



Manning Men's Shed Inc Newsletter

An Association Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015

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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
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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

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Applying For Grants

Now that the Shed is an incorporated association we can apply for grants in our own name. The Shed is advised regularly of grants that are available and we need a person with some high level skills to apply for some of these grants as they come up. The grants officer would be supported by the Shed Management Team.

If you are interested in helping the Shed in this important role please contact the Shed Office

September 2023 End of Month BBQ

The September 2023 End of Month BBQ was held on Friday 29th September 2023 commencing at 1.00pm. There were 27 Members and Guests attending. Guests included Current City of South Perth Mayor and Mayoral Candidate Greg Milner, Mayoral Candidate Mary Choi, and current City of South Perth Councillors Andre Brender-A-Brandis and Ken Manolas.

Shed Committee Chairman Graham Rennie welcomed the Guests and also updated Members about the situation with regard to the separation of the Shed from the Manning Senior Citizens Centre.



Graham Rennie speaking to Shed Members and Guests

Mike Harrison did a great job in providing the sausage sizzle. Mike and other Shed Members, also cleaned up afterwards. Thanks Mike.



Mike Harrison hard at work on the BBQ

Manning Senior Citizens Centre 2023 Annual General Meeting

This meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th October 2023 in the MSCC rear Hall commencing at 11.00am. The Shed currently has three Members on the MSCC Management Committee - Allan Waugh, Keith Hayes, and Bill Barton. Keith will be standing for re-election.

For a cost of \$10.00 per person Shed Members can attend the Luncheon which will be held after the AGM at around 12.00pm.

Rotary Club of Como Classic Car Show

The Shed operated a stall at the Rotary Club of Como's Classic Car Show held at Wesley College on Sunday 1st October 2023. Our stall was primarily to show what the Shed does with a few items for sale.

Kim Horne, Allan Waugh, Frank Ginty, Graham Rennie, Dave Vicary, and Ben Gunawardena, and Eric Goddard turned out at various times to operate the stall. Other Shed Members who were also members of the Rotary Club were also there assisting with the show.



(l to r) Eric Goddard, Graham Rennie, Kim Horne, and David Vicary with Allan Waugh behind the camera

Later in the day a strong gust of wind blew over and badly damaged the two blue gazebo tents next to our stall, but quick thinking by a couple of our Shed Members enabled them to grab hold of our gazebo and save it from similar damage.

Shed 2023 Christmas Function

The Shed will hold its 2023 Christmas Function at the Shed on Friday 15th December 2023 from 4.00pm till 7.00pm. The function will have Country and Western Theme.

The concept for providing the food at the function will differ from previous years. No up front payment will be asked for but each Shed Member attending will be asked to bring along a hamper (for two persons if they will have a partner with them or for one if they are on their own). The hampers will then

be auctioned and Members can bid for their own or another hamper. The funds raised will be used to cover the cost of refreshments.

Further information will be sent closer to the date.

Projects

Rocking Horses

John Braithwaite, helped by Ambrose Hargan, has started to put the finishing touches to the antique rocking horse he has been restoring.

Work has been completed on the base and on refitting the horse legs, filling in and sanding the various cracks, and tidying up the joints. The final work to be done is to repaint the black and gold dapple finish on the horse body. John had already completed the gold paint work and some of the black. He and Ambrose set to finishing the remaining black work.



John Braithwaite and Ambrose Hargan painting the horse

Recently John took a brief "rest" from the dapple horse to make some repairs to a friend's carved rocking horse.



John Braithwaite repairs the carved rocking horse

Remember the small white rocking horse. It has had a rather chequered life since it was brought into the Shed some months ago. When it came in it the top half of the head had broken off along a joint line and the tail was almost gone. The broken piece was glued back into place using dowels and a new tail was made using rope strands from a mop head.



Gerry McCarthy repairs the Small White Rocking Horse

Recently new Shed Member Gerry McCarthy took on the job of finally getting the repair work completed. He has filled the crack where the top of the head is joined to the rest of the horse. Mike Harrison has repainted the whole of the horse.

The Jig is Up (and Running)

James Turner and Peter Repton have made up two jigs to speed up the cutting of the plastic pipe

The first jig was made by welding lengths of square tubing to the top of a steel frame which enabled them to hold the plastic pipes in place. Shorter sections of the same tubing were welded to a small frame which was attached to the bottom plate of a circular saw. The spacing of the tubes on the bench is such that the pipe just fits between them. Similarly the circular saw jig just fits over the plastic pipe and runs on the top of the bench tubing. A small plate welded vertically on the end of the bench stops the plastic pipes from rotating when the saw is making the long cut.

After the first long cut the plastic pipe is rotated 180 degrees to make the second long cut. The two lengths of semi circular pipe are then taken to the second jig which is on a steel bench to which a drop saw has been fitted. Stops and a clamp have been fitted to the top of the drop saw table to ensure that each mouse house is cut to the same length.

James and Peter have had assistance from a number of Shed Members.



Peter Repton (left) and James Turner setting up the first jig to cut the pipes into two semi- circular pieces. The second jig to cut the individual houses is in the background

Table Top Trim



Bob Creelman trimming the table top with the Track Saw

New Shed Member Bob Creelman had an old jarrah table which did not quite fit into his patio

area. Bob used the Makita battery operated track saw and one of the saw guides to cut out a section. The table has turned legs at each end

Fish Box Gallery

We have previously reported that the Fish Box Gallery items have been sold. They were purchased by a local GP who will be displaying them in a local medical clinic.

