



Hello Fellow Shed Members,

TMSA understands that you and your fellow sheds members would like to get back to normal shed life as soon as possible.

We have been in constant contact with the Government, over the last week to clarify the situation regarding when sheds could commence to reopen.

As of late today (Friday 15 May 2020), they and we are still awaiting advice from the Department of Health, as to if and when sheds may open. Once we have that advice, we will pass it on, as soon as possible.

Our concern and we are sure that it is your also, is the health of you, your members, family and friends. Especially should someone attend your shed, who is *asymptomatic* and pass on the Coronavirus (Covid-19).

We are sure none of us would want to be responsible for a similar outbreak, as happened in the North West of our State.

Should this happen, then there would be no doubt that there would be an immediate call for all sheds to close. This is something that TMSA would not like to see happen and could cause even further mental anguish for you, your members, family & friends.

While waiting for this advice as to when sheds might be able to open, we strongly encourage you to consider your Health and Safety plans for doing so.

The following link:-

<https://www.worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/Health-and-Safety/safety-alerts/coronavirus/covid-safe-workplaces-framework>

Will provide you with the minimum standard and guidelines that your shed, should be using.

Your TMSA Committee, will be happy to assist you or your shed in formulating these plans.

Again, we must stress that you will need to follow all the Tasmanian Government guidelines, as other States and organisations have different guidelines.

These guidelines have been set, to limit the dangers to all Tasmanians.

In finishing, we would remind you, that a majority of your shed's members fall within the "High Risk" category.

Stay safe, stay connect and kind regards

Keith Ellis
President of Tasmanian Men's Shed Association
15 May 2020

Please be Reminded:-

As most of your members are in the "High Risk" category, "vulnerable people" are encouraged to stay home and protect their health.

*You must also adhere to & comply with Public Health advice, re hygiene, physical distancing (1.5 metres & a maximum of one person per 4 square metres), etc.
To ensure the health of your members, their families and friends.*

