



News Channel



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Following on from the AGM, the meeting of the newly elected Committee was held on 29th March with the following being a summary of the meeting based on each portfolio and general operations.

Apart from the usual business, one of the matters of business was the assignment of portfolios to the Committee Members, with the result being:

Assets & Materials – Bruce Weller

Building & Grounds – Ian Jay & Stuart Braunholz

House & Social – Bob Warne & Peter Shelley

Programmes & Activities – Gary Durrant

Publicity and Fundraising - Lyndley Chopping & Tim Oxley

Website & IT – vacant

Welfare, Health & Safety – Heiko de Groot

Workshop – Reuben Sternberg & Ivan Morrison

Notes about each portfolio are provided on the following pages.

Future Events & Activities

<p>Governor's Visit</p> <p>20 April—The Governor of Tasmania has scheduled to visit the Shed starting from 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Music Appreciation Group</p> <p>21 April — 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you need more information, contact Bruce Laffer.</p>	<p>Committee Meeting</p> <p>26 April - starting at 2:00 p.m., attendance is open to members</p>
<p>Monthly Shed BBQ</p> <p>28 April — the last Thursday in the month is normal day for the Shed BBQ, starting around 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Kingston LINC Computer Training</p> <p>20 May - starting at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Register your interest in "Free magazines online using Zinio"</p>	<p>Ta Ann Visit</p> <p>A visit to Ta Ann to view their facilities will be arranged on a date to be advised in May</p>

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Assets & Materials Portfolio

Equipment Sold

We had a table saw and a green wood lathe, which were superfluous to our needs so it was decided to advertise them on Gumtree, with any income going into consolidated revenue. The good news is Peter Norris sold both items.

Rocking Horses

You may recall that some of the Max Employment guys made some rocking horses as part of their training at the Shed. One was included in our Christmas raffle and we have two more.

A request was received from a member's wife to donate one to a children's charity and raffle the other one, with funds raised going towards the children's charity. We'll know more about this in the coming weeks.

CNC Equipment

There has been some communications about the purchase of a 3D printer or CNC device (which stands for computer numerical control). Further investigation on the need for such a device is being undertaken and when more details have been considered, you'll be informed.

One of the matters related to our assets is incorporated into our Strategic Plan, which requires looking 3 years ahead for our equipment and operational needs. This will be undertaken by a sub-committee

Shed Clothing

Some members may not be aware that you can purchase clothing from the Shed such as caps and aprons @ \$10 each and shirts for \$30 each. There's also various reading glasses with a split front for \$5 each.

The clothing is in the office and we operate on an honour system, so write your name and purchase on the form, then place your payment in the nearby container.

Building & Grounds Portfolio

Dust & Fume Extraction Systems

Whilst work started on the fume extraction system, it remains inoperable at this point in time. Apart from purchasing the outdoor unit, the dust extraction system has not commenced. Both these extraction systems form part of our proposed "Work for the Dole" project, which you can read more about elsewhere in this newsletter. Further electrical work will be required for both of the extraction systems.

Garden

As you will have noticed by the absence of plant and equipment, the Council's work on the car park is now complete. A barrier has been installed to prevent parking in front of the garden so that the ground can be stabilised. Please, do not attempt to park within the roped off area.

With the completion of the car park by the Council, work on the garden can now recommence. A great deal of work has been done by Peter Norris, for which we are grateful. Recently an email was sent to members asking or registration of interest in developing the garden, with a surprisingly low response. Nonetheless, a meeting was held and a plan is being developed for implementation, so we'll be looking forward to members assisting with construction.

House & Social Portfolio

It was bitterly disappointing that none of the Committee nominated to assist with the House & Social portfolio and it has again been left to one person. What is required is one or more of the general members to step up and assist Bob Warne with maintaining the house portion of the Shed and with monthly BBQs.

Training Room A/C

A small air conditioner will be donated to the Shed for use in the Training Room, which shall require some building works for external ventilation.

Shed BBQs

You receive reminders about the Shed BBQ, which is held on the last Thursday of each month and don't forget that the food and drink is not free. A small donation of \$2 per sausage and the same for a beer is customary.

Programme & Activities Portfolio

Since being newly elected to this portfolio, Gary Durrant has been working behind the scenes reviewing the current documentation and speaking with other Committee Members to determine how we actually do things (as opposed to how procedures are written).

Training Schedule

Some members might receive a communication from Gary as he is going to create a training schedule and needs to ascertain availability of mentors / trainers.

