



# Manning Men's Shed Inc Newsletter

An Association Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015

January 2024 #01

**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:** Shed Closed  
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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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Shed Email: [manningmensshed@gmail.com](mailto:manningmensshed@gmail.com)

**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 2023 Christmas Function

The Western Themed Sundowner proposed for late afternoon/evening of Friday 15th December 2023 was changed to a lunchtime Christmas BBQ. This was done because many Shed Members had indicated that they could not attend at the later time.

Over 40 Shed Members, Partners, and Guests attended a very enjoyable function with Mike Harrison once more cooking the sausages and laying on an excellent salad. We thank you Mike. Liquid refreshments were also provided.

Our Guests included Geoff Baker, our local Member of the WA Legislative Assembly, and the Mayor of the City of South Perth Greg Milner. Also at the BBQ was Paul Kelly, Owner and Director of CASWA Pty Ltd, who has donated to us all the items needed for fitting and operating card reader switches to the larger power machines.

During the BBQ, Shed Chairman Graham Rennie, presented the Chairman's Award to Ambrose Hargan, our "Quiet Furniture Restorer".



Shed Members enjoying the BBQ in the outside covered area



Guest Paul Kelly (left) and David Vicary "guarding the goodies"



Mike Harrison on duty at the BBQ while Shed Members in the garage enjoy the fruits of his labour.

## January 2024 End of Month BBQ

The January 2024 End of Month BBQ will be held on Friday 19th January 2024 commencing at 1.00pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

## Projects

As the Shed has been closed for most of the time since the last Newsletter we have carried over some items from early December 2023

## Busy as Bees in the Shed Garden

The Beehive group have now installed the beehive in the Shed garden and the bees are as busy as .. well bees.



The Beehive - the bees can be seen on the small shelf



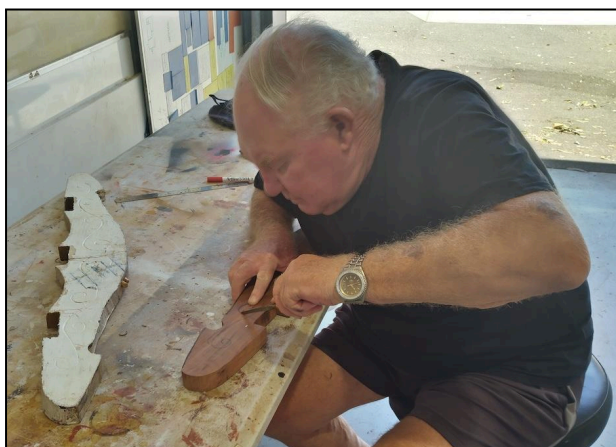
Shed Members should be aware of the bee activity and avoid any disturbance around the hive. For further information on the hive and the Bee Group please speak to Graham Rennie.



The beehive looking towards Ley Street

## Martin On his Rocker

We say this because Shed Member Martin Lawton is not "off his rocker" but is working to repair the rocker on a rather robust and fancy rocking horse.



Martin Lawton carving the pattern on the new rocker

The rocking horse and the rockers are made from heavy timber, something like jarrah. One of the rockers was broken and Martin has made a new one using some of the jarrah from the racks at the back of the Shed.

The rockers have a carved scroll pattern on the outside and Martin needed to carve the pattern on the new one.

After making a replica of the pattern on a sheet of paper Martin used carbon paper (surprised he could still get some!) to transfer the pattern onto the outside of the new rocker. Martin used some of the small carving tools in the Shed to cut the pattern.

The client also wants the rest of the rocking horse to be refurbished and repainted. The rocking horse is intricately carved and sanding it back to the original timber and then re-painting it will be a major job..



The intricately carved horse

## Wayne's Marry Us Michelle Sign

Let us be clear here Wayne Mortimore is not proposing marriage to Michelle, he is already married. Michelle is a Marriage Celebrant and needed a stand for her sign. Wayne made an upright stand with feet for Michelle.



