



Australian Men's Shed Association

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

3rd December, 2020

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

Attendees:

Zoom: Paul Sladdin (Chairman), Louis Parnis (George Cross Falcons Club), Charlie Trafford (AMSA Board), Helen Baker (AMSA Board), Barry Laubsch (AMSA Board), Lindsay Parkhill (Jabiru Mens Shed), Barry Cheales (Buderim Mens Shed), Aaron Kearney (Shed Wireless), Stuart Marshall (AMSA Board), Lynette Nichols, Ken Reither (Gisborne Men's Shed)

Venue: Bill Clifford (Gulgong Mens Shed), John Sharples (Cessnock Mens Shed), Bob Foxford (Raymond Terrace Mens Shed), Ian Tooke (Blayney Mens Shed), Denis Chandler (Denman Mens Shed), Alan Youngman (West Cumberland Mens Shed), Chris Reeve (Newcastle Mens Shed), Kevin Moon (Newcastle Mens Shed)

AMSA Staff David Helmers (CEO), Melissa White (AMSA Staff), Mark Lilly, Helen Clare.

Auditor Martin Matthews (AMSA Auditor PKF Lawler)

Meeting commenced at 11:00am

Agenda Item:	
1	APOLOGIES
	Maitland Mens Shed Erina Community Men's Shed Granville Mens Shed King Island Men's Shed Landsborough Pines Caravan Park Men's Shed Wynyard Community Men's Shed Warren Men's Shed The Crows Nest District Men's Shed Narembeen Community Shed and Gallery Inc Redcliffe Community Men's Shed Inc Murchison Men's Shed Inc Griffith Shed for Men Inc Len Thomson
2	PROXIES
	ACT Model Railway Society Inc Chair AFS Men's Shed Inc Chair

Algester Community Men's Shed Inc	Chair	
Allora Men's Shed	Chair	
Arana Hills Men's Shed	Chair	
Arrunga Community Men's Shed	Chair	
Bankstown Men's Shed	Chair	
Bauple Community Shed Inc	Chair	
Bega Mens Shed Inc	Chair	
Blayney Shire Community Mens Shed		Ian Tooke
Buderim Men's Shed	Chair	
Burrum District Community Mens Shed Inc	Chair	
Canning Community Men's Shed	Chair	
Captains Flat Mens Community Shed	Chair	
Cessnock Men's Shed and Garden Inc	Chair	
Cherbourg Men's Shed	Chair	
Childers District Mens Shed Association Inc	Chair	
Club Shed Cooktown	Chair	
Coleambally Men's Shed Inc	Chair	
Coolum Men's Shed Inc	Chair	
Cudal and District Men's Shed		Ian Tooke
Dayboro Men's Shed Inc	Chair	
Edgewater Village Mens Shed	Chair	
Erina Community Men's Shed	Chair	
Eurobodalla Woodcraft Guild Incorporated	Chair	
Forbes Community Menshed Inc	Chair	
Gosford Community Mens Shed	Chair	
Granville Mens Shed	Chair	
Gympie Men's Shed	Chair	
Harden Murrumburrah Men's Shed		Ian Tooke
Iluka-Woombah Men's Shed	Chair	
Ipswich Men's Shed Inc	Chair	
Julatten Mens Shed	Chair	
Kenthurst Community Mens Shed Inc	Chair	
Kingaroy Men's Shed		Len Thomson
Kuranda Mens Shed Inc	Chair	
Lakeview Men's Shed	Chair	
Landsborough Pines Caravan Park Men's Shed	Chair	
Maleny and District Men's Shed	Chair	
Menangle Men's Shed Inc	Chair	
Men's Shed Labrador Inc	Chair	
Mens Shed Spring Hill	Chair	
Milton Ulladulla Men's Shed Inc	Chair	
Moss Vale Men's Shed Inc	Chair	
Mount Pleasant Mens Shed Inc		Barry Laubsch
Mt Beauty & District Mens Shed	Chair	
Murchison Mens Shed	Chair	
Nepean Men's Shed Inc	Chair	
Northcliffe Men's Shed	Chair	



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	Northern Mens Shed Inc	Chair	
	Nowra Mens Shed	Chair	
	NSW MSA		Ian Tooke
	Oxenford Mens Shed Inc		Len Thomson
	Playford Men's Shed	Chair	
	Portland Mens Shed Inc	Chair	
	Proston Men's Shed Inc	Chair	
	QMSA	Chair	
	Springbrook Men's Shed	Chair	
	Sunshine Valley Mens Shed	Chair	
	Tahmoor Uniting Men's Shed Inc	Chair	
	The Crows Nest District Men's Shed	Chair	
	The Inglewood Mates Shed Inc	Chair	
	The Men's Shed Young		Ian Tooke
	Thirroul Men's Shed Inc	Chair	
	Trundle Men's Shed	Chair	
	Twin Rivers Mens Shed	Chair	
	Wallerawang Memorial Mens Shed	Chair	
	Wallumbilla Community Menshed Inc	Chair	
	Warradale Men's Shed	Chair	
	Warren Mens Shed	Chair	
	Warwick Men's Shed Inc	Chair	
	Wilston Community Men's Shed		Len Thomson
	Wynyard Community Men's Shed	Chair	
	Yeppoon Men's Shed	Chair	
3	Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting Moved by I Tooke - Blayney Mens Shed, Seconded by J Sharples - Cessnock Mens Shed		
4	Chairman's report To use a well-worn phrase, saying that "2020 was a year like no other" is repetitious but appropriate! 2020 has certainly been unique as the world around us changed dramatically with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This came upon us as many Sheds were still recovering from bushfires, floods, and continuing drought. The year certainly demonstrated the resilience of Men's Sheds and their value in keeping communities connected. We must congratulate you all on how Men's Sheds reacted to the changes, showing the true spirit of mateship within the Sheds, as even through isolation you were all looking after each other. The year 2020 was also a year of many successes for the Men's Shed movement. The first of which was the introduction of Men's Sheds now having their own category of Deductible Gift Recipient		

	(DGR) status. This change in Government Legislation has been many years in the making and is a significant milestone for the future sustainability of the broader Shed movement. AMSA would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Department of Treasury, the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission and the Australian Taxation Office and all of those within for working with AMSA and all stakeholders in listening to our needs and requirements. We would also like to acknowledge those within the Parliament of Australia who worked on our behalf to make this legislation happen. Both the 'Shed Online' and the 'Shed Wireless' have been huge successes and will now become valuable assets to AMSA and Sheds which we will be continuing well into the future. The 'Shed Wireless' now has an audience of over 12,000 listeners worldwide. We would like to acknowledge Aaron Kearney for his time and efforts in presenting the program along with all of our special guests, those Sheds who have contributed as feature Sheds and most importantly all of you who listen in each fortnight to the program. This has all contributed to making the 'Shed Wireless' one of the most popular Podcasts in the country. Importantly for the future of the Men's Shed movement, the AMSA entered into a new funding agreement with the Federal Department of Health which will ensure that we are in a position to deliver services to you well into the future. I am also pleased to inform you that as part of this new funding the National Shed Development Program will be continued with one million dollars per year allocated to these grants. I acknowledge the AMSA staff for their professionalism, creativity, and flexibility in responding to the demands put upon them by the COVID pandemic. Thanks also to my fellow Board members for their commitment and contribution over the past 12 months. I wish all Sheddors and your loved ones a peaceful festive season and hope to see more of you shoulder to shoulder in 2021.
5	Questions for the Directors as advised by the 26th of November No Questions received.
6	Questions for the Auditor Mr Martin Mathews No Questions for the Auditor
7	Acceptance of Financial Statements Moved Dennis Chandler - Denman Mens Shed Seconded: Bill Clifford - Gulgong Mens Shed Resolution accepted
8	Appoint PKF Auditors for 2020-2021 audit Moved: B Clifford - Gulgong Mens Shed Seconded: Bob Foxford - Raymond Terrace Mens Shed Resolution accepted
9	Announcement of Director election results for VIC, WA, QLD VIC- Stuart Marshal- unopposed, No Election WA Bob Jenkins – Unopposed, No Election QLD- Len Thompson & Rod Murray both stood for election– Len Thomson returned to the AMSA Board.
10	Meeting Close at 11.21am



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