



### Hello and welcome to the Shed.

We've a whole swag of news this month - enjoy!

## TO MARKET, TO MARKET!

Harmony Garden Centre asked us to help with logistics for their September market so a small group of members volunteered their time to assist. In return we received a free stall at the market AND a \$200 Harmony voucher to raffle!

We split into two groups - one were parking marshals to ensure the smooth operation of the car park and avoid any traffic and parking issues. The good news is that it all went like clockwork with no fender benders to report nor any car park rage evident!

The other group tended our market stall where we displayed the shed plans, answered questions from the public, invited new members and sold raffle tickets (this was our second raffle and ran over two days only).

With a couple of replacement volunteers, we backed this up at the South Arm Market on Sunday morning. Phew!



At both markets interest was high and, without exception, public support was there for us. At the end of the second market we had raised over \$700 from the raffle, new memberships and the sale of a few items.

This is a great result for us and thanks go to Harmony Garden Centre for the voucher and space for our market stall and, importantly, to our small band of volunteers.

If you're interested in volunteering to help with events like the market or car park management please email mensshed@southarm.tas.au, phone Steve on 0419 339 419 or complete the attached form and leave it at the South Arm Shop and we'll put you on our call up list.

#### **RAFFLE 1**

Our first raffle run over two months was drawn at the South Arm RSL & Community Club in front of a small group of members on Sunday 30th August with most staying on at the Club afterwards to enjoy a meal.

This raffle was a great success and raised over \$1,800 for the shed project.

Thanks go out to our prize donors - Pennicott Cruises, South Arm Pharmacy, South Arm RSL & Community Club, Harmony Garden Centre and South Arm Store - and all those who sold and bought tickets!







On Friday 21st August another small group of members volunteered to help our neighbouring group in the Iron Plot Community Garden at the Centre.

They kicked off at 10am and set to work on modifications to the boundary fences. After a couple of hours the job was done and a delicious morning tea was provided by the Plotters!

## **TOOL MAINTENANCE & OTHER WORKSHOPS**

In August Eric Bound ran a second tool maintenance workshop from his Opossum Bay Shed. Those who attended found the two hour session useful and enjoyable. After guidance and a demonstration on how to sharpen a saw we decided it could be easier to head to a hardware shop and simply buy a new one, although perhaps not so rewarding! We also worked on sharpening our drill bits and chisels.

Thanks again to Eric for giving up his time and sharing with us some great skills we'll all find useful in our own workshops.

There are plans afoot to run a third workshop in coming weeks, if you are interested in joining the workshop please register your interest by email mensshed@southarm.tas.au



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 4.30pm, Sunday 27 September, South Arm Community Centre



## This will be our FIRST first Annual General Meeting (AGM)!

The agenda will include: President's Report, Financial Report, Election of Committee and, importantly, a detailed update on our shed design, presented by Marc Walther, our Accredited Building Designer from Dynamic Architectural Designs (in Blessington Street).

The current sitting committee is:

- President Robin Barnes
- Vice President Peter Dawson
- Secretary Steve Hinton
- Treasurer John Harvey
- General Committee:
   John Godfrey, Alan Duggan, Ian Glover + one vacancy

Refreshments and nibbles will be served following the AGM and all are invited to attend.

Please RSVP for catering and to make sure we are under the Centre's COVIDSafe number limit!

Let the Secretary know if you're coming.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNS

In accordance with our Constitution, the Vice President and Secretary are up for election (both Steve and Peter have indicated their intention to re-nominate) and two general committee positions will be up for election (Ian Glover holds one and has indicated he will re-nominate, the other is currently vacant.) John Godfrey and John Harvey will continue in their positions.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Men's Shed page on www.southarm.tas.au or by calling Steve on 0419 339 415.

Completed nomination forms must be returned to mensshed@southarm.com.au or left at the South Arm Shop no later than Saturday 19th September.

If necessary, voting will be conducted by postal vote between Monday 21st and Friday 25th Sept.

### PLANNING AND FUNDING UPDATE

Steady progress has been made on our design. New information presented by Council staff in a meeting back in July resulted in a new direction through the planning, design and funding stages. This is required to satisfy Council requirements, after all, we are planning to build on their land!

We have partnered with Marc Walther, Building Designer and Shed Member who has prepared a revised and detailed plan that will meet requirements for building on Council land. He will also help us navigate the long and complex journey to achieve Council approval for such a project.

Marc will be at our AGM to present the plans to members.

Meeting all levels of planning regulations and building a shed not just for now but into the future too, means the funds needed will be well in excess of those available through the September Tas Community Fund grants round.

We have therefore delayed our funding application until the first half of next year when larger grants should become available.

In the meantime we have sufficient funds in the kitty to proceed through the design and planning stage and intend to submit full plans to Council for approval before the end of this year.

This means if we are successful with our funding application in the new year we're ready to build - Shovel Ready as they say!

### CAN YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP?

One of the key objectives of our Men's Shed is to help people in our community connect, offer support to each other and promote a safe and comfortable environment for our Members.

While we are working our way through the process of designing, funding and finally building our shed we still need to find ways to connect our members, even without a shed to call home. This could be through home workshops similar to Eric's Tool Workshops, working bees on community projects, fundraising activities or other activities or opportunities that may present.

If you're interested in volunteering to help with any Men's Shed events, or perhaps organising an event for Members please let us know - email mensshed@southarm.tas.au, phone Steve on 0419 339 419 or by dropping the attached form into the South Arm Shop.



Did you catch our Shed team in the Eastern Shore Sun? Page 17 lads!





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## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Thanks to all who have joined our Peninsula Shed and shown your support in anticipation of roof over our heads!

We have a wonderful 70 members now but there's plenty of room in this Shed for more 
Forms available from the South Arm Community Centre, local shops, from www.southarm.tas.au (Men's Shed page) or email us.