



# 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:** Premier, Will Hodgman, will officially open our Extension on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 at The Shed. A good opportunity for all members to mingle with politicians, councillors and get together with other Shedders. Don't forget your badge!



15<sup>th</sup> July

David Newman donated this handy load of wood to the Shed; the tree was cut the day before, but will be ready for next winter's cold weather!

Thank you very much, David.

**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.

**Other News:** As you've probably noticed, we have a new logo, which will now appear on our letterhead, newsletters, invoices and, of course, on the polo shirts and caps which I believe can be ordered from Kevin Clayton -\$22 for shirts, \$11 for caps.

### Up-coming Events & Dates for the Diary:

Kingborough Community Enterprise Centre has organised an information day on **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October**, between 10am - 4pm. It provides an opportunity to promote ourselves and the Garden Group - if anyone has an hour or two to spare, it would be appreciated.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2014** at The Shed - official opening by Premier Will Hodgman.

**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.

### **Membership Fees:**

A reminder that membership fees for 2014/15 were due from 1<sup>st</sup> July. Fees are \$50 per year.

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](mailto:e.black@bigpond.com.au)

**The Shed's AGM** was held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, following is a-copy of the minutes .

**PRESENT:** Kevin Clayton; Mike Jackson; Evelyn Black; Arnold Krieg; Dave Ellis; Denis O'Flynn; Ross Andrews; Les Fletcher; Daniel Gayler; Julian Scott; Bob Davis; Aaron Williams; Brian Bennett; Paul Chatterton; Frank Butler; Allen Appleby

**APOLOGIES:** Drew Burgess; Ron Middleton; Fenn Oost.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** A.G.M. 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2013: Proposed: Danny; Seconded: Ross; Passed unanimously.

The Chairman's Report is attached. A motion to accept the Chairman's Report was proposed by Evelyn and seconded by Aaron; passed unanimously.

The Financial Report is attached. Kevin gave a sincere vote of thanks to Evelyn for the effort she had put into a demanding financial year involving all the extra work associated with the funding of the extension. A motion to accept the Financial Report was proposed by Mike and seconded by Ross; passed unanimously.

Paul advised that even if the threshold of \$40,000 income for a compulsory audit was not passed in future years it would be wise to have the accounts audited each year. This will be discussed at the appropriate General meeting of the Shed Committee but the wisdom of the recommendation was noted.

Item 1. Nominations for the Shed Committee for 2014 - 2015 are:

Chairman: Kevin Clayton.

Vice Chairman: Arnold Krieg.

Treasurer : Evelyn Black.

Secretary: Dave Ellis.

Members: Danny Gayler; Paul Chatterton; Denis O'Flynn; Bob Davis; Mike Jackson.

A motion to accept the nominations was proposed by Ross, seconded by Aaron; and passed unanimously.

A.O.B. Ross requested that an updated membership list be circulated to members, which Evelyn agreed to do.

At this point the A.G.M. was closed and there followed a general discussion on the following topics:

In reference to the Association A.G.M:

- the renewal of the Association lease with the Council;
- that there should be a General Meeting prior to the A.G.M. in order that a proposal from Kevin regarding the Committee membership and general governance of the Association be determined.

That the following grant applications are being pursued:

\$5,000 from the Kingborough Council Community Development Grants programme for a covered work space extending the metalwork shed.

An application to TMSA for \$5,000 from the State Government's grants programme.

An application to the RACT for \$1,000 for the purchase of a drill press and gasless MIG welder;

Concern that closure of the Tasmanian Community Fund announced in the budget will politicise the grants process.

That a further grant application be considered for \$3,200 for the purchase of additional solar panels.

The purchase of a defibrillator and first aid kit, and the training of some members in first aid.

All of these matters will be addressed in the coming weeks.

Shed Committee is made up of the following members: Kevin Clayton, Arnold Krieg, Dave Ellis, Dennis O'Flynn, Daniel Gayler, Paul Chatterton, Mike Jackson, Bob Davis & Evelyn Black.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2013 - 14**

The past year has been notable for the demands that have been placed on all members and also for the rewards that our combined efforts have been able to achieve. It was also the year that saw the sad demise of one of our most valued and respected members - vale Graeme Euston.

