



Manning Men's Shed Newsletter

An activity of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre December 2022 #12

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: 1st, 3rd & 5th for men sessions (will restart in January 2023); 2nd & 4th for women sessions.

Minimum Number of Members in the Shed and Out of Hours Access

We are required to comply with occupational health and safety requirements defined by the State Government, the City of South Perth, and the Manning Senior Citizens Centre.

The minimum number of people in the Shed is two persons with at least one person being the Shed Manager or a Shed Supervisor

Shed Members will have received a separate email providing details of the procedure to be followed for out of hours access to the Shed.

COVID Restrictions and Registering Attendance at the Shed

With the possibility of a substantial increase in COVID cases the Shed Committee are keeping a watch on what is happening and are flagging up the possibility of re-introducing restrictions on Shed operations.

Whilst it is unlikely that the earlier booking system will be reintroduced, the reintroduction of the strict application of limits to the number of people in the Shed is a likely outcome.

Over the last few weeks some Members have become complacent about putting their names on the white board in side the front door. 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.

During COVID restrictions the whiteboard will be used to monitor and manage the number of people in the Shed.

Note that Shed Members attending a session must sign on the attendance sheet on the lectern near the front door. This sheet provides the Senior Citizens Centre Coordinator with a list of Shed Members who have attended a session in the Shed (a.m. and/or p.m) and records the payment of the Centre's daily \$2 Attendance Fee.

Suspension of Mens Saturday Sessions

The Saturday morning sessions for Men are expected to restart in January 2023 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)

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.

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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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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.

Manning Farmers Market Stall

The Shed operated a stall at the Manning Farmers Market on Saturday 26th November 2022 between 7.30am and 12.30pm.

Approximately \$2000 was raised for Shed funds.



Items for sale on display

Allan Waugh, David Vicary, Ben Gunawardena, Ambrose Hargan, Brian Langley, Brett Goodwin, Mike Smith, and Eric Goddard helped run the stall.



David Vicary (left) and Brett Goodwin speaking to customers

Thanks again to David Vincent from Manning Farmers Market for his continuing support of the Men's Shed.

Shed Christmas 2022 Sundowner

An Italian Themed Sundowner, for Shed Members and partners, was held at the Shed on Friday 2nd December 2022 commencing at 4.00pm. About 70 Members, their partners and a number of guests attended.



Some of the Shed Members and Partners at the Sundowner



Panoramic view - Graham Rennie (centre) in two places at once!

Shed Member and Chef Dale Sniffen cooked Italian pizza in the Shed Garden Pizza Oven and Mike Harrison cooked Italian meats and sausages on the Shed BBQ.



Dale Sniffen and Mike Smith (right) prepare a pizza



Mike Harrison operated the BBQ

Shed Members also brought along Italian themed plates of finger food (no aussie pies or sausage rolls were allowed!) Liquid refreshments, not necessarily Italian, were provided.

Everyone commented on how good the Sundowner was and on the quality of the food, in particular Dale's excellent pizza and Mike's sausages. Members and partners also brought along a plate and there was not much food left over.

It was a great evening of good food and good company so well done to all but in particular thanks to Dale Sniffen and his assistant Mike Smith, to Mike Harrison, and to Shed Members and their partners, for preparing the good food. Thanks also to John Van Dieren who provided some of the wines

Sundowner Presentations

During the Sundowner Shed Committee Chairman Graham Rennie and Shed Manager Kim Horne spoke about how good the turnout of Members and Partners to the Sundowner was and how it indicated that the Shed was working well. They made presentations to recognise the valuable contributions made to Shed activities by a number of Shed Members.

Dale Sniffen was recognised for his contributions to the Sundowner. Mike Harrison was recognised for his contribution to the Sundowner but also for his culinary skills at the Shed monthly BBQ's.

Peter Repton, James Turner, and Shoichi Nakanishi were recognised for the amazing amount of work that they carry out in the Shed on all types of projects and on Shed maintenance work.

Ambrose Hargan received a plaque for his work on weaving a rattan chair seat (see item below). Eric Goddard received a plaque for his work on the Shed newsletters. Mike Smith received a plaque for his work as Shed Treasurer.

There are of course many other Shed Members who give varying degrees of support to the Shed and we give them out thanks

Projects

Dolls House and Furniture

John Paisley has made a dolls house and was recently making some small furniture items in the Shed.



John Paisleys Dolls House with furniture

The house was made from some of the same pine timber boards that John recently used to make the bird feeders and bird boxes.

John made a bed, wardrobe, TV unit, as well a table and chairs.

The house and furniture was sold before John had finished them. Incidentally the bird boxes and feeders that John made sold well at the Manning Farmers Market Stall.

