



*Strathalbyn Wood Craft Group Inc.*

## **May 2021 Newsletter**

### *President's report*

There is plenty going on at the Shed and also behind the scenes. I am pleased to provide the following report on key activities.



#### **AGM proposals**

There will be a general meeting of members on 26 May at 9.30am at the Woodshed to consider two issues proposed to go forward to the AGM on 14 July 2021. These are:

- (a) Increase in size of Woodshed Committee:** It is proposed to increase our Committee membership from nine to 11 in order to spread the management workload and increase the opportunity for member participation. I look forward to hearing members' views on this proposal. Note there are no changes proposed to the way in which the Shed operates.
- (b) Tax deductibility status:** It is proposed that the Woodshed apply to have tax deductibility status for donations received. This is known as Donor Gift Recipient (DGR) status and means that persons making a donation to the Woodshed may claim their donation as a tax deduction. This should encourage more monetary donations in the future. An amendment to our constitution is required for this to occur and this change is currently being investigated.

While on the subject of the AGM, we are not required to have a formal audit each year given the size of our budget. Please see page 2 for further information on the AGM.

#### **Membership**

We now have 92 paid up members. The Committee is looking at ways to further improve communications with members and strengthen relationships between members, noting our aims of enhancing member mental wellbeing, addressing isolation and loneliness etc. Our tea breaks are one very practical way of getting to know one another and build friendships.



There will be a lunch social event at the Woodshed on **Wednesday, 9 June**. On the menu is spaghetti bolognese featuring homemade pasta and sauce, followed by apple pie with cream or ice-cream—a real treat! Cost is only \$10. Numbers are needed for catering purposes so please email Tony Corenzo at [corenzo2@bigpond.com](mailto:corenzo2@bigpond.com) if you plan to attend.

#### **Scout land**

Negotiations continue with the Scouts to seek their agreement to cede a small piece of land to be added to our lease of land from Council. I met with the Scouts Management Committee on 29 April and followed up with a written submission to them. They have advised they will respond as soon as possible.

*President's report continued ...*

### **Shed extensions**

Design work on the shed extensions has been contracted to Magnus Australia, which is a leading manufacturer of shedding and farm equipment in the Adelaide Hills and surrounding areas. Once we have the design documentation from Magnus, we will meet with an officer of Strathalbyn Council about seeking Council approval for the new shed, subject to funding being available.

### **AMSA insurance**

We have received an Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) insurance certificate enabling the Woodshed to utilise persons wishing to fulfil their Centrelink mutual obligations by volunteering with our organisation. This will open up a broader volunteer workforce to support the Woodshed.

### **Badges**

Each new member receives a name badge free of charge. Please note there is a charge of \$10 if you need a replacement badge. And remember to wear your badge whenever you are at the Shed please—it helps us to get to know one another and who we are working with.

If you would like further information about any of the matters mentioned above, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**ERIC MARCH**  
**Woodshed President**

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## ***Annual General Meeting***

Our AGM will be held on **Wednesday, 14 July 2021 at 9.00am** at the Woodshed.

Key dates are:

**31 May** : Formal notice of AGM and any Special Resolutions displayed at the Shed.

Nominations for Committee positions to be submitted to the Secretary by **3 July**.

**5 July**: Previous minutes and nominations to be displayed at Shed.

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### **Clean up Working Bee**

There will be a clean up Working Bee at the Woodshed to be held **EITHER** on **Monday 31 May** or **Wednesday 2 June** depending on the weather. This will be confirmed by way of email to members.

A very big thank you to Jamie Rose who has made a cant hook (a long pole lever to roll logs onto and off the sawmill). This hook will be extremely useful and is very much appreciated, Jamie.

*If you would like to acknowledge someone who has made a special contribution or effort (whether they be a member or someone from outside the organisation), please pass the details to Eric March for inclusion in the newsletter.*



## Policies & procedures

*Work is underway to compile a policy and procedure manual for the Woodshed, in order to bring our key governance and accountability documents together in one place.*

*A Code of Conduct has been prepared, as have procedures such as manual handling guidelines, slabbing saw charges and procedures and Christmas close down preparations. A new membership application form has been prepared as has a Contractor/ Tradesperson Insurance Certification form.*

*These and other policies and procedures will be featured in future newsletters.*



## Next month's newsletter ...

- Report on the results of the May General Meeting
- Outcomes from the June Committee meeting
- Draft resolutions to be put to the AGM and any special items nominated by members for the AGM
- Where to download the agenda for the AGM and explanation of the AGM voting system.



## Ideas for future activities/ fundraising



- ◆ Occasional lunch events for members to promote fellowship and which can have a small profit margin to help towards Woodshed expenses
- ◆ Bunnings is now offering Friday sausage sizzle fundraisers for not-for-profit community groups
- ◆ Sponsorship deals: some wineries offer special sales deals for members of community groups, with a portion of the income donated to the group
- ◆ Advertise for projects/products to sell to the public: We are not permitted to compete with commercial companies for work but can undertake small one-off projects which are not commercially feasible for the corporates.