



**Tasmanian
Men's Shed
Association Inc.**

Access to sheds for all Tasmanian men
to share, collaborate and engage with each other,
for each other and the community

Annual Report & Financial Statements 2016~17

creating sustainability in sheds

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Committee 2016~17

President:	Robert Thomas (Longford)
Vice President:	Bob Lowe (Devonport)
Secretary/Public Officer:	Keith Ellis (Clarence Plains)
Treasurer:	Graham Fogarty (Channel)
North West Reps:	Rob McKenzie (Central Coast) Michael Dennis (Kentish)
Northern Reps:	David Brooks (Veterans and Community Wood Centre) Jim Garnsworthy (East Tamar) George Andrews (Bridport)
Southern Reps:	Peter Shelley (Channel) Noel Condon (Port Cygnet) Kelly Woodward (Oatlands)
Executive Officer:	Geoff Marsh non voting

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President's report

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association Committee to report to you on what the Committee has been engaged in on your behalf over the last 12 months.

Membership

The Membership of TMSA has grown since our last AGM to 56 members. The new members, in no particular order are, Claremont Men's Shed, Defence Force Veterans Time Out Workshop (Dowsing Point), Oak Community Services (Derwent Park), Penguin Men's Shed, Karadi Men's Shed (Goodwood), Ravenswood, Waratah Men's Shed and Devonport Men's Shed. Not only has Shed numbers increased there has also been increases in the number of people joining Sheds.

Funding and Sponsorship

The DPaC/TMSA Grants Programme for 2016–17 known as "Grant Round 5" was changed from two grants rounds to a single grant round with additional features.

Categories:

- Workshop equipment, as per previous Grant Rounds up to \$5,000 and
- Capital Works up to \$10,000 for projects associated with workshop extensions/upgrades and storage facilities.

Twenty-nine Sheds were successful in receiving grants totalling \$113,093.24 a full list of those Sheds was published in the latest edition of the *shednews*.

The Government funding arrangements we have been privileged to have had over the last three years, amounting to \$550,000 comes to a conclusion in December this year. However, Government Budget Funding for TMSA Operations for 2018 has been announced at \$90,000 with Grant Funding for 2018, yet to be announced. Ongoing future funding discussions will occur after next year's

State Election. Both sides of Government have indicated their support of Men's Sheds and are well aware of the quality of life Men's Sheds bring to individuals and communities in Tasmania.

As mentioned above any Government funding we receive, will be essential to TMSA's ability to support our membership and the Grant Programme is vital to support our current member Sheds and other new Sheds for facilities and equipment to keep up with the growing number of Shedders.

Aurora provided \$8,000 in funding for events and promotional material, like TMSA Newsletters and postage, brochures and banners. TMSA was able to have a stall at the Wooden Boat Festival earlier this year through Aurora's sponsorship. The success was measured by the enquiries made by the public and the recorded interest of over 150 people. My thanks goes to those TMSA Committee members and Shedders who gave time to man the Stall over the four days of the festival, especially Noel Condon and Keith Ellis who were there all day every day as well as the preparing of materials and coordinating the manning for the stall, thankyou gentlemen.

The Aurora Board Chairperson (Caryle Demarte) at a function in Hobart late last year, which I attended, expressed her interest in visiting a Men's Shed, when the Board met in Launceston in February. The Veterans Men's Shed agreed to host the visit. Caryle was joined by four other Board Members the Aurora General Manager (Rebecca Kardos) and staff members who appreciated meeting with Shed members and hearing firsthand what Men's Sheds are about.

TMSA Committee

Our Executive Officer Geoff Marsh will present his report later in the General Meeting on what he has achieved

this last 12 months. Many of the new and existing Sheds have expressed to TMSA Committee Members the value of the support Geoff has given in helping their Sheds moving forward. Geoff assisted with Shed promotion and development to Communities, Local Government and advice to TMSA in dealing with State Government. Geoff has also been heavily involved in the partnerships we now have with RAW, Neighbourhood House Tasmania and TasCOSS.

