

President's message

Hi Everyone.

The beginning of Spring and some good weather is encouragement for us to get out and about. Firstly however some good news regarding progress towards the building of our shed. The appeals tribunal (RMPAT) is satisfied with the agreement reached between all parties in the appeals process and has instructed the Council to issue a Planning Permit within 14 days. When this is issued the Council will consider the matter of a lease for the property. It has been a frustratingly long process but there is light at the end of the tunnel. (I think I might have said this before!)

With the prospect of building getting closer we need to renew our fundraising activities. Money at this point is still an issue although we are hopeful of good news as a result of our grant application. There are a number of proposed fundraising activities so if you can assist please put your hand up.

The AGM is set for Sunday 26th September at 12 noon at the Community Centre. Following the meeting there will be a BBQ and drinks. I would encourage everyone to attend, not only for the information update that will be provided but for some good socialisation afterwards. There are four committee positions vacant including President, Treasurer and two committee members. I encourage anyone who would like to be part of this move to establish a Men's Shed at South Arm to nominate for a position. You would be making a significant contribution to the welfare of people in the region.

See you at the AGM.

Robin

Notice of South Arm Peninsula Men's Shed Inc Annual General Meeting at the South Arm Community Centre, 12 noon Sunday Sept 26th



Agenda to include

- Executive Report
- Financial Report
- Election of office bearers
- Appoint an Auditor and
- General business

Nominations for the positions of President, Treasurer and two General Committee members are now open. Contact the Secretary – mensshed@southarm.tas.au or phone 0419 339 415 – for forms or download from the website (www.mensshed.southarm.tas.au) These need to be lodged with the Secretary by Monday 13th September.

Following the AGM Robin will present an update on his dealings with Council to secure our Planning Permit, Steve will give an update of grant funding and fundraising activities, and we will discuss when and how we hope to begin building and what hurdles we still have to jump over before we can put a shovel in the ground.

THEN join us for a BBQ and some refreshments! Details below. **PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY 24th** for catering and Covidsafe numbers.

Membership

Our membership as at June 2021 was 101 members, which is fantastic!

June 2021 sees the end of our Membership year and renewals are now due. So far 62 members have recommitted to the Shed by renewing their membership, we thank them for their ongoing support.

For those who are yet to pay the \$10 membership fee for the 2021/22 financial year I have included with this newsletter a reminder notice, and we ask for your continued support.

Strong membership is an important factor when it comes to applying for grant funding, and we still need to secure additional grants funding to build our shed.



Funding update

Our current funding position includes \$31k cash in the bank, and a written promise of \$53k from the State Government, these promised funds also appeared in the state budget papers. We are now waiting for the grant deed to arrive. This means we have \$84k available so we are well on our way to obtaining the funds required to build a shed.

What we still need is one of the following to come online:

- Our grant application currently being considered by the federal Building Better Regions grant scheme.
- Our application to Tas Community Fund Community Infrastructure Grants due for submission by 15th Sept.

Unfortunately, Clarence City Council was unable to find any funding for us in their 2021/22 budget.

We are getting closer to being in a position to start our build!

Come along to the AGM on Sept 26 to hear the full details of our fundraising efforts and grant funding applications.

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 \$2,700 in revenue and orders continue to steadily come in.



Coming events

SOUTH ARM PENINSULA MEN'S SHED AGM - South Arm Community Centre 12 noon on Sunday 26th Sept.
FREE BBQ, tea and coffee along with a limited bar service as follows:

Bar Service

- Beer by the stubby \$5
- Light beer \$4
- Wine by the glass \$4
- Soft drinks \$4

**PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY 24th September
for catering and Covidsafe planning!**



BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER

Friday 1st October at Bunnings Mornington.

Handy with the tongs or serving up bangers in bread?

If you can help, please contact Steve on 0419 339 415 or email mensshed@southarm.tas.au

QUIZ NIGHT fundraiser is planned for November 2021 at Calverton Hall, date yet to be determined. Quiz Master Andy Quinn will host the event with lots of prizes, lots of laughs and hopefully a good night's entertainment for all. More details to follow.

If you would like to help with organising or to register interest in entering a team, please contact Steve on 0419 339 415 or email mensshed@southarm.tas.au

