



Manning Men's Shed Newsletter

An activity of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre March 2023 #03

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 8:30am - 1:00pm Shed Projects Only

Tuesday 8.30 am - 1.00pm Normal Session

Wednesday: 8.30 am - 1.00pm Normal Session

Thursday 1st & 3rd week 8:30am - 1:00pm Women's Group

Thursday 2nd & 4th week 8.30am - 1.00pm Normal Session

Friday 8:30am - 1:00pm Normal Session

Saturday am only: 1st, 3rd & 5th week under review

Saturday am only 2nd & 4th week Women's Group

Monday 1.00pm - 4.00pm Normal Session

Tuesday pm Shed Closed

Wednesday 1.00pm - 4.00pm Shed Projects Only

Thursday pm Shed Closed

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Friday pm Shed Closed

Saturday pm Shed Closed

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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.

Mens Saturday Sessions

The Saturday morning sessions for Men are expected to be regularly reviewed to determine if there is sufficient interest from Shed Members to restart them. The Saturday sessions for Women have waiting lists so they will continue.

If you are interested in coming to the shed regularly on a Saturday morning please contact the Shed Supervisor or email us (email address below)

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Shed Email: mmswa@mail.tidyhq.com

Workshop Manager: To be advised **Workshop Supervisors:** Kim Horne, David Vicary, Allan Waugh, Ken McCrackan, Barry Textor, Rob Craig, Shoichi Nakanishi **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

Manning Senior Citizens Centre: Glenn Rogers 9450 6273

Vinyl for Sale

A large number of vinyl records have been donated to the Shed. They are currently located on the bottom shelf of the mobile rack in the Shed Kitchen.

A selected number of good covers have been taken and put on sale through an agent as they may fetch a good price.

The remaining covers are available to members for a donation. If you take any of them please ensure that you leave a donation and advise the Shed office which ones you have taken.

St Pius Primary School Fete

We have been invited to have a stand at the St Pius Primary School fete on Sunday the 2nd April between 9.00am and 3.00pm. Shed Treasurer, Mike Smith, has taken on the role of organising our attendance.

As there will be mainly younger parents, and maybe grandparents, attending we are calling for items which will appeal to that demographic. Cutting boards, cheese boards and knives, toys, nameplates, boxes, bird feeders, picnic tables and bowls spring to mind.

There may well be other items that Members may wish to make

Anyone who has, or who can make, some items for sale are requested to contact Mike or Kim Horne, so that we can coordinate our offerings !

We also need at least five people to look after the stand on the day. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated. This is a good opportunity to raise money for the shed and raise our profile within the Manning community.

Thanks to those who have already registered, on the sheet on the kitchen table, to help on the day, All assistance will be appreciated.

Fundraiser at the Old Mill

We have organised a fun & social evening in partnership with the Old Mill Theatre (Corner of Mends Street and Mill Point Road) to see the Noël Coward play, *Private Lives*, on the 21 April 2023 at 7:30PM. Tickets are \$25 each with 50% coming back to the shed by way of a fundraiser. The Old Mill Theatre is a gorgeous theatre - one of the best small theatres in Perth. A night to enjoy. Only 116 seats available.

The link to purchase your tickets is:
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/999865/sessions/3627314>

It is a very humorous play, written by Noel Coward and directed by Barry Park, which we are sure you

will enjoy. Elyot and Amanda, once married and now honeymooning with new spouses at the same hotel, meet by chance, reignite the old spark and impulsively elope. After days of being reunited, they again find their fiery romance alternating between passions of love and anger. Their aggrieved spouses appear and a roundelay of affiliations ensues as the women first stick together, then apart, and new partnerships are formed.

A uniquely humorous play boasting numerous successful Broadway runs boasting such stars as Coward himself, Laurence Olivier, Tallulah Bankhead, Gertrude Lawrence, Tammy Grimes, Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor.

Looking to seeing you there - Graham Rennie, -Committee Chairman Manning Men's Shed

February 2023 End of Month BBQ

The February 2023 End of Month BBQ Meeting was held on Friday 24th February 2023 commencing at 1,00pm. About 25 Shed Members attended and heard our Guest Speaker, John Collins AOM speak about the early days of the Shed. John was Chairperson of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre Committee and chaired the committee that planned the establishment of the Shed. John also served as Mayor of the City of South Perth. He described some of the background work that went on to plan, design and obtain the funding to build the Shed.



John Collins (centre) speaking to Members at the BBQ



Shed Members enjoying the BBQ

Greg Milner, the Mayor of the City of South Perth, also attended the BBQ.



More Shed Members enjoying the BBQ

Thanks to Mike Harrison who organised the food and was "chef de BBQ".

March 2023 End of Month BBQ

The March 2023 End of Month BBQ Meeting will be held on Friday 31st March 2023 commencing at 1.00pm.

Projects

Mobile Bench Modified

Shed Members may recall that the mobile metal top bench, which is mostly used out the back near the Shed roller doors, had a mind of its own when it came to pushing it around. Well no longer does it go off in all directions but the one where you want it to go. New Shed Member Frank Ginty and Metal Workshop Guru James Turner have "fixed it". They have changed the wheel base from "narrow gauge" to "standard gauge", i.e. they have given it a wider wheel base.



Frank Ginty removing the leg bottoms

Frank removed the old wheels and cut off the bottom of the legs which enabled James to weld a wider square section strut across. James then welded new wheels at the ends of the struts.



The Wide Wheel Base Trolley

The Hand That Rocks the Cradle

A vintage babies rocking cradle was donated to the Shed late last year and John Braithwaite has been working on restoring it.

The work involves taking apart some of the parts of the cradle and re-gluing them into place. Some of the timber, which has signs of previous woodworm, needed to be replaced. John has removed some of the timber from the bottom of the crib to repair the upper head cover. The bottom, which is not generally visible, will be repaired using newer but compatible timber.

John was recently helped by Ken McCracken and Wayne Mortimore to glue and re-assemble the head cover.



Ken McCracken (left) and Wayne Mortimore (right) help John Braithwaite to re-glue the cradle head cover.

John has finished restoring the main part of the crib and Wayne has been helping him to refit the head cover.



Wayne Mortimore (left) helps John to fit the head cover to the cradle. Note the board taken from the centre of the bottom of the crib to repair other parts.

Box Gallery at the Manning Hub

The City of South Perth has recently called for Expressions of Interest for a box gallery at the Manning Hub. A box gallery consists of a series of framed boxes depicting a specific theme which are attached sequentially to a wall.

Led by Shed Member Kim Horne, the Shed submitted an expression of interest. Our submission is a theme based on the fish and fauna from the Derbal Yerrigan and Djarlgarra/ Dyarlgarro (Swan and Canning) Rivers. The submission, prepared by Kim, was based on a design concept from our Women's Group.

Additional Desk in the Kitchen

Shed members will note that the south wall under the TV has been "cleared". The 34 plastic chairs are stored elsewhere.

It is proposed to have another desk located in this position for two older computers which will allow Shed Members to access the internet without the need to disturb users on the newer computer in the south west corner of the kitchen.

Shed Office Desks Extended

The 3D printer in the Shed Office has been taking up space on the desk associated with the second office computer making it difficult to use.

To resolve this issue it was decided to install additional desk space in the south west corner.

Shoichi Nakanishi has been busy making two desks from timber sheets that were donated to the Shed. They were cut to size on the panel saw and have now been assembled and installed. Shoichi also stained and polished them.



Shoichi Nakanishi working on the desk extensions



The new desk extension installed

Rotary Club Flag Stand

Last year we made a couple of small flag stands for the Rotary Club of Como. We recently received a photo of one of the stands in use.



Rotary Club of Como Flag Stand

From Breadboard to Coasters

Max Zeller has been working on a "chequerboard" style breadboard. He decided that it was too thin and fragile to be used as a breadboard and has converted it to a number of coasters.

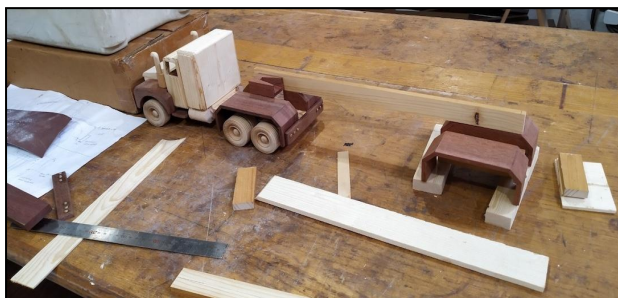


Max Zeller rounding the corners of the coasters

This involved cutting the breadboard into square pieces and gluing an outside border to complete them. The corners of the coasters were rounded off using the bobbin sander.

Bernie is still Trucking

Bernie Dierks has continued to work on his truck and is now working on the articulated flatbed trailer.



Work on the trailer commences

Martin is no Couch Potato

Martin Lawton, our "Chair Man" has moved on to bigger things and is now working restoring a large couch which currently resides off site. To facilitate the restoration it has been taken apart to allow Martin to work on the legs and arms at the Shed.

The legs and arms had intricate carved "knuckles" on them which were damaged and needed rebuilding. Martin has done this by removing the damaged timber and gluing blocks of jarrah to replace it. The new timber needed to be carved into the original design but still retain the used look they had (called sympathetic restoration).

Martin was provided with numerous photos of the undamaged legs and arms onto which the required dimensions had been placed. Martin has been busy recarving the "knuckles".



Details of the "knuckles"

A Horse With a "Tale" to Tell

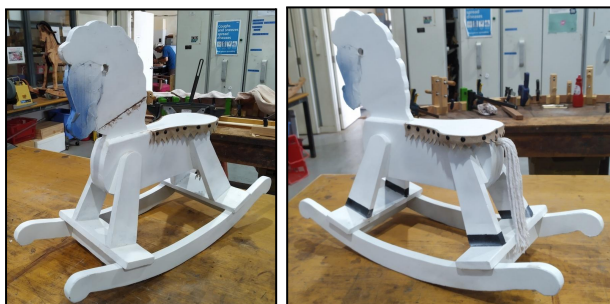
In January we reported that work had started on the small white rocking horse. The horse's head has been repaired and painted and the horse now has a new tail.

Eric Goddard decided that a good way to make a new tail was to use lengths of cotton from a mop head. The lengths of cotton from the mop head are much thicker than the thin string originally used and a way was needed to glue a number of lengths together to form a new tail which would fit into the existing hole on the horse's rear end.

Peter came up with the idea of using a plastic funnel with a spout slightly larger in diameter than the hole. Eric threaded 12 lengths of cotton from the mop head into the funnel and pulled them through until there was about 1 cm left inside. Glue was then put into the funnel on top of the cotton and allowed to soak down into it. A jig was made from scrap plastic tubs so that the funnel could sit on top with the "tail" hanging down inside.

Hey presto two days later after the glue had set the tail was pulled out and the hole in the horse rear end was reamed out slightly until the tail was a tight fit into it. The tail was removed so that painting of the horse could proceed. Howard Smythe, who

started the work on the horse, did the painting which included painting the bottom of the legs black to depict the horse's hooves.



Rocking Horse head fitted (left). Head painted, tail fitted and hooves painted (right