

UKV Shed News

Newsletter of the Mount Beauty & District Men's Shed Inc.



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— Upper Kiewa Valley (UKV) Shedders – Supporting Men's Health & Well-Being —

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We thank the following supporters

1. *Alpine Health*, through our liaison officer *Maureen Ryland*, for the use of their meeting room at the Hospital each month and for assistance with some administration services.
2. *Alpine Shire* for the offer of a lease on land next to the NHCentre and also for allowing us to refurbish the old Lions Shed next to the tennis courts.
3. *AGL* for the transfer of land next to the NHCentre.
4. *Our members* – 67 of them.
5. *Mt Beauty Timbers* for the use of a storage shed.
6. *Mt Beauty Senior Citizens Club* for the use of their rooms for our monthly BBQ's.
7. *Mt Beauty Country Club* for the donation of a trailer & signage.
8. *Donors* of equipment, tools and materials.

2nd Annual General Meeting – Fri. 20 Sept. 2013 Mt Beauty Senior Citizens Clubrooms BBQ at 12 noon followed by the AGM

— Nomination & Proxy Forms are available from the Shed's website —
<www.mountbeautymensshed.org.au> Click on About Us

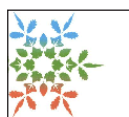
Meeting Agenda

- President's report
- Treasurer's report
- Election of Committee of Management (4 Officers & 5 Ordinary members)
- Appointment of an Auditor and Public Officer
- Update on site negotiations with Alpine Shire/AGL
- Update on major grant application
- Other business

Please show your support for the Shed by attending the BBQ and our second AGM. We need *strength in numbers* at this early stage of the Shed's formation. It is very important to be able to indicate this when applying for funding from government agencies and philanthropic organisations.

Shed Site

Finally we have been successful in negotiating a lease with the Alpine Shire for the block of land next to the Neighbourhood Centre. The transfer of AGL land has also occurred as part of the negotiations (approx. boundaries only).



Alpine Shire



How big is the Men's Shed movement?

There are 844 Sheds in Australia (217 in Victoria). The average age for Sheds in Australia is 5 years. There are 120,000 Shed members nationwide.

*“Men don't talk face to face, they talk
shoulder to shoulder”*

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Off the Bench

— Shed happenings —

- **Memberships due!** — Memberships for 2013/14 are now due. A membership form is enclosed. We appreciate your on-going support of the Men's Shed and urge you to renew by returning the attached form and appropriate fee as soon as possible. All 2012/13 members are eligible to vote at the AGM.
- **2013 Annual General Meeting** — Friday 20 September with BBQ at 12 noon followed by the AGM at the Mt Beauty Senior Citizens Club. The Shed is looking for four new committee members at these elections. Are you prepared to be nominated?
- **Old Lions Storage Shed Refurbishment** — This project is now completed except for the external painting of the roof and walls which will be done in the Spring. Already the shed is filling up with donated materials and equipment that had been stored in many locations around town.
- **Workshops attended by committee members** — 1. Grant information session – Wangaratta 2. Upper NE Shed Cluster meeting – Wodonga, 3. VMSA Shed Gathering – Wodonga and Wangaratta. Our president, Dick Puttyfoot will be representing us at the Australian Men's Shed Association 2013 National Conference in Ballarat in October.
- **Equipment, tools and material donations** — We are most grateful for all donations. The Shed has caches of donated equipment and materials at various locations around Mt Beauty but this is now gradually being moved to our Storage Shed.
- **Men Shed Organisations** — Mt B & DMS is a member of the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) and the Victorian Men's Shed Association (VMSA).
- **Monthly General Meetings & BBQ's** (20 held to date)— The committee believes these are very important to the membership not only for the social benefits but also as an opportunity to update members on what is happening and to show that the committee is proactive in getting a Men's Shed established in the Upper Kiewa Valley. The committee appreciates the monthly support. This was an initiative of Dick Puttyfoot who does a power of work to make it happen each month. Thanks Dick.
- **Programs conducted** — *Spanner in the Works* health check session in November '12 and *Mobile Phone Usage for Seniors* workshop in December '12.
- **Grants** — The State Governments Human Services Department has just released 1.5 million dollars in funding for the establishment of Men's Sheds. We are currently putting in an application for the maximum grant of \$60,000. It is a 2 for 1 grant so we have to find \$30,000 to get the 60. This can be in cash or in kind. Grants have to be submitted by 6th September 2013. Ian Howley, John Hunt and Dick Puttyfoot have been working hard on writing up the grant and sourcing all the support documentation needed. We were also successful with the following grants — 1. In July '12 we received a grant of \$1,600 from the Bendigo Bank for a BBQ and associated accessories, 2. Federal Government Volunteer Grant of \$3,600 for administration items (laptop etc) and 3. Alpine Shire Community Development Grant of \$7,800 for main Shed construction.
- **Trailer** — The Mt Beauty Country Club have generously donated a new trailer plus the signage. Special thanks to Ross Davis who did the negotiating, getting quotes and seeing the project through.
- **Fundraising** — Shed has been involved in two fundraising projects. 1. Mt Beauty Car Club catering (2 meets) – co-ordinated by Dick Puttyfoot and 2. manning the Dederang/Mt Beauty Football-Netball Club gate and raffling a trailer load of wood for all 8 home games – co-ordinated by John Hunt. Thanks Dick and John, great job.
- **Alpine Radio 96.5 FM interviews** — Members of the Mt Beauty and Bright Sheds were interviewed by Nick Brown on local community radio on 27th March.
- **Shed Master Plan** — This has been prepared for the next five years. Thanks to Ian Howley who co-ordinated the Plan's development.



Old Lions Storage Shed refurbished. Some facts: Project took 4 weeks using 18 shed members working for a total of 276 man hours. External painting of roof and walls will be completed in the Spring..

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