Ta Ann Visit

With thanks to Peter Shelley, we have received advice from Simon Kang of Ta Ann that they would be please to take approximately 20 Shed visitors to look over their facilities in May. About 15 members have already registered an interest in the visit and they will be the first approached when a date in May is known.

Margate's 150th Anniversary

A sub-committee involving the Shed, Margate Fire Brigade, Margate Primary Soccer and Vintage Machinery was formed and met at the Shed. Notes from the meeting were passed on to the organizing committee. Kingston Police have been advised of the possible increase in vehicular traffic on the day (25th June) and that the Shed would be providing parking attendants within the oval confines. The Christian School of Margate also want to be involved on the day, selling oliebollen (a Dutch donut) and there is likely to be a table set up for the organising committee to hand out programmes and sell T-shirts.

Publicity & Fundraising Portfolio

TMSA / DPAC Grant - Round 2 Acquittal - Garden and Digital Read Outs

In order to submit the acquittal for the garden and digital read-out grant, we need to complete the garden fairly soon as submission is due by 10th August 2016. Installation of the digital read-outs was completed a while ago, but the garden was held over pending completion of the car park works.

TMSA / DPAC Grant - Round 3 Acquittal - Geared Drill

Whilst the drill has been installed and the supplier's invoice has been paid, we must await DPAC's acquittal form before we can submit it.

TMSA / DPAC Grant - Round 4 Application - Chairs

A submission for new chairs in the Shed was made to DPAC ahead of the close date of 1st April 2016. The results are not likely to be known until some time in June.

[TCF Grant - Round 32 Application - New Oven](#)

An application to the Tasmanian Community Fund was submitted for a new oven. The outcome is likely to be known on or before 16th June.

[Stronger Communities Programme \(SCP\) - Round 01 Application - Mezzanine Level](#)

This application is getting to the epic proportions since we submitted a registration of interest in September 2015. We have now made two clarifications regarding our application to the Department of Infrastructure and Development, as per their request.

This is an important project for the Shed and forms the main part of our "Work for the Dole" project.

[Potential Grant Application - New Computer Equipment](#)

Our current computer equipment was made available as "hand-me-downs" from the Mercury Newspaper and the Margate Primary School. What we have is out-dated and needs replacement, so we are trying to obtain quotations for the replacement of the server and training room desktop units.

As a separate matter, there is also the possibility we could apply for a grant under the 26Ten (or similar) organisation for some iPads, which could be used for the Kingston LINC training programme.

[Potential Grant Application - External Covered Area](#)

It was suggested that future development of the Shed could include a partially enclosed area on the eastern end of the Shed with a skillion roof, where the BBQ's could be used and also provide an area for painting work. The area would need to be compacted and probably have driven piles under a concrete slab, being mindful of the storm water drainage and sewerage pipes installed below the surface.

The Committee felt that while this suggestion has some merit and that its costs would need to be carefully estimated before proceeding.

Don't Forget to Wear Your Name Badge

[Website & IT Portfolio](#)

Colin Hocking, the Committee Member previously responsible for this portfolio, has prepared a handover document for the incoming Committee Member who was to take over this portfolio, but none of the current Committee is willing to take it on. Colin is still prepared to assist with this, but not be the Committee Member any longer.

Our thanks go to Colin for his past and future contribution to the Shed.

[Email](#)

Changes to the Treasurer's email address has been made to overcome issues with his personal computer. Changes to the "Contact Us" section of the website needs to be performed, to change the name of some Committee Members and add others.

[Computer System](#)

This will be subject of potential grant applications included above.

[Computer Training](#)

As usual, IT training sessions are continuing to be held on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month and Kingston LINC is pleased with the training sessions and will continue with them. Greg at Kingston LINC has provided some websites that you may find useful:

- Using the photos app on Apple laptops (OSX): <https://help.apple.com/photos/mac/1.0/?lang=en>
- Introduction to photos app on iPads and iPhones: <http://www.apple.com/ios/photos>
- Photos app for Windows 8.1 help page: <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-au/windows-8/photos-app-faq>

Newsletter

Apart from various email notifications, the purpose of the "News Channel" is about communicating with members, to keep you informed about the activities of the Shed.

Newsletters are now produced after each Committee Meeting, so that any relevant outcomes from the meeting may be included. This edition is primarily about the last Committee Meeting, so all being well it won't be as boring as this edition. The important thing is that you are being informed of what's happening in the Shed.

What is required is for you, the members, to provide stories and photographs of topics you consider interesting.

Welfare, Health & Safety Portfolio

Again, this is a new portfolio position assigned to a new Committee Member - Heiko de Groot, who did not have time to comment during the meeting, so others commented instead.