This year I asked the Zone representatives to organise a "Shed Gathering Event" within their Zone, to date two events have occurred. North West Zone were first with Sheds gathering for the day at Central Coast Men's Shed (Ulverstone), members from six Sheds attended, approximately 50 Sheddors, the day revolved as a casual meet and chat, tour of the Shed, followed by lunch and a question and answer open forum. Southern Zone was similar in the way the day ran, but concluded with a tour of INCAT hosted by Bob Clifford. The feedback and comment from the Zone Representatives and Sheddors was that they enjoyed the day. The Northern Zone gathering will occur before Christmas.

At the Forum last year I made a statement that I would personally undertake, with the TMSA Committee approval, to make every effort in reconciling our differences with AMSA. Letters to and from AMSA indicated that TMSA could return to membership of AMSA provided TMSA accepted and agreed to abide by the AMSA Constitution and By-Laws without change. As this was the reason for our parting of the ways back in 2014, I can only report that nothing has changed between TMSA and AMSA.

Unfortunately for similar reasons as TMSA, WAMSA has been expelled, VMSA has resigned and QMSA has restructured and has similar issues with AMSA. All four states have met twice in Melbourne and at the second meeting the Chairman of AMSA and another Director met with the four state associations. At that meeting

a document containing consensual agreement was prepared and sent to all Sheds in the Australian Men's Shed Movement and the Board of AMSA. The document contained items that if agreed to would be the start of reconciliation. All state association representatives were joyous that this document was the turning point with AMSA being prepared to respond to change. However, the AMSA Board rejected the document and declared that the current non-members, VMSA, WAMSA and TMSA will never be accepted for membership of AMSA. TMSA has reported what has transpired with the state associations and AMSA to our Member Sheds, Tasmanian State and Federal Politicians.

Financially, TMSA is in a sound position, a full audited report will be presented by the TMSA Treasurer. All monies were expended in accordance with the Deed Agreement with the State Government and the sponsorship with Aurora.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to all of the TMSA Committee for the support they have provided to me during my year as President. Their commitment to serve the Sheds of Tasmania cannot be expressed enough, if it was not for the efforts of these volunteers the Men's Shed Movement in Tasmania would not be what it is today.

It has been my pleasure and honour to have been your President for the 2016–17 year. My only regret is that I did not get the opportunity to visit more Sheds, I enjoyed the hospitality of those Sheds I did get to visit and I wish you all well for the future.

Thank you.

I move the adoption of my report.

Robert (Bob) W. Thomas
President, for and on behalf of the TMSA Committee
31 August 2017

Executive Officer's report

The past year has been very busy as your TMSA continues to grow. Eight new members during the year and I am currently working with more prospective Sheds that will join.

During the year I managed to visit Sheds on 71 occasions and was able to provide advice and support on a wide range of issues. I also had 43 meetings to assist in establishing Sheds, resolving Shed matters or maintaining TMSA relationships with our many stakeholders. There have been many conversations about grant applications, property tenure, governance advice and too many other issues to possibly mention them all. Generally, I am very pleased with the relationship that has been developed with the Sheds to the extent that issues can be dealt with in an informal way.

The submission prepared and submitted to the state government for a continuation of funding to TMSA and member Sheds resulted in \$90,000 allocated to support TMSA in 2018. An announcement on future grant funding is expected.

This year your TMSA has initiated a program of development activities for member Sheds. Two of these activities are planned to be conducted prior to the end of 2017. A one-day program designed to assist Shed

treasurers will be conducted and a two-day Mental Health First Aid course will be conducted by Rural Alive and Well (RAW). TMSA and RAW have developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the training course is the first of a range of activities that both organisation will collaborate on.

Your newsletter *shednews* has been prepared and distributed on a three-monthly basis. I have received very positive feedback from Shed members during my visits and copies are evident on the coffee tables. The problem is obtaining sufficient content for each edition. I would like to see each edition full of articles provided by Sheds, not what I need to prepare to fill the pages. Simply send me what you have, including photos.

I would like to thank the TMSA Committee for their continued support and urge all member Sheds to become active in supporting your representative organisation. Sheds will grow more effectively if we all grow together, and this will only be achieved by having a peak body in Tasmania that continually moves the organisation forward.

Geoff Marsh
Executive Officer

Southern area report

Our area has grown in the last 12 months, with several newly formed Sheds joining TMSA this year.

