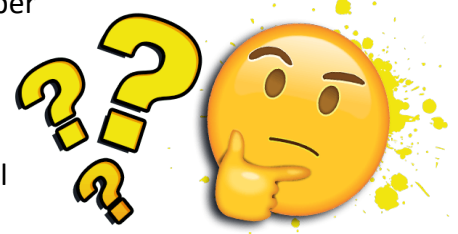


QUIZ NIGHT IS COMING!

Our third QUIZ NIGHT fundraiser is organised for Saturday 27th November 2021 at Calverton Hall, 7pm for 7.30 onwards. Hosting the event will be Andy Quinn with lots of prizes, lots of laughs and hopefully a good night's entertainment for all.



Early bird bookings are now available for members and guests, general marketing of the event will start next week. **Numbers are limited and bookings essential.** Last year we had a waiting list to attend!

Format will be tables of 6 (book a full table or we can find a group for you to join) at \$15 per person which includes supper. A limited bar service will be offered with beer, wine (red, white and sparkling) and soft drinks for sale plus free tea and coffee available.

If you would like to book in or enter a team of 6, please contact Steve on 0419 339 415 or email mensshed@southarm.tas.au ASAP to make sure you don't miss out.

AGM Report

For those who could not attend our AGM in September, you can find our Annual Report on the website at mensshed.southarm.tas.au



Over 40 members and guests attended the meeting at the Community Centre and enjoyed the BBQ and drinks that followed.

Committee changes included John Harvey leaving the Treasurer's role to take on a general committee position and Kerry Scambler moving to the Treasurer's role. The President's position was vacant having received no nominations. Robin agreed to continue in the role until a replacement could be found. This was ratified at a subsequent committee meeting.

Funding update

Our current bank balance has jumped to \$90,711 with the receipt of \$53,000 plus GST from the State Government.

This is an update on our other grant opportunities:

- Our grant application to the federal Building Better Regions grant scheme has been successful adding another \$80,626 to our available funds. We now enter the Grant Deed agreement which, once signed by us and the Federal department, I expect will allow funding to flow next year.
- Our application to Tas Community Fund (TCF) Infrastructure Grants was submitted but unfortunately was unsuccessful. This was always going to be a tough one as they received submissions for over \$15m for the available funds of \$1.5m.

From a funding point of view, we are now in a position to build at the Calverton Oval site.

Steve Hinton

Secretary

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President's message

With Christmas fast approaching it is time to reflect on the Men's Shed achievements this year. As commented in my annual report I was frustrated by the slow progress towards the realisation of our shed construction. Fortunately since then there have been some significant milestones in our journey.

In recent days our funding prospects have improved enormously. We are now in a position to give serious thought towards construction. Hopefully next year will see the realisation of our dream.

The AGM held recently was most successful and very gratifying to see about 40 people in attendance. The opportunity for social interaction was seized upon by those present as they enjoyed a BBQ and drink afterwards.

We have membership renewals of around 80% of our initial members. While this is an excellent number and shows continued community support, I would urge any 'lapsed' members to forward their renewal ASAP.

After the success of our Quiz nights, we are holding another on Saturday 27th November at the Calverton Hall. Bookings are now open and I urge all members and guests to join in the fun while assisting our fundraising programme.

I had the pleasure of attending recently a meeting of 'Shed' representatives from many Southern Sheds. This was held at Margate and apart from a beautiful meal prepared in their commercial kitchen, we heard from a guest speaker. Larissa Bartlett from the Menzies Institute spoke about dementia and urged us to participate in the Island Project*. This study hopes to have 20 000 participants who will provide information to assist in understanding dementia. A number of factors contribute to dementia and to some degree it can be avoided. It would come as no surprise that our alcohol intake needs to be limited.

Hope to see at least 60 of you at the quiz night (that's our limit). I understand however that the date clashes with a very important event for one of our members. Best wishes to Leigh and Sharyn – you're excused from Quiz Night attendance!

Cheers Everyone *Robin*

*[Ed: read more here <https://island.mooc.utas.edu.au/>]

TREATED PINE GARDEN STAKES



With the arrival of Spring it's the perfect time to be working in the garden getting ready to plant out those tomato plants!

You may have seen our sign in the local shops or on Facebook advertising treated pine garden stakes at \$1.50 each for pointed stakes and \$1.00 each for unpointed stakes.

If you would like some, please give Steve a call on 0419 339 415 or email mensshed@southarm.tas.au.

If you know of someone who might be able to use some stakes please pass on our details.

So far these garden stakes, donated by Pipe Clay Oysters, have earned us over \$3,100 in revenue and orders continue to steadily come in.

