



# Manning Men's Shed Inc Newsletter

An Association Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015  
December 2023 #12

**Editor's Note:** This Newsletter showcases 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 file transfer via bluetooth/airdrop from a mobile phone.

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

**Monday am:** 8:30am - 1:00pm Shed Projects  
**Tuesday am:** 8.30 am - 1.00pm Normal Session  
**Wednesday am:** 8.30 am - 1.00pm Normal Session  
**Thursday am:** 8.30 am - 1.00pm Women's Group  
**Friday am:** 8:30am - 1:00pm Normal Session  
**Saturday am:** 8.30am - 1.00pm Men and Women

**Monday pm:** 1.00pm - 4.00pm Normal Session  
**Tuesday pm:** Shed Closed  
**Wednesday pm:** 1.00pm - 4.00pm Shed Projects  
**Thursday pm:** Shed Closed  
**Friday pm:** Shed Closed  
**Saturday pm:** Shed Closed

## Registering Attendance at the Shed

Shed Members must still sign on to 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 paid the Centre's Daily Attendance Fee.

## Minimum Number of Members in the Shed

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 Committee.

The minimum number of Members in the Shed at any time is two of which one must be a Workshop Supervisor.

## Out of Hours Access to the Shed

We are also required to comply with the requirements of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre Committee during out of normal hours.

The maximum number of Members in the Shed during out of normal hours periods is two of which one must be a Workshop Supervisor.

Shed members can only work on Shed projects during out of normal hours periods. Work on private projects during out of normal hours is not permitted.

## Membership Renewals

In June 2023 Shed Members received an email advising that their 2022/2023 Membership subscription had expired and was due for renewal for 2023/2024. This email was generated by the membership management facility in Tidyhq and provided an online link through which Members could pay the renewal amount specified. Note that the amount specified is for Membership of the Manning Men's Shed only.

Due to our connection with the Manning Senior Citizens Centre (MSCC), Shed Members will also have to separately pay to the Centre their membership fee. This additional payment is necessary to ensure that Shed Members are covered by the Centre's insurance (under the present arrangements the Shed does not have its own insurance cover).

Shed Members should show the MSCC receipt to the Shed Manager (or to his designated person) so that it can be copied for Shed records. This arrangement will continue until the Shed has set up its own insurance arrangements. Please note that, following Incorporation, Shed Members can now only renew their Shed Membership online.

## City of South Perth Tip Passes

As Shed does not receive any Tip Passes we are requesting Shed Members living in the City of South Perth, who do not use theirs, to bring them to the Shed.

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**Workshop Supervisors:** Kim Horne, David Vicary, Ken McCrackan, Barry Textor, Allan Waugh, Bill Barton, Graeme Hudson, Frank Ginty **Shed Committee:** Graham Rennie (Chairman), Mike Smith (Deputy Chairman), John Van Dieren (Treasurer), Kim Horne, Barry Textor, Ken McCrackan, Brian Graham (Committee Members) **Training Manager:** Allan Waugh **Assets:** Eric Goddard **Newsletter Editor:** Eric Goddard **Safety Manager:** Barry Textor  
**Manning Senior Citizens Centre:** Glenn Rogers 9450 6273

## Shed Email Address

Please note that the Shed email address has changed to:

manningmensshed@gmail.com

However you will still receive emails from the tidyhq email address for bulk emails involving a large number of addressees.

## Barefoot Bowls

27 Shed Members and partners enjoyed an evening of "Barefoot Lawn Bowls" at Como Bowling and Recreation Club on Friday 24 November 2023. This event replaced the usual End of Month Barbeque. Brett Goodwin got into the swing of things by painting his toenails green.

The Bowls Club holds these barefoot bowls sessions, which are open to the public, every Friday evening.



Shed Members enjoying pre-game refreshments

24 of us split up into teams of 4 and then into 3 groups of two teams with the two teams playing each other. The club provided several coaches to explain the finer points of the game. Each team took on a name for scoring purposes. Not sure of all the team names or the results but the Manning Maniacs were soundly beaten by R2D2.



Manning Maniacs v R2D2

We used three of the greens and had two bowls each so a total of sixteen bowls were bowled for each game.