Due to our busy lives, we have not been able to visit all Sheds in the South, however, we will contact those we missed in the near future and arrange visits.

One huge disappointment was the resignation from TMSA of the Huonville Shed. This Shed was initiated by TMSA and encouraged, developed and supported by Geoff, Noel, and Peter. It was formed with good community support and a strong steering committee, and had initial back up by Noel and Geoff Marsh. We do hope that we will see this much needed community Shed rejoin TMSA, and enjoy the benefits of such membership again.

We are pleased to advise that intershed co-operation is strong, with many Sheds donating tools, timber, excess machines and other items to other Sheds who are in need.

The Southern Area Get Together was held in July, with 50 members from 10 Sheds attending. While a bit low in numbers, those attending had a great day. The Defence Force Time Out Workshop was our host for the day, and their workshop was good to see, and well worth visiting. Following a BBQ lunch and some informal discussions, we then had a tour of the INCAT Facilities which was personally hosted by Bob Clifford, our TMSA Patron and Chairman of INCAT.

Peter and Noel will again volunteer and offer our services to continue on the Committee. Unfortunately, Kelly is standing down due to health and family reasons. We wish her the best, and wish to thank her for her valued input over the last year.

Peter Shelley, Noel Condon, Kelly Woodward

North West area report

Over the last 12 months I have visited the Deloraine Men's Shed and Latrobe Men's Shed as well as several others.

The Latrobe Shed has had the roofline extended out past the shed wall to provide extra under cover working area for outside work such as painting, sanding etc.

Port Sorell Shed is still growing in numbers and is going along very nicely.

On Saturday 17 June 2017, I attended the official opening of the Waratah Men's Shed in the Fagan Community Centre. There were eight to nine members present but the opening hours were yet to be confirmed. The chairman was Allen Tumeth and the secretary Peter Hawthorn.

The Kentish Shed at Sheffield conducted a program with the University of the Third Age (U3A). Mike Dennis

reported that this was very successful and of great benefit to the local community.

Late May/June this year the Devonport Shed held a meeting to form a committee for the Shed with Malcolm Reid as president. Since 1 July this year the Devonport Men's Shed has relocated to Devonfield's Workshop Packing Shed which is approximately five times larger than the former small community house location. Since then the Shed has received its Certificate of Incorporation and has set up bank accounts. However, still waiting on electrical power points and the installation of a wood heater. I shall keep you informed on opening hours, etc.

Tuesday 1 August 2017, I attended the official opening of the Wivenhoe Show Ground Men's Shed with chairman Rex Blackwell and founder Leo Quinn. The Burnie Shed is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30 am.

Bob Lowe



Northern area report

I was greatly honoured to be given this position at the last AGM and have been lucky enough to visit all Sheds under my watch.

6 January – Bicheno

I was very pleased to attend their opening day. It was an event all their Shedders should be proud of, a well planned building of value to the whole community. I am just sorry I was unable to get back a second time to see it with tools and men at work.

8 March – Furneaux Island Community Shed

Firstly I would like to thank Flinders Island Aviation for their generous donation of a flight for me to visit this outpost Shed. These Shedders are working at the school's well equipped workshop which, unfortunately can only be used during non-school hours. Thanks to the school I was able to be shown around. This Shed is keen to get a shed and equipment of their own. About six members took me to the local hotel for a great lunch and lots of chatter. I suggest that anyone going to Flinders to make contact and visit a great bunch of people. I am sure you would enjoy their company.

29 March – King Island Men's Shed

Another thank you. This time to Sharpe Airlines who donated two flights for myself and TMSA's Executive Officer, Geoff Marsh. We flew out of Launceston at 7.30am and returned at 6.30pm. A very pleasant but windy day. Unfortunately due to illness we were only able to meet with two members, one being the lady from Phoenix House which is involved in the goings on of this small Shed. It is on the port and is on the jetty base with no built-in toilet! The member that showed us around was pleased just to have somewhere to meet and work,

albeit with limited tools and equipment. I was also given a tour of the island, thanks. Hope to visit again under better circumstances.

