



TASMANIAN MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION INC

# SHEDeNEWS

FEBRUARY 2022

*Hi everyone,*

Happy New Year, and along with welcoming another strain of Covid, welcome to our first E News for 2022.

I trust you have all enjoyed a peaceful and safe festive season under what can only be described as 'trying circumstances' at times.

It's good to see most Sheds have re-opened with their COVID procedures still in place and we also understand that some members may be reluctant to return to their Sheds. For those members of your Shed that are staying at home can I ask you to keep in touch with them as best you can and forward information like this newsletter to them.

### Newsletters

I would like to congratulate those Sheds that have started sending out newsletters, not only are you keeping your members informed but also our State Committee enjoy reading them, I would encourage all sheds to produce a version of a newsletter covering life in their sheds, you never know there may be an incentive for the best newsletters of the year.

### We've included a couple of extracts from Shed Newsletters for your interest.

Life remains busy at TMSA as we get close to having 70 Member Sheds and while none of us know what 2022 will bring, we will be doing our very best to keep you all connected and informed.

Best regards and stay safe. Cheers, **David Seen**



Australian Government  
Department of Health

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH NATIONAL  
SHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

**NOW  
OPEN!**

ROUND 23 IS NOW OPEN AND CLOSSES  
FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY





2021 ROYAL HOBART SHOW

A snap shot



Tinkering Ted



Bruny Island visit

The motley crew ready to commit a bank robbery



Lou's with his Marshall traction engine No. 78224 circa 1924



Lou's traction engine at work pulling an orchard at Dulcot



Most of us have small Villiers engines in our collections, dont we? John Ellis has advised me that the fuel tap corks are available as a Victa part. They are made by G A power equipment spares Part No. PTC809

These are purchased from most good mower shops...YEAH!!! I myself have brought two already from the mower shop in Chesterman Street and it cost \$7.00 for the two, but I had to trim about a 1/16th off The length of the cork and it work perfectly. Thank you, John Ellis. Now I need you to send me some handy hints please to keep this little Feature going because I am not that smart.





### Careful tying up

*Jane Johnson writes:*

Freyja was found underneath the wooden jetty and full of water and weeds in a recent tidal surge. Please be very careful when boats are tied to fixed jetties and wharves long term as it is easy for them to get caught underneath. Thank you David from Yukon for the rescue and fortunately no damage was done. The “washing lines” are a good option for tying up skiffs. The Monday morning crew deserve hearty congratulations for managing the episode and now Freyja is on a trolley and undergoing recovery maintenance including cleaning and oiling. Extra hands are needed for maintenance Wednesdays.

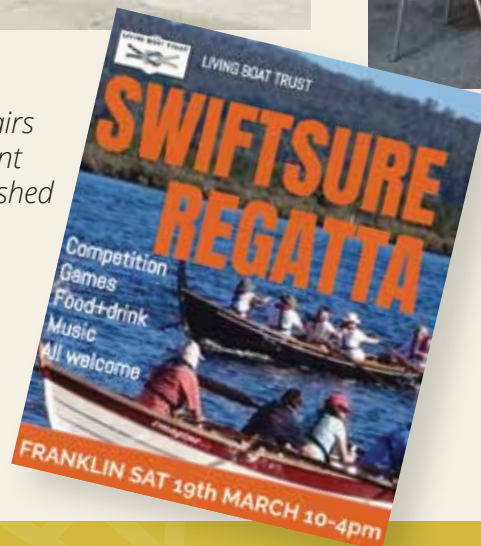


The exhibition “On the Waterfront” will be at the LBT from February 11 to March 9 featuring local artists and craftspeople. Check the Huon Valley Council website “Artbox” for details. Opening night is Friday Feb 11 at 5pm with music including a sea shanty specially written by an LBT member.



### Nancy

*looking gorgeous after repairs to her cabin and a new paint job, was outside the Watershed to greet concert goers on Saturday evening. We hope to be launching her on Monday.*



### Watershed Concert

*We were wandering past the Watershed on Wednesday when the ‘sound of music’ caught our ear. Not Julie Andrews, but something better: the Eureka Ensemble warming up for Saturday’s Concert. What was striking (apart from the musicianship) was the great acoustics. Should be excellent for the night, so long as it doesn’t rain. All that tin could make a mighty drum.*

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Jeremy Rockliff



### Hello TMSA members!

I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break, and are making the most of the warm summer weather and the great outdoors.