Wicker Chairs Finished

Both Martin Lawton and Ambrose Hargan have completed work on two wicker seat chairs.

The Captains Chair that Martin Lawton was working on required a new pre-woven wicker seat and the repair of the legs and support mechanism. The client recently came to the Shed to collect the chair and was very pleased with the work Martin had done.



A very please client takes delivery of the Captain's Chair from Martin Lawton (left) while Ambrose Hargan shows off his weaving

Ambrose's chair required re-weaving of the seat which was a long and intricate task. Never having done this before Ambrose took up the challenge and after about three months work has completed a wonderful job on the chair seat, and has won the admiration of other Shed Members.

Congratulations to Ambrose who did such a really good job that he is now our Master Weaver. Unfortunately Ambrose was not at the Shed when the client came in to collect the chair.

Barb's Bell

Barbara Thompson is the Chairperson of the Manning Senior Citizens Committee and was once a schoolteacher. So was her brother and it was his old school bell that John Paisley fitted a new handle to. Barbara brought it into the MSCC to hand over to her brother and was pleased to show us the old handle and the bell with the new one.



Barbara Thompson with the bell and the new and old handles

George is All Keyed Up

George Szczepanik has a number of extended family members who all have their 21st Birthday at about the same time. He has commissioned Shoichi Nakanishi to make a number of "Keys to the Door" on the CNC Router machine for him.

George, with help from Zac, will tidy up the keys and finish them ready to hand over on the day.



George Szczepanik (right) and Zac sanding the Keys whilst in the background Shoichi Nakanishi is cutting another key

James Jaffle Job

A client recently asked if we could make him some tank bread loaf baking pans.

A tank loaf is cylindrical in shape and the pans are made in top and bottom halves that fit together to form a "tank" shape. They are usually made in pairs or trios from stainless steel. The pans are filled with dough and placed into a bakers oven to bake the loaf. In this case the baked cylindrical loaf will be cut into disc shaped pieces which will be put into a circular electric jaffle grill toaster to make the jaffles.



The client shows the tank loaf pans made by James Turner
Jame Turner welded the baking pans

Bill Reflects on the Job

Bill Barton is often seen working on the lathe in the Metal Workshop but has recently joined the ranks of the furniture restoration brigade.

Bill recently refurbished an outside mirror for a lady which turned out to be owned by the lady's sister. The sister liked it so much she wanted it back. Bill was then asked to make another one in a similar style with doors on it.



The Outside Mirror refurbished by Bill Barton

When the doors open they reveal a top board depicting a sunrise above the mirror.

Bill says he did this because the lady he made it for is called Dawn!

John Has It All Sewn Up

John Braithwaite's wife had an old sewing table which she asked him to refurbish to match the furniture at home.

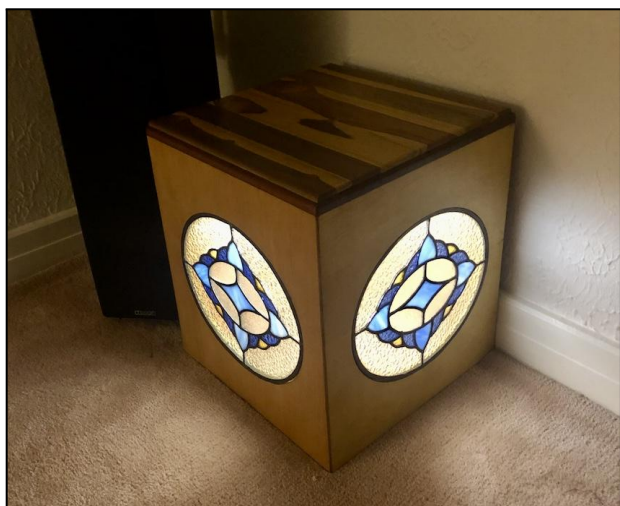
John needed to repaint the two fold down table tops of the sewing table and to give it a grainy look to match the other furniture. The main issue was getting the colours right and it was a matter of trial and error before he got the matching look he wanted.



The grainy look on John Braithwaite's sewing machine table tops

Graham Rennie's Lights Up

Graham Rennie has not taken up smoking but has completed his leadlight light box and it is now lighting up his home.



