



# Manning Men's Shed Newsletter

An activity of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre February 2022 #02

**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 at: <https://mmswa.tidyhq.com/>

**Monday and Tuesday:** 8:30am - 1:00pm. **Wednesday, Friday:** 8:30am - 4:00pm. Outside these hours the Shed will be closed for activity on projects but maintenance may be carried out. **Saturday Opening:** 8:30am - 1:00pm (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> for men; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> for women).

## January 2022 BBQ Meeting

The January 2022 BBQ Meeting was held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Commencing at 1.00pm, Tina and Narelle from the National Stroke Foundation Perth office, gave a talk about strokes. About 27 Shed members learnt about strokes – what they are, what their impact can be, what can be done to reduce the risk of having a stroke, how to recognise when someone is having a stroke and what action needs to be taken.



The talk was followed by the BBQ at about 1.45pm. Michael Hattsiyiannakis and Mel Taylor again cooked and served sausages in bun with fried onions and sauce, washed down with refreshment of choice.

## MSSC General Meeting

Prior to the Australia Day Luncheon at the Manning Senior Citizens Centre, on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022, a General Meeting of the Centre Membership was held commencing at 12.00pm. The agenda was a single item to vote on the awarding of the Life Memberships to 2 Members.

The meeting unanimously agreed that Life Memberships should be awarded to Barbara Thompson and Ron Tompkin. Ron Tompkin received his award from Barbara Thompson who is the Chairperson of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre Committee. Barbara Thompson received her award from Ian Findlay who is the Vice-Chairperson of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre Committee.

Ron Tompkin was one of the major people involved in getting together a sufficient number of men for a viable Men's Shed to be established. Ron was elected as the inaugural Chairman of the Manning Men's Shed Committee and as the inaugural Shed Coordinator. He was responsible for obtaining support from the Principal of the Como Secondary College for Shed Members to use facilities at the rear of the College until the new Shed was built at Manning. Ron was heavily involved in the planning and construction of the Shed and attended many planning meetings. Ron was also a member of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre Committee for a number of years.

The opportunity was taken after the General Meeting to make an award to Ron to recognise and thank him for his contribution to the establishment and operation of the Shed.

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**Workshop Managers:** Kim Horne, Rob Craig, David Vicary **Shed Committee:** Keith Hayes (Chairman), Brian Graham (Deputy Chairman), Rob Craig (Secretary), Mike Smith (Treasurer), Kim Horne, Graham Rennie, Bill Barton, Barry Textor, David Vicary **Assets:** Eric Goddard **Newsletter Editor:** Eric Goddard  
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Ron Tompkin and Barbara Thompson with their Life Membership

Ron and his wife are Cricket Fanatics and have travelled to many parts of the world to attend test matches. With this in mind Kim Horne and Barry Textor made up a cricket bat and ball trophy which was presented to Ron by Shed Committee Chairman Keith Hayes. A number of Shed Members were present including Eric Goddard, John Paisley, Bernie Dierks, Allan Waugh, Stephen Finch, Rob Uppill, Keith Hayes and John Collins. Rob Uppill and John Collins were both Chairpersons of the Manning Senior Citizens Committee and Rob was also Chairman of the Shed Committee. Both Rob and John were involved with Ron in the early planning and formation of the Shed.



Ron Tompkin with the cricket trophy with (left to right) Bernie Dierks, Allan Waugh and Stephen Finch (both partially hidden), Rob Uppill, Keith Hayes, Ron, and John Collins

## Membership Badge Changes

New Membership Badges are being issued. If you do not already have a new badge and you keep your badge on the racks near the front door you

should check for the new badge. If you take your badge home and do not already have a new badge, please speak to Rob Craig to obtain the new one.

In the interests of safety of Shed Members, the Shed Committee has decided that Shed Members Badges must have an indication of the vaccination status of the Member concerned. Double or Triple Vaccinated Members will have a small round orange sticker on their badge. Un-vaccinated Members will have a small round white sticker on their badges. If you do not already have one on your badge, please see Rob Craig to get the appropriate sticker. Members with badges with no sticker will be assumed to be un-vaccinated. Please speak to the Shed Manager (Kim Horne)

## Xmas Luncheon Photos

In last month's issue we reported on the attendance of some Shed Members at the MSCC Christmas Luncheon on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021. At the time we were unable to source any photos. We have managed to locate them so are publishing them here.



