

Hall Men's Shed

2015 – 2016 Annual Report

The AGM is being held a month earlier than usual this year as several members including the Foreman & Treasurer will be absent during July and it is necessary to convene this meeting prior to the AGM of the Hall Progress Association, hence the short notice.

Again what happened ?? another year half over as time flies by. It has been a relatively quiet 12 months since my last report with a few new members joining our group and one or two departing. Sadly we lost Bill Haggan with very short notice after being diagnosed with stomach cancer. Still given that most of us are of advanced age we are all in the danger zone one way or another, that said if you are going to pass on, a bit of notice would be appreciated.

There is always a variation of attendance as members actively travel at different times of the year or others get caught up in various health problems, either their own or family members, either way it is always pleasing to have a catch up whenever they are able to attend. The membership seem happy with the current activities, mainly being the fellowship of the "Coffee Club" or the monthly BBQ and various workshop activities undertaken by some of the Shed members. Job's undertaken have included various restorations of furniture and construction of display stands and new blackboards for the museum and for the last four months the members that attend on Tuesday's have been mentoring a handicapped lad from "DUO" in some woodworking and social skills. Full credit for this undertaking goes to John & Brian Gerstenberg for their patience, time and perseverance in this undertaking.

It was decided last year that the wearing of name badges be compulsory and it is pleasing to see that notice was taken, just remember to place them back on the rack before leaving for home as we have had to supply a few replacements that have been lost for that reason. Also at this time I would remind members that the shed is open on Tuesday and Saturday 10-12 am however only a couple of members regularly attend on those days. My understanding is that when the shed was set up (before my time) was that Tuesday was essentially for undertaking projects and Thursday was more for fellowship and talk time with Saturday for those who could not make it during the week because of work commitments. It would be nice to see a few more faces on the other days, even if it is only for a coffee and a chat ?? On the subject of coffee it has been noted that from time to time the contribution box that is placed on the table has been a bit light on as far as donation's are concerned ?? A gold coin donation on the day is to cover the costs of the drinks and eats supplied, your generosity and adherence will be appreciated as this is the only way it can be funded.

As you will see from the 2015 AGM report the management group has altered in that Kevin Stone elected (Leading Hand/Deputy President) has resigned from the position and the shed for personal reasons and John Gerstenberg resigned as (Equipment Officer). I can only ask that some of the members kindly consider making themselves available to help fulfil these roles especially Equipment Officer as it has been noted lately that various item's of equipment are missing or mislaid or are being taken home and not returned in good time for the use of other members. If you have pieces of equipment or tools in your possession please return it ASAP it will be much appreciated.

At this time I would like to draw attention to the state of the vegetable garden once again, as I did this time last year if you have read the report !! A lot of time and material went into setting it up, however very little time or attention has gone into it since, while we appreciate we had a long hot summer are we to persevere with it ?? that can only happen if one or more person's show a bit more interest and take responsibility for the plantings and maintenance. I am quite sure we can muster up plenty of fertiliser and water is not a problem, just some enthusiasm is required. The shed is for everybody, not just the willing few I am certain our garden could be quite prolific with a bit of care and attention.

The mission of the shed is unchanged in that it is intended to provide a welcoming, friendly environment and the facilities to make membership a pleasurable one, we still have no intention of actively recruiting for new members but just to let them find us and join in if it suits them. It has been a pleasure to carry the role of Foreman for the past 12 months and have appreciated the assistance of Bob Forsyth our Treasurer over that period. That said your idea's or suggestions as to how we may improve or change things for the better are always welcome.

Annual membership fees, the monthly BBQ and Thursday collections at morning tea continue to be our main source of revenue to fund the ongoing activities, Xmas party and various pieces of equipment we require. At this time we are self sufficient but need to keep an eye on costs in order to maintain what we do without raising the rent.



Alan Boyd (Foreman 2015 / 2016)

**Hall Mens Shed
2015 – 2016 Financial Report
Shed Account: CBA Gungahlin**

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| Balance at 1 st July 2015 | 3,618.23 |
| Plus: Reimbursement from museum | 103.50 |
| Bank Interest | 0.36 |
| Expenditure from bank account | nil |
| Balance at 1 st June 2016 | <u>3,722.09</u> |