 6th March



Examples of the ladies' handiwork—some of the many boxes and items made for the benefit of others.

