



# News Channel



July 2016

## Senators' Visit

On 29<sup>th</sup> July, some of the Committee Members welcomed a visit from Senator Eric Abetz and Senator Jonathon Duniam to discuss matters related to the work for the dole programme and how it has affected our Shed.

On his first official event, Senator Duniam was also shown around the Shed by Peter Shelley and others on the Committee. This photo shows the senators with Bruce Weller, who seems to be explaining the impending modifications to penguin breeding boxes for the Kingborough Council. Bob Warne is in the background with a slight grin, so a tale might have been told about the breeding programme, or was it just Bruce flapping on about some unrelated topic?



Above Senator Abetz's left hand in the background, are some stacked and pre-cut panels to make the orange-bellied parrot nesting boxes for the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE).

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## Future Events & Activities

<b>In-House Computer Assistance</b> 1st & 3rd Friday of the month from 10:00 a.m. is when Ross Thomas is available to assist with your computing needs.	<b>Music Appreciation Group</b> 18 August — 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you need more information, contact Bruce Laffer.	<b>Kingston LINC Computer Training</b> 19 August—The first in a series of planned sessions touching on different computer topics.
<b>Monthly Shed BBQ</b> 25 August — the last Thursday in the month is normal day for the Shed BBQ, starting around 3:30 p.m.	<b>Committee Meeting</b> 30 August - starting at 2:00 p.m., attendance is open to members	<b>Members' Meeting</b> 30 August—After the Committee Meeting, it is your chance to have your say in the Shed.

### Something to ponder:

**Is it true that the "upper crust" is just be a mob of crumbs sticking together?**

**And on the subject of penguins, did you know .....**

Kingborough has the largest mainland colony of little penguins in the Derwent estuary and Council works in partnership with the Derwent Estuary Program (DEP), wildlife experts in the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, the University of Tasmania and Birdlife Tasmania to monitor and protect penguins in the municipality, as well as raise awareness to dog owners. DEP encourages the community to observe the no-access areas for dogs where sign posted and to display responsible pet ownership, as even the disturbance of habitats can be a vital key to the survival of penguins and other wildlife. “Numbers of little penguins have continued to decline, so any loss to life or their habitat has a significant impact on the population,” said Mayor Wass. “The Derwent population is highly vulnerable due to attacks by wandering dogs and cats. Community and conservation groups, state and local governments and businesses are working together to protect the breeding colonies, their burrows and their food sources.” “Kingborough Council installed a dog proof fence in the area of the most significant little penguin colony following the tragic attack in 2012, however, we need to work together as a community to prevent any further possibility of attacks in vulnerable areas.” Little penguins are listed as a protected species under the Nature Conservation Act 2002 and there are penalties under the Wildlife (General) Regulations 2010.



**SHED CUPPA AND SANGA?**

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS from 10:00AM**



The Cuppa & Sanga sessions have proven to very beneficial to Shed members, with more & more turning up to have a chinwag and natter about any topic at will.

These social occasions provide a casual and friendly environment where blokes can grab a toasted bacon sandwich, a cuppa & some biscuit and join in on a general chitchat. A newspaper is normally available and it's 50 cents for a cuppa or \$2 for the cuppa & sanga. If you have time on your hands and fancy a bit of company, there's room for you at the table — you're welcome to join in.



Want to know more about it, then send you queries / comments to Peter Alexis either on his by mobile: 0417487488 or to his email [email-ments@gmail.com](mailto:ments@gmail.com)



## Skills Training Programme

This year's Channel Men's Shed Skills Program was conducted over the period 15 June to 3 August.

Introductory skills programs were conducted by Shed Mentors covering nine areas of interest including:

- Canvas sewing techniques
- Silver smithing and gem cutting
- Cooking-preparing stock, sauces and soup
- Basic wood turning on a lathe
- Computing – reinstalling windows
- Metal lathe and milling machines
- Woodwork- Introduction to fixed machines
- Small engine maintenance
- ARC & MIG Welding



The ladies of the Stitch & Share Group might have some competition using sewing machines by the looks of things.

In all 32 members and several Shed visitors completed 62 days of training – a great turn out for a volunteer, not for profit organisation.