Mike Smith's Team v Ken McCrackan's Team



James Turner's Team v John Braithwaite's Team



Shed Members and partners post-game eats

A long table was provided in the covered outside area adjacent to the club rooms. The games finished at twilight and we all returned to the table to enjoy a selection of food. Drinks could be purchased from the Bowls Club bar.

Everyone who attended agreed that we had a very enjoyable and sociable evening.

We acknowledge the financial support received for this event from Men's Sheds WA and the WA Lotteries commission.



## Christmas and New Year Holidays

Over the Christmas and New Year Holidays the Shed will be closed from 1.00pm Friday 22nd December 2023 and will re-open for normal activities from 8.30am Monday 15th January 2024.

Note that the Shed may be open for essential maintenance after Wednesday 3rd January 2024

## Charitable Status for the Shed

Manning Men's Shed is thrilled to announce that it has been granted charity status by the Australian Charities and Non-Profits Commission (ACNC).

This designation will allow the Shed to expand its reach and make an even greater impact on the lives of our members and the local community we serve.

It also means that we can now raise funds more effectively and continue to grow our programs and services.

Manning Men's Shed is grateful for the support of its donors, volunteers, and community partners.

## Projects

### Library Boxes for the Regions

Professor Chris Brook is the CEO of Profectus Education, Consulting and Coaching Services. PECCS is a private company that is dedicated to supporting teachers and students living outside of the metropolitan area, particularly small and large regional towns, remote aboriginal communities, and rural and regional districts. He is recognised as a leading figure in education, coaching and consulting including face to face, online and blended learning settings. Professor Brook has a wealth of experience.

Chris asked us to make 6 library boxes to be installed in the regional towns and communities to encourage students to read. The project was taken on by Ken McCrackan, Michael Harrison, and James Turner.

Unlike the timber only library boxes we have previously made, these boxes were built with a robust metal frame and a metal overhanging roof. They also have the roof extended at the front to form a verandah like arrangement. Plywood is used for the bottom, top, back and sides of the box and is treated with a clear lacquer finish for weather protection. The clear perspex front doors of the boxes open under the front roof which gives the box and the books inside protection from the hot sun and heavy rain.



Mike Harrison (left) and Ken McCrackan fit the plywood sheets

James Turner welded the frames and constructed the roof and also made and fitted the perspex doors to the frame with long hinges. The peaked roof provided an air gap above the wooden top of the box. Mike Harrison and Ken McCrackan worked on the wooden box fitting sheets of plywood to the frame with tech bolts. Mike painted the outside of the wood sheets with a clear lacquer.



Chris Brook picking up one of the finished library boxes



One of the young students at Pia Wadjarri selecting a book.



Chris has sent the photo above. He has reported that the community library (known as Home Books) was a huge success with the students and the community of Pia Wadjarri. They were all very impressed with the quality.

## Ardross Primary School Chook Coop

Shed Members Brett Goodwin, Ken McCrackan, Allan Waugh and Rob Craig have been very busy at the Ardross Primary School building a large chicken coop which includes an open covered area. The coop and the open area have a large metal frame over them which is fully covered with a metal roof.

Brett Goodwin cut some plastic plant propagation trays which have been used to form the base of the chicken coop,



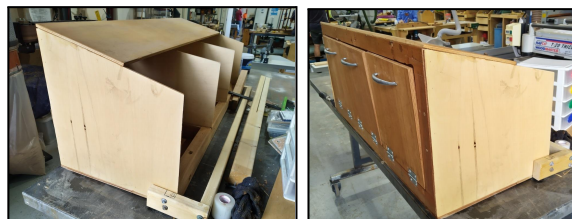
Brett Goodwin cutting the plastic propagation trays

The school already had the large metal frame available and the Shed team moved it into place adjacent to four metal posts that were already in situ.

The Shed team then installed the roof onto the frame. Modifications have been made to the frame to allow the nesting boxes and roosting beams to be fitted. The nesting boxes and the roosting beams are mounted off the ground in one corner of the coop which has metal sheeting on the outside wall. The outside of the remaining part of the frame is fitted with wire chicken mesh

Brett made the nesting boxes at the Shed and they have outside lockable doors at the back to allow students to retrieve the eggs. Brett has also made a ramp to allow the chickens to get up

to the roosting beams and laying boxes from the floor.



The Nesting Boxes



Overall view of the coop and outside area.



