



# Manning Men's Shed Newsletter

An activity of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre November 2022 #11

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**Editor's Note:** The purpose of this Newsletter is to showcase the involvement of MMS in various shed, community, and personal projects, plus the usual members' news. While working on your projects please remember to take photos of what you are doing or have completed, and forward these to the Hon. Editor preferably using the Shed email address, in person at the Shed on a memory stick, or via bluetooth transfer to the computer on a mobile phone.

Please note that Shed Newsletters can also be viewed on the Shed Website: <https://mmswa.tidyhq.com/>

**Monday to Saturday:** 8:30am - 12:00pm. Monday (except 2nd Monday) and Wednesday: 12:00pm to 4:00pm

**Saturday Opening:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> for men sessions (will restart in December 2022); 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> for women sessions.

## Suspension of Mens Saturday Sessions

The Saturday morning sessions for Men are expected to restart in December if there is sufficient interest from Shed Members. The Saturday sessions for Women have waiting lists so they will continue.

If you are interested in coming to the shed regularly on a Saturday morning please contact the Shed Manager Kim Horne or email us (email address below)

## Registering Attendance at the Shed

Shed Members are reminded that they must register their presence at the Shed on the whiteboard inside near the front doors. The whiteboard is provided so that the Shed Manager or Shed Supervisor can see at a glance how full the Shed is and also know who is in the Shed.

The sign on sheet on the adjacent lectern is primarily for providing the Senior Citizens Centre Coordinator with an attendance list. This is necessary because Shed members who attended a shed session (a.m. and/or p.m) are required to register their attendance and pay the Centre's daily \$2 Attendance Fee.

## Skills Inventory

As a group of men and women we all have skills and talents that we have developed and enjoyed over our lifetime. Many of the skills people have are often valuable to a volunteer organisation like the men's shed.

Skills like accounting, IT, HR, electrical, plumbing, training, cooking, tool making, film making, health/medical, marketing, event promotion, public speaking, administration etc. - can all be of great value to the members of the shed.

We would like to have a skills inventory of our members who would like to contribute their skills in some small way in the shed.

Please let us know if you would like to be involved and perhaps dust off those skills in the shed. In particular, we are in urgent need of a secretary to handle incoming email (this can be done on-line

from home) and take minutes at the management committee meeting every couple of months.

## Senior Citizens Centre AGM

The Manning Senior Citizens Centre Committee held their Annual General Meeting in the main hall on Wednesday 19th October 2022 commencing at 11.00am.

Presentation of office bearer reports and the election of office bearers took place. Three Shed Members, Graham Rennie, Allan Waugh, and Keith Hayes, were elected unopposed as Ordinary Members of the Committee. Shed Member Bill Barton, along with retiring Chairperson Barbara Thompson, were nominated for the position of Chairperson. Barbara Thompson was successful in being elected as Chairperson and Bill, who had agreed to serve on the Committee if he was unsuccessful, was elected as an Ordinary Member.

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**Workshop Manager:** Kim Horne **Workshop Supervisors:** David Vicary, Allan Waugh, Ken McCrackan, Barry Textor, Rob Craig, Shoichi Nakanishi **Shed Committee:** Graham Rennie (Chairman), Brian Graham (Deputy Chairman), To Be Advised (Secretary), Mike Smith (Treasurer), Kim Horne, Barry Textor, Ken McCrackan (Committee Members) **Assets:** Eric Goddard **Newsletter Editor:** Eric Goddard

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## October End of Month BBQ Meeting

The Shed October End of Month BBQ Meeting was held on Friday 28th October 2022 commencing at 1.00pm.

18 Shed members enjoyed a sausage/hamburger sizzle with liquid refreshments. Thanks to Mike Harrison who again did the cooking and to those Shed Members who stayed to clean and tidy up.

## No November End of Month BBQ

There will not be an End of Month BBQ in November. Instead we will have a Shed Christmas Sundowner (see next item) in early December.

## Shed Christmas 2022 Sundowner

An Italian Themed Sundowner, for Shed Members and partners, will be held at the Shed on Friday 2nd December 2022 commencing at 4.00pm.

Shed Member and Chef Dale Sniffen will be cooking Italian pizza in the Shed Garden Pizza Oven and there will also be Italian style BBQ meats and sausages. Gluten Free Pizza bases will be available. We are also asking Shed Members to bring an Italian themed plate of finger food (please no aussie pies or sausage rolls!) to share or, if required, food to suit personal dietary requirements. Liquid refreshment, not necessarily Italian, will be provided.