1 June – Break O'Day, St Marys

A 7.30am start from my home base at Bridport, a week later than planned due to my illness. Met with two members on site at the old railway goods shed. Quite well equipped and men happy with their facilities. We talked of grants etc and would expect to hear of applications in the future. Left for St Helens after a nice lunch at the local bakery.

St Helen's Men's Shed

Arrived at about 1.30pm not realising it was a welfare day. Several men there but nobody other than the neighbourhood house seemed able to tell me much. Will get down again another time.

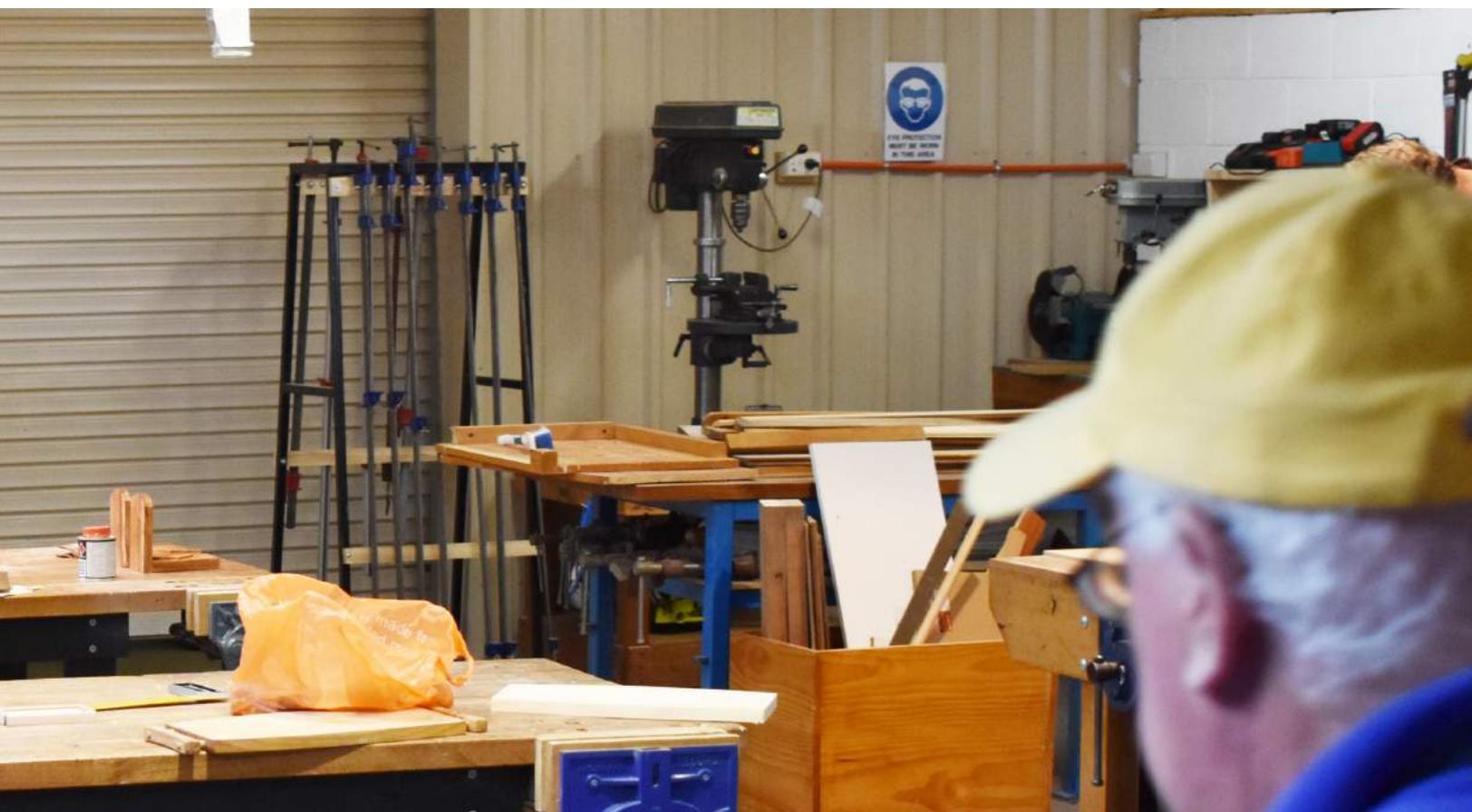
Bridport Community Men's Shed

Our new Shed was opened on 10 April 2017. The "Waters Shed" was donated by late member Vic and his wife Denise Waters, and erected with a state community grant. Bridport Shed has been busy with some community projects, as well as some personal ones. We now have a community garden and have been fencing to keep unwanted critters out! Sawmilling of timber and other Shed activities are progressing well. A well patronised ladies only day every Thursday has been established.