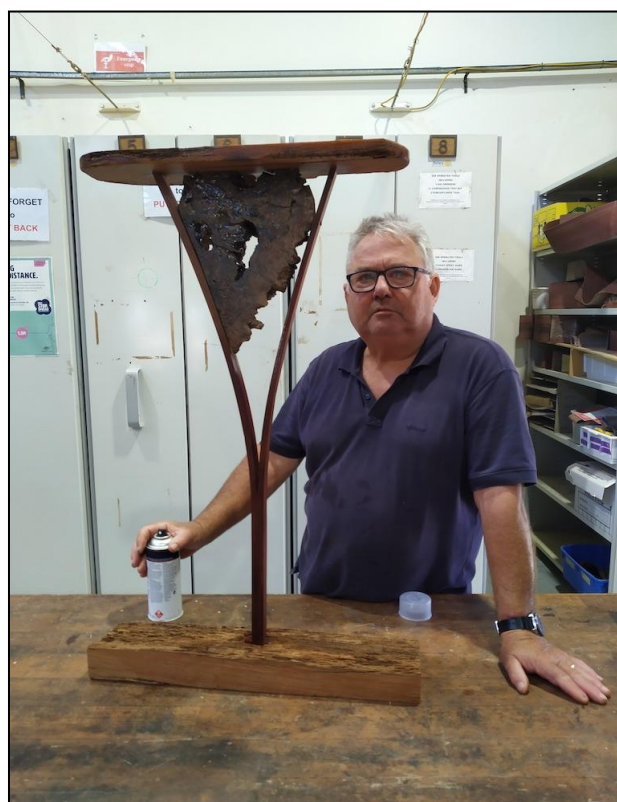
Graham Rennie's Leadlight Light Box

Brett Goes Arty Crafty

Brett Goodwin has tried his hand at making some very arty crafty pieces for his home. The latest one is what he calls a wall table. It goes up against the wall a bit like a narrow hall table and can be used to hold a vase or other artistic artefact.

The base is a piece of jarrah trunk which has been machined to give it a flat bottom and leaving the bark side at the top. Two thin flat strips of jarrah in a V shape support the table top and a piece of jarrah burl is inserted near the top to spread the strips.

The whole piece has been finished with a light polyurethane spray.



Brett Goodwin finishing the "wall table"

Machines and Safety

New Router Table

The old stand alone Router Table has been moved out of the Shed and has been sold. The old table used a large plunge router in a complex raising and lowering mechanism and was too big for most of the jobs done on it and was therefore not used much.

Most of the jobs done in the shed involved trimming and rounding off edges and the smaller hand held trimmer routers are commonly used.

Shoichi Nakanishi has constructed a small router table which is bolted to one corner of the

Engineered Workbench in the Wood Workshop (the one with the holes in the top).

Shoichi used the CNC Router machine to cut the plywood pieces which make up the router table. He made an adjustable back fence with adjustable wings which also has provision for connecting the pipe from a mobile vacuum dust extractor unit. The top of the router table has graduation marks.

The router has a trimmer base which fits and clamps around the rotor body. The trimmer base is fitted to the underside of a wooden plate which fits into the router table. The router, which is fitted into the trimmer base with the cutter at the top, is held in place by the clamp on the trimmer base and can be raised and lowered by releasing the clamp.



The Bench Mounted Router Table made by Shoichi Nakanishi

Although this router table uses the smaller hand held routers they are attached to the table in much the same way as a plunge router would be. It therefore has similar safety issues and for this reason must only be used by Shed Members who have been assessed as competent to use it. All other Members must be supervised by competent Members. Training and Assessment of Competency to use this machine will be conducted by authorised Gold Badge Members as required.

Workbench Modifications

The two blue steel framed benches in the Wood Workshop have been reduced in width to match the size of the adjacent wooden benches. This has provided more space to allow better spacing of the power machines.

One of these benches had a wider frame than the other and required cutting a welding to reduce the frame width. James Taylor and Peter Repton cut and welded the frame. Allan Waugh, helped by Peter Repton, made some "fine" adjustments to the

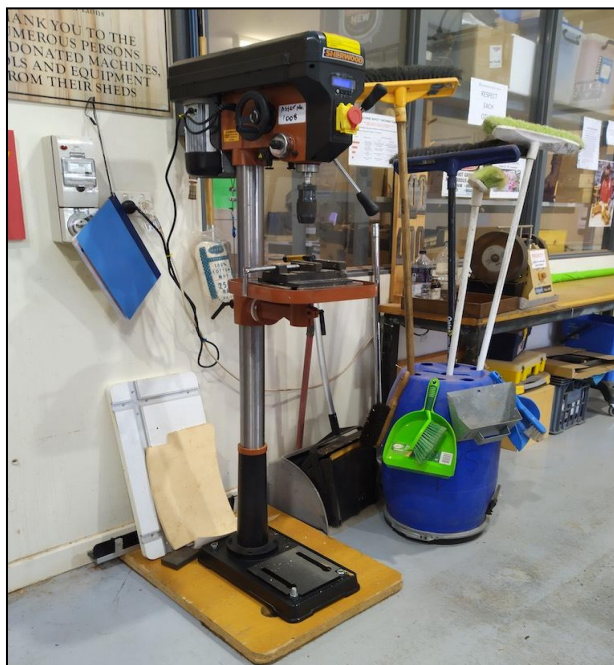
top of the bench frame before the wooden top was refitted.



