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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- General information
- Past Activities
- Financial responsibility
- The need for more member involvement
- Future events & activities

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Information & Feedback

Seasons greetings to you all.

The Committee decided that it might be a good idea to provide you with an insight into the matters being discussed, and the decisions reached, at Committee Meetings.

This is to provide you with some idea of what is being dealt with on your behalf and to bring future events, activities and programmes to your attention.

This is the first edition of your "News Channel" and is based on Committee Meetings held over the past few months, so there's a little catch up in this edition, which makes it quite large with a fair bit

of background information.

Here's hoping it sparks your interest and doesn't bore you too much.

We're also keen to receive your comments / feedback on any aspect of the Shed you consider worth mentioning — remembering that any criticism should be accompanied with potential solutions.



The Committee & It's Meetings

At the Annual General Meeting held in February 2014, the members elected 4 Officers and 10 Committee Members to look after the day-to-day running of the Shed on your behalf (so now you're stuck with us until the next AGM, which is not that far away).

At the first meeting of the Committee, each member is assigned a portfolio to manage the operations of the Shed (more info on this is provided on the next page). The agenda for each Committee Meeting is based on these portfolios, which also includes a President's Report, an Administration & Membership Report and of course, a Finance Report. So far, we've found this methodology to be successful as we cover every aspect of the Shed's functions and control measures in a methodical manner.

We welcome anyone to observe our Committee Meetings and provide comments, but you won't have the right to vote on the subject matters. Normally, meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month, but this December it will be on 16th starting at 2:00 p.m.

What's Happening?

Committee Meetings

From inception, we retain the ongoing policy of Committee Meetings being open to any financial member who wants to attend. Members may have their say on any topic, however they do not have any voting rights at these meetings - sorry, you have to wait for a General Meeting to have your turn.



Each Committee Member has been assigned responsibility for the following portfolios, and they report on them at each meeting:

- Assets & Materials - Bruce Weller
- Building & Grounds - Ian Jay
- House & Social - Bob Warne
- Programme & Activities - Rex Johnson & Derrick Conry
- Publicity & Fundraising - Lyndley Chopping & Tim Oxley
- Website / IT - Colin Hocking
- Workshop - Dave Dungey & Reuben Sternberg

The Officers also provide their reports at each meeting:

- President's Report – Peter Shelley
- Finance – Peter Johnstone & Peter Norris
- Administration & Membership – Graham Fogarty

Tasmanian Men's Shed Association (TMSA)

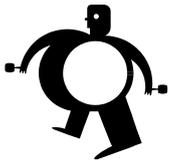
Peter Shelley agreed to renominate for, and was elected as, President of the TMSA for another year - putting in another tireless effort for the good of the state.

Peter was instrumental in obtaining a commitment to funding for the TMSA from Will Hodgman before being elected as the Premier, which is to the benefit to all Tasmanian sheds.

As part of the funding, the first in a series of grants opened to all TMSA member sheds and some of the funds will go to the employment of an Executive Officer.

Shed Coordinators

Yes, we beat this drum far too often, but the reality is that we need members to step up and act as the Shed Coordinator for a day here and there—even half a day would assist.



It's not difficult; you're provided with a short introduction to it; and you're still free to work on projects.

Think about it; if you are at the Shed and become injured, wouldn't you want someone to assist, to know what to do and who to contact?

Have you put your name down as the Shed Coordinator yet? If not, why not?

Constructive criticism is always welcome, whereas playing the blame game is counter productive

Grants

We have been extremely fortunate of the past year or so to be the recipients of a few grants, which have provided the Shed with improved facilities. Here's a run-down on them:

- Australian Govt. Dept. Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs - received \$4,845 for small tools & equipment
 Status: Tools & equipment were purchased for various aspects of the Shed's operations.
- Tasmanian Govt. Dept. Human & Health Services - received \$4,850 for metal forming equipment.
 Status: Equipment was purchased and is in use.
- Tasmanian Community Fund - received \$8,910 for 10 kilowatt of solar panels
 Status: The Shed contributed just over \$2,000 towards the solar system, which has been in operation for some months, the benefits of which are being realised through reduced power bills.
- Huon Aquaculture - \$3,000 for kitchen equipment & salmon produce; and
 Status: \$2,000 of kitchen equipment has been purchased and \$1,000 worth of produce is being used cooking sessions for seniors.
- Car Park & Landscaping - \$5,280 was received from the Kingborough Council quite some time ago for improvements to our car park and for landscaping.
 Status: After various communications with the Council, our use of the funds has been deferred as the Council intend to upgrade the whole of the car park for all users of the Margate Oval. Their work is scheduled to start in March 2015, so no funds have been spent, which is deemed to be a committed cost in the current budget.
- TMSA / DPaC— The Tasmanian Men's Shed Association in conjunction with the Dept. of Premier and Cabinet , have made funds available.
 Status: We intend to apply for a grant for sleepers and soil for the garden; digital readouts for the milling machine and lathes; and a rotary table for the milling machine.

Christmas Raffle

With assistance of others, Lyndley Chopping & Tim Oxley obtained prizes for our Christmas raffle, which brings in much needed funds to the Shed.

We're now in the final throws of sales at the Channel Court Shopping Centre - where we usually sell around 50% of the tickets. Members need to do their bit by taking books and selling them for the Shed.



Website / IT

Because you're reading this document, you're using the website, which is now going to be the main method of communicating with you.

