



## NEWSLETTER – JULY 2023

### A new year and exciting news from the Men's Shed

Over the past 4 months a small and dedicated hardworking group of shedders have worked tirelessly to reach a stage where the shed opening is imminent. The shed is at lock-up stage and work is now progressing on the internal fit out. Our current plan is to have a members and prospective members orientation day in August. This will be widely advertised, and I invite all interested members, past, present and future to attend.

Over the next few weeks there will be opportunities for working bees to establish the area surrounding the building. Keep an eye on your emails for details. We need to establish pathways and outdoor seating areas. In addition, we have agreed to purchase a container from the RSL and Community Club which will need to be relocated. This has been financed from a federal government grant through the office of Julie Collins.

The shed will be a fabulous facility for the use of members. The size of the workshop, plus the addition of a dedicated space for a kitchen/meeting room, an office and a generously sized multi use toilet represent a shed our community should be proud of.

The shed has been funded as a Men's Shed and will play a significant role in the maintenance of the mental health of men within our community. However, we have been supported by many women in the community and a small number have maintained their membership over the years. Hence, we will structure usage of our shed to include both men and women.

Initially our workshop will be established with woodworking equipment, but the shed usage will be determined by member's needs. We have already installed a new top

of the range bench saw financed again through a grant from Julie Collins. I welcome suggestions as to the kind of activities members would like to see. Members with specific skills are invited to share their experience with other members.

The shed however will essentially become a meeting place for members to gather and share their skills, feelings, and issues with knowledgeable and caring fellow members.

Members may choose to have a coffee, a game of cards, work on a project of their own, contribute to the community in a number of ways or work towards the financial security of the shed.

We will have set opening times for the shed. These will however be dependent upon the availability of session supervisors and the number of attendees and will be subject to variation.

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9.00 am to 3.00 pm – Men

Thursday 9.00 am to 3.00 pm - Women

Friday, Saturday 9.00 am to 3.00 pm – Men

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Most sheds have an annual membership fee of \$60 to \$70. In addition, members pay for power usage and tea/coffee. Many sheds also need to supplement their finances through producing items for sale and/or providing services to the community at a cost. The cost of running a shed includes insurance (members and building), power, and consumables. As our shed will only be available for approximately 10 months of this new year the membership fee has been set at \$50 per member.

***Current members may renew their membership through a bank transfer***

**BSB 633 000**

**Account No.173 500 240**

Alternatively, payments can be submitted to The Treasurer, South Arm Peninsula Men's Shed c/- South Arm Post Office.

New members are invited to complete a membership application available by emailing [mensshed@southarm.tas.au](mailto:mensshed@southarm.tas.au)

### **RAFFLE**

The Men's shed will be offering their services to Piggery Productions this year as a fund raiser. In conjunction with this we are conducting a raffle. All prizes are donated by members. Tickets will sell for \$2.00 each. Members are encouraged to take a book of 25 tickets to sell or may choose to buy smaller numbers. Please contact me if you are able to assist. Tickets will also be on sale at local shops. Prizes will be drawn on the last night of Piggery on 5<sup>th</sup> August.

## **GARDEN STAKES**

Stakes are still available for general garden use at \$1 each or \$1.50 if pointed. Please contact Steve Hinton on 0419 339 415 for delivery information.

## **COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS**

This year the positions of President, Treasurer and two committee positions will be vacated. Nominations for these positions for these positions will be closing on Wednesday Sept 6th 2023.

Nomination forms are available to current financial members by emailing: [mensshed@southarm.tas.au](mailto:mensshed@southarm.tas.au)

## **CONCLUSION**

Many of us have been part of this development for 4 years. We have now reached “the good part”. I hope you feel excited as I do for the next phase of the South Arm Peninsula Men’s Shed.

Happy Shedding

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