Outside doors (left) and inside view of laying boxes (top left)



The finished chicken coop.

Brett Goodwin has recently received this email from Jane Gibberd at the School

"Dear Brett,

I'm really quite speechless. Wow! You have exceeded my expectations! It looks amazing!

This chicken coop is already loved and appreciated by the 400 kids here at Ardross Primary School. It will make such a positive impact on the school community. I think I told you there is a child (with

autism) who has refused to attend school for most of the past two years, who is now actually looking forward to the new school year because of your efforts. There will be stressed, lonely or overwhelmed kids who will wander to the coop at recess and lunch to talk to the chickens. There will be kids who will learn how to care and nurture other living things through these hens. There will be kids who experience love and kindness through these hens. There are kids who have never owned a pet who will love these chooks. There are kids who had no idea where eggs come from who will learn where their food comes from because of this chicken coop.

We will reduce our FOGO waste through these chooks. We'll fertilise the garden and cook with the eggs.

And we will be thinking of the Manning Men's Shed who made it all possible.

Thank you. Thank you all so much.

Kind regards,

Jane"

Fantastic work guys. Well done.

What a great message to finish the year with.

## In the News

Our friend at the Como Rotary Club, John Dodman, took on the promotion of the Buddy Benches in local primary schools a couple of years ago, engaging with Manning Men's Shed in terms of our Community Partnership Agreement, to kick off the program. It has successfully spread to several primary schools and has engaged Men's Sheds near several schools.

The Australian Woodworker, featured an article in their November/December 2023 issue, reproduced with the kind permission of Skills Publishing Ltd. - the publishers of The Australian Woodworker.

The article can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.skillspublish.com.au/aww-esubpage/aww-232-november-december-2023>

There was also an article in the Sheds WA November 2023 Issue 2 magazine which featured the City of South Perth Manning Hub Fish themed art display which Shed members built and Evolve workshops held at the Shed.

Recently the Shed was featured in the new City of South Perth magazine, mySouthPerth Summer 2024 Edition 1.

## Winning Woodwork

Three of our Shed Members, Allan Waugh, Kim Horne, and Martin Lawton submitted items made in the Shed in the WA Fine Woodworking Association recent "Out of the Woods" Exhibition and Competition.

We are pleased to announce that Kim Horne has taken out first prize in the Box Category. His entry was a pair of Keepsake Coffers using a variety of recycled timbers.



Kim Horne's Prizewinning Keepsake Coffers

Kim also took third place in the same category with his Japanese inspired Keepsake container



Kim Horne's Third Prize winner

Kim received an award plaque, depicting leaves in marquetry style, which was made by one of the Association members. Congratulations Kim!



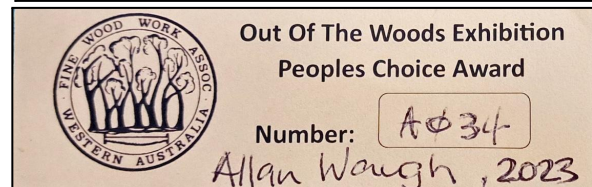
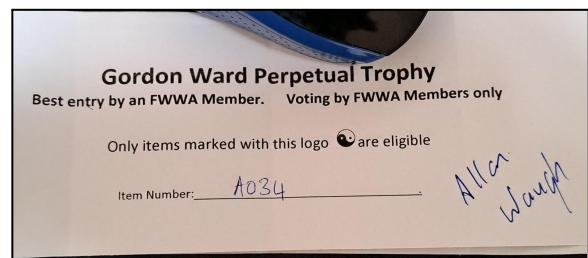
Allan Waugh is a Member of the WA Fine Woodworking Association and his Japanese hanging lantern won the Gordon Ward Perpetual Trophy. This award is voted on by Association Members only, for the best entry by an Association Member. Allan also won the People's Choice Award for the lantern. Good One Allan!



Kim Horne's Award Winning Plaque



Allan Waugh with his trophy winning Japanese hanging lantern



Martin Lawton was a first time exhibitor and submitted two of his carved African animals.



Martin Lawton's carved kudu (left) and elephant

Well done to Martin too.

## The Horse is Rocking Again!

Earlier this year we had a large old rocking horse donated to us which needed some TLC. It was not until May that we were able to start work when John Braithwaite took on the project.

