



Manning Men's Shed Newsletter

An activity of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre May 2022 #05

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 via email to the Shed email address or in person at the Shed on a memory stick.

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

Monday to Saturday: 8:30am - 1:00pm. **Saturday Opening:** 1st, 3rd & 5th for men; 2nd & 4th for women.

Covid Precautions

With the opening of the WA border and removal of the mask mandate plus the fact that Omicron is present in WA and infections are expected to continue to increase, Shed Management has decided to continue most of the temporary precautions in the Shed. The Shed recognises that the age demographic of members is in the high-risk category.

1. On arrival at the Shed, it is recommended that all members continue to register their attendance using the SafeWA phone app and QRCode.:
2. All Shed members MUST sign in by entering details on the attendance sheet.
3. The wearing of masks is no longer compulsory but can be worn if the Member wishes to. The Shed Committee recommends that mask be worn
4. The Shed cannot demand that a member must be fully vaccinated, but it is requested that if any member is not fully vaccinated, they do not attend until the Shed Committee considers that the Omicron wave has passed sufficiently for Covid not to present a risk to members.
5. MMS members MUST comply with the social distancing requirements whilst in and around the Shed. To achieve this the following will apply.
 - a. Maximum number of members of members engaged in activities in the Shed at any one time is fourteen (14 **or 15*).
 - b. Maximum number of volunteers engaged in administrative tasks at any one time – four (4).
 - c. The fourteen is made up of: Woodwork - 5, Metal work -2, Motors bench – 1, Office – 2,
 - d. Kitchen – 1, Bus garage – 2 **(or 3 if the CNC is in use)*, Garden – No Restrictions.
6. To achieve these numbers, a roster system will be re-introduced, starting on Monday 28 February 2022.
 - a. Each week members will be sent an email asking to nominate the day and morning/afternoon session and what area that they would like to attend.
 - b. Nominations will be allocated as fairly and equitably as possible. Sessions will be allocated on a weekly basis only.
 - c. A list of allocated members will be posted at the entry door. Any member who comes to the Shed and is not on the list will not be allowed to enter to carry out work.
7. When making a cup of tea/coffee, please limit the number in the kitchen.
8. Members exhibiting any flu like symptoms should not attend the Shed and may be refused entry if they do come to the Shed.
9. Members coming to the Shed to drop off information, parts or tools are not included in the prescribed numbers but must not be in the Shed for any longer than required.
10. The monthly bar-b-que will continue with the expectation that members will not gather closely together.
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12. RAT kits are available in the Shed. Please speak to the Shed Manager

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April 2022 BBQ Meeting

The April 2022 BBQ meeting was held on Friday 29th April 2022 commencing at 1,00pm. About 25 Shed Members attended.

The meeting was attended by Brian and Ragani who spoke about the Perfect Strangers Dinner Club. This is a club that they set up for single people to engage in conversation, make new friends, form connections, and meet that Perfect Stranger. More information is available on their website at:

<https://www.perfectstrangersdinnerclub.com/>

The meeting was also attended by the Labor Party Candidate for the Federal Seat of Swan, Zaneta Mascarenhas. During the BBQ Zaneta spoke about her background and experience.

Our thanks to "Chefs" Dave Vicary and Mel Taylor.

May 2022 BBQ Meeting

The May 2022 BBQ Meeting will be held on Friday 27th 2022 commencing at 1.00pm.

Stall at the Hazel McDougall House Open Day and Exhibition

The Shed had a stall at the Hazel McDougall House Open Day and Exhibition on Sunday 1st May 2020. This event highlights the work of the various groups which meet or operate from the house.

The Shed has been involved with a number of projects at the house and the surrounding buildings, most notably the mosaic ladies who operate out of the cowshed (hence the affectionate nickname of the cowgirls!)



Graham Rennie (front) and Kim Horne (far right)

The stall was operated by a number of Shed Members including some of the ladies from the Saturday Women's Group. The stall sold various items made in the Shed and raised just over \$900 for the shed funds.

Thanks to Keith and Margot Hayes, Ben Gunawardena Peter Hall, Allan Waugh, Kim Horne, Dave Vicary, Gail Ware and Gwen Sputore from the Ladies Group, Allan Brown, Brain Graham, James

Turner, Eric Goddard, and Mark White, who assisted on the Stall at various times



Two Shed Members take a breather

Shed Busy Bee

A second Shed Busy Bee will be held on Saturday 21st May 2022 commence at 8.30am.

The Shed Committee recognises that this is the Federal Election voting day but it is the only reasonably free weekend until mid June 2022.

The MSCC Committee has asked that it be cleaned up quickly, especially the garden area and around the front of the container. Some further cleaning up inside the Shed will also be done.

Please let the Shed Manager know if you can help us out for a couple of hours. A registration Sheet will also be left on the Crib Room table.

Projects

Painting Holders

An important activity for school children is painting but at the end of the class the teacher is left with a lot of wet painting. Leaving the paintings out to dry is not practical as there is another class needing the space.



The three Painting Holders with new side panels fitted

A local teacher came up with the idea of making some painting holders with wire slots into which the

paintings can be slotted without touching each other. They were originally made from MDF and the side panels were very thin, which left them prone to damage.

The teacher recently brought three of the painting holders into the Shed for replacement of the damaged side panels

Shed Member Vic Singleton took on the job. The base and back of the painting holder were made from thicker MDF which had not been damaged so Vic decided to retain them and just fit new plywood side panels.

Rickety Raffia Top Stool

How many Shed members can recall one of the woodwork tasks they did back in High School days. One of the projects that some of us made was a hand woven raffia top stool. The legs, top struts and bottom struts used mortise and tenon joints glued together to form the frame of the stool onto which a raffia top was hand woven.

Over time the glue in the mortise and tenon joints becomes rickety, especially if it is animal glue which becomes brittle with age. A rickety stool with a raffia top was recently brought into the Shed. As "Chairman" Martin Lawton's offside, Ambrose Hargan took on the job. Ambrose was able to remove the lower struts, clean them up and reglue them.



Ambrose Hargan sanding the stool

Ambrose used the Ryobi Multifunction Tool to sand the legs and bottom struts prior to using a clear lacquer to finish the job

Items Made for Sale on the Stall

During the weeks prior to the Stall at Hazel McDougall House a number of Shed members have made items for sale

Kim Horne made a lovely boat shaped jewellery box with a fancy handle on the top. It was made from various pieces of contrasting timber shaped and glued to form the box.

The outside of the box was built up by making different sized slices with the inside hole the same size to form the straight sides inside the box with the outside in stepped arrangement.

Kim finished the box by adding felt to the inside and applying a lacquer and waxed outside finish



Kim Horne's Jewellery Box

David Vicary continues to make some very nice knives and made one for the Stall which was included in the display cabinet with the other knives Dave has made



David Vicary's Knife

Other items up for sale on the Stall included John Paisley's wobbly pull along lizards, Mike Smith's Picnic Tables, and a variety of small boxes made by Allan Waugh and other Shed Members.

Wardrobe Work

A large wardrobe with an ornate base has been waiting patiently in the garage for some renovation work. Kim Horne, assisted by various Shed Members, started work on the sides of the wardrobe in mid April.

When the dismantling of the sides commenced last month it was found that the sides consisted of floorboard width horizontal timber boards glued together between longer vertical front and back boards and over years the boards had shrunk and had split along the grain. This has made it necessary for the sides to be rebuilt.

It was also discovered that as well as being glued, the front and back pieces had hidden pins into the horizontal boards. These were all removed and biscuit joints were used when the sides were reassembled.

The sides were only pulled apart at the splits and as much as possible of the split board was retained in

its original state by cutting off as little as possible of the split ends of the boards. At this stage the reassembled horizontal boards would have been shorter than the vertical front and back boards so new horizontal boards were made to fill in the gap. The Makita Drop Cut Circular Saw and its associated guide track was used to ensure that the edges to be joined were all square.



Wayne Mortimore (left) and Kim Horne check out the joint edges

The first of the sides to be rebuilt has now been glued. Wayne Mortimore assisted Kim on the second side and made the inserted boards section shown above. He used the Thicknesser and the Drop Cut Circular Saw.

But wait, that's not all!!!! Remember the ornate base mentioned above. New Shed Member John Braithwaite is working on restoring some of the loose timber on the base.



John Braithwaite working on the wardrobe base

Another Round Table

While Ambrose was busy working on the raffia top stool, Martin was working on another small round table that required restoration work. This table was in a reasonably good condition and the top mainly had some stain marks and a few scratches on it. You might need to zoom in on the table top to see the blemishes



The round table before the restoration

Martin used an orbital sander to sand off the scratches and stain marks. He then applied a lacquer stain which he later polished

John's Jewellers Table

Some weeks ago John Paisley was in the Shed working on a Jewellers Table he was making for a client. John had done some of the work at home but was finishing off the table at the Shed.



The finished Jewellers Table

The table has a fixed top with fences to stop little jewels falling off, and a side bracket for storing the jewellers tools. The top has a circular cut out where the jeweller sits so the latter can get closer to his

work. Underneath the top is a pull out draw for the jewellers bits and pieces.

The Rattan Man

Martin Lawton aka the Chair Man is also our Rattan Man. He is now our expert on restoring chairs with rattan seats.

In April we featured four chairs that required restoration and new rattan seats. Martin Lawton and Ambrose Hargan completed the sanding back of the chair frames and the removal of the old broken rattan wicker seats on two of the chairs in late April. Ambrose applied a coat of lacquer to finish the frame.

Removal of the broken seats was tricky as the rattan wicker was held in place in a slot with a round length of cane which needed to be removed without damaging the slots. In the meantime some new rattan wicker and cane was ordered from our old friend the Wicker Man based in South Australia.

Martin has recently completed the repair of the seat on one chair. The trick is to stretch the wicker so that once the cane is inserted in the slot the rattan is tight. Peter Repton is making a tool from an old Mole Clamp which could assist in this task



One of the rattan chairs restored by Ambrose Hargan and Martin Lawton

There is another chair like this to do and then two more chairs without the side arms with a similar seat. The chairs with arms are a challenge because raised sides make it hard to get at the slots.

There was a strip of rattan left over but Ambrose and Martin found a use for it!



Kim Horne is ready for Christmas in July!

Hall Table Makeover

A client recently brought a two drawer hall table for renovation. The table was made from pine and the client wanted it painted white.



The White Hall Table ready for another coat of paint

Earlier work on the table had been done to remove the old finish and it had a white undercoat sprayed on it. New Shed Member Lance Kennedy has been sanding the undercoat in preparation for a second finishing coat to be applied.

Dennis's Spare Wheel Hoists

Do you have a heavy spare wheel which, over the years, has seemed to have increased in weight. Well Shed Member James Turner may have just the solution for you.

James has just finished cutting up and welding some square section steel into a Spare Wheel Hoist for Shed Member Dennis Menzies. It fits on the back of the vehicle above the spare wheel and comes in two parts. The photos below are self explanatory.



The grey hoist fitted to the back of the vehicle.



The Hoist erected vertical and rigged to lower the spare wheel



Dennis Menzies using the hoist to raise/lower the spare wheel

External Client Projects

Funds for operating the Shed are obtained from a number of sources which includes payments by external clients for jobs done for them, payment by Shed Members for materials used, and payments for items made for sale at our Stalls at local Markets and Events. The Shed has a substantial amount of work in progress and also is owed payments for jobs completed and not yet collected.

It is important that we direct our resources towards activities which provide income for shed operations. We must balance the need between Shed Members wanting to work on their own projects with the need for Members to assist in ensuring that the Shed can continue to operate.

In addition to private projects please consider what Shed Projects you can assist in. At times Shed Members will be asked to make something to be sold at our stalls or to assist in a client project which will bring in funds. Shed Members will also be asked to contribute where they are using Shed materials.

Please consider what you can do to ensure we have sufficient funds to operate the Shed.

Thanks

Machines and Safety

Oscillating Spindle Sander

The small Scheppach Bobbin Sander has been replaced by a much larger JET Oscillating Spindle (Bobbin) Sander. This unit is floor mounted and is located to the left of the Bosch Combination Mitre Saw in the Wood Workshop near the back roller door. It shares the mobile Sherwood Dust Extractor unit with the Bosch Combination Mitre Saw. The various sander heads, associated cover plates, and tools are located on both sides of the unit.

Note that many people spotted Rob Craig's deliberate mistake on the sign about Combination Mitre Saw and it has now been corrected!



The Oscillating Spindle Sander (centre) with the shared Dust Extractor (left)

New Tools

We have recently acquired a number of new tools in the Shed.

Two new Makita Battery Operated Circular Orbital Sanders have been purchased to replace two older corded Orbital Sanders which had failed. The new sanders should be stored in the compactus with the other battery operated hand tools

A new Makita Battery Operated Trimmer Router in a blue Makita carry box has also been purchased and is currently stored under the Bosch Combination Mitre Saw.

A new single phase 230V hand held corded Festool Diamond Dowel Jointer in a buff carry box is now available. This jointer uses different sized drills and cuts a slot rather a hole so the dowels are more like a tenon shaped biscuit.

We now have a number of boxed hand tools and storage of them is under review

Machine Training

Group Training on the Shed Machines now takes place after morning tea and 24 Shed members have already completed training on the use of the Combination Mitre Saws. Kim Horne recently conducted a session on the Bosch Saw for 5 members.

Members are reminded that this training only gives Members an overview of the Machine features and capabilities. It does not allow them to use the machines on their own. Members must still individually be assessed by an authorised Gold Badge Members

Whilst waiting to be assessed Shed Members must only use the machines under the supervision of a Gold Badge Member.



Kim Horne conducting training on the Bosch Mitre Saw

Manning Men's Shed Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
21 May 2022	Saturday	8.30am	Bus Bee at the Shed
27 May 2022	Friday	1.00pm	Shed End of Month BBQ

Manning Senior Citizens Centre Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
18 May 2022	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Free Movie "Penguin Bloom" at 1.00pm
26 May 2022	Thursday	TBA	Bus Trip - Picnic
01 Jun 2022	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Bingo at 1.00pm
03 Jun 2022	Friday	12.00pm	WA Day Luncheon with Entertainment by Chris Atkinson
06 Jul 2022	Wednesday	12.00pm	Christmas in July Luncheon followed by Bingo at 1.00pm
12 Jul 2022	Tuesday	2.00pm	High Tea cost \$20.00
20 Jul 2022	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Free Movie "The House of Gucci"