#### **COMMITTEES**

In response to the increase in diversity of the Shed's activities the Committee structure has been refined with the introduction of co-ordinators and Daily Supervisors. Please give them as much support as possible so that the Shed continues to run smoothly. It is anticipated that there will be a further refinement to the Committee in the near future.

Throughout the year the work of the Committee has been complicated by the split between TMSA and AMSA. This situation is ongoing and Kevin is to be thanked for the time and energy he puts into his role as a member of the TMSA state committee and for the way he has advised and guided our Shed through the problems that have arisen.

#### **FUNDING**

Sources of funding remain much as for 2013. Membership fees are generating revenue at a consistent level and it is to be hoped that the recent creation of a web site will help raise income in this area. The schools' programme remains as popular as ever with the participants. Last year's Christmas raffle and a couple of garage sales provided significant boosts to funds and also served to raise our profile in the local community. The introduction of charges for tea/coffee etc. and barbeques has proved to be a greater source of revenue than had been anticipated and the sale of soft drinks remains a nice little earner. In addition, the arrival of Hugo into our midst has not only added a refreshing new dimension to the social life of the Shed each Tuesday, but also his support funding from the National Disability Insurance Scheme is a welcome addition to our bank balance. There is also the ongoing project in co-operation with Clennetts' Mitre Ten to supply display stands that has the potential to provide income.

A "Soup and Sandwich" event organised by Kevin on 4<sup>th</sup> July with Guest Speaker Peter Shelley, President of T.M.S.A., was a great social success much enjoyed by all who attended and which turned a welcome profit of \$655.

Other features of the Shed's funding in the past year has been the discreet donation of material to progress the completion of the extension and the gift of items for the Shed's use or to sell at Garage Sales. Both are much appreciated. This generosity was exemplified by Brian Gisborne on 22<sup>nd</sup> May when he offered Dave a folded cheque; Dave assumed that the cheque was to cover the cost of a small quantity of material the Brian had used on a personal job on the preceding day. The cheque was for \$1,000 - a donation towards the costs of the extension.

Accordingly, our financial position remains sound under the ever vigilant eye of our esteemed Treasurer but we cannot afford to be complacent or profligate as our outgoings continue to rise.

## GARDEN

Danny and his several helpers continue the work in the Garden for the benefit of all concerned. The effort by Kevin, Dave Newman, Rod, Brian and several others that has been put into the paving and fit out of the barbeque area has achieved outstanding results, perhaps not as warmly appreciated as they should have been.

## INDUCTION

Eligibility for State Government grants introduced in the budget is contingent on having effective induction and W H & S programmes in place. This will provide an

impetus for further implementation of both. Robbie has again embarked on his annual task of testing and tagging - many thanks Robbie. And please note that any acquisition, either new or second hand must be checked by him before they are used.

## ST ANN'S

The regular visits of residents from St Ann's have continued - thanks to all who are involved in making these visitors feel welcome in our Shed.

## NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

As anticipated at the last AGM our website is now up and running and has been greeted with widespread approval. The Newsletter continues as a popular feature of the life of the Shed. Again, our sincere thanks to Evelyn for all the time and effort she puts into both.

## EXTENSION

In the light of all the foregoing it would be reasonable to assume that there would be little time or energy remaining for other things. However, through our own efforts, by working together and with some help from our friends, a great deal has been accomplished. Since the 4<sup>th</sup> October last year when the excavation was begun and despite a number of setbacks and problems along the way, between us we have created one of the best organised and equipped Sheds in Tasmania. To do this whilst at the same time maintaining our regular programmes has been a remarkable achievement, something that impresses every visitor who sees it. But that is not all that has been achieved. When the original Shed was constructed only four of the present membership were involved. With the extension almost all of current members have been able to make a contribution of some kind towards its completion. This has created a much wider feeling of ownership amongst members and by working together to achieve a common goal, a greater sense of fraternity. In addition, whilst accessing funding, materials, skills and advice from local individuals and organisations members have been successful in raising the public profile of the Shed and the role that it plays in the community. Well done everybody.

## THE FUTURE

Whilst there is still some work to be done before the set up of the Shed is complete there are plans evolving for the following:

- An extension to the working space available to the metalworkers.

- The development of the Lodge to provide meeting space for community groups.
- The reorganisation of the structure of the Association and the sub-committees of the Shed and Garden.