Wayne Mortimore hands the completed stand to Michelle

## A Table with a Cable

Ben Gunawardena has made a table with a difference. It is held together by steel cables but there is a gap in the middle of the leg which seems to defy gravity. It is called a Tensegrity Table. Tensegrity is the shortened form of Tension Integrity and is defined as a structure containing 2 or more components which are connected only by string or cables in tension. This gives the impression that the top component is "floating" in the air.



Ben Gunawardena's Floating Table

The base structure and the structure on which the table top is fitted are identical - basically a square with a single leg on one side which has a right angled strut projecting halfway inwards. There are four cables attached on the four corners of the base square up to the underside of the top square. Most importantly the legs are on opposing sides of the table with the right angle struts pointing inwards. The strut on the base is positioned above the strut on the top. There is a short length of cable between the two struts and without all four corner cables the top would keel over.

Clever stuff Ben!!

## Leatherwork

We are considering re-introducing a leatherwork group in the Shed. We had a group some years ago led by then Shed Member Vince McFagan. Vince was a master leatherworker by trade and had worked for a number of the saddlery companies in Western Australia. He won major prizes for his

saddlework and had a lot of leatherwork tools we could use. Vince learnt his leatherwork from lessons given at Fairbridge School near Pinjarra where he lived after being sent there from England. Before he left Vince donated all his tools to the Shed and we still have them in the Compactus. Vince has since died with a number of Shed Members attending his funeral at Fairbridge.

Shed Member Dale Sniffen is a Chef by trade but is also an excellent leatherworker. He has agreed to lead a leatherwork group so we are seeking Shed Members who would like to be part of the group. Anyone interested in getting involved with a leatherwork group is asked to let the Shed Manager or a Shed Supervisor know or email us at the new shed email address (see page 1 above)

## Ardross Chicken Coop Named

The children at Ardross Primary School have decided to call their chicken coop "Hensington Palace".

Rob Craig has made a wooden plaque for the coop, which recognises the Shed's role in its construction, using the CNC Router. Brett Goodwin has used Bondcrete to seal the wood and it will be given to the Art Teacher at the school so that the children can paint it.



Brett Goodwin applying Bondcrete to the plaque

## Machines and Safety

### More Tools for East Timor

Denis Menzies and his colleagues at the Rotary Club of Como have put together another load of



hand tools for the farmers in East Timor.



Boxes of tools ready to go to East Timor

## Safety Officer

Barry Textor is now our Safety Manager and he is looking for a couple of Shed Members to act as his deputies.

Safety issues occurring in the Shed should always be reported to the Shed Manager or one of the Shed Supervisors

## Allans Floor "Slipometer"

Allan Waugh was asked to look into whether or not we needed to carry out non-slip treatment on the Shed floors.

For the technically minded, Australian Standard AS 4586 gives slip resistance classification of new pedestrian surface materials, and Australian Standard AS 4663 provides means of measuring the frictional characteristics of existing pedestrian surfaces in wet and dry conditions.

First thing to do was to measure how slippery the floor in its existing state was. But how to measure it? Allan needed a device to measure the slip resistance and like all good engineers came up with a suitable device.

We all wear shoes or boots to walk on the floors so what better device to use than a boot. Our shoes or boots exert some sideways and downwards force as we walk so we need some weight inside the boot. What better than a heavy Mallet inside the boot. Then something to measure the force needed to pull the weighted boot along. What better than a weight measuring instrument attached

by a bit of rope to the boot. Hey presto, a ready made Slipometer. OK so we made up that name!



Allan Waugh's "Slipometer" Allan testing the "Slipometer"

So here he was with one boot off, holding a digital weighing machine attached by rope to his boot with a big mallet stuck in it, and pulling it across the garage floor. The meter on the weighing machine shows the force (in milligrams) needed to move and drag the boot across the floor.



The weighing machine display

We "aweight" the outcome of the official report on the Slipometer test!