I also attended the opening of the new Ravenswood Shed. All looks good for their future with good facilities and membership.

Yours in shedding,

George Andrews.



Treasurer's report

The financial affairs of the Tasmanian Men's Sheds Association (TMSA) has once again been scrutinised by Tim Kirkwood, who is the General Manager of the Southern Midlands Council. We are indebted to Tim for providing his time and skills to the audit and for preparing his report for the Members of TMSA.

As has always been the case, full disclosure of the documents and records was made available to Tim in order for him to perform the audit. All queries and questions from Tim were responded to in an open and transparent manner. Tim has once again offered his services to continue as the honorary auditor for 2017–18 and I recommend that his offer be accepted.

The audit confirms TMSA's financial position of \$62,291, (including \$641 of GST recoverable from the Australian Tax Office), which is a \$14,834 surplus compared to last year's report.

This result was boosted by the receipt of unexpected income of \$11,067 from the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC). This value represents the unexpended part of grant funds for sheds through DPAC's grant rounds. A joint decision between DPAC and TMSA was made to have the funds placed into TMSA's DPAC Grant account. Subject to sheds meeting specific conditions, TMSA will distribute the funds to five (5) sheds in low socio-economic areas. When distributed in 2017–18, the funds will reflect a deficit in the DPAC account.

Without the above funds, the overall result would have been a surplus of \$3,767, which is somewhat short of the budget surplus of \$11,209.

The past financial year has also resulted in unexpected expenditure of the following items (i.e., not included in the budget):

- \$3,568 related to two trips for three Committee Members to attend meetings in Melbourne related to resolving the differences four state associations have with AMSA;
- \$455 towards the Executive Officer's purchase of a new computer (this is TMSA's responsibility as per the contract between TMSA and the Executive Officer);
- \$350 for promotional banners;
- \$1,918 for the promotional brochures;
- \$100 donation to the Holman Clinic (TMSA's appreciation for the free use of the Campbell Town Health Centre facilities for TMSA's monthly Committee meetings);

- \$180 for a governance training course; and
- \$1,350 for TMSA shirts and caps.

The financial operations of TMSA were again supported through the generous sponsorship of Aurora Energy. Without their support, the closing balance would have been in a very sorry state, so our appreciation of their \$8,000 contribution is gratefully acknowledged.

Looking towards 2017–18, the Tasmanian State Government has allocated \$90,000 in their 2018 budget for the TMSA, comprising of:

- \$70,000 for the contract position of the Executive Officer;
- \$10,000 to cover some of TMSA's operating costs;
- \$5,000 for training to Member Sheds; and
- \$5,000 for health awareness.

These funds are in line with TMSA's submission to the State Government and expenditure for the funds are in the planning stage. This will include financial training for executive committee members of sheds and, based on a few proposals, projects related to health awareness are being considered.

Excluding sponsorship, TMSA's operating revenue is primarily based on membership fees, which accounts for around 90% of the total income. The audit report shows a mere \$3,425 was received in the year for membership, whereas our operating costs were almost \$14,200. From this it is not difficult to understand that sponsorship plays a major part in our operations and from January 2018, the State Government will assist with their contribution.

All funds received from the State Government are acquitted in accordance with their requirements, including sending them a copy of the audited reports.

Unfortunately, there has been no announcement concerning grant funds for sheds within Tasmania, but we feel confident an announcement in favour of it will be forthcoming in due course.

As part of its proactive practice, the Committee approved an interim budget for 2017–18 during its meeting on 15 June 2017. This provides the incoming Committee for 2017–18 with a financial plan for them to accept as is, to further develop or to amend as they consider it will meet with their financial requirements.

