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14 Gormley Drive, Kingston

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Regular Activities: Kingston Men's Shed is open Monday - Thursday from 9am to 12.30pm. Tuesdays are set aside for members of various retirement villages in our Kingborough Council area to visit and participate. This does not exclude members from attending and interacting with our elderly citizens, perhaps lending a hand with one of their projects, or just enjoying a coffee and chat.

The Primary School mentoring programme continues throughout the term.

News from The Shed: A lot of work has been done since our last newsletter. Despite fickle weather (rain, heat), delays due to Christmas holidays, other "unknowns", and obstacles which could get in the way and actually did, we now have a brand new extension. **And a huge thank you to all those who participated in its evolvment.**

Internal walls were lined and painted or varnished; the floor acid washed then sealed; power and lighting installed; and gradually work-benches and equipment are being moved to their new positions, lockers, cupboards and a large whiteboard (courtesy of the High School) have been hung.



A group of members has worked hard planning the additional space to accommodate extra equipment which one or two members have kindly housed in their garages, waiting for the time when it could be moved out!



Security cameras have been installed, which it is hoped will act as a deterrent to those who have found the buildings and garden beds easy targets when no one is around. Shortly after our extension was fully secured, the door was targeted. This has since been reinforced and locks replaced.

The floor of the old shed was repainted and all the heavy woodworking machinery was moved in on Wednesday, courtesy of a couple of council workers and a truck with a crane. This equipment has been in store for over two years, one piece for probably much longer, so if you fancy a go at helping to remove a fine patina of rust from the unpainted parts of these monsters your efforts would be greatly appreciated.



The next phase will be to get them wired up to three phase power and eventually, once funding comes available, to install a dust extraction system.



Clennett's Display Stand: Report by Kevin Clayton

After about eighteen months of negotiations the Shed finally got the go ahead to build a display stand for Clennett's Mitre 10. Material was delivered in early April and a prototype constructed in the following couple of weeks. Clennett's were extremely happy with the outcome and the Shed will receive \$200 in payment for

the work. It is hoped that we will be constructing several more of these stands in the near future. Many thanks to Shedders Ron, Brian Bennett and Dave Newman for their help in the construction.

David Newman was at Fork in the Road 6th May, and saw this holding a variety of goods . Anyone recognise it???

(Ed. Note: Thanks David. To all involved - job well done!)



One or two other small community projects have also been completed, including cleaning and painting furniture for Manor Gardens; adjusting a door; and repair to a seal press.

With regard to financing the Shed Extension Project, besides the TCF grant, we also received \$1000 kindly donated by the Rotary Club of Kingston; your committee had set aside some \$6000 (money received over time from various community projects, garage sales and raffles); and there were one or two anonymous donors came forward with either cash or materials which lined the walls, purchased security cameras, and provided the extra lighting required. The TCF grant stipulated amounts for specific stages of the project which, it should be noted, came in on budget. This is important, because our expenditure of the grant will be independently audited, and would therefore be viewed more positively in future grant considerations. Mindful of winter approaching, a decision has been made to purchase a wood heater to provide heating in the extension. Word from the grapevine suggests it should be installed on 17th May.

In the meantime, the committee will be pursuing avenues to raise additional funds, and Dave Ellis presented a case to Kingborough Lions Club for their assistance in purchasing a dust extraction unit for the extension.

Visitors

Senator Catryna Bilyk visited The Shed during April, for an update on our recent extension and current activities. She was very interested in our student mentoring program, and our expanded programs to include and benefit people within our community.

There has been a healthy increase in **membership** of The Shed - word seems to have spread that we are a very friendly, accommodating bunch of blokes!

Library collection: books and journals relating to woodwork, wood-turning, spindle turning and tools have been catalogued and are now available from our library.

Members can borrow for a period of one month at no cost. If any of you have any technical material which you would like to donate to the collection, it would be most appreciated.

Up-coming Events: A quiz night is being held on Saturday, 17th May at the Community Hall, Beach Road, Kingston. Tables are for 8 persons, we already have one with 7 so could fit someone else in, but perhaps there are some of you out there would like to make up another table. Information leaflets are available at The Shed.

Graeme Euston

We have lost one of our shedders, Graeme Euston, who passed away on Monday 28th April. Graeme had been a member of The Shed for some time and, besides being Minutes Secretary, took on the task of "grant seeking", being instrumental in our successful application to the Tasmanian Community Fund. Nothing seemed to daunt him and, despite his health issues, Graeme maintained a good sense of humour and cheery disposition. He was a keen collector of cameras, enjoyed sailing a radio controlled model yacht and enthused about his involvement with the Men's Shed. Graeme made an interesting observation in his "Member Profile" last year:

"We have a wonderful collection of people of diverse background and skills, there is not much we can't achieve as a group if we put our minds to it. As well as helping members in need of any assistance in life's difficulties, it is great working as a team doing projects or making submissions for grants etc."

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him in The Shed, and our thoughts go to his wife, Roza and their family. Vale Graeme.

*(Editor: To those on the sick list - **get well soon!**)*

Notice:

As most of you know, there have been several emails distributed re issues between AMSA (national body) and some of the state branches, including our own. Efforts are on-going to find a resolution. TMSA intends to hold a state-wide forum on 29th May at the same location as the last AGM., 159 Wellington Street, Longford. The venue will be open from 10.30 and the meeting will begin promptly at 11.00am. Lunch will be provided. See this link for details of where to find it:-
<http://www.longfordbaptistchurch.org.au/riverlands-bookings/>

Barbecues are held at The Shed monthly, usually on Thursday, after the morning's activities. It's a good opportunity to have a chat, discuss ideas or make suggestions, and for new members to get to know the regulars. Check the notice board for dates.

Badges: Our insurance requires that you sign the book and pin on your badge while you are at The Shed. If you don't have a badge, please let Evelyn know.

If you have any articles or photos you would like published via the newsletter they can be emailed to me e.black@bigpond.com.au

Your Committee is made up of the following members: Arnold Krieg, Dave Ellis, Dennis O'Flynn, Mike Jackson, Bob Davis & Evelyn Black.



(Ed. Note: Photos supplied by Aaron Williams, Kevin Clayton, David Newman & Evelyn Black)