It was great to get out myself and drop into the Port Sorell Men's Shed to say hi to some of the team there while announcing the recipients of the recent Tasmanian Mens Shed Association Grants Program.

I hope to get around to more Sheds this year for a cuppa, to see how you are all going and what you are making. I also note that the Commonwealth Government's Round 23 National Shed Development Programme is now open, so if your Shed is looking to make some changes for your members, I encourage you to look into this program.

Potential funding considerations include IT equipment, defibrillators, and health and safety supports which acknowledge the impact of COVID19. With the borders well and truly open, the health and safety of Tasmanians remains our number one priority as we make the transition to living with COVID-19 in our community.

I acknowledge that this might be an anxious time for many of you, as we continue to face challenges we have never had to deal with before.

What is important now is that we all look after ourselves and each other, and stay connected as we always have- before, and during the pandemic, by keeping in contact with your mates and checking in on your neighbours.

This is where Sheds come into their own as an important tool in your health toolkit. By maintaining a daily routine, keeping connected with people, engaging in activities and hobbies you enjoy, and exercising in a safe and secure way, you can help keep yourself and your mates, healthy.

A Tasmanian Lifeline – 1800 98 44 34 – is available 7 days a week for any Tasmanian who needs a friendly and understanding voice to talk things over with, and the Mental Health Council of Tasmania's Check In website also has information on how we can each take some preventative steps in our day-to-day lives to look after ourselves and our loved ones.

The evidence remains clear that the most important thing you can do to protect yourself, your loved ones and your mates is to get vaccinated - vaccination remains our best protection against COVID.

So if you haven't had your first or your second dose, or if you're due for your booster, please make a booking as soon as possible. Tasmania is one of the most vaccinated places in the world and this will continue to be our best defence. And of course don't forget the basics– wash your hands and sanitise, cover coughs and sneezes and importantly, please stay home and do a test if you're unwell.

If you need to get a test, or get vaccinated, or support someone to do so – such as a dependent or someone you care for – you can access financial support of \$250 or \$1,000 per household, if eligible, to cover lost income. You can also receive up to \$750 from Services Australia or the State Government pandemic isolation grant of \$750 if you are a positive case or need to isolate as a close contact.

And if you or someone you know has to isolate due to having COVID-19 or you are identified as a close contact, and you need masks, food and testing, you can access our recently announced our COVID Care package by contacting the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

We will continue to keep Tasmanians informed at every step as the pandemic continues to evolve. Take care of yourselves and each other, and I hope to see you soon.

Minister for Community Services  
and Development



Minister's recent visit to Port Sorell Men's Shed pictured with Keith Haines, David Ingram and TMSA's Vice President Fred Wales





## PENGUIN MEN'S SHED

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#### Projects



Our latest projects include the building of 4 display cabinets on wheels for the Heritage Group at the Railway Station in Penguin.



The raised garden beds are continuing to prove popular.



We continue to grow and sell our usual crop of beans, lettuce, pumpkins, carrots etc. so a big thanks to team members for their contribution. We recently grew around 20kg of garlic with 9kg going to The Penguin Fruit and Veg shop and the rest bought by members.



A brain and a jump lead go into a pub. The brain says to the barman, "Two pints of beer, please, mate." The barman replies, "Sorry mate. I can't serve you guys. You're out of your head, and the other one of you is bound to start something."



THOUGHTS



Never underestimate the difference you can make in the lives of others.

Step forward, reach out and help. This week reach out to someone who might need a lift.

*really*  
Are they OK?  
Ask them today



**Then:** You used to hold your wife's hand to show her that you loved her.  
**Now:** You hold her hand so that you will not fall over!

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees. "Yes, Sir." the new recruit replied "Well, then, that makes everything just fine," the boss went on. "After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you."



