



Member Update June 2020

Firstly, let me on behalf of the Committee, express a very warm welcome to all Foundation Members of the South Arm Peninsula Men's Shed. Your Membership will carry through until June 2021. We currently have 31 founding Members from a variety of backgrounds including, teaching, mechanics, welding, painting, business management, mining, and landscaping just to name a few.

Our Committee representatives are

President: Robin Barnes (Ph 0408 446 249)

Vic President: Peter Dawson (Ph 0418 123 815)

Secretary: Steve Hinton (Ph 0419 339 415)

Treasurer: John Harvey (Ph 0434 007 112)

General Committee:

Allan Duggan

John Godfrey

Ian Glover

plus, one vacancy

Events

The BBQ held at Calverton Oval on March 22nd (just days before the Covid-19 lockdown) seems a lifetime ago now. This inaugural meeting of Members and guests was well attended with over 20 people enjoying the cool autumn day. Thanks to Robin Barnes for organising the supplies and Allan 'Darcy' Duggan for cooking us a tasty lunch.

Kerry Scambler and Robin presented an update on the process required to establishing our new Men's Shed facility. This included a report on the beginnings of our fundraising, negotiations with council, community support and the Tasmanian Community Fund grant application process. We also discussed ways in which we, as a group, could get active in a men's shed sort of way without a shed to work from.

Then on Monday 23rd the Covid-19 shutdown put everything on hold, but now the time is coming to awaken from the slumber and get the process back on track.

Now that social gathering restrictions are lifting, we are planning another gathering of members and guests at the Community Centre to re-establish contact, discuss plans and progress to date plus enjoy some home-made pizza from the centre pizza oven.

This event is planned for Sunday 12th July at 12 noon.



Council approval and Tas Community Funding

On 14th May Alderman Doug Chipman (Clarence City Council Mayor) sent us a letter in which he outlined the consultative process for the Calverton Oval Master Plan, including the proposed Men's Shed. Importantly he also expressed Council's strong support for a Men's Shed and its proposed location. While this falls short of the required 'land owner consent' and 'Development Application approval' needed to finalise funding we believe it is enough to allow us to proceed with an application for funding to the Tasmanian Community Fund which is due in September 2020. With help from Kerry we will begin the process of putting together the funding application and aim to be ready to lodge it in September.

There are a couple of requirements we need to work on as a group

The first is our own funding requirements. We need to have on hand at least 10% of the full cost of the shed development in cash. We will also need all the in-kind support or sponsorship we can get. Some progress has been made but there is more work to do. I have attached our first financial report up to the 15th June for your information. This shows we are on our way and our fundraising momentum is beginning to build.

Because we are a startup organisation, as opposed to an existing organisation with a history to report on, we have been told that one challenge we need to address is showing ongoing viability, organised activity and community need.

What can you do to help?

Membership drive, I have attached a Membership form to this newsletter so if you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our Men's Shed as a foundation member (\$10 membership fee) please pass it on and invite them to join us. **The more Members we have the stronger our funding application will be.** Additional forms can be down loaded from southarm.tas.au or collect one from the Community Centre or South Arm Store.

We need to get active, even without a shed to work from.

Perhaps this may take the form of small groups with similar interests coordinated by the South Arm Peninsula Men's Shed visiting each other in their shed to work on joint projects or teaching and mentoring.

It could include road trips to visit other men's sheds or some other activity of interest to Members, It could be some sort of community support activity, or it could be general social get togethers at someone's home, the Community Centre or the RSL Club with a guest speaker or a speaker from within our group.



A couple of ideas currently on the table include:

- Developing a photographic record of Members home sheds - Members working in their home shed, the work that comes out of their sheds or anything else to do with Members and their sheds. We could then choose the most interesting, or quirky photos, build frames for them and be ready to display these in our shed once it is complete. If you have any photos you would like to share, please bring them along on 12th July. If you need help printing, I can help.
- Design and build for local community groups (i.e. Community Garden furniture, sculpture for Community Centre or our own Men's Shed)

Any and all ideas welcome, please call Steve on 0419 339 415 or e-mail mensshed@southarm.tas.au

Next Members' Meeting

We will be making use of the Pizza Oven at the Community Centre for a

members meeting and lunch
on Sunday 12th July, all members and guests welcome.

we will provide the pizza bases, toppings and drinks. We'll make use of the Community Centre kitchen to assemble our pizzas and then head outside to cook them in the wood-fired oven.

Any cash donations on the day to cover costs would be appreciated as would any contribution to our fundraising efforts.

Topics for discussions could include

- Fund raising ideas
- Sourcing sponsorship
- Member activities

We look forward to catching up then.

Please RSVP to Steve before Tuesday 7th July
on 0419 339 415
or
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