

Mount Beauty & District Men's Shed Inc.

Minutes

Committee Meeting 11th August 2025 at the SHED

- 1.0 **PRESENT:** Henry Ziemnicki (A/Chairman), Irvin Beeston, Pip Armitage, Mal Darwent, Peter Donnan, Don Terry, Ian Howley.
- 2.0 **APOLOGIES:** Campbell Ford, Dick Puttyfoot, Noel McDougall, Paul L'Huillier, Barry Hinson
- 3.0 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**— Meeting of 12th May 2025
Moved that the minutes of the May meeting be confirmed.
Moved: Henry Z. **Seconded:** Pip A. **Carried** Yes
- 4.0 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** Nil disclosed
- 5.0 **MEMBERSHIP** - We have 57 paid up individual members. Recent new members are Rod Harris and Vladimir Medic.
- 6.0 **BUSINESS ARISING**
- It was decided to defer the talk by Paul Murray, from the community bank, until after the AGM.
 - Under item 10 (d) of the May meeting it was agreed to dispose of the unserviceable wood lathe. The purchase of a replacement lathe and the planer were not submitted to the Committee for approval. This is not in accordance with the Shed's adopted purchasing policy.
- 7.0 **CORRESPONDENCE.**
- In:** - AMSA and VMSA newsletters. Committee members present said they received both newsletters.
- Mt Beauty Neighbour Centre advised that the date of the next Community Picnic is the 11th October. Volunteers for the BBQ will be sought closer to the date
 - There has been confusion regarding the date of our next raffle at Mountain Monk. **Henry Z** to follow up.
- Out.** – Nil
- Moved that Correspondence be received.*
Moved: Henry Z **Seconded:** Pip A **Carried**
- 8.0 **RISK MANAGEMENT**
- Incidents Report** — The saw stop triggered again. Not sure what the cause was.
- Safety Audit.....** For dust control in the woodwork area only one extraction point should be open when the large saw is operating.
- Workshop Panel ...** No report.

9.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

Peter D commented that in 2024/25 our expenditure exceeded income. We did not receive \$10000 from our mystery donor this year.

Some funds are to be taken out of term deposits to top up the current account.

We are withholding payment of the water bill until issues can be resolved with the Alpine Shire.

Telstra has changed its billing system.

Peter D has negotiated better rates for our power bills from AGL.

It was moved that the Committee recommend to the members at the AGM that full year membership be increased to \$50 for ordinary members and be retained at \$50 for business members

Moved: Peter D, Seconded: Pip A, Carried

It was moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted

Moved: Peter D, Seconded: Pip A, Carried

10.00 GENERAL BUSINESS.

- a. **Preparations for the AGM** – It was agreed that the AGM would be held on the 19th September. Catering is yet to be arranged. **Dick P** to arrange for someone to run the elections at the AGM. The Secretary (or a helper) to arrange for a notice to be sent to members and for nomination forms to be distributed.
Peter D is happy to nominate for Treasurer again. Ian H will talk to others about the position of Secretary, given that Noel will not renominate. Options for refreshing the Executive were discussed, with further options to be canvassed before nominations close.
- b. **Kindling Production** – It was agreed that we should not accept any painted or treated wood as the source material. Any offers of such material must be rejected. There was a discussion about the variability of the weight and size of the bags. Should we have a minimum weight? I understand that all commercial sellers must state a minimum weight.
- c. **Test & Tag** – Pip A reported that all tools have now been tested, tagged and recorded. Future annual checks may require the Shed to acquire another laptop for this purpose (rather than Pip's own). **Pip** will investigate how the information can be remotely accessed.
A big thankyou to Pip and Vas for completing this project.
- d. **Safety Policy** – The sub-committee has had some attrition and will be reformed after the AGM and they can then review the current policy.
- e. **Storage Options** – Still waiting on a response from the Alpine Shire regarding the storage shed area.
- f. **Lithium Battery Chargers** – **Pip A** offered to investigate suitable timers to control the periods for battery charging.
- g. **Emergency Stops on machines** – It was noted that the new lathe is not fitted with an emergency stop. This must be a requirement for all future purchases of workshop machines even if it has to be an optional extra.

- h. **New Planer** – A number of members have reported that there appears to be something amiss with the switch on this unit. To be checked out by **Vas** as a matter of urgency.
- i. **Redundent Solar tubes** – **Ian H** to check with Corey Jones regarding a suitable recovery price for the tubes.
- j. **Surplus Insulation Batts** – **Ian H** to talk to Campbell about returning them to him. He had arranged for these to be donated to the Shed for the West Wing.
- k. **Front Door Non Compliance** – The handle on the main front door does not comply with the relevant standard. The inside handle must be lever action and be no more than 1200 mm above the floor. **Pip A** agreed to investigate a fix.

11.00 Next CoM Meeting.. 16th September 2025

12.00 Meeting Closed..10.30 am (Well done acting Chairman)