The cost for the Sundowner will be \$5 per person and is being subsidised from monies collected through our bottle/can exchange project. Further details will be emailed to Members who should confirm their attendance through return of email.

## Manning Farmers Market Stall

The Shed will be having a stall at the Manning Farmers Market on Saturday 26th November 2022.

The stall will need to be set up by the start time of 07.30 am and will continue to the closing time of 12.30 pm.

We need Shed Members to assist with setting up, running, and packing up the stall. There will be two sessions, i.e. 6.30 am to 10.00 am and 10.00am to 1.30pm (includes set up and pack up time). It is proposed to pack up items to take on Friday 25th November 2022.

Members who can help are requested to register, on the form placed on the Crib Room table, indicating the sessions at which they can help.

## MSCC Christmas Luncheons

Shed Members are also Members of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre (MSCC) and can attend the Christmas Luncheon put on by the Centre on either Wednesday 14th December 2022 or Friday 16th December 2022 commencing at 12.00pm.

The luncheon costs \$35.00 pp and booking through the Reception desk at the Centre is essential.

## Projects

### Missing Knife and Key Found

In the October Newsletter we reported that a heritage penknife was missing from the Shed.

The penknife belongs to Howard Smythe who regularly attends the Shed on Thursdays and has been in his family for several generations. The knife was found by Dale Sniffen in the sawdust in one of the pathways in the Shed Garden.

The missing key has also been located

### Max Gets the Hang Of It

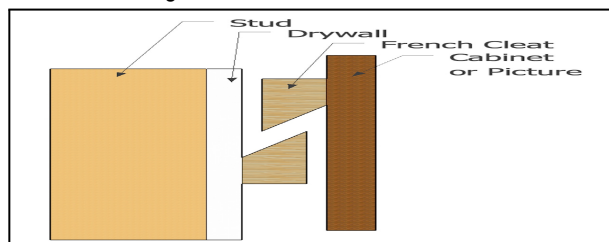
Max Zeller is a relatively new Shed Member and his wife is a fine arts artist. Max has been making an Art Wall Easel for her.

An Art Wall Easel is a painting easel fixed to the wall. The one Max is making will take up all of the wall to full ceiling height in his wife's painting room. The centre part of the vertical struts is fitted with a metal tee track channel onto which horizontal struts are fitted using tee bolts with circular knobs on the outside. These allow the horizontal struts to be moved up and down the channel to accommodate different sized painting frames. The top edge of the moveable vertical strut is angled down towards the wall and the bottom edge of a strut fixed to the back of the painting frame is angled in the opposite direction. This arrangement is called a french cleat and it allows the painting frame to hang on the wall easel without the need to fix it to the easel with bolts, screws or nails.

Max used a plunge router to cut the slot in the vertical struts for the tee track channel.



Max Zeller routing the slot for the tee track channel



Typical French Cleat Arrangement



## Jorge Covers Up

Jorge Dos Santos is also a relatively new Shed Member and he is making a jarrah slatted box which will house the spool for his swimming pool cover. The box, which will also be used as a seat, is 4.8 long and has been made in three sections.



Jorge Dos Santos making one section of the pool cover box

## Graham's LED Light Box

Graham Rennie has recovered 2 oval shaped leadlights from an old door and has made an LED light (pun intended) box to display them..

The box sides are made from 12mm ply with 45 deg edges glued to form the corners. It will have jarrah and teak top and bottom. The leadlights will be lit up using LED light strips.

The oval cut-outs for the leadlights were cut by Shoichi Nakanishi using the CNC Router.



Graham Rennie with the LED light leadlight box

## Joe's Woomera

Joe Collard and his son Jacob visited the Shed recently and brought in some Woomera which needed some adjustments.



Joe (left) and Jacob (middle) Collard with Allan working on the Woomera

A Woomera is a wooden device for throwing a spear more forcibly. Joe runs sessions for teaching younger Aboriginal People and Non-aboriginal People about aboriginal customs and culture.

Joe's stylised Woomera needed the hole into which the end of the spear shaft is inserted to be widened. Allan Waugh undertook the work.

## Rattan Roundup

There has been a rush of rattan cane seat chairs in the Shed over the last few weeks and a number of Shed Members have had their hands full keeping up with the demand.



