

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 –

Committee

– 2013/14 –

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Committee	• Mark Hardidge • Campbell Ford • John Driver • Andrew Robinson • Graeme Caulfield
Alpine Health Liaison:	• Maureen Ryland

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. *Vic Depart. of Health* – major grant to build the Shed.
5. *Our members* – 72 of them.
6. *Mt Beauty Timbers* for the use of a storage shed.
7. *Mt Beauty Senior Citizens Club* for the use of their rooms for our monthly BBQ's.
8. *Mt Beauty Country Club* for the donation of a trailer & signage.
9. *Donors* of equipment, tools and materials.

3rd Annual General Meeting – Fri. 19 Sept. 2014 Mt Beauty Senior Citizens Clubrooms BBQ#31 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)
- Update on new shed construction
- Other business

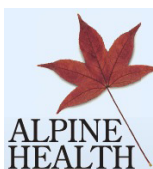
Please show your support for the Shed by attending the BBQ and our third AGM – *there is strength in numbers.*

New Shed Construction

The lease with the Alpine Shire for the block of land next to the Neighbourhood Centre was signed off in May. This completed lengthy but successful negotiations between the Alpine Shire, AGL and ourselves (refer to diagram below).



Alpine Shire



Actual work on the site commenced on 16th June with digging, filling, spreading and leveling earth in preparation for laying the concrete slab. On 7th July the sewerage and water pipes were laid. John Sullivan (Bobcat) and Graham Boote & Darren Flay (Plumbers) did a great job using a window of fine weather that occurred. Tony Gentile has been contracted to build the Shed which started on 7th August. Ian Howley is the Project Manager assisted by Dick Puttyfoot.

“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 2014/15 are due by 30 September 2014. *Note* — The committee has proposed an increase in the fees to \$25.00 *pa which needs to be ratified by members at the AGM*. All 2013/14 members are eligible to vote at the AGM. The committee's position on membership fees was, that once the construction of the Shed had commenced fees would need to increase to reflect the value members would receive from having a Men's Shed established in the community. We appreciate your on-going support and urge you to renew at the AGM.
- **2014 Annual General Meeting** — Friday 19 September with BBQ at 12 noon followed by the AGM at the Mt Beauty Senior Citizens Club. Are you prepared to be nominated for a committee position?
- **National Men's Shed Conference** — Our president, Dick Puttyfoot represented us at the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) National Conference in Ballarat in October. 2013
- **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 has now gradually being moved to our Storage Shed and the large green container near the Les Peart Oval thanks to the generosity of Ron Crawford and the Mt Beauty Soccer Club.
- **Monthly General Meetings & BBQ's** (30 held to August 2014)— 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 has been 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 and the other committee volunteers.
- **Grants** — In June 2013 the Victorian Department of Human Services released 1.5 million dollars in funding for the establishment of Men's Sheds. In December 2013 it was announced that we were successful in being awarded the maximum grant of \$60,000. It was a 2 for 1 grant so we had to prove that we could find \$30,000 to get the 60. This could be in cash or in kind. Ian Howley, John Hunt and Dick Puttyfoot worked very hard on writing up the grant and sourcing all the support documentation needed. Without their efforts to get the grant we would have no Shed. Thank you.
- **Fundraising** — Shed has been involved in **four** fundraising projects. (1) Manning the Dederang/Mt Beauty Football-Netball Club gate and raffling a trailer load of wood for all 9 home games; (2) Erectng and dismantling the street Christmas decorations; (3) Providing supervisors for the Sweet Valley Sounds event and (4) Building bunks for the Bogong Outdoor Education Centre which commenced in August.
- **Alpine Radio 96.5 FM** — A Men's Shed radio program presented by Dick Puttyfoot 3-5pm Thursdays.
- **Major Donation** — Thank you to the *Mt Beauty Playscape Committee* for the donation of \$5,000 towards the upgrade to the new Shed's slab foundations.
- **Condolences** — Our condolences go to the families of the following members who have passed away recently: Bob Jones, Rene Olrey, David O'Rourke, Jack Barton and Bob Speeachly.



It's happening — foundations



We now have a definite presence



Scout Hall preparations for bunk building