Feedback so far has been very positive with comments like *'I'm really enjoying these courses'*, *'Awesome stuff'* and *'Brilliant'* very much the order of the day. Plus several of our visitors are now following up with membership applications.

A special thanks to the following Shed members who gave up their time to conduct the Skills Programme:

- Tom Davison
- Dave Weltman
- Paul Baker
- Stephen Sakell
- Reuben Sternberg
- Ross Thomas
- Derrick Conry
- Bruce Weller
- Rex Johnson
- Peter Norris



Derrick Conry showing a member how to use the metal lathe with the digital read-out [the latter purchased through a grant from the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC) in conjunction with the Tasmanian Men's Sheds Association (TMSA)]

A final note of thanks goes to Gary Durrant, who not only organised the training programme, but will conduct a member survey later in August to find out what participants thought of the skills programme, whether the sessions meet their needs and more importantly, how we can improve the next programme.



A member receiving tuition in the use of the geared drill, which was also purchased through a grant from the DPAC in conjunction with TMSA

## Kingston LINC Computer Courses

Kingston LINC computing skills courses are extremely popular. They are regular scheduling 10 courses per month including community classes and U3A courses.

We are very fortunate to have Kingston LINC offer to run an outreach program once a month program for members of the Channel Men's Shed. The main trainer will be Graeme Ingram, a recent retiree with 30 years experience in the telecommunications industry and an experienced computer and tablet user. He will be assisted by a Kingston High School student in the program and this really shows inter-generational learning at its best.



Please see below their suggested programs for September to December. We'd like an indication if this program is of interest to members so Kingston LINC can organise it for us.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Keep your Brain in Shape</b> Great apps you can use to keep your grey matter	Greg Bain (LINC staff)
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Intro to using My GOV</b> MyGOV is used for health, Centrelink, tax office	Graeme Ingram (LINC volunteer)
October 21 <sup>st</sup> (show week)	<b>Getting the most out of your emails.</b> Some handy hints to keep your communications	Graeme Ingram
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Catch up TV</b> Learn how to watch TV on your device or computer	Graeme Ingram
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Using Skype / What's App / Facetime to keep in touch</b> Free programs you can use to keep in touch at home and overseas.	Graeme Ingram

### You can book into each course by using the following on-line links:

19 August—Keep your Brain in Shape

[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/computing-and-technology-classes-channel-mens-shed-tickets-26387538839](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/computing-and-technology-classes-channel-mens-shed-tickets-26387538839)

16 September - Intro to using MyGov

[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/computing-and-technology-classes-channel-mens-shed-tickets-26387539842](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/computing-and-technology-classes-channel-mens-shed-tickets-26387539842)

21 October — Getting the most out of emails

[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/computing-and-technology-classes-channel-mens-shed-tickets-26387540845](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/computing-and-technology-classes-channel-mens-shed-tickets-26387540845)

18 November — Catch Up TV

[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/computing-and-technology-classes-channel-mens-shed-tickets-26387541848](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/computing-and-technology-classes-channel-mens-shed-tickets-26387541848)

16 December — Using SKYPE, FaceTime and What's App to keep in touch

[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)

## Committee Meeting Briefs

### Shed Patron

With the community's loss of Don Hazell, we also suffered from the loss of our Patron. The Committee agreed to approach Don's eldest son, Robert Hazell, to see whether he would be prepared to take on the role. We are pleased to confirm that Robert has accepted and carries on the family name with the Shed as our new Patron.

### Meetings

The Committee Meetings are being attended by a few members as observers, with the last meeting having 5 observers in attendance. Remember, the meetings are open to all members, but don't rush us at once otherwise we won't be able to accommodate you.

One post meeting comment by an observer was how pleased he was to witness the meeting conduct and the extent of discussion on each topic. He went away satisfied that the Shed is being well managed.

The next Committee Meeting is on 30<sup>th</sup> August, followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Members' Meeting for the year.

### Membership

Membership numbers have been steadily climbing towards 180. Of the total, only 6 have yet to be inducted (all new members except 1) and only 5 new members yet to pay their subscription. This is indicative of the popularity of the Shed and facilities it provides.

