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NEW SHED FOCUS

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The Committee of Management met this morning Friday 4th December. Following our successful re-opening and implementation of our Covid Safe Plan (with a big thank you to all our members that attended for their co-operation) it was decided that we will revert to our normal hours of operation from Monday 7th December 2020:

Monday 9am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 4pm – 7pm

Wednesday – Friday 9am -3pm

Lunches will be available Thursdays and Fridays.

The Committee also decided that we will hold our Annual General Meeting outdoors on Friday 18th December 2020 12:00pm. The venue will be at the Shed 280 Queen St Altona and a light lunch will be served afterwards. Your new Committee of Management will be elected on this day so please financial members come along and exercise your vote.

We are seeking from our members a person to carry out Health and Safety duties on behalf of the Committee of Management, as a minimum you must hold a Certificate 3 in Work Health & Safety (preferably Cert IV) and be able to demonstrate relevant experience. If you are interested please email your resume to: secretary.hobsonsnet@gmail.com.

Members will be aware that we are using our new no-touch QR code sign-in system and it is requested that if you bring in any type of materials to work on that means you do not have free hands, please leave the materials in your car, sign in and then retrieve what you have bought in to work on. This would be most appreciated.

Please also let me explain your fees, this year you got a \$10.00 discount due to the Committee not charging you the new fee of \$50.00 per annum that had previously been agreed. The reason for this is that we have been closed for a large proportion of this year (2020), unfortunately, we still had out going costs and the main cost of your fees is member insurance which is 70% of the membership fee and of course internet, rent and utilities did not stop.

We tried to negotiate with the Insurance Company but they would not reduce our payments, we are therefore not able to offer a rebate on 2020/2021 renewal fees.

Following my advice that Les Auld has resigned as Secretary, the Committee of Management appointed Meredith Blackstock to the position at the CoM meeting. Meredith's photo and a short biography below for your information:

Meredith Blackstock

I have been associated with HBMS since 2015 through my husband Allan’s membership and participation in the Motoring, Instrument Making and Music Groups and I joined the Music Group in my own right in January 2020. I have undertaken the role of Minute Secretary for the Committee of Management since May 2020. I am interested in assisting the Committee of Management of the Hobsons Bay Mens Shed to implement more structured processes that will further strengthen the strong organisation that it is today, thanks to the tireless past and future work of many.

I was born and bred in Williamstown and currently live with my husband Allan in a lifestyle village in Truganina. I held a number of National Human Resources Management positions over the last 23 years in large national and international companies.

I hold a Graduate Diploma in Ergonomics, a Master’s Degree of Business Administration and I am a Member and Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

I currently hold non-Executive Director positions on the Board of the Western Community Legal Centre (Westjustice) and the Barwon Coast Committee of Management, a Victorian Government appointment.

From completion of my Registered Nursing qualification at Epworth Hospital after successfully finishing Year 12 at Williamstown High School until my retirement in 2019 I worked fulltime in Occupational Health and Safety and for the last 23 years as a Human Resources Manager in the Manufacturing, Distribution and Maritime Industries supporting people to achieve their goals and ensuring that through structured processes people are treated fairly and with respect.

I feel my knowledge, passion and corporate business acumen would complement HBMS, my aims are to ensure transparency and accountability and that programs and facilities meet the needs of HBMS members, through respect and empowerment.

I look forward to serving as Secretary of Hobsons Bay Men’s Shed



Ken Inglis

President