Shed Inductions

Induction sessions are held at irregular times, sometimes to suit the members and others to suit the inductor, but mostly the former. As of the date of the March meeting, 8 members have not undertaken their induction and consequently, their name badge is not in the rack which means they can't use the Shed facilities.

"Health Check Day"

After such a good response last year, we are planning to have another "Health Check Day", which might be in June to coincide with a TMSA event of the same nature.

Review of Policies & Procedures

Heiko is busily reading and considering the current policies and procedures for current relevance to the Shed's actual operations. As this is such a big task, it will be performed by a sub-committee comprising Heiko and Graham Fogarty.

Shed Visitors Using Equipment

General discussion surrounded visitors to the Shed, who did not make appointments with mentors but were accompanied by other members. A situation occurred recently whereby a visitor was using Shed equipment without the appropriate skills assessment. Regardless of the fact he was accompanied by a financial member, he was stopped using the equipment as he was not authorized to use it.

There is the potential that visitors will abuse the use of the Shed's facilities and the potential for a claim against the Shed in the event an injury is sustained.

The Lighter Side of Life

AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it.

"Impossible!" says the doctor. "Show me." The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise she pushed her ankle and screamed.

Everywhere she touched made her scream.

The doctor said, "You're not really a redhead, are you?"

"Well, no" she said, "I'm actually a blonde."

"I thought so," the doctor said. "Your finger is broken."

Is it the place to be???
A pub for seniors with a serious
drinking problem!?!#



Member's Profile

Name: Graham Fogarty (through desperation, you're stuck with me for this edition.)

Birthplace: Perth, Western Australia

Family: Fur-kids only (no 2 legged ones)

Places where you have lived: Western Australia (Melville, Leeming, South Perth, Mount Pleasant, Kar-ratha, Dampier); Overseas (Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand); Tasmania (Turners Beach, Margate)

Educational background: Left school at 15 years of age after passing Junior Certificate (as it was known then) at Melville Senior High School and attended Fremantle Technical College as part of my apprenticeship training. Distance education course in Project Management.

Career progression: Started my working life 7 days after leaving school as a clerk at Wes-farmers Bulk Class Woolstores and learnt it wasn't for me.

Took on an electrical apprenticeship and graduated as Electrical Mechanic and Electrical Fitter, then worked as Clerk of Works at a hospital project; Electrical Supervisor for an engineering consultancy; Electrical Projects Manager for two separate contractors on commercial projects.

Moved to Indonesia in 1991 as Contracts Manager for an Australian company, then employed by a Japanese company involved in multi-discipline & civil projects, which included a secondment to Singapore for 6 months and short term trouble shooting assignments throughout Asia; acted as Japanese company's Quality Manager achieving certification in 5 months; transferred to Thailand on the New Bangkok International Airport project.

Returned to Perth and became Senior Contracts Administrator on a marine project in Dampier; poached as Commercial Manager for Phase 5 of the Woodside Gas Plant civil works project; Commercial Manager for the pre-cast concrete scope of the Pluto project for Woodside and worked under contract on the Gorgan Gas project. Moved to Tasmania and for 4 months was Contract Manager for Nielsen Electrical on the Wonthaggi De-salination Plant in Victoria.

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

Whilst not recognised at the time, my father was the basis for my morals and ethics – everything must be above board and open to scrutiny. In the early days of my career, various other people instilled a sense of self-confidence in me, by letting me handle matters without too much supervision.

Through my wife (Yvonne), I have learnt to accept some things without question. She has many gifts that are difficult to quantify and we live by "Shibumi" – an ancient Japanese word meaning having knowledge without understanding.

What the Shed means to you?

The Shed provides me with a way of keeping mentally stimulated, and in some small way, an opportunity to give to the community. Of course there is the friendships that develop from a simple sign on a fence a few years ago stating: "Shed Opening Soon", which has led to other activities / pursuits within Tasmania.

What are your favourite sports and hobbies?

I like to be outside doing things – even if it just cleaning up the garden. I also enjoy cricket as a sport, having been a wicket keeper for almost all the time I played the game. Live theatre is also an interest, but we haven't really done that so much in Tasmania (yet).

Yvonne reckons being Secretary of the Shed and Treasurer of the TMSA is my hobby – and she's probably right about that.

Don't Worry Mum!!

(with apologies to the scouting fraternity)

Dear Mum,

Our Scoutmaster told us to write to our parents in case you saw the flood on TV and got worried. We are okay. Only one of our tents and 2 sleeping bags got washed away. Luckily, none of us got drowned because we were all up on the mountain looking for Adam when it happened.