Signed: Graham Fogarty
TMSA Treasurer
30 July 2017

TASMANIAN MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION INC. Members' Funds as at 30 June 2017

Opening Balance.....	2016	2017
Surplus/(Loss) for Year.....	34,478.60	47,456.96
Total Funds Available	12,978.36	14,833.81
	47,456.96	62,290.77

TASMANIAN MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION INC.
Income & Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2017

	2016	2017
Income		
Annual Memberships (JLT).....	-	200.00
Annual Memberships	995.00	3,425.00
Bank Interest	371.59	763.64
Donations – Shirts.....	-	245.00
Grant Funding (DPAC) – EO Salary	55,000.00	60,000.00
Grant Funding (DPAC) – Marketing	5,000.00	5,000.00
GST (Net Receipts)	-	11,067.00
Joining Fees TMSA	353.81	100.00
Sponsorship (Aurora Energy).....	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
Total Income	69,720.40	88,800.64
Expenditure		
Accounting & Audit Fees.....	90.00	-
Advertising & Promotion.....	1,419.93	77.38
AGM Costs (Catering & Venue).....	568.18	840.91
Annual Report Production	240.00	285.00
ASIC Fee.....	-	80.00
Bank Fees	-	6.50
Banners (TMSA)	-	350.00
Brochures (Editing, Composition and Printing)	-	1,918.00
Computer – EO (Contribution).....	-	454.55
Consultancy Costs – Executive Officer	48,947.86	57,079.09
Donation (Holman Clinic).....	-	100.00
Fuel	240.19	1,011.17
Insurance	600.00	600.00
Legal Fees	35.00	-
Licences & Fees	59.09	-
Meeting Expenses (inc Room Hire).....	18.00	-
Membership (Tascoss)	90.91	-
Post Office Box	173.64	178.18
Printing, Stationery & Postage	2,535.05	4,014.35
Reimbursements	-	224.22
Site Costs (Wooden Boat Festival).....	-	450.00
Telephone & Facsimile	456.91	676.00
Travel, Accommodation	512.73	1,646.02
Training (Governance)	-	180.00
Uniforms (TMSA Shirts & Caps)	-	1,350.00
Victorian Men's Shed Association (Accommodation)	-	921.82
Victorian Men's Shed Association (Mediator Fee)	-	1,000.00
Web Site Development and Maintenance Costs.....	<u>754.55</u>	<u>523.64</u>
Total Expenditure	56,742.04	73,966.83
Surplus/(Loss) for Year	<u>\$12,978.36</u>	<u>\$14,833.81</u>

TASMANIAN MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION INC.
Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2017

	2016	2017
Members' Funds	<u>47,456.96</u>	<u>62,290.77</u>
Represented by:		
Current Assets		
Bendigo Bank – Account 156289332	10,267.29	7,939.75
Bendigo Bank – Account 156289382	35,746.67	53,710.02
GST Recoverable	<u>1,443.00</u>	<u>641.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>47,456.96</u>	<u>62,290.77</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Nil.....	-	-
Total Non-Current Assets	-	-
Total Assets	<u>47,456.96</u>	<u>62,290.77</u>
Current Liabilities		
Nil.....	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	-	-
Non-Current Liabilities		
Nil.....	-	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	-	-
Total Liabilities	-	-
NET ASSETS	<u>47,456.96</u>	<u>62,290.77</u>

Independent Auditor's report

TO THE MEMBERS:

Scope

I have audited the accompanying financial report of the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association Inc for the year ended 30 June 2017.

The audit has been conducted to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report so as to present a view of the entity which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

Qualification

It is not practical for the Association to establish complete accounting control over all income prior to the initial entry into the accounting records and accordingly it is not possible for our examination to include audit procedures to extend beyond the amounts of such income recorded in the accounting records of the entity.

Qualified Audit Opinion

Having regard to the records produced for examination and explanations tendered, in my opinion, except for the effects on the financial report, if any, of the matter referred to in the qualification paragraph:

- a) the financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association Inc as at 30 June 2017 and the results of its operations for the year then ended;
- b) the accounting and other records of the Association have been properly kept; and
- c) the rules relating to the administration of the funds have been observed.

The audit expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Signed: T. F. Kirkwood
Auditor
22 July 2017

