Belconnen Community Men's Shed 2026 Annual General Meeting 4 July 2026

MINUTES

1. Opening and Welcome
   Meeting opened at 11:01
2. Confirmation of quorum
   Confirmed with 31members present. See Attachment 1.
3. Conduct of meeting. Members were reminded that:
   a. Members must be financial to participate in any discussions
   b. Only Full financial members may vote, and also
   c. The digital tap in system was used to register members attendance
4. Apologies
   Tim Carlton
5. Proxies
   None
6. Confirmation of 2025 AGM minutes (nil comments received)
   a. Attention was drawn to the absence of Phil Waugh from the attendance records.
      ACTION Tom Brimson update the 2025 AGM minutes to note that Phil Waugh was in attendance for 2025 AGM. Due: August 2026 Committee meeting.
   b. ACTION Tom Brimson update the 2025 AGM minutes to note that Dean Wishart was appointed as adjudicator for the elections. Due: August 2026 Committee meeting.
7. Presentation of Committee members' reports
   a. Gordon Cooper thanked the committee members for a great job during the year.
   b. Since the reports were previous circulated only Gordon spoke to the success of the various committee and other members in keeping the shed growing and running well.
   c. Gordon advised that he will be undertaking fewer projects and focusing on the wellbeing of the shed with the Vice president and
8. Questions on reports
   a. Information was sought on the attendance and activities of Associate members
      ACTION: Tim Carlton to prepare information on associate membership and attendance / participation for August Committee meeting.
   b. A comment was received that information about female / associate membership on the web was not current.
      ACTION: David Gorell to update the website to include information on associate members by the August committee meeting.

c. Information was sought on the possible differences between the Baptist Church, AMSA and BCMS policies on female membership.
ACTION Gordon Cooper to check with the Church and report, David to check with AMSA documents and both report for August 2026 Committee meeting

d. Confirmation was sought on the differences between previous and current AMSA criteria for determining the membership contributions for the purposes of AMSA Insurance. (Typical attendance versus financial members as the criteria)
ACTION Michael de Looper to re-confirm current processes as adopted in February 2026 are in accordance with AMSA criteria for August Committee meeting

e. Clarification was sough on apparent implied conflicts in membership age criteria between AMSA, BCMS and The Mosaic Baptist Church websites.
~~ACTION Gordon Cooper to request Mosaic Baptist Church to update information on BCMS by August committee meeting~~
ACTION David Gorell to update the AMSA website information on BCMS by August committee meeting

f. The financial reports were clarified to show 'Other Expenditure' in the Income and Expenditure Statement on P.1 include

    1. the Talk2mebro Mental Health Fist Aid Course ($5,000),
    2. hosting the AMSA Muster ($3,969),
    3. Canberra First Aid Training for 14 persons ($1,545).

g. Note that grants were received to cover these expenses.

h. It was also noted that since the distribution of the 2026 Committee reports that a $10,000 grant has been received from the AFP

9. Voting to formally accept reports

    a. Tom Brimson moved that the reports be accepted. Joe Orefice seconded this motion. – Unanimously supported.

10. Voting on amendments to Charter

    a. John Colquhuon moved the changes to the Charter be accepted. Ian McPherson seconded the motion. – Unanimously supported.

    b. ACTION David Gorell to change all references to 'Welfare officers' on the website

    c. ACTION Tom Brimson to change all references to 'Welfare officers' on the in the charter.

11. Returning officer appointed
    Dean Wishart appointed the returning officer.

    a. All positions were declared vacant.

    b. Nominations for committee roles for 2026-27 were received and with some withdrawals only single applicant / nominations were received for each position.

c. Positions nominated by Joe Orefice and seconded by John Colquhuon

Role	Nominee
President	Gordon Cooper
Vice President	Michael Bevan
Secretary	Tom Brimson
Treasurer	Michael de Looper
Operations Manager	Mano Georgopoulos
IT Manager	Sean Costello
Property Officer	Tony Holmes
Membership Officer	Tim Carlton
Safety Officer	Ian MacPherson
Webmaster	David Gorell
Newsletter Editor	Tom Brimson

d. Ian McPherson nominated the following appointments of ordinary committee members; seconded Geoff McClatchey:

- Committee Member
    - Joe Orefice
    - Jon Struss
    - Claudio Ellero
    - Terry Sanders

These were Unanimously supported.

e. Dean motioned that those nominated above be appointed to the positions. Unanimously agreed.

f. It was suggested that some positions such as editor and web manager need not formally be part of the Committee. This suggestion was noted.

12. Any other business

13. Meeting closed

a. Closed at 11:50.

Attachment 1: Members Attending

Aaron Herald, Alan Marshall, Barry Cook, Chris Lowe, Claudio Ellero, Colin Lyons, Darren Subritzky, David Gorell, Dean Wishart, Gaz Lake, Geoff McClatchey, Gerry Andrew, Gordon Cooper, Greg Sky, Ian MacPherson, Ian McWaters, Jesse Gayfer, Joe Orefice, John Bailes, John Colquhuon, John Polkinghorne, Jon Struss, Khalid Saifullah, Mano Georgopoulos, Michael Bevan, Michael de Looper, Moncho Ramirez, Sean Costello, Tom Brimson, Tony Holmes, Yusuf Kamara