Martin Lawton starts work on three rattan cane seat chairs

Martin Lawton was working on three chairs from the same client at the same time. The two high back chairs have since had new pre-woven cane rattan seats fitted and he has started working on



the round backed armchair (apparently called a Captains Chair) which also needs a new pre-woven rattan seat.

The Captains Chair has an adjustable height and seat angle mechanism between the seat and the four wooden legs. The steel mechanism was damaged by rust. The thinner steel parts of the mechanism had rusted through and have been cleaned up. The bottom of the mechanism has a plate with four lugs to which the four wooden legs are fitted and one of the lugs was broken off. James Turner repaired the broken lug by welding a new one onto the mechanism.

Martin also replaced one of the wooden legs which was badly cracked.

Ambrose Hargan has continued to work on weaving the seat of another chair. Weaving the seat has proved to be a time consuming process but Ambrose is well on the way to finishing the job



Ambrose Hargan patiently weaving the chair seat

The same client also brought in a small chair upon which a teddy bear usually sits. This chair had sagging leather straps woven in a criss cross fashion for the seat. It also had loose joints. Peter Repton took on this job and pulled the joints apart and re-glued them. He then applied a coat of lacquer before using some bigger cane strips to weave a new cane seat in rattaan style.



Peter Repton weaving the seat for the Teddy Bear Chair

In contrast Peter also repaired an old metal chair which had three rusted out legs. He cut off the damaged part of the legs and welded in new sections of shaped metal pipe



Metal Chair showing the three legs repaired by Peter Repton



## Bernie's Car Has a Spray Job

We previously have highlighted Bernie Dierks working on a child's rocking car. Bernie has finished repairing and replacing the superstructure of the car and is now tackling the job of painting it.

Different parts of the car were previously painted in different colours and Bernie has retained the colour scheme. Some of the painting required a steady hand to paint curved lines and keep a good clean sharp edge between the colours.

Other areas of the car to be painted are quite large and hand painting does not give the best finish. Bernie has decided to spray paint these areas and has needed to mask off the other areas.



Bernie Dierks masking off the car ready for a spray job

## Steven's Tray

Steven Vellacott is a new Shed Member who is supported by Tendai. He has just made a rather nice wooden serving tray for his wife. It is made in the breadboard style with jarrah and pine.



Steven Vellacott (left) with Tendai show of the tray

The tray is basically a board with side pieces which provide a raised lip at the edge and has flying handles at each end.

## The Bell Rings for John

He's got it, I think he's got it! John Paisley is fixing a new handle to an old school bell brought in by a client. John found a suitable ready made wooden handle in the Shed and fixed it to the bell to replace the aluminium tube. In removing the old handle John was careful to ensure that he did not "drop a clanger"!



John Paisley with the old school bell and aluminium handle

## Ben Scrapes In

Ben Pasua has just joined the Shed and recently attended his first session. He took on the job of scraping one of the three pine wood chairs that Martin Lawton and Ambrose Hargan had previously worked on.



Ben Pascua scraping the chair

They had started off being covered in two layers of paint (white and then brown) which Martin and Ambrose took off down to the pine. Martin stained them but the client felt they were too dark.

After Ben has finished scraping back to lighten up the finish they will be waxed and polished

### **Manning Memorial Bowls Club**

Shed Member John Paisley made a folding picnic table for the Bowls Club to include in their raffle. We have received the following letter of thanks:

"On behalf of everyone at the Manning Memorial Bowling Club, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your donation of a beautifully crafted wooden foldup picnic table to raffle at the Club's annual fundraising Ladies Gala Day on Friday 28 October 2022.

Packaged with other hamper picnic items, a rug, wine & glasses the table made a great prize for a lucky lady attending the day. It was a very popular raffle item.

Thanks and recognition of Manning Men's Shed was given during the welcome and final presentations in addition to prize notices, table cards and the Sponsors poster within the Club.

Manning Bowling Club Ladies Gala Day 2022 was a great success attended by 168 players and some 59 Club volunteer helpers.

Thank you very much for your support for the Club and of this annual fundraising event. We wish you the very best for the coming festive season."

Well done John

### **Shed Garden**

We have not said much about the Shed Garden for a while and with the growing season in full swing there has been a bit of activity there.

Growing in the beds are roma tomatoes and lettuce that will be used at the Italian Sundowner. Further back there are more tomatoes and a stand of sunflowers to attract the bees. A veritable "hive" of activity!