Please continue to check the website for updates on all sorts of events.

Membership

Membership numbers have been relatively flat over the past few months brought about by some people not renewing their membership, whilst new applications have been received from others.

Currently we have around 160 members covering a diverse range of skills, experience and knowledge. Whether you be a trades assistant or a professor, each of us has something to offer one another.



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Recent Events

We've had events, activities and projects coming out of our ears and we're always looking for member support with them, so don't be bashful about sticking your hand up to volunteer your time, skills, knowledge and experience – we can always use it.

Tuesday, 12th August 2014 - Australian Flag Raising Ceremony

Well prior to him being elected into government, Senator Eric Abetz made the offer of an Australian flag to the Shed. The offer was accepted, but there was a problem—we didn't have a pole on which to fly it.



Problem solved—after a fair bit of time and constant ribbing, Ian Jay made the pole and we held a ceremony where the Senator hoisted the Australian Flag.

Tuesday, 9th September 2014 - Kingborough Council's Volunteer Group

We hosted the Kingborough Council's Volunteer Group on 9th September with another of their "Check-in Session" for their volunteers. This is about the Council showing their appreciation to the volunteers for their efforts in helping others in the community with garden and other services.

Bruce Weller acted as our emcee and showed them around the Shed, and I'm sure that he put some "spin" on why some of them shouldn't become a Shed member – go for it Bruce! This culminated in a light lunch for the volunteers at the Shed.

Friday, 12th September 2014 - Tasmanian Flag Presentation

At 9:00 a.m. on 12th September, the Premier of Tasmania, Mr Will Hodgman, presented a Tasmanian flag to the Shed and was accompanied by the Jacquie Petrusma (Minister for Human Services and Minister for Women) and Paul Harriss (Minister for Resources).



Members were encouraged to attend the presentation and have a chat with the political representatives in the area.

It's worthy of note here that the Committee re-affirms its decision to remain apolitical, so anyone with a perception that we hold some sort of political bias, either one way or another, should cast them aside.

Friday, 3rd October 2014 - Kingston Biggest Ever Blokes BBQ Lunch

Stuart Heather of the Kingborough Chronicle arranged the Kingston's "Biggest Ever Bloke's Barbecue Lunch" and asked if CMS would assist with cooking the BBQ and serving it to patrons. The lunch was a male health awareness event and fundraiser for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.



Our chefs confirmed their availability and obtained the services of mainly Committee Members to assist on the day. Another great support that CMS is giving back to the community.

Friday, 17th October 2014 - World Anti-Poverty Day

The Kingborough Council asked if the Shed could assist with preparing soup for their planned "sleep-out on Margate Oval" for World Anti-Poverty Day. The event involved people putting up tents or swags on the oval for the night and a supper of hot soup and rolls. All funds raised were donated to the Kingborough Helping Hands organisation, who distribute food to the needy in the local area.

We agreed to help and members assisted with serving the soup and rolls – the soup being prepared in advance by our ever so competent team of chefs.

Saturday, 25th October 2014 - Garage Sale Trail

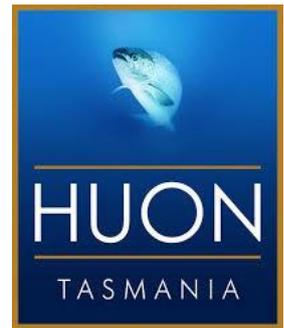
Because we tend to act in the same manner as bowerbirds, collecting (hoarding) for their nests, we needed more space above the offices and sold off some of our "acquisitions" as part of the Garage Sale Trail. Other vendors were invited to participate and they set out to selling from their car boot.



2nd Salmon Cooking Class for Senior Citizens

As part of our commitment to Huon Aquaculture, who—do you remember reading about it before? - provided us with a \$3,000 grant, we held our 2nd cooking session with salmon supplied by them.

This time we chose to invite residents of a Snug Village rather than advertise it to the general population within Kingborough.



Soup for Helping Hands / Louis Van

With the kind efforts of John Rainbird and others, the Shed has been supporting the community by providing soup for the Helping Hands organisation, distributed through Louis van.

Well done John and all the helpers – you're providing a great service to help out others.

Christmas BBQ—20th December 2014



In conjunction with the drawing of raffle ticket prizes, we're having a BBQ at the Shed for members and partners starting around 4:00 p.m. on 20th December. This won't be the gourmet BBQ you might have experienced before at the Shed, but the company will be just as warm and friendly.

We'll be having, sausages, bread and salads available at \$10.00 per person. You'll need to bring your own wine and beer is available by donation

For catering purposes, those who want to attend need to provide their confirmation to Bob Warne on 6267 2042 or using his email address as provided in a recent email.

Saturday, 25th April 2015 - ANZAC Day Breakfast

ANZAC Day may be a long way off, but it's day never to forget.

With some forward planning on the part of Clennett's Mitre 10, we've been asked to assist with cooking breakfast for the helpers, the band, the choir and other volunteers after the dawn service. This year is as important than others with more emphasis given it will be to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli.

Clennett's is providing all the food, marquee and BBQ's, so all we need to do is cook and serve, unlessthere's washing up to be done — when we might need Bob Warne and a pressure cleaner!!



We've agreed to do our bit, but as we don't know the details of the event, we won't calling for volunteers until some time next year. If you are keen to assist, provide your details to the secretary and he'll add you to a list for the day.