### Pets in the Shed

Discussion revolved around some members' comments about animals in the Shed and the potential safety hazard they create, particularly if an animal jumps up when equipment was being used.

This topic was discussed at a previous Committee and is re-affirmed here and it will be in the revision of the safety procedure. As a general policy, animals are not permitted in the Shed at any time.

Whilst a particular dog came to mind, it is a very friendly dog and gets a little excited with being at the Shed, which is probably brought about by always having been in the Shed during the construction phase. We do not want to offend anyone and it was fortunate that the owner was present during the meeting and understands the situation.

### Shed Incident

The very first incident report was written concerning a person who caught one finger between the work and the feed belt on the drum sander. The person hit the emergency stop, but it did not stop the feed motor – it only stopped the drum motor.

We have taken up the matter with the supplier as we consider this to be a design flaw. The manufacturer is communicating with the USA manufacturer and we await their reply.

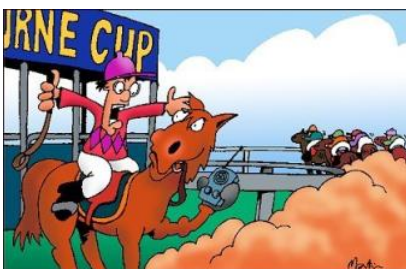
### New Assets

Some of you may have noticed a new MIG welder in the Shed with 4 new welding helmets. The purchase was mostly funded through a donation to the Shed and has already been put to good use.

We also acquired a new "shrinker-stretcher" that can create inner and outer curves in metal. The acquisition is assisting in the fabrication of flanges, brackets and the like for the Willys car.



### Melbourne Cup Function



IT'S THE REST OF AUSTRALIA THAT'S SUPPOSED TO STOP FOR THE MELBOURNE CUP, NOT YOU !!

Peter Alexis is the driving force behind a Melbourne Cup social event to be held at the Shed. He has formed a sub-committee comprising Stephen Sakell, Ross Thomas and Judy Norman, who will get together and submit an event proposal to the Committee. More news will follow as decisions are made and the event gets closer.

## Mezzanine Floor

Work will start soon on the bottom plates and to establish levels. Brackets will be welded to the existing structure to support the new beams before they are permanently welded into place.

Please remember that the area becomes a designated construction site and no-one should be in the area unless they are part of the construction team.

## Projects

We receive various requests for work in the Shed and it would be good if more members volunteered their time and skills, or just lent a hand, to assist with them. Some projects currently being undertaken or proposed to be undertaken are:

- orange-bellied parrot transport boxes for DPIPWE (see photo)
- penguin nesting boxes for Kingborough Council
- flooring support rails in zodiac boats for the Australian Antarctic Division
- pergola repairs for the CWA's Snug holiday house (helpers still needed)
- bench seats for Kingston LINC
- pre-drilling items for children to assemble at a stall for the Margate Parents & Friends fete



Stacked sections of parrot transport boxes



- mining tools display cases (in flat pack) for the Friends of Melaleuca
- construction of a shed (in flat pack form) to be erected on a pontoon as part of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival, with a jazz band playing on it (with members of Port Cygnet and Kingston sheds) and
- donation boxes for the Movember Movement.

## Shed Coordinator

The perennial issue of getting members to act as the Shed Coordinator raised its ugly head again, when a new member was left in the Shed alone, and no Coordinator there to lock up. Fortunately the member took the initiative and called the Secretary who came to the Shed and locked up.

Given the issues in getting members to volunteer as the Shed Coordinator, it was suggested and agreed by the Committee, that all Committee Members and key holders are now deemed to be Shed Coordinators. In some cases, this will mean some members will need to undergo a Coordinator induction.

In the event that a Coordinator needs to leave the Shed and they are the only Coordinator in attendance, the onus is on them to hand over responsibility for locking up to a member. If that member cannot lock up, then the Shed would be closed and members requested to vacate the Shed.

But this does not address other responsibilities of being a Shed Coordinator, which cannot summarily be assigned to someone who has not been inducted as a Coordinator.