Allan Waugh (left) making "fine adjustments" while Peter Repton holds the frame steady.

Sherwood Variable Speed Wood Drill Press

The old Waldown Floor Mounted Wood Drill Press has been replaced by a new Sherwood DPF 750 VS Floor Mounted Variable Speed Wood Drill Press. The new drill has been modified, by Shoichi Nakanishi, to replace the older type rack and pinion raise lower mechanism with a counterbalance system.



Sherwood DPF 750 VS Drill Press

It has a mechanical continuously variable speed arrangement which does not require access to the pulleys to change the speed range. There is only one set of pulleys and the speed is varied by raising and lowering the upper flange of the front pulley. Both the upper and the lower flanges are tapered so that the pulley belt moves in and out to

vary the speed - effectively the mechanism changes the size of the front pulley.



Close up of the drill head

The speed is varied by a hand wheel on the left hand side of the drive compartment. The drill press can be used with a range of different cutting tools and a book hanging near the drill provides recommended speeds for the different types of cutting.

The drill press has a digital display at the front with three buttons. From the left - first button switches the display on - second button selects speed (in rpm) - third button shows how far down the drill has moved - fourth button sets zero (normally set by bringing the drill down to touch the top of the workpiece). There is a conventional mechanical device on the handle spindle which controls how far down the handle mechanism will go down. The maximum drilling depth is approximately 75mm or 3 inches.

There is also a separately switched (under the speed raise/lower wheel) dual laser system which provides crosshairs on the workpiece to assist in centering the drill.

This machine is for drilling WOOD ONLY (for drilling metal the drill in the Metal Workshop must be used). The operation of the digital display and associated applications requires that, before they can use the drill press, Shed Members must have undertaken a training session and been assessed as competent to use the drill, by an Authorised Yellow Badge Member.

Waste Metal Skip

Shed Members may have noticed a small metal skip located out the back of the Shed. This skip was constructed by James Turner and David Vicary to replace the damaged wheelie bin that was being used to store waste metal.

The skip is of solid bolted and welded construction and is on wheels. It has a mesh bottom with a couple of aluminium plates to prevent smaller items from falling through. It is designed so that rain

water drains out of the skip (it's heavy enough already with all that waste metal in it!).



The Waste Metal Skip made by James Turner and Dave Vicary

When the skip has been emptied into a vehicle taking the waste metal away, the two aluminium sheets MUST be retrieved and placed back into the bottom of the skip.

Tools For East Timor

Ten boxes of assorted surplus tools were collected from the Mens Shed, taken to Dennis Menzies house where, with the help of a couple of Rotarians, the tools were cleaned and painted with kerosene.



Dennis Menzies cleaning and painting the tools

The tools were then sorted into individual tool kits and packed into ten small cartons for distribution to the subsistence farmers in Timor L'este. A further six boxes of specialist trade tools were made up for distribution to carpenters, a plumber and a concrete worker.

The tool boxes were then delivered to the Timor Container located at the Carson Street Primary School in Bentley.



Rotary Club Member Kevin Saunders loading the tools into the Timor Container.

A special vote of thanks goes to Shed Members Peter Repton for his assistance and to Rob Craig for his personal donation of a large tool box full of tools and gardening implements.

The Rotary Club is seeking further 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.

Manning Mens Shed Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
23 Dec 2022	Friday	1.00pm	Shed Closed for Christmas and New Year
09 Jan 2023	Tuesday	8.30am	Shed Opens
30 Jan 2023	Friday	1.00pm	End of Month BBQ

Manning Senior Citizens Centre Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
16 Dec 2022	Friday	pm	MSCC Closed for Christmas and New Year
09 Jan 2023	Monday	am	MSCC Opens
25 Jan 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Australia Day Lunch \$25.00

The shipping container shown in the photo has recently been dispatched to Timor L'este

3D Printer Training

Mark White has been conducting training sessions for the 3D Printing Machine located in the Shed Office. Due to the limited space he can only do a maximum of 3 persons in each session. The sessions for December 2022 have filled quickly but Members wishing to attend later sessions should email the shed (see bottom of first page) to register their interest. Further details will be emailed out early next year.



(from the left) Mark White with Ambrose Hargan, Peter Duprouzel, and Bernie Dierks at the 3D Printer Training

Workshop Items For Sale

The following items in the Shed are for Sale:

1. Waldown Single Phase Pedestal Drill Press
2. Miscellaneous Hand Power Tools

Please contact Eric Goddard at the Shed to view these items

Note that the Table Saw and the Router Table have been sold