On the left are Rodney Orr (MSCC Member), Keith Hayes (hidden) Bill Barton, Christine Goddard (hidden) and Eric Goddard. On the right are Allan Waugh, Peter Vassis, Ambrose Hargan, Alan Nabor, and Martin Lawton.



Wine Waiters John Paisley (left), Alan Nabor, and Eric Goddard



## Shed Open on Saturday Mornings

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022 the Shed commenced opening for male Shed Members and on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022 the Shed commenced opening females. This is in line with the proposal to have the Shed open for men on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (and where appropriate the 5<sup>th</sup>) and for women on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month.

## First Saturday Session for Women

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022 was a historic day in the life of the Manning "Men's" Shed when we commenced sessions for the ladies to learn woodworking skills. About 7 ladies attended over the course of the session which was conducted by Kim Horne, Barry Textor and Allan Waugh.



Kim Horne second from left and Allan Waugh with five of the ladies who attend the very first session for women.

At present the ladies join as Associate Members of the Shed

## Projects

### Regency Chair Restoration

A few months back a client brought in what appeared to be an old Regency style chair with a rattan style seat that needed restoration work. Looking at the chair design and the fact that the timber was riddled with woodworm holes it is believed that the chair may be quite old (The Regency era is considered to be from 1795 to 1837, which includes the latter part of George III's reign and the reigns of his sons George IV (who was Prince Regent when his father was deemed unfit to rule) and William IV. It is characterized by distinctive trends in British architecture, literature, fashions, politics, and culture. From Wikipedia).

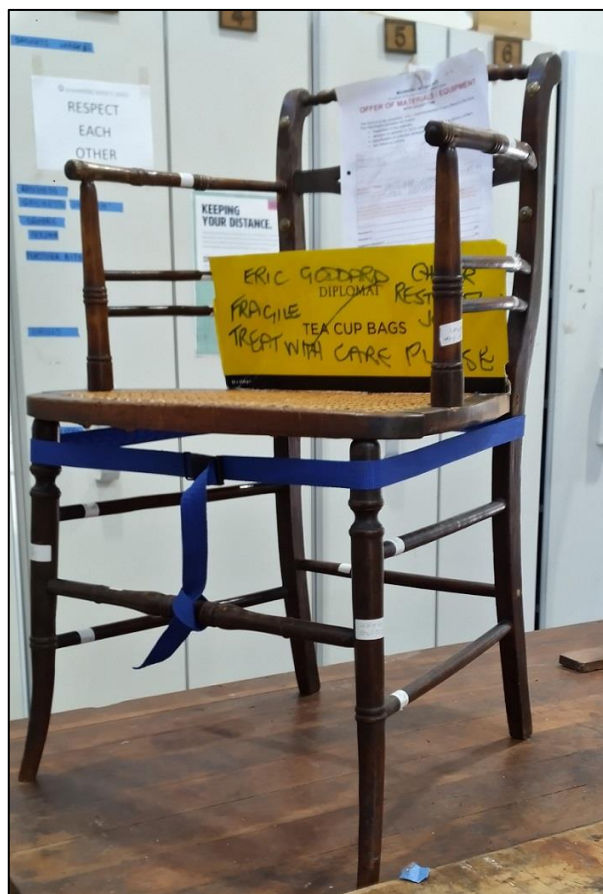
Eric Goddard took on the job and initially took the chair apart. This proved easier than expected as the old glue had become brittle. However, it was noted that each piece was custom made and it was therefore necessary to label the location of each piece to simplify later re-assembly. Eric cleaned up the joints on each piece being careful to minimize damage to the general structure and look of the timber.

Some work on reassembly took place in late December when Eric glued and fitted the pieces forming the back of the chair together. One of the back strut joints had been broken during dis-

assembly and this was repaired by using a small diameter piece of dowelling. Eric also found that some parts of the back legs, where there were cutouts for the seat to fit into, had collapsed due to the woodworm damage. With assistance from Bernie Dierks, who cut out the damaged wood and made small replacement pieces, Eric was able to repair these parts. Eric made some minor adjustments to the back part of the seat to enable it to fit into the newly repaired cutouts.



Repairs to various parts of the back of the chair  
Backrest strut joint (left), Back seat support (centre), Back lower leg strut joint (right)



Trial re-assembly of the chair – note the labelling of the various parts. The back of the chair was already glued together.

Earlier this year Eric commenced re-assembling the chair. Initially this was done without gluing so that any minor problems could be dealt with and to ensure that the pieces were properly labelled.

The final gluing had to be done all three goes with multiple joints being glued at the same time.