The boxes were originally made to fit into the metal clear perspex fronted boxes on the wall in the outdoor passage at the Manning Hub. To make them suitable for display at the clinic Shed Member Ben Gunawardena has been fitting a deeper outer box around the original boxes so that a clear perspex front can be fitted to them.



Ben Gunawardena fitting the outer boxes

Women's Group Projects

The Women's Group meets on Thursday mornings and recently the Hon Editor was there working on this Newsletter. It was a hive of activity with 9 of our Associate Members working on a variety of projects.



Women's Group at work

Kate Baker was making a ladder shaped structure using hexagonal posts and copper for the rungs. This is to be used for storing scarves. Kerry Morgan was making a folding luggage rack similar to one she already has. Kerry has also made a tall Christmas Tree. Gwen Spatore was

constructing a book box to go on top of a dresser. Jan Lucas was hand carving a piece of Huon pine for the handle of a serving platter. This was to be decorated with two gum nuts. Julie Webster, Gail Ware and Dee Walker were making serviette holders like the one we have in the Shed kitchen. Jill Ambrosius was making a plant pot holder



Gail Ware (left) and Julie Webster making serviette holders



Jan Lucas sanding and shaping the piece of Huon pine



Kerry Morgan (top left) assembles her Christmas Tree and (right) the finished tree.



Jill Ambrosius (left) assembling her plant pot holder.

Ken McCrackan, Bill Barton, Graeme Hudson, Stephen Finch, and Allan Waugh were helping the group. At morning tea Bill showed the group a metal flower arrangement with a wooden stand that he suggested could be a project for someone in the Shed.



Bill Barton (standing) speaking about his suggested project



Gwen Sputore sanding components for her book box

Max's Outdoor Coffee Table

Max Zeller found some rather sad looking timber which he thought would be just right for an Outdoor Coffee table. The outside surface timber was not in a good condition but the boards were solid enough to do the job.



The timber before the job started

After a good sanding and the application of a new finish Max has turned the timber into an elegant outdoor coffee table.



Max Zeller's Outdoor Coffee Table

How Many Shed Members Does it Take to Clamp a Chair?

Clamping is the most challenging part of restoring chairs as it usually requires at least two pairs of hands. In many cases all the joints have to be done at the same time and then they need to be clamped in all directions to ensure they are all fully inserted. However in some cases, especially where curved sections are involved the clamping arrangements can be awkward. The clamps tend to slide along the curve unless they are restrained in some way.

Recently Martin Lawton needed to clamp the joints on a three legged pedestal table. The table top was on a central post which had three curved legs fitted at the bottom with mortise and tenon joints. Martin was assisted by Peter Repton and Mike Harrison. Clamps on each of the three legs were used to stop a strap clamp from sliding up the legs. The strap clamp provided horizontal pressure to keep the tenons on the legs in the mortices on the bottom of the post.



Martin Lawton (left) holds the legs while Mike Harrison (centre) adjusts the clamps on the legs and Peter Repton tightens the strap clamp

Pots and Plants

Brian Langley has taken a rest from turning wood on the lathe and has made a couple of wooden plant pots or plant holders.

They are made from lengths of treated ceiling joist timber joined to form different sized squares which are fitted together into a three level stack. The sizes are such that when the next square up is rotated by 45 degrees it will fit into notches cut in the middle of the sides of the square below. Long bugle screws were used to make the squares and to secure each level to the level below.

The holders are designed to be placed on the ground and can either be filled with plant pots or with soil into which plants, such as strawberry plants, can be grown.



Brian Langley fitting the holders together

Brian has made two different sized holders for sale at our stall at the Manning Markets later this year

Machines and Safety

Panel Saw Training

On Monday 2nd October 2023 and the following two Mondays Kim Horne conducted the three one hour training sessions for the Panel Saw. The sessions started at 9.00am and were attended by 8 Shed Members.

Manning Mens Shed Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
27 Oct 2023	Friday	1.00pm	October End of Month BBQ at the Shed
24 Nov 2023	Friday	1.00pm	November End of Month BBQ at Como Bowling Club
15 Dec 2023	Friday	4.00pm	Western Themed Christmas Party/Sundowner at the Shed

Manning Senior Citizens Centre Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
18 Oct 2023	Wednesday	11.00am	MSSC AGM meeting then Luncheon \$10.00 booking required
25 Oct 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon + free Movie "Lamborghini-Man Behind the Legend"
26 Oct 2023	Thursday	12.00pm	Alfresco BBQ Oktoberfest with accordion players
27 Oct 2023	Friday	12.00pm	Luncheon Guest Speakers Glenn and Susie Rogers Tassie Trip
01 Nov 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Bingo
06 - 12 Nov	All Week	Daily	Seniors Week All Activities Free Trial Open to the public
07 Nov 2023	Tuesday	12.00pm	Melbourne Cup Sweep (\$1,\$2,\$5 Stakes) Luncheon \$25.00
15 Nov 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon then free movie "Mrs Harris goes to Paris"
23 Nov 2023	Thursday	TBA	Bus Trip
06 Dec 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Bingo

A fourth session covering the "blind" cutting of slots will be held on Monday 23rd October 2023.

Following the completion of the three sessions the participants will be able to undergo an assessment of their competency to use the saw. If successful they will be authorised to use the panel saw.



Brian Graham and Kim Horne (left), Ben Gunawardena and Kerry Morgan (right) watch Julie Webster using the Panel Saw

Other Shed Members who attended the training were Eric Goddard and Wayne Mortimore.

Band saw training will be conducted next and interested Shed members should contact the Shed Office