When our Treasurer, Paul, arrived at the Shoreline Branch of the Commonwealth Bank recently he was extremely happy to accept a donation of \$500 on behalf of the Howrah Men's Shed.





Darren in deep concentration



Lindsay in his usual stance over the lathe



Les, Darren, Ross Ian and Marcus enjoying morning tea

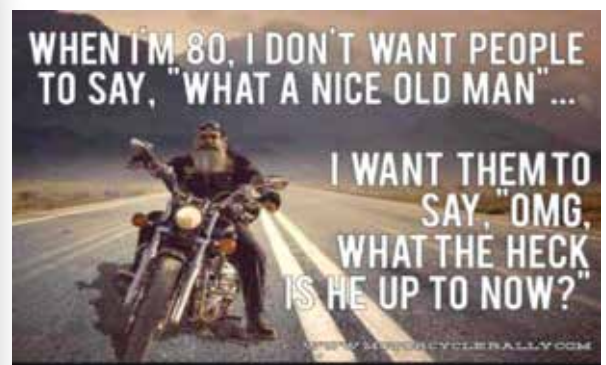
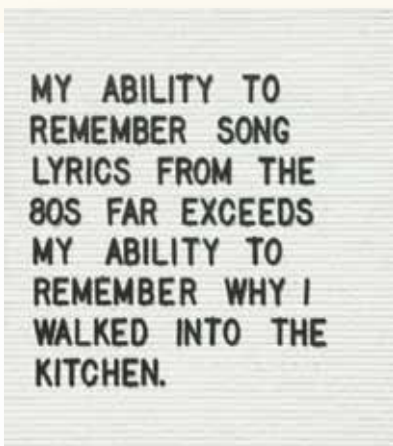
## YOUR JOKING

This couple has a dog that snored. Annoyed because she can't sleep, the wife goes to the vet to see if he could help. The vet tells the woman to tie a ribbon around the dog's testicles, and he will stop snoring. "Yeah, right!" she says and walks away. The wife tosses and turns, unable to sleep. Muttering to herself, she goes to the closet and grabs a piece of red ribbon and ties it carefully around the dog's testicles. Sure enough, the dog stops snoring. The woman is amazed and falls asleep happy.

Later that night, her husband returns home drunk from being out drinking with his buddies. He climbs into bed, falls asleep and immediately begins snoring loudly.

Awaken, the woman decides maybe the ribbon might work on him. So, she goes to the closet again, grabs a piece of blue ribbon and ties it around her husband's testicles. Amazingly, it also works on him. The woman falls asleep and sleeps soundly. The husband wakes from his drunken stupor and stumbles into the bathroom.

As he stands in front of the toilet, he glances in the mirror and sees a blue ribbon attached to his privates. He is very confused, and as he walks back into the bedroom, he sees the red ribbon attached to his dog's testicles. He shakes his head, looks at the dog and whispers, "Buddy, I don't know where we were or what we did last night, but we took first and second place!"







## AROUND THE SHED'S

### A QUICK LOOK

#### At what we are up to



Campbell Town/Ross Men's Shed has a very talented stonemason in Keith Draper



JB (John Bastick) Howrah Men's Shed

As most of our Sheds are now open, we have had a few calls asking about COVID protocols in Sheds. While we have no authority to instruct a shed one way or the other, we strongly suggest that Sheds follow Government guidelines with regards to wearing masks, using sanitizer, distancing etc. Non compliance could result in a substantial fine from Government Authorities. For the safety of all, we respectfully request that all Sheds abide by the current Government directives in relation to COVID protocols.



Brian Mitchell MP making a donation from his electorate of Lyons to Campbell Town/ Ross President Brent Storey



Penguin Men's Shed



A snap shot of some of the activity taking place at the ever busy Penguin Men's Shed





# Council on the Ageing Tasmania wants to H.E.A.R from you!

*Every person – in every country in the world – should have the opportunity to live a long and healthy life. Healthy ageing is about creating the environments and opportunities that enable people to be and do what they value throughout their lives.*

World Health Organisation

Whether you are 40, 75 or 105 years of age (or anything in between!) we want to hear about your experiences of ageing in Tasmania.