John has done some research about the horse and has found that it was made by J Collinson and Sons of Liverpool in England. This company started making rocking horses in 1836. From 1836 to 1850 their horses were painted in different colours. However, in 1851 Queen Victoria visited the Collinson's workshop and purchased a dapple grey horse (some sources say she arrived at the factory on dapple grey horse). Her visit revitalised interest in rocking horses and since 1851, in honour of the royal visit, only dapple grey horses were made.

The horses originally had glass eyes, and were hand-dappled with attention to detail and were carved along the lines of the 'extra carved' finish of other manufacturers of quality rocking horses. The glass eyes were replaced by wooden balls after the Second World War. The factory finally

closed their doors in the latter part of 1993 due to lack of demand for these toys.

See the following link for more information:

<https://www.rockinghorseheaven.com/j-collinson-sons.html>

Our horse does not have glass eyes so it is post the Second World War. It was golden/black dapple when we received it so we have retained those colours. John did a lot of work on the horse and its base including removing and refitting the four legs.

Recently John repainted the horse and stained the base and then, with help from Eric Goddard, refitted the saddle and stirrups using the old pins and new but similar pins to the originals. The final job was to refit the three red rosettes.



John Braithwaite (right) with Eric Goddard and the finished rocking horse

## Beehive Base

Last month we highlighted that we would be installing a beehive in the garden area.



Paul Lorraine levelling the raised bed before laying a plastic membrane and paving bricks

The beehive group have selected the raised garden bed on the north side immediately adjacent to the paved area.

Paul Lorraine has tidied up the area, levelled off the raised bed, and laid paving bricks to form the base for the beehive.

## Business As Usual

For some Shed Members its business as usual with work on traditional projects.

Ambrose Hargan has been working to refurbish what looks like a fragile old white chair with a nice pink seat cover and slatted back. He took the chair apart in order to redo the joints which, except for the back slats, were round section struts with round holes. He had to replace one of the struts which had a broken end. Putting the chair back together required all the joints to be done at the same time and then clamped. However when clamping adjustments had to be made to ensure all the joints are fully located and the chair legs were all on the floor (otherwise the chair will rock). To ensure the chair went back together as it came Ambrose marked all of the joints with numbers. Ambrose has finished the work by repainting the chair white.



Ambrose Hargan marking the chair joints with numbers.

Peter Repton took on the job of refurbishing an English Oak table with a retracting leaf at each end. He cleaned up the whole table including the four cabriole legs before finishing it with french polish.





Peter Repton sanding the oak table top

George Szczepanik brought in an old childs chair for refurbishment.



George Szczepanik refurbishing the childs chair

Martin Lawton has, you guessed it, been refurbishing another ladies favourite chair! This time he enlisted Eric Goddard, in his role of quality control manager, to check out the stability of the chair. The chair stayed together despite Eric's weight and wiggling!



Eric Goddard testing the Chair

### Leeming High School Boys

Cory and Corbin from Leeming High School come to the Shed on Wednesdays during school terms and usually help out with sanding jobs.

Recently though the two boys had a project of their own and have each made a tool box.



Cory (left) and Corbin with their tool boxes

### Kate's Library Box

Library boxes have been a popular theme during the year and Shed Member Kate Baker is making one. This will be a wooden box similar to those we made for the City of South Perth Libraries.





Kate Baker sanding a side of her Library Box

## More Tools for East Timor



Boxes of tools ready to go to East Timor

## Greetings

Merry Christmas and a great New Year to all our readers from the Shed Committee.

## Manning Mens Shed Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
22 Dec 2023	Friday	1.00pm	Shed Closes for Holiday Period
15 Jan 2024	Monday	8.30am	Shed Opens after Holiday Period
19 Jan 2024	Friday	1.00pm	End of Month BBQ
26 Jan 2024	Friday	All Day	Shed closed for Australia Day Holiday
23 Feb 2024	Friday	1.00pm	End of Month BBQ

## Manning Senior Citizens Centre Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
15 Dec 2023	Friday	pm	Centre Closes for the Holiday Period
15 Jan 2024	Monday	am	Centre Opens after Holiday Period
17 Jan 2024	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Bingo
24 Jan 2024	Wednesday	12.00pm	Australia Day Celebration Luncheon