## Other Business

### Petition for Margate to be a RV Friendly Town

Peter Norris requested all members to sign the petition, located at the "sign-in desk", to have the Kingborough Council declare Margate as an recreational vehicle friendly town.

### Probus Visit

A group from the Sandy Bay Probus visited the Shed and were so impressed with what they saw that they made a \$175 donation to the Shed.





Well, the Shed's "Health Day" has come and gone for another year, with another successful outcome.

Quite a few members and their partners received some excellent advice and instruction from the 7 groups that provided their services free of charge.

The coup was having our local GP in attendance, who was very pleased with the day and was heard to comment about the good number of preventative care cases during the afternoon. Other feedback from the providers was:

*"It was a fabulous afternoon. There was certainly a great vibe and lots of interacting and networking was happening.*

*A suggestion that was put forward yesterday re having the morning with an invitation to non-member and the afternoon followed by a BBQ to members may be another way of engaging the wider community.*

*I think everything was well organised and ran very well. Thank you for your invitation to participate. If you need any further support I am willing to help out."*

*"Agreeing that it would be good to further engage the wider non-member community And as an idea, possibly a Saturday a.m. could assist with this. I think a whole day would be too big to do for me personally"*

*"Thank you so much for the invite. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting the members and the other health professionals. I have learnt a great deal about the men's shed and its role within the community."*

*As for the day I think it went really well and it was extremely enjoyable talking to the members. All the members seemed to be very interested and it was great opportunity to engage with the community and to get the word out about the study.*

*I would be really keen and the same for to help out at further Health Day's."*

Our thanks go to:

- ⇒ Anna Jordan from Tasmanian Health Services, Cancer Screening & Control Services
- ⇒ Kiah Wicks & Graham from Australian Hearing
- ⇒ Dr. Natasha Litjens, our GP from the Margate Clinic
- ⇒ Josh Miller from Healthy Training
- ⇒ Heather Kennett as a Diabetes Educator Health and Wellbeing Coach
- ⇒ Sonya Moon and the girls from Kingston LINC
- ⇒ Kristyn Whitmore from UTAS and Menzies Institute

We are pleased that not only our members obtained some benefit from the day, but also our providers have improved their understanding of sheds and expanded their network within the medical profession.

## MEMBER PROFILE

**Name:** Robert Stuart Braunholz

**Place of birth:** Narrogin WA 1942

**Family:** Parents deceased. Wife Beverley. Brother in Perth WA

**Places that you have lived:** Wickepin, Albany and Perth in WA. Capital Cities in SA, NT, VIC. Richmond NSW, Wagga Wagga NSW, Kingswood NSW and Butterworth Malaya. Most of them through Air Force postings.

**Educational background:** Wickepin State School and 3 years Albany High School.

### Career progression:

Farmhand after leaving high school, then labourer in building trade, welder's assistant at an engineering workshop. Projectionist at the local drive-in and then decided to join the RAAF. Trained as an Armament Fitter, 23 years later retired to Tasmania and took up residence in Snug.

Got involved in the repair and installation of marine electronic equipment. Met some very interesting people. Finally offered my services to Tasmanian Smallcraft Marine Radio Group, assisting with upgrades and modifications to the radio equipment. In 1997 become one of the Marine Radio Operators and still doing it to this day.

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

Yes, several people in the electronics and the amateur radio field.

### What the Shed means to you?

The Shed is a place where you can get together with other guys and exchange ideas about different projects the shed is doing, honing engineering skills learnt in the past and helping others that are not up to scratch with basic trade skills.

### What are your favourite sports and hobbies?

My favourite sport would be cricket. In the early days, rifle, pistol and clay target shooting. Amateur radio is the main hobby to this day.



## Shrinker — Stretcher

There is no machine which cannot be improved --- at least when it gets to the Channel Men's Shed.

The shrinker-stretcher has very hard metal "jaws" which, if bashed against each other, could fracture (yes we know, and there are moves afoot to make better ones but in the meantime) a metal "mouthguard" is in place and a screw adjustable limiter has been installed.

**For a demonstration or training on the use of this bit of kit, check with the Willys team --- who can always use assistance?**