And in the meantime, as these projects progress, we still have the raffle coming up and an official opening to organise.

It has been a very demanding but very productive year and I thank you all sincerely for your efforts.

#### Treasurer's Report 2013-2014

Well everyone, I think you can be justly proud of your achievements for this financial year.

The extension, so desperately needed, looks fantastic - and thanks must go to those who beat their brains during management of the project from beginning to end, as well as the hard workers who put in a lot of man hours doing plumbing, carpentry, panelling, painting, varnishing and electrical. While there were some delays in getting started, as referred to in the Chairman's report, the results speak for themselves. It's been a terrific team effort!

Prior to commencement of the project, your committee agreed to opening an interest-bearing on-line savings account, so that excess funds in the cheque account could be transferred when not required. They also agreed to a proportion of money (raised from our various fundraising activities) be set aside as our contribution towards the shed extension project. By the time the grant was received, some \$6000 was already available. Rotary donated \$1000, and three generous members donated cash and materials to the value of over \$4200, which enabled walls to be insulated, lined and painted. A wood heater was also installed for additional comfort during winter.

As some of you know, a request for change to the original plans was made and agreed to by the Tasmanian Community Fund board. As this increased costs for the foundation and the building itself, TCF amended some of the allocated funding, to allow the project to reach lock-up stage. This meant a shortfall of \$2095 which was paid from those funds set aside by The Shed.

A donation of \$2000 from Kingborough Lions and \$2500 from the Premier's fund went a long way towards the new dust extraction unit (supplied in July), with the remainder provided from funds raised at the recent "soup & sandwich" lunch organised by Kevin, and the Shed.

It is important to note the TCF grant provided funds towards various aspects of the project, and on its completion, proof of expenditure for those had to be provided to their auditors. Copies of all invoices, our accounts for the year, photographs, newspaper articles etc. were requested for the purpose. (Spreadsheet shows the funding received and expended to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014, which includes not only the TCF grant, but also the donations and money The Shed set aside.)

The cash profit & loss report shows a net profit of \$7801.66 which may be subject to minor adjustments (books at present with auditor). All up a great result! I understand there are a few projects in the pipeline, and with careful fiscal governance and on-going fund-raising, they should be realised.

Taking into consideration total funds per bank accounts (as at 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 is \$9843.17), I think we could say The Shed is in a fairly healthy financial position.

While I don't participate in a physical sense I'm very proud, in my capacity as your treasurer, to be involved and part of a great bunch of really nice men!  
Evelyn Black

**The KCG&S Inc.** held its AGM on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September. It was preceded by a General Meeting to discuss its future direction with a proposal put forward by Kevin Clayton, and which had been circulated to all members.

Kevin's proposal outlined various problems with the present situation due in part to irregular committee meetings and, therefore general management, a reduction in membership to the Garden group; issue of Shed members conducting grounds maintenance, and the Association being unable to meet its responsibilities in part due to lack of funds.

After a lengthy discussion, during which Kevin offered to nominate for the Chairman's position and Evelyn Black offered to nominate as Treasurer for the group (both positions having been declared vacant), formation of a committee for the 2014-15 year was deemed possible, and parties agreed to the following changes:-

- 10 Monthly meetings will be held through the year;
- the Garden group will be assisted in promoting itself, including through the Shed's website, newsletter and any publicity;



- the Association Secretary will keep all membership records for both, and it was agreed the \$10 annual membership from Shed and Garden members goes to the Association bank account to pay insurance;
- the Association Treasurer to administer bookwork for the Shed and Association, with the Garden providing information to effect bank reconciliation and GST reports monthly. This is conditional upon annual auditing, regardless of requirement or not, and regardless of who the treasurer may be;
- the Association is responsible for maintenance and replacement costs for equipment used to maintain grounds;

The meeting was closed, and immediately followed by the AGM, during which audited financial reports were presented, and the following members elected to the Incorporation Committee for 2014/15:

Chairman: Kevin Clayton

Vice Chairman: Denis O'Flynn

Secretary: Helen Wagner

Treasurer: Evelyn Black

Auditor: Grant Musgrove

Public Officer: Drew Officer

Grounds Rep: Daniel Gayler

Garden Rep: Susie Kelleher

Shed Rep: Arnold Krieg