



Manning Men's Shed Newsletter

An activity of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre July 2023 #07

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 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
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Saturday pm: Shed Closed

COVID Restrictions and Registering Attendance at the Shed

With the continuing incidences of 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 strict application of limits to the number of people in the Shed could be needed.

Shed members are no longer required to put their names on the whiteboard just inside the Shed front doors but 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 Shed 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 Shed 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.

Saturday and Thursday Morning Sessions Changes

To avoid confusion about which sessions/days/weeks are for Men and which are for Women the following changes have been made:

All Saturday morning sessions are now open for both Men and Women to attend.

The Women only session will now be held on Thursday morning of every week.

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

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2023 Shed Annual General Meeting

The Shed Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st August 2023 commencing at 09.00am.

Shed Members have been sent a formal 30 days notice indicating the process for nominating for Shed Committee positions. A second notice was sent out 15 days prior to the meeting providing Nomination and Absentee Registration Forms plus the Draft Minutes of the 2022 AGM.

Membership Renewals

In June 2023 Shed Members will have received an email advising that their 2022/2023 Membership subscription has expired and is due for payment. This email was automatically generated by the Membership Management System in Tidyhq and provides an online link through which Members can pay the subscription amount shown in the email.

Shed members should be aware that the subscription amount quoted is the annual fee for the year from 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024 and is for Membership of the Manning Mens Shed only.

Due to our association 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 they 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.

Note that Shed Members can also pay their subscription, with the MSCC subscription included, at the MSCC reception desk. Shed Members should show the MSCC receipt to the Shed Manager (or a designated person) so that it can be copied for Shed records.

Shed Members must be financial in order to vote at the August Shed's Annual General Meeting (see later for details). Shed Members who have not yet paid the subscription should do so as soon as possible to ensure that they can vote.

June 2023 End of Month BBQ

The June 2023 End of Month BBQ was held on Friday 30th June 2023 commencing at 1.00pm

About 20 Members and Guests attended the BBQ and enjoyed simple beef burgers or sausages in a roll with liquid refreshments. Thanks again to Mike Harrison who purchased the food and did the cooking.

One of our guests was the Mayor of the City of South Perth, Greg Milner.



Shed members with Greg Milner (in the white shirt top centre).

July 2023 End of Month BBQ

The July 2023 End of Month BBQ will be held on Friday 28th July 2023 commencing at 1.00pm

Men's and Cancer Session

Shed Member Rob Craig organised for the Cancer Foundation to give a talk to Shed Members on Tuesday June 4th 2023 in the Main Hall of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre. Members of the MSCC were also invited to attend. Tea and cakes were provided.

The talk, "Men and Cancer", focussed on issues related to the various forms of cancer including prostate and bowel cancer and was followed by a question and answer session.

About 16 Shed Members attended the very informative talk.



Mens Cancer Talk

Projects

Little Library Comes to Life

Earlier this year the Shed collaborated with the Moorditj Keila Craft Group to make a Little Library. The Shed built the Library Box and talented artists from the Craft Group painted the outside of the box

The Little Library is installed in the laneway in the Manning Community Hub opposite the Box Gallery the Shed constructed. Local residents and visitors have been invited to explore the collection of books available, from classic novels to children's stories, the diverse selection caters to a wide range of interests.



The Little Library at the Manning Community Hub

This collaborative effort aims to foster a love for reading, encourage community engagement and provide an accessible resource for book lovers of all ages.

The Little Library provides a unique space for residents to gather, share stories and encourage a love for reading.

Karen's Little Bench

Karen O'Neill is one of our Female Members and after watching a YouTube video Karen wanted to build a small workbench she could use at home. She drew up some plans based on the video, bought some wood and got started.

Karen said that there were a few challenges along the way including the initial glue-up and drilling the deep holes for the vice but she was grateful for all advice she got along the way from fellow Sheddors.

Karen especially wants to give a "shout out" to Graeme Hudson, who provided a lot of advice and even brought in his manual drill to get to the bottom of the holes, James in metalwork who helped craft the Moxon vice handles, and Barry Textor for advice and for the 3D printed knobs on the plane stop.



Karen O'Neill's Little Work Bench under construction.



The finished workbench

It looks "great" Karen!

Raising the Couch

Margaret Pickering is also one of our Female Members but on this occasion she was a client. Margaret was saying to Martin Lawton she wanted to have the couch at her home raised to make it easier to get on and off it.

Martin had earlier raised the height of another client's chair by fitting blocks under it and made four blocks. When he showed his leg raisers to Margaret she thought they would be "just the job". Martin was assisted by Ambrose Hargan who fitted them to the couch.



Ambrose Hargan with Margaret Pickering fitting the blocks

Margaret was clearly very satisfied with the work that Martin and Ambrose did.



Margaret takes it easy

It seems that getting on and off a chair or couch is another of those challenges that we face as we get older so Martin may have to do a lot more leg raising in the Shed!

Sewing Machine

Last month we showed the work that Martin Lawton was doing on Shed Member Brian Langley's wife's sewing machine cover. Martin has now completed the refurbishment and the cover is looking good.



The refurbished Sewing Machine Cover

It looked so good that Brian decided that the sewing machine base onto which the sewing machine and the cover fits also needed refurbishment. Brian used 0000 grade steel wool to clean and shine the base.



Brian Langley buffs up the base

Barking Up the Wrong Tree

Our aboriginal friend Joe Collard was back at the Shed recently. You may recall that Joe is an Elder and is active in teaching young aboriginal people and others about the old cultural ways.

His latest project is to conduct smoking ceremonies and he needed a large piece of tree bark to be cut into shorter lengths. Shed Members Allan Waugh "saw" to it!



Joe Collard (left) gives Allan Waugh "instructions".

Busy Bees

Not to be mistaken with the Shed Busy Bees this is about real "Aussie" bees. Shed Members John Paisley and Kerry Morgan worked together on a project with the children at the Manning Primary School to build "hotels" for the bees.



John Paisley Shows Kerry Morgan how to make a Bee Hotel

Native Australian bees are mostly solitary and build their nests in existing environments like hollow logs, holes in trees, burrows in the ground and hollows in dead plants. They will even set up house in cracks in building walls.

Made from small timber boxes and small diameter bamboo tubes or small round wooden rods with holes drilled in them, these "hotels" provided a place for bees to set up home. A lot of gluing was needed to fit the bamboo and timber tubes into the boxes and John says that the children really got stuck into the job!

There are some bee hotels stored on the shelf unit inside the Shed kitchen which have been made for sale at our fundraising activities.



John Paisley helps the children build some bee hotels

Allan's Console Table

Console tables are long, thin tables that can be placed almost anywhere in the home. They are commonly seen in entryways, hallways, or behind sofas in the living room. They are an excellent way to fill small spaces and can function as additional storage while showing off your personality and décor.

Allan Waugh has just completed making a console table from jarrah floorboards and other pieces of jarrah from around the Shed. It has a "semi-round" top and stands on three legs. Allan used his timber building skills to make the three elegant legs



Allan Waugh measures up the console table

Mike Harrison has just finished a refurbishment on a child's table and two chairs. The joints needed to be reglued and the surfaces cleaned and repainted. Mike has used white spray cans to give the required finish

Still on tables. The scratched folding table leaf that Ambrose Hargan was working on has proved a little difficult to refurbish. Ambrose had hoped to just sand the scratches and match the stain finish on the rest of the leaf. However, matching the stain has proved to be a difficult task and it was decided that the whole of the leaf top should be

sanded and the stain applied overall. So Ambrose has been busy sanding the whole of the leaf top ready for it to be stained.



Childrens Table and Chairs refurbished by Mike Harrison



Ambrose Hargan sanding the table leaf

Ambrose has also finished the staining of an elegant small table. Ken McCrackan had earlier refurbished it by filling and sanding a crack in the table top.



Ambrose Hargan polishing the small table top

Bushmans Box

Martin Lawton has been refurbishing an old wooden box for a client. The box was of a simple design and looked like it had seen better days. On further investigation with the client it was found that the box was used by a relative of the client who was a farmer born in 1873 in Arcadia in Victoria.

The farmer later served as a private in the 4th Victorian Imperial Bushmen unit in the Boer War so this box has important historical value.



Martin Lawton check the box lid hinges

On the Right Track

James Turner and Frank Ginty thought that the Metal Workshop needed a small benchtop anvil but considered that anvils are quite expensive. They decided that they could make one from a piece of steel railway track.



The railway track anvil made by James Turner and Frank Ginty

They obtained a short piece of light gauge flat bottom profile track and Frank used the milling machine in the Metal Workshop to provide a flat top surface. James then shaped the front beak on the top of the rail and drilled four holes in the bottom for fixing it to the bench

Machines and Safety

New Racks

Thanks to Peter Repton with help from Brett Goodwin the new racks at the back of the Shed now have a top cover to shelter the timber to be stored in them from wet weather.

The cantilever struts have been fitted to the back frames and have a short round post at the front to stop stored lengths of timber falling off. Peter has fitted metal struts and plywood boards across the struts to allow timber lengths shorter than a bay width to be stored.



The racks with the top covers and shelf boards fitted

A Busy Bee was held on the morning of Saturday 15th July 2023 to move the longer pieces of timber onto the new racks and re-stack the timber moved to make space for the new racks (see later item).

Search for a Better Mouse-Dust Trap

The original Dust Trap on the Sherwood Belt Sander (Linisher) in the Wood Workshop did not trap much dust. It had an open bottom which caused trapped dust to fall onto the motor and the floor below. It also had a narrow throat and missed a lot of the dust from the belt which also ended up on the ground. A "Better Dust Trap" was needed.



James Taylor and John Paisley - the "Better" Dust Trap

James Turner and John Paisley decided to make a new "Better" Dust Trap. The new one is of a similar shape as the old one but has a plate at the bottom to stop dust falling down and has a wider throat to catch more of the dust from the belt. With a wider throat it has a bigger steel mesh to stop larger bits of timber being sucked up in the dust extractor pipe. Like the original it can also be swung away from the end part of the belt to allow the rounded end to be used for shaping timber. The new unit has also been spray painted black

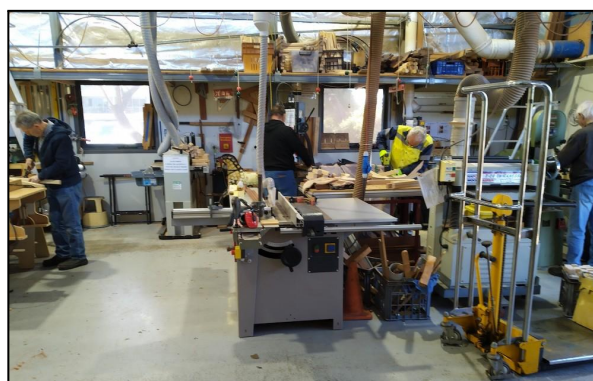
Trash or Treasure

On Saturday, 15th July 2023 twenty two "Travailleurs" turned timber to trash or treasure! In other words, twenty two Shed Members turned up for the Busy Bee to sort out the timber in the Shed, in the Container, and in the racks at the back of the Shed into the good, the bad and the ugly. The good was stacked away for future use, the bad was placed in a heap for firewood, and the ugly was disposed of into the rubbish.

There were five "hives" of activity. One group sorted out the container and the timber in the garage, the second group removed all the beechwood chairs from the big shelf in the Shed and rearranged the other items to create more storage space, the third group (mostly of our Women Members) removed the screws from the beechwood chairs and passed them onto the fourth group who cut the chairs into pieces. The wood from the cut up beechwood chairs was then passed back to the second group who cut the knobby bits off, passed them up to the big shelf where they were stacked into boxes. Mike Harrison took the shorter bits for a project with a local primary school. The fifth group worked on restacking the longer timber from the closed front racks into the new open front racks, and moving shorter lengths temporarily stacked on and under the outside bench into the closed front racks. The fifth group also stacked the timber for the garage and the container into the appropriate racks.



The Container Garage Group from the left Karen O'Neill, Kate Baker, David Vicary, Frank Ginty



The Wood Workshop Group from the left Ambrose Hargan, Mike Harrison, Rob Craig and Peter Repton



Disassembling the Chairs Group from the left Ian Johnson and Graham Rennie



The Racking Group from the left Allan Waugh, Mike Smith, Wayne Mortimore also Ken McCracken



Kate Baker with some timber from the container for the racks

Margaret Pickering, Jan Lucas, Gwen Sputore, and Gail Ware formed the group who removed the screws from the beechwood chairs.

Proceedings stopped at about 10.0am for the morning "tea" break when Mike Harrison and

Barry Textor handed out morning breakfast of fried egg and bacon in a round bun.



Kim Horne, Roger Burnett, and Kate Baker survey the firewood pile

The walls of the bus garage are now clear of timber and there is a bit more space on the big shelf in the Wood Workshop.

Shed Members should note that timber must no longer be stored along the sides of the garage. The Shed Manager or Supervisor must be consulted for advice on whether or not we will accept any timber and where it must be stored

Manning Mens Shed Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
28 Jul 2023	Friday	1.00pm	July End of Month BBQ
01 Aug 2023	Tuesday	9.00am	Shed Committee Annual General Meeting MSCC Mani Hall
25 Aug 2023	Friday	1.00pm	August End of Month BBQ

Manning Senior Citizens Centre Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
19 Jul 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Free WW2 Movie "Operation Mincemeat"
21 Jul 2023	Friday	pm	Rock and Roll Night with the Riverstone Band \$5.00 Entry
02 Aug 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Bingo
09 Aug 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Guest Speaker "Demystifying Aged Care"
16 Aug 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Free Movie "Just Mercy" (a true story)
01 Sep 2023	Friday	12.00pm	Fathers Day Luncheon \$15.00
06 Sep 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Bingo
12 Sep 2023	Tuesday	TBA	Bus Trip Araluen Picnic
13 Sep 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Anniversary Celebration Luncheon \$25 with Entertainment
20 Sep 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Free Movie