Oh yes, please call Adam's mother and tell her he is okay. He can't write because of the cast. I got to ride in one of the search and rescue trucks. It was great. We never would have found Adam in the dark if it hadn't been for the lightning.

The Scoutmaster got mad at Adam for going on a hike alone without telling anyone. Adam said he did tell him, but it was during the fire so he probably didn't hear him. Did you know that if you put petrol on a fire, it will blow up?

The wet wood didn't burn, but one of the tents did and also some of our clothes. Matthew is going to look weird until his hair grows back.

We will be home on Saturday if the Scoutmaster gets the bus fixed. It wasn't his fault about the crash. The brakes worked okay when we left. The Scoutmaster said that with a bus that old, you have to expect something to break down; that's probably why he can't get insurance.

We think it's a super bus. He doesn't care if we get it dirty, and if it's hot, sometimes he lets us ride on the bumpers. It gets pretty hot with 45 people in a bus made for 24. He let us take turns riding in the trailer until the policeman stopped and talked to us.

The Scoutmaster is a neat guy. Don't worry - he is a good driver. In fact, he is teaching Horace how to drive on the mountain roads where there aren't any cops. All we ever see up there are huge logging trucks.

This morning all of the guys were diving off the rocks and swimming out to the rapids. The Scoutmaster wouldn't let me because I can't swim, and Adam was afraid he would sink because of his cast, so he let us take the canoe out. It was great. You can still see some of the trees under the water from the flood.

Our Scoutmaster isn't crabby like some scoutmasters. He didn't even get mad about the life jackets. He has to spend a lot of time working on the bus so we are trying not to cause him any trouble.

Guess what? We have all passed our first aid merit badges. When Andrew dived into the lake and cut his arm, we all got to see how a tourniquet works.

Steve and I threw up, but the Scoutmaster said it was probably just food poisoning from the left over chicken. He said they got sick that way with food they ate in prison. I'm so glad he got out and became our Scoutmaster. He said he sure figured out how to get things done better while he was doing his time. By the way, what is a pedal-file?

I have to go now. We are going to town to post our letters and buy some more beer and ammo.

Don't worry about anything. We are fine and tonight it's my turn to sleep in the Scoutmaster's tent!!



Workshop Portfolio

Shed Coordinator

Discussed at the last meeting, it was agreed that the Shed would close if we don't have a Shed Coordinator.

One of the members attending the meeting spoke on the subject and said it was unfair that the Committee to act as Coordinators. He would be prepared to act as Coordinator, but expressed concern at potentially argumentative responses from those in the Shed. He was assured by the Committee that he would be supported in the role.

Only two members have offered to act as coordinator, which is a very poor response given the number of members we have.

Shed Projects

Each request received by the Committee for assistance to build, renovate or repair something is considered on its merits. Such considerations include duration, space and cost. This was the case with the Kingston Sea Scout boat project, which unfortunately required far more work than was originally envisaged. Also unfortunately, there were some members who were less than hospitable regarding the extended duration and space constraints. A little tolerance and understanding goes a long way.

The same assessments apply to members who want to bring in their own project. They need to be assessed for time, space and financial considerations. All members need to seek approval for their projects, which should be addressed to Reuben Sternberg and Ivan Morrison (Committee Members for the Workshop portfolio) in the first instance, who will apply the criteria set out above. They will then inform the rest of the Committee by email distribution before a decision is made.

Willys Car

There was not much to report at the last meeting and Reuben is expected to provide a detailed update in the next "News Channel".

Kingston Scout Group Boat

The boat and trailer modifications have been completed and arrangements have been made for the boat to be returned for viewing during the Governor's visit.

Orange Bellied Parrot Transport Boxes

You may have noticed a few wooden boxes being made, which to be used by DPIPWE (Department of Primary Industry, Parks, Wildlife and Environment) for transporting OBPs. This is the second request from DPIPWE, with the Shed having made some a few years earlier.

Potential Project - CWA Pergola

A request was made by the Kingston branch of the Country Women's Association to assist with a pergola at their holiday home in Snug. Heiko has put a lot of effort into assessing the pergola's condition and submitting a proposal to the CWA, for which we await their response.

Potential Project - Library Garden Seat

An inspection of the seats has been made by Reuben, with the contra offer of bar stools and chairs from Kingston LINC.

Potential Project - Kayaks

Printouts of kayaks were distributed to the Committee as a potential project of the Shed. Each may take only a week to make. An approach to members about their involvement has resulted in 6 members interested in this potential project.