- What does ageing mean to you?
- Have your views on ageing changed over time?
- What do you think Tasmanians need in order to age well?

Your experiences, thoughts and wishes will help shape the next *Strategy for Older Tasmanians's 2023-2029*.

- What has helped you as you've aged?
- What has been challenging?
- What local services and initiatives have supported you and kept you connected to your community?

## HOW CAN I SHARE MY VIEWS?

COTA Tasmania will be partnering with local organisations and councils to visit various locations across Tasmania from March-June 2022. Alongside this you can contribute in the following ways:

- Complete our survey – whether you have 2 minutes or 10 minutes to spare, please complete and share survey links as widely as you can



- Phone or email COTA to have a hard copy of the survey posted to you – **62 313 265 / admin@cotatas.org.au**

- Order some postcards to distribute in your workplace, local community group or local business
- Text your thoughts of what healthy ageing means to you to **0477 011 112**
- Head online to COTA's website to access links and further information (and pass onto to any friends or community newsletters!) **www.cotatas.org.au/information/consultation/**
- Join an online conversation (see COTAs website for details: **www.cotatas.org.au/information/consultation**)

If you'd like to see when a community conversation will be held in your area, or offer to host one, please contact Brigid on **62 313 265** or **brigidw@cotatas.org.au**.





# SHED TV

Just in case you've missed our recent Shed TV segments, They are available on our website [www.tasmanianmensshedassociation.org.au](http://www.tasmanianmensshedassociation.org.au). Thanks so much to Bear, Pete, Ingrid and Colin for sharing their stories.

We will continue filming stories for Shed TV throughout the year, let Wendy know if you would like her team to visit your Shed so your members can share their stories.



Bear wired for sound as he prepares for his Shed TV debut



## MEN TIME

*it's important*



Here's trouble - Bryan, Pete and Bob from Longford Men's Shed



Introducing

**Ross Gerbert** from our Doghouse Geeveston Shed. Ross is a new member of the TMSA Committee and is a southern based rep. Make him welcome when he drops in for a visit!



Nice work from the team at Campbell Town/Ross Men's Shed



Hi everyone

Sincerely hope this finds you well as we move into another year of 'living with COVID'. While I will still be visiting Sheds when I can - I will continue to be very careful so as to avoid any potential COVID risks to us all. A big warm welcome to two new members, North East Rail and North East Men's Shed. Along with our North East Rep Greg Berechree - I look forward to meeting with you all.

Just a reminder that the Shed Shop is up and running - this is great for Sheds that don't have local markets or visitation to their Sheds to sell their wares.

You will have received your copy of Shed Stories number 2 late last year, let me know if you would like further copies.

To those of you that were successful with your TMSA grant applications, there's stickers available to display on these items.

As always, if I can be of assistance, jump on the phone or send me an email.

Wendy

Best regards,

## (BREAKING NEWS)

UTAS researchers are looking for help building pens for Tasmanian devils. In the past 25 years the Tasmanian devil populations have undergone a decline of nearly 80%, due largely to a transmissible cancer called the devil facial tumour (DFT1). Fortunately the population decline has levelled off in recent years but transmissible cancers continue to kill a large percentage of the devil population each year. Researchers at UTAS are studying the devil's immune system and trying to develop vaccines that can be used to rebuild the devil population. We are constructing new devil pens near a local wildlife sanctuary, so the sanctuary staff can provide top quality care for devils when they are in captivity.

The project will be overseen by a certified construction manager, but our laboratory scientists are hoping to work shoulder-to-shoulder with volunteers from the Men's Shed on the project.

Please let Dr Andrew Flies ([andy.flies@utas.edu.au](mailto:andy.flies@utas.edu.au)) at the Menzies Institute for Medical Research know if you are interested in volunteering your time to help us construct the new facility. Our team is happy to visit sheds in southern Tasmania to provide more information about our research.

— *Wale* —

PETER CREELEY

It's with sadness that TMSA acknowledges the passing of Peter Creeley who was a great supporter of Tasmanian Men's Sheds and was very active in the Latrobe region. Condolences to family and friends--