## Card Readers on the Larger Electrically Operated Machines

During the Holiday period a few intrepid Shed Members have been carrying out essential maintenance and have installed more of the electronic card reader switches on the larger electrically operated machines.

This is being done to introduce better control of Shed Members access to machines and hopefully reduce the risk of personal injury and the machines being damaged by incorrect use.

Each Shed Member will eventually get a card which will be programmed to allow that Member to only start machines when they have completed a full training course for that machine. The cards will also allow Shed Members to register attendance at the Shed by swiping the card reader on the wall

behind the front door near where the sign in lectern is currently located. The cards will also record who has used a machine and when. Information from the card readers will be transmitted via wifi devices to our computers in the Shed Office.

The equipment needed to implement this system have been provided by Paul Kelly Owner and Director of CASWA Pty Ltd.

CASWA is an Australian company that designs electronics and software for collecting, analysing and disseminating data to help asset owners and maintainers make better business decisions. CASWA also manufactures (and distributes) the Sole Digital range of asset management products at a facility in Perth, Western Australia.

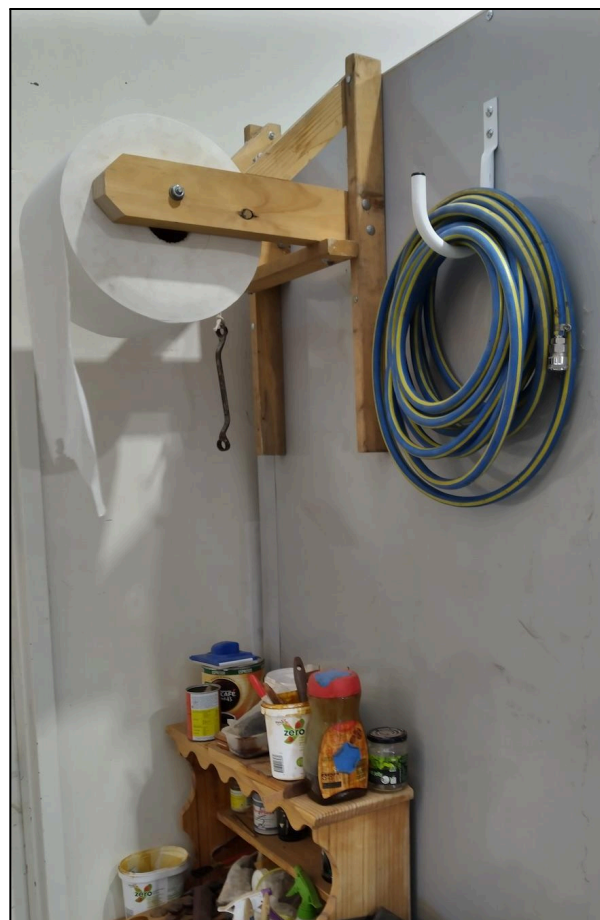
### A Higher Level of Cleanliness

During COVID we had a large wooden frame holding a big roll of paper towel in the Shed. Since the removal of the COVID restrictions the frame and roll have been left in the passageway to the Shed toilet. The feet on the frame have been a trip hazard and also encroached on the access to the toilets. This area has now been cleaned up and the frame and roll have been relocated.

The paper towel is now largely used with the timber finishing activities with the cans and jars of finish stored in the small cupboards at the kitchen end of the compactus unit. The old floor mounted frame has had its legs cut off to make a wall mounted unit which has been installed at a high level above the small cupboard.

An air hose is also stored on a hook adjacent to the paper towel roll.

Extension leads will also be stored on hooks in the same area



The paper towel roll and air hose on the compactus

### Passageway to the Shed Toilet

It was mentioned above that the passageway to the toilet has been cleared up. Shed Members should be aware that as this is a toilet for people with a disability a clear passageway of 1.2m width must be maintained with room for a wheelchair to manoeuvre in and out. Please do not use any of this passageway to store large items which encroach on the 1.2m clearway.

### Manning Mens Shed Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
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 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