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Kingston Men's Shed

14 Gormley Drive, Kingston

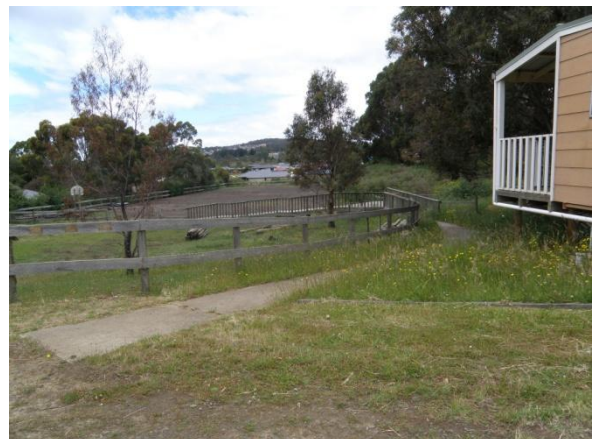
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Regular Activities: Kingston Men's Shed is open Monday - Thursday from 9am to 12.30pm. Tuesdays are set aside for members of various retirement villages in our Kingborough Council area to visit and participate. This does not exclude members from attending 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: Your committee held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 19th February, during which several matters were discussed, some of which have since been followed up:

- On request, Council assisted with clearance of rubbish from the rear of the block,; but a request for security cameras to be installed has, again, been refused;
- the AGM for The Shed to be held in July, with one extra general meeting in January, providing members with the opportunity to raise any issues of concern at either meeting.
- the present logo (see front of building) is not reflective of The Shed so, if there are three or four members who would be willing to help progress its design, let Dave know.
- establishment of our own website which in turn would give direct access to other websites to promote ourselves. If there is someone who would like to assist with this project, please contact Evelyn (62295741 or email e.black@bigpond.com.au)



Other News: A general meeting of Shed members took place on 7th March to allow for a discussion of various issues raised in a letter from Kevin Clayton. Most of those raised are in hand, however the following need a little more work:

- a qualified first-aider would be most helpful in the Shed should the need arise, so if there is someone amongst you with some experience in this area, speak to Dave Ellis.
- Fund raising is an on-going task, and Graeme Euston is dedicating himself to handling all grants which become available. Toy making and a Christmas raffle are possibilities, cool drink sales are going well and there are one or two projects either in progress or starting soon.
- As numbers have increased, the need for additional opening times was raised. This will be discussed at the committee's next meeting, with Saturday being a possibility. A few volunteers offering to act as supervisors would help swell the ranks of those who are currently in attendance from Monday-Thursday.
- A committee has been proposed to oversee future work on the building extensions.
- Working bees have been organised (email sent to members 11/3/2013) for the purpose of clearing up the block now that the rubbish has been taken away. Bricks need to be stacked, other items shifted so that full access can be gained and the area levelled, to make future maintenance easier.
- The visits we receive from nursing homes can sometimes get a little hectic, so a few volunteers to assist each Tuesday would be most appreciated. These men really enjoy the companionship and change of scene for a couple of hours. Again a roster can be arranged - see Kevin.

Report on the Open Day:

On 1st March the inaugural Southern Sheds' get together, hosted by Kingston Men's Shed, saw 56 attendees including members from Kingston, Derwent Valley, Tasman, Dover, Bridgewater, Bruny Island, Cygnet and Channel men's sheds. Committee members from TMSA, included state president, John Waters, vice president, Peter Shelley, secretary, Ken Sulman, as well as Paul Fannon, Ross Kent and southern region co-ordinator, Kevin Clayton. Also present was Jonathon Bedloe, our DHHS Men's Health representative, and pleasing to see our busy Kingborough mayor, Graham Bury in attendance.

The occasion also afforded John Waters the opportunity to introduce Robert Clifford, managing director of Incat Tasmania Pty. Ltd., who has accepted TMSA's invitation to be its state patron. Bob gave us a brief, interesting outline of Incat's activities, and was happy to take questions from the floor, many of which concerned the latest ship being launched by the company. TMSA committee will meet with Bob shortly to discuss his role in-depth, and how he can be of assistance to the association.

Media coverage via The Mercury reported the event on the 28th February, an article appeared in the Kingborough Chronicle, and an interview was conducted by the ABC which included Bob Clifford and Kevin Clayton.