Firstly, the front legs and all the leg struts had to be done in one go including gluing the seat to the front legs and into the back socket points. Clamps were used to ensure all the joints were tight. The blue strap ensured that the back seat remained in position whilst the glue dried.

Secondly, the arm rests and the struts were done in one go. Again, clamps were used to ensure all the joints were tight.

Lastly, dowels were used to pin the back section of the seat to the back legs. In the original chair flat wedge-shaped nails had been used and were bent. As their removal had done some damage the dowels were put in where there was damage showing on the outside. The chair looks and feels solid now but it will be wise to ensure that it is never again sat upon!!

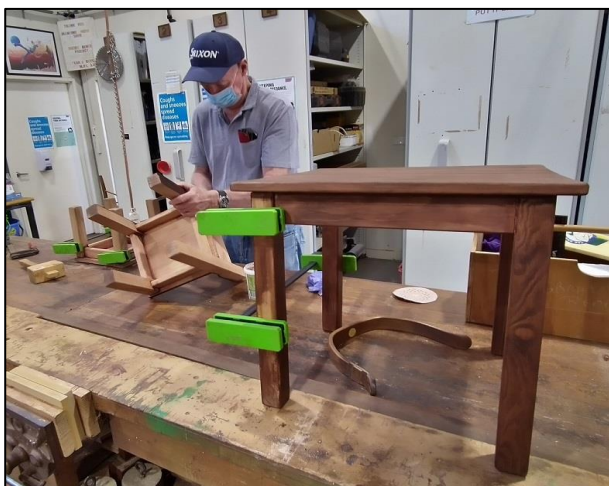
During gluing it was noted that a lot of glue was coming out of the woodworm holes, sometimes a couple of inches away from the joint being glued. The intention is that the other woodworm holes, and there are a lot of them, will be left unfilled. The grainy finish on the chair appeared to have been applied using a brush and it is intended to cover the obvious repairs in a similar fashion.

The principle used was to minimize visible repair areas by working only where repair was unavoidable - Sympathetic Restoration is the term used!!

## Children's Table and Chairs

A set of two chairs and a table for a child were recently brought into the Shed by a client for "restoration". New Shed Member Howard Smythe undertook the work.

The tables are made from Pine timber and, as is common with this type of item, needed to be pulled apart and reglued. They also needed to have the original stain removed and new stain applied. There was a fair bit of sanding to do to remove the old stain.



Howard Smythe works on a chair whilst the table glue dries

## Cricket Trophy for Ron Tompkin

We mentioned above the trophy we presented to Ron Tompkin which was made by Kim Horne and Barry Textor.

Kim made the trophy base and the curved cricket bat from She Oak timber which is held in place by a brass rod. The cricket ball was made from Jarrah timber by Barry Textor on his CNC router and includes the stitching pattern detail.

The bat was finished by adding a brass plate where the handle joins the blade and a ring at the top of the handle.



The Cricket Bat and Ball Trophy presented to Ron Tompkin

## Tables, Tables Everywhere

Tables, Tables, everywhere and not a top to prink (to paraphrase from 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner', by Samuel Taylor Coleridge).

Tables and chairs are a staple "diet" in the Shed whether they be for the restoration or for the making. Recently there were four table projects all being worked on at the same time.

The first table is a rather snazzy small table with fancy curved pine and jarrah strip legs that Kim Horne is making. It will have a pine top when completed.





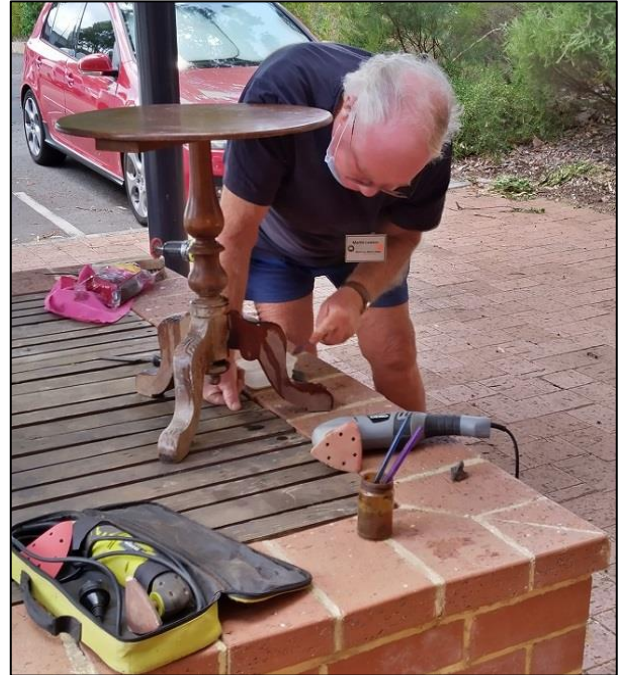
Kim Horne's fancy table legs under construction

The second table is the round drop leaf table that Ambrose Hargan is refurbishing. Ambrose had previously finished cleaning and sanding the table parts and has just finished fixing the loose table slats. He has commenced applying tung oil.