Dave Vicary (left), Dale Sniffen, and hidden on the right Jorge Dos Santos working in the garden.

Dave Vicary and Dale Sniffen have been busy tidying up the walkways between the raised garden beds whilst Jorge Dos Santos has been watering the tomato plants.

Dale has also made an old style bellows to be used with the Shed Pizza Oven. The flexible part of the bellows is made from real leather.



Dale Sniffen demonstrating the bellows he has made

If any Members are interested there are still some unused garden beds available for Shed Members to use.

### **Machines and Safety**

#### **Tools For East Timor**

Last month we mentioned the Rotary Club of Como and their project to collect tools for East Timor. In the Second World War a group of Aussie soldiers, stranded on the island when the Japanese Forces invaded, were helped by the East Timorese to evade the invading forces until they were evacuated. After the evacuation many East Timorese people suffered because they had helped the Aussies.

Two thirds of the East Timorese people live below the poverty line and earn less than \$5 a day. They are desperately short of many of the things we take for granted. The Rotary Club of Como together with the Rotary Club of Wanneroo have, over the last 15 years, sent 42 containers of donated items to East Timor.

The Rotary Club is seeking donations of excess manual woodworking, metal working and gardening tools, plus fasteners, nails, screws, bolts and nuts for the subsistence farmers on Timor L'este. Power tools are not required because the villages in



remote areas do not have electricity or sufficient energy to power the tools.

If any Members, or their friends and relatives, have items they wish to donate please bring them to the Shed or contact Shed and Rotary Club Member Dennis Menzies on 0409328840.

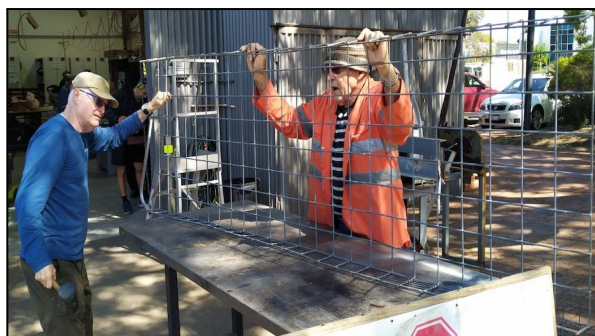
## Metal Storage Racks

The storage racks for the various lengths of metal in the area at the back of the Shed have been remodelled to make the storage of different lengths of metal easier and tidier.



James Turner welding the shelves under new steel roof

James Turner, helped by a number of Shed Members, has fitted a steel roof over the racks and has welded steel mesh baskets on all the shelf areas. This makes it easier to store lengths of steel that previously were shorter than span between the shelf support.



Dale Sniffen making "fine" adjustments to a shelf basket with a rubber mallet while James Turner holds it steady

The steel has now been sorted into different types and shapes i.e. flat steel, angle steel, steel pipes etc. Members are requested to ensure that longer unused pieces (greater than 50cm) are put back in the same place where the original piece was taken from.

Note also that very short lengths of metal (up to 50cm) should be placed into the cubby holes adjacent to the rack.

## Workshop Items For Sale

The following items in the Shed are for Sale:

1. Router Table (with tools, the Router complete with the raising and lowering mechanism but not the router cutting bits)
2. The Hafco Table Saw
3. Miscellaneous Hand Power Tools

Please contact Eric Goddard at the Shed to view these items.

## Manning Mens Shed Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
26 Nov 2022	Saturday	6.30am	Manning Farmers Market Stall (7.30am to 12.30pm)
02 Dec 2022	Friday	4.00pm	Italian Themed Christmas Sundowner at the Shed (\$5 per person)
23 Dec 2022	Friday	1.00pm	Shed Closed for Christmas and New Year
03 Jan 2023	Tuesday	8.30am	Shed Opens (Note: Monday 02 Jan 2023 is a Public Holiday)

## Manning Senior Citizens Centre Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
16 Nov 2022	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon
23 Nov 2022	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon then Free Movie "Downton Abbey - The New Era"
24 Nov 2022	Thursday	TBA	Bus Trip Golden Ponds Baldivis \$25 Lunch plus \$5 Bus
07 Dec 2022	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Bingo
14 Dec 2022	Wednesday	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch \$35.00
16 Dec 2022	Friday	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch \$35.00
16 Dec 2022	Friday	pm	MSCC Closed for Christmas and New Year - Opens 09 Jan 2023 am