Shed president, Arnold Krieg organised trade displays by PowerCom (solar energy suppliers), and Specialty Joinery Supplies (tools) which provided additional interest, and the Coffee Van, which supplied free coffee, was a winner! Morning tea was followed by a barbecue, complete with salads.

The get-together, an initiative of the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association, resulted from a lack of interest in previous live-in AGM's, and it is hoped that gatherings such as these will be held in the north and north-west of Tasmania later in the year.

A very successful day, and a big "thank you" to Kingston Men's Shed members for their efforts. TMSA is trying to build better relationships between sheds and this event has gone a long way to help fulfil that goal.

Kevin Clayton
Kingston Men's Shed Member
Southern Region Co-ordinator TMSA



Library: More books have recently been donated to the collection, which still need to be catalogued. Members can borrow for a period of one month at no cost. If anyone has any technical material they would like to donate, it would be most appreciated.

Up-coming Events: A Special General Meeting of the Kingborough Community Garden & Men's Shed Association Incorporated will be held on Monday, 25th March, 2013 commencing at 1pm. The agenda, together with a nomination form appear on page 6 of this newsletter.

As members of Kingston Men's Shed ("The Shed" as it is commonly called) you are automatically members of the Incorporated body. Although both The Shed and The Garden Group have become separate autonomous units each responsible for its own administration and finance, all members have an equal say in matters of importance, remaining members of the Incorporated body which is responsible for matters such as public liability insurance and reclaiming GST. Any grants applied for by either of the two units, have the Incorporated body as their sponsor. As such, you are entitled to nominate representatives from within our members to a position/s on the Association's board. So it is in your interest to attend.



Shed History (part 2)

Due to space restrictions, this will feature in our next newsletter, however, the photographs on these pages show some of the early stages of development at our present site.

(Editor's Note: photos in this newsletter courtesy of member Denis Newman.)



All members are encouraged to send articles, photos, their profiles or other items they consider would be of interest to other members of The Shed.

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

Member Profile: Brian Welch

I was born in Hampshire, UK and immigrated to Australia as a 'ten pound Pom' in 1970.

I am married with two adult children and have lived in Kingston for 36 years. Both my children went to Kingston High School, before graduating from the University of Tasmania. My son is an engineer and my daughter is a lawyer.

I worked for 26 years as a Sales Representative in various fields, before retiring due to vision impairment. 10 years ago I joined Kingston High School as a volunteer, and I have become their metal lathe specialist. This includes occasionally teaching those students who show an interest in this technical skill. I met Dave Ellis when he was teaching at KHS and he introduced me to the Men's Shed.

My interests include amateur radio and electronics. I have run the "on-event" communications and radio base for three Variety Club of Australia Charity Bashes; including the Tas Bash 1991, Vic Bash 1993 and the trans-continental 1995 Bondi to Busselton Bash. I hold an Amateur Operator's Certificate of Proficiency unrestricted licence and I am an active member of WICEN (Wireless Institute Civil Emergency Network). I was closely involved with the building, development and deployment of Targa's VHF radio repeaters throughout Tasmania in the early years.

When I used to drive, I enjoyed frequent 4WD driving and camping. I am a founding member and past President of the Landrover Owners' Club of Australia, Tasmanian Branch. These days I prefer caravanning around Tasmania with my wife, touring around Australia with my son and enjoying the simple life of living from the back of the 4WD with a gas stove and a bottle of red.



KINGSTON COMMUNITY GARDEN AND MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION INC.

AGENDA
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
GORMLEY DRIVE
MONDAY 25th MARCH 2013 at 1.00 pm.

PRESENT:

APOLOGIES:

Item1. Adoption of the Financial Report.

Proposed:

Seconded:

Item 2. Election of Officers of the Association:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Committee
Auditor
Public Officer

Item 3. Frequency of Meetings.

MEETING CLOSED

Secretary,
Kingborough Community Gardens & Men's Shed Association Incorporated,
12 – 14 Gormley Drive,
Kingston 7050

Committee Nomination Form

Date.....

I hereby nominate.....for the position
of.....
to Kingborough Community Gardens & Men's Shed Association Incorporated.

This nomination is proposed by.....and seconded by
.....

I hereby consent to being nominated for the above position.....
(nominee' signature).....

(Please Note: The nomination form should be signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee)