



Australian Men's Shed Association

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Mens Shed Association

December 5th 2019

Souths Leagues Club 46 Llewellyn St, Merewether NSW 2291, 11am

Attendees:

AMSA Board Members Paul Sladdin (Chairman), John Sharples (Vice Chairman), Neil Sperring, Robert Jenkins, Stuart Marshall, Charlie Trafford, Kevin Callinan, Len Thomson,

Shed Members Representatives : Bill Clifford (NSWMSA President and Gulgong Mens Shed), Barry Laubsch (Murraylands Mens Shed), Bob Foxford (Raymond Terrace Mens Shed), Ian Took (Blaney Mens Shed) , David Lewinson (lane Cove Mens Shed) Denis Chandler (Denman Mens Shed)

AMSA Staff David Helmers (CEO),Melissa White (AMSA Staff), Mark Lilly, Emma Bredenhann.

Auditor Martin Matthews (AMSA Auditor PKF Lawler)

Meeting commenced at 11:00am

Agenda Item:	
1	Apologies: Buningyoung Mens Shed, Rockhampton Mens Shed, Cooktown Mens Shed, Kilkivan Veterans & Community Mens Shed, Lismore Mens Shed, Laurieton Mens Shed, Pimpama Mens Shed, Narellan Mens Shed, Katanning Mens Shed, Redcliffe Community Mens Shed, The Hills Mens Shed, Redhead Mens Shed, Kyneton Mens Shed.
2	Acknowledgment of Proxies to the Chairman
	ACT Model Railway Society Inc
	Alpha Men's Shed Inc
	Ardrossan Community & Men's Shed
	Arrunga Community Men's Shed
	Bankstown Men's Shed
	Bermagui Men's Shed Inc
	Berrigan Men's Shed Inc
	Berry Mens Shed
	Blayney Shire Community Mens Shed
	Boorowa Men's Den Inc
	Camden Men's Shed
	Canowindra Men's Shed Inc
	Carnarvon Mens Shed
	Cessnock Mens Shed & Community Garden

Clermont Men's Shed Inc	
Club Shed Cooktown	
Coffs Harbour Men's Shed Inc	
Coolah Men's Shed Inc	
Coomba Mens Shed	
Crystal Brook Community Men's Shed	
Cudal & District Men's Shed	
Culburra Beach & Districts Mens Shed	
Dayboro Mens Shed	
Dorrigo Plateau Men's Shed Inc	
Dungog Menshed Inc	
East Hills District Mens Shed Assoc Inc	
Echuca Moama Men's Shed Inc	
Erina Community Men's Shed	
Furneaux Islands Community Shed	
Gateway Valhalla Men's Shed Inc	
George Cross Falcons Club	
Grawin-Glengarry- Sheepyards Opal Fields Men's Shed	
Grenfell Men's Shed Inc	
Griffith Shed for Men	
Harden Murrumburrah Men's Shed Inc	
Harrington Men's Shed Inc	
Hawkesbury Men's Shed Inc	
Hawkesbury Valley Mens Shed Inc	
Holloways Beach Mens Shed	
Horizons Village Mens Shed	
Iluka-Woombah Men's Shed	
Karuah River Men's Shed	
Kenthurst Community Mens Shed Inc	
Kimba Men's Shed Inc	
Kincumber Mens Shed	
Lakeside Men's Shed Milang	
Lakeview Mens Shed	
Lightning Ridge Men's Shed	
Loxton Community Men's Shed	
Maitland Men's Shed Inc	
Malanda Men's Shed Inc	
Maleny and District Men's Shed	
Mallala and District Mens Shed	
Manilla Mens Shed Inc	
Manno Mens Shed	
Marlin Coast Men's Shed	
Mens Shed Narellan Inc	
Mens Shed Spring Hill	
Molong Men's Shed Inc	
Mount Pleasant Mens Shed Inc	
Murwillumbah Community Men's Shed	
Muswellbrook Men's Shed Inc	
Narooma Mens Shed	



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Narrabri Men's Shed Inc	
Newcastle Mens Shed	
Northcliffe Men's Shed	
Northmead Community Men's Shed	
OMNI Recreation Mens Shed	
Owen Community Shed	
Peninsular Community Men's Shed Inc	
Quirindi Men's Shed	
Raymond Terrace Men's Shed	
Redhead Mens Shed	
Shoalhaven Heads Men's Shed	
South Canberra Veterans Shed Inc	
Southern Barossa Mens Shed	
Tamworth Community Mens Shed	
Taree Manning River Men's Shed Inc	
Tenterfield Men's Shed	
The Cove Mens Shed Inc	
The Entrance Men's Shed Inc	
The Shed Coonabarabran	
Thirroul Men's Shed Inc	
Toronto Men's Shed	
Townsville Men's Shed Inc	
Trundle Men's Shed	
Tumbarumba Men's Shed	
Tumby Bay Men's Haven	
Umina Beach Men's Shed	
Upper Hunter Men's Shed	
Walcha Men's Shed Inc	
Wallumbilla Community Menshed Inc	
Wangi Men's Shed Inc	
Warren Men's Shed	
Warwick Men's Shed Inc	
Wee Waa Men's Shed Inc	
Whyalla Men's Shed Inc	
Windale Men's Shed & Community Group Inc	
Wynyard Community Men's Shed	
Wyong Men's Shed Inc	
Denman & District Men's Shed Inc	
Leschenault Men's Shed Inc	
Dubbo Community Men's Shed Inc	
Gulgong Men's Shed Inc	
Bauple Community Shed Inc	

3	<p>Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting , Moved by J Sharples Cessnock Mens Shed, Seconded by C Trafford Somerset Mens Shed</p>
4	<p>Chairman's report</p> <p>I wish to begin by thanking John Sharples for stepping into the role of Chairman while I was on extended leave. I also acknowledge and thank the many Shedders, Sheds and State Associations for their condolence messages following the passing of my wife.</p> <p>Since resuming the Chair there has been a flurry of activity, beginning with the successful 8th National Men's Shed Gathering in Adelaide. While the attendance was understandably dominated by South Australian delegates, it was heartening to see Shedders from all states and territories in attendance. It was also a pleasure to welcome our international guests Barry Sheridan (Irish Men's Shed Association) and Hörður Sturluson (Iceland Red Cross). Who would have thought that an idea born out of a dry continent would be taken up by one covered in ice? Their respective presentations on the progress of Men's Sheds in their country was truly informative and enlightening. These presentations as well as others are available on the AMSA website and I encourage you to read them.</p> <p>At the Gathering, we took the opportunity to recognise the work of five outstanding Men's Sheds, announcing the recipients of the 2019 National Men's Shed Awards. Congratulations to the winners. A special thanks to our key event sponsors Fair Dinkum Sheds, CRC Industries, ExxonMobil and Total Tools for their support and assistance with the staging of the Gathering. Our partners also continue to play an important role in assisting us to deliver initiatives that enhance the Men's Shed movement.</p> <p>This year we have seen great investment throughout Queensland, with a significant grant from Hand Heart Pocket the Charity of Freemasons Queensland allowing us to deliver \$100,000 in shed grants and a number of health and wellbeing initiatives across the state. We also launched the first of five Living Well Health & Wellbeing Expos at Redland Bay Men's Shed on International Men's Day (19 November). These Expos are supported by Queensland Government as Mental Wellness Partner. We have engaged with the Queensland Men's Shed Association, and look forward to working with them to make the remaining four Queensland events an even bigger success. Look out for more event information early in the New Year.</p> <p>Once again our long-time friend Fair Dinkum Sheds threw support behind Men's Shed Week – and we had huge success in celebrating Shed Life at our Shedders Big Day Out (hosted by Safety Beach – Dromana Men's Shed, VIC) and Men's Shed Week Muster (hosted by Albany MenShed, WA).</p> <p>Another partnership activity of note was the success of our free men's health check program at Henty Machinery Field Days (NSW). Thanks to Uncle Tobys, in 2019 we worked with Charles Stuart University's Three Rivers University Department of Rural health to deliver just over almost 400 free <i>Spanner in the Works?</i> men's health checks to visitors at the Field Days.</p> <p>It is also with great pleasure that we welcome His Excellency the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC to the role of AMSA Patron in Chief. Whilst in office as Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove was a proud and passionate advocate for Men's Sheds and we're very pleased His Excellency has accepted our invitation to continue this tradition.</p> <p>As you may be aware, in the 2019 Budget the Federal Government announced it will continue and expand its funding support to the Australian Men's Shed movement with a total of \$11.1 million over the next four years. This includes \$3.6 million for AMSA to continue our support of Men's Sheds as the national service provider. Other initiatives include an increase in the National Shed Development Programme to \$1 million per year, the provision of defibrillators to all eligible Men's Sheds and a regional coordination fund.</p> <p>AMSA has also had continuing meetings with the Department of Treasury regarding the Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status for Men's Sheds. It is expected that draft legislation will be available for public comment early in the New Year in preparation for a 1 July 2020 commencement date.</p>



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	<p>As we approach the end of yet another decade I wish to acknowledge and congratulate the many Sheds who are celebrating milestones this year – including many Sheds celebrating their 10th and 15th year birthdays. A special mention to the Aldgate Men's Shed (South Australia) who are celebrating their 20th birthday! Over the past few months I have had the pleasure of attending the opening of numerous new Sheds and I wish them the success that those celebrating anniversaries have experienced.</p> <p>Discussions with representatives of non-aligned State Associations continue and I am hopeful that a process for resolving differences will be soon be agreed upon. I want to stress that you, our members, will be consulted and will have a voice in future directions.</p> <p>Finally, our thoughts are with those Sheds and communities affected by the recent bushfire crisis. While we have been approached by many Sheds wanting to help, my advice has been to contact the recognised Disaster Relief organisations in the first instance and we will advise of Shed specific requests during the long recovery period which will follow.</p> <p>Wishing you and those close to you a safe and restful festive season and a positive 2020.</p>
5	<p>Questions for the Directors as advised by the 28th of November No Questions has been received.</p> <p>N Sperring advised that he had sent a question related to the SMART system to the Board@menshed.net email address prior to the 28th.</p> <p>This question had not been received due to the incorrect address being used and the Chair accepted the question on Notice and a response will be forthcoming as it is an operational issue.</p>
6	<p>Questions for the Auditor Mr Martin Mathews Question from B Clifford Gulgong Mens Shed Are there any financial concerns for the AMSA in the next 12 months, Response: No the AMSA is in a very good position for a Non for profit Charity, although the ongoing funding has not been executed there is a strong commitment from the Minister for Health to maintain the funding as stated in the media release earlier in the year. Question from S Marshall Euroa Mens Shed relating to the reporting of GST in the financial Statements Response The audited accounts are prepared GST exclusive.</p>
7	<p>Acceptance of Financial Statements Moved Barry Laubsch Seconded: David Lewinson Resolution accepted</p>
8	<p>Appoint PKF Auditors for 2019-2020 audit Moved: Neil Sperring Seconded: B Clifford Resolution accepted</p>
9	<p>Announcement of Director election results for SA/NT.TAS.NSW/ACT Elections were held in the NSW/ACT as well as SA/NT :no election was necessary for TAS as there was only one nomination received. Carlie Trafford – TAS (unopposed) Bill Clifford – NSW/ACT Barry Laubsch - SA</p>
10	<p>Meeting Close at 11.37am</p>