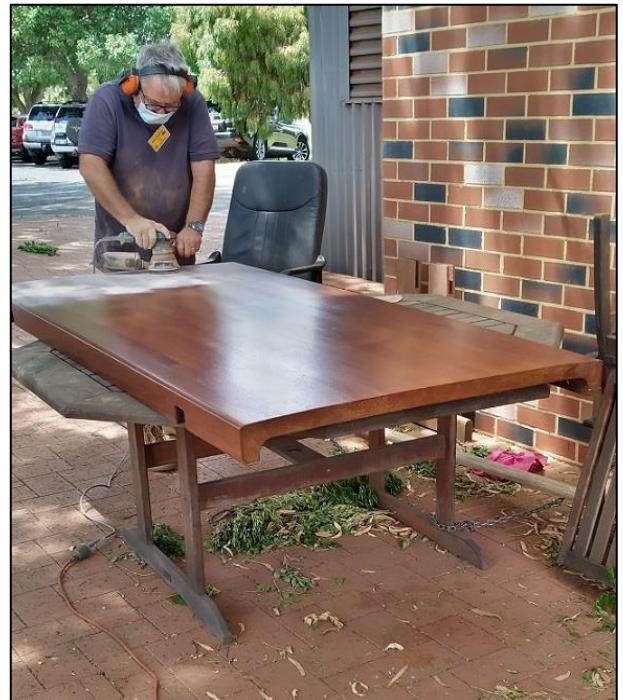
Ambrose Hargan getting ready to apply a finish to the table

Our next table is a small round topped table with a central turned support post and three dog leg feet that Martin Lawton has been restoring. He has just completed gluing the three feet to the central post. Martin's next task is to stain the table and its legs to match the original finish.



Martin Lawton staining the small round table legs to match the rest of the table

Our final table is a large and heavy jarrah topped table which Brett Goodwin is restoring. The table top is supported by trestle style legs at each end.



Brett Goodwin begins sanding the large table top

Two days later Robert Darcy was spied working on another table top at the back of the Shed. This table is being restored for a Shed client.

The solid timber top consists of four pieces that had to be reglued and is one half of a folding leaf table. The two halves pull out to reveal a folding leaf which can be used to extend the table length.





Rob Darcy sanding one of the pull-out table tops

New Shed Member Ben Gunawardena help out with the sanding on the other half of this table.



Ben Gunawardena sanding the other half

## Making a Stand

Two Shed members have been making a stand in the Metal Workshop.

James Turner has made a steel plant pot holder stand for another Shed Member. Four legs are welded to the bottom of a steel pipe to form the main stand. Two circular pot holders are welded to a short larger section of pipe with a bolt through to form a sleeve which will fit over the stand pipe. This will enable the height of the pot plant holders to be adjustable.



James Turner's Plant Pot Stand work in progress

John Paisley has made two stands of a different type and size. John's wife makes high quality pottery pieces and needed two custom-made stands for two different sized pieces. The base of the stand is made from Jarrah with two holes to take the legs of the metal stand. A circular U-shaped piece of steel strip has the two legs welded to it and also has steel cradles welded onto it into which the pottery pieces are seated. With welding jobs of this nature holding the steel pieces to be welded in the correct position is a challenge and often requires someone to help. John found some articulated magnetic jigs through the internet which he has used hold the steel pieces in place whilst he welded them. These jigs are now available for other Shed Members to use and are stored in the Metal Workshop. Please note that the jigs do not work on timber!!!





John Paisley working on the pottery stands

## Library Boxes for COSP

The City of South Perth Library Department has commissioned the Shed to construct four street library boxes.

The pine timber frames were made and assembled by Graham Rennie who used the Kreg Pocket Hole Jig and screws. Graham also cut the plywood shelf boards using the new Makita Plunge Cut Circular Saw and guide (see later).

Ken Pittman fitted and glued the shelf boards into the frames.



