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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: As you will have observed, things have been moving along with fitting out and furnishing the extension. Additional equipment has been in storage for a while and some requires a bit "TLC" to get it going. Raising funds for a new dust extraction system is on-going, with the Lions Club of Kingborough providing \$2000 and a very generous member donated \$1000 which will also go towards this project. An electrician was engaged to make the necessary changes to install 3 phase power in the original shed..

Work goes on both within and outside The Shed, with various jobs under way, nearing completion or finished.



Photo on the left shows Brian, David and Rod in front of some new racks they built and installed recently, to store sheeting material

Tess the kelpie is a ring in????!!!

Some of the shedders, under direction of Kevin, have been busy finishing off the community garden shelter laying pavers and installing tables and chairs.



Photos above show before & after shots of the new tables & benches.



Others were busy laying new drainage to handle storm water redirection from going the long way around The Shed to a more direct route. Everyone worked hard to do it all in one day, digging out was pretty difficult with lots of clay encountered. Shedders involved Rod, Brian, David N and The Phantom!

Ed.Note: Thought Tess might have pitched in too! Photos supplied by her master.

One of the containers is being upgraded for use in metal working, and the committee has agreed to the purchase of a MIG welder.

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.

Late News:

On Thursday, 3rd July, Premier, Will Hodgman, paid us a visit to confirm a donation of \$2500 towards the cost of the dust extraction unit, has been paid into our account. He was given a "tour" round The Shed, impressed with the setup. In his speech he acknowledged our community involvement, and the important role Men's Sheds play within Tasmania as a whole. For this reason, it was announced in the Mercury on Friday, 4th July that his government will be providing funds of \$550,000 to enable Sheds in the state to continue their community development and participation.



In-coming Chairman, Kevin Clayton, on behalf of The Shed committee and members, thanked the Premier for the donation, and his government's generous funding to the Tasmanian Men's Sheds Association. Kevin also explained that President of TMSA, Peter Shelley, will be providing further information on the funding at a "Soup & Sandwich" lunch at our Shed tomorrow.

(Ed. Note: Photos of the Premier's visit and those on the last page courtesy of Denis Newman, of "Three Stooges" fame - the other "stooges" being Arnold Krieg & Dave Ellis, all three of whom have been members since the KCG&S Assoc. was formed in 2006.

Up-coming Events & Dates for the Diary:

On Friday 4th July, a Soup and Sandwich lunch will be held at the shed 12.00 for 12.30pm, at a cost of \$10.00 per head. Guest speaker will be Peter Shelley, President TMSA. A raffle will be held on the day. Kevin is organising this event. (How things went will be reported in our next newsletter.)

The Shed's AGM will be held on Tuesday, 26th August commencing at 1.00pm and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in attendance, as we report on the 2013/14 year's activities and elect a new committee for 2014/15.

A reminder that membership fees for 2014/15 are now due. Fees have been increased to \$50 per year, of which \$15 contributes to necessary public liability insurance, and \$10 for membership to the KCG&S Association Inc.

The AGM of KCG&S Association Inc. will be held on Monday 15th September. Agenda will include adoption of minutes from the previous AGM, Treasurer's report on the financial year 2013/14 (including auditor's report) and election of the new committee for 2014/15. Please give some thought to who you would like to elect to represent The Shed on the board of the Association. Nominations can be received any time prior to the meeting. A full agenda will be forthcoming closer to the date.

Official Opening of our Extension: will take place on Friday 10th October, 2014 at The Shed and Premier, Will Hodgman has made himself available for the occasion. While there may be a few jobs still to be done, the Committee has decided it can't be put off any longer. There are companies and organisations to acknowledge for their support during the planning and building process, people to thank for their participation and we look forward to welcoming all members to join in the success of the endeavour.

Social Activities: A group from The Shed enjoyed a good night out recently, at a "Trivia and Fun" fundraiser organised by the Trap Door Theatre group. Shed members and a few partners worked their "little grey cells" hard in a combined effort to defeat the opposition. Thanks to Ross (who looked very dapper on the night as did Fran as the very strict headmistress!) and his quirky talent team for their hospitality! Heard you raised some well-deserved funds.

*(Editor: Quite a lot of viruses seem to be doing the rounds at this time of year. So to those on the sick list - **get well soon!**)*

TMSA Meeting:

A state-wide forum was held at Longford on 29th May, with four of our members attending.. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the following:

- how best monies given by the State Government to TMSA should be spent;
- on-going relationship issues between AMSA and TMSA of which members would be well aware given the numerous emails over the past few months.*

With regard to the first item, the State Government requires a position be created within TMSA to take some accountability, be a point of contact and can direct work of the Association, otherwise they may withdraw the funding offer. That a sum of \$50,000 be committed in the first year for this position.

A motion was put and accepted that TMSA recognise the need for a public officer, subject to receipt of government funding.

How to distribute funds to the 43 or so Tasmanian Sheds presented some lengthy discussion, with the government keen to see full accountability by setting out its preferred criteria of expenditure, in particular that funding is not used for operational requirements e.g. energy, water & sewerage, insurance, communications etc., and that a funding evaluation committee be appointed.

A motion that members present acknowledge and accept the government's recommendation for distribution of funds to sheds via grant applications to be judged and approved by an independent committee, was also moved and accepted.

Relationship issues between TMSA and AMSA are still at an impasse. Different opinions in ethics exist between the two parties with TMSA preferring a grass roots, community-based approach to growth and development, and in their view the wider membership is the best resource with much to offer, thus it should have a bigger stake in the running of The Shed movement. TMSA committee argues that the state wide meetings it holds are a more effective way to work with and for all members. Information requested from AMSA by TMSA on financial matters has also not been forthcoming, and questions raised on distribution of Federal Government funding remain unanswered.

*With regard to our own relationship with the Australian body, AMSA, The Shed will not renew its membership as an individual shed at this time, but negotiations between TMSA and AMSA are continuing. Membership with TMSA is not affected by this decision.

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.



Awaiting the Premier's arrival - and the extension looks great!

A good stack of wood to keep everyone warm!