Graham Rennie (left) and Ken Pittman fitting the shelf boards

## Machines and Safety

### Emergency Exit Signs

There are two Emergency Exit Signs inside the Shed. One is above the Emergency Exit Door on the west wall of the garage. The other is above the double glass Main Entrance Doors in the Wood Workshop which also serve as an Emergency Exit.

These signs are illuminated when the power to the Shed fails so that they are visible if the Shed is dark. **BOTH THESE SIGNS MUST BE VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES AND MUST NOT BE OBSCURED.**



Wood Workshop Emergency Exit Sign

In particular the sign in the Wood Workshop is above the storage shelf along the North wall. **ITEMS MUST NOT BE STORED ON THE SHELF IN FRONT OF THIS SIGN.**

### Makita Plunge Cut Circular Saw Kit

A new Makita 600 Plunge Cut Circular Saw Kit has been purchased. The kit includes a 1.4m cutting guide and clamps as well as a dual port battery charger and two batteries.

The saw has a 165mm diameter blade which can be set to -1 deg and +48 deg for bevel cutting. The maximum depth of cut is 56mm at 0 deg, 40mm at 45 deg, and 38mm at 48 deg.

The saw is rated at 36 Volts dc and is powered by two 18V series connected batteries (both must be in). The saw weighs between 4.4 and 5.1 kg depending on the number and size of batteries inserted.

The saw and accessories are stored in two custom boxes in one of the mobile tool trolleys. The 1.4m cutting guide is currently stored on the north wall of the Wood Workshop.



The Makita Plunge Cut Circular Saw kit



The Dual Port DC18RD Battery Charger for the saw batteries is located with the other chargers in the northwest corner of the Wood Workshop. Note that the two Makita BL1850B batteries provided for the saw should only be used with the saw as both are required to be in for the saw to operate.

### **“New” CNC Router Machine**

A larger second-hand Axiom Precision Router Machine and Table has replaced the small De Walt Router Machine which has been donated to the new Melville Community Men's Shed.

The “new” Machine, which has a larger router and a more robust table which allows the use of larger cutters, can handle larger jobs than the previous machine.

A Dust Extractor is mounted underneath the table at the back right and the control box is mounted underneath the table at the front left. Accessories (including the cutters and computer cables) are stored in a wooden box and small desk is provided for the computer which controls the machine operations.



The Axiom Precision CNC Router Machine plus Accessories

Barry Textor will give demonstrations and training sessions from time to time and Members will be notified by separate email when the sessions are being planned.

Shed Members should register their interest in attending sessions with the Shed Manager.

### **Magnetic Welding Jigs**

As mention above, John Paisley has acquired for the Shed four magnetic welding jigs to use in the Metal Workshop. They have rotating pieces at each end which have embedded magnets and are tight to turn so that they keep in position.



Two of the magnetic welding jigs holding a steel nut

### **Tool Trolleys Modified**

The two trolleys on which some of the hand tools and other items (previously hanging on the north wall of the Wood Workshop) are stored have been modified to enable more tools to be transferred.



The modified hand tool trolleys (work in progress)

A triangular sided stepped shelf arrangement has been fitted to the top of the trolleys. Longer tools



will be stored on the rear higher shelf with shorter tools being stored appropriately on each of the lower shelves.

Both Trolleys have been moved to the Shed Office end of the trestle workbench in a back-to-back configuration.

### New Portable Welder

The Shed has recently purchased a small Michigan 140A ARC TIG Welder with cables and a carry case.



The Michigan 140A ARC TIG Welder

The welder will be stored in the Metal Workshop.

### Ozito Table Saw for Sale

An Ozito TBS-2000 254mm blade pedestal mounted table saw has been donated to the Shed. The saw has only been used once and is available for sale to Shed Members at \$150.00. View it at the Shed.



The Ozito Table Saw for sale

### Thank You Very Much for Your Kind Donation

Thanks to all Shed Members who donated refundable bottles and cans over the last month or so. We raised a little over \$50.00 for Shed funds when Rob Craig took them to the refund depot.

### New COVID Strain??



### Manning Men's Shed Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
25 Feb 2022	Friday	1.00pm	End of Month BBQ
07 Mar 2022	Monday	All Day	Shed Closed for WA Labour Day Holiday

### Manning Senior Citizens Centre Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
16 Feb 2022	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Free Movie
02 Mar 2022	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Bingo
03 Mar 2022	Thursday	TBA	Bus Trip
04 Mar 2022	Friday	12.00pm	Luncheon with Guest Speaker
18 Mar 2022	Friday	12.00pm	St Patrick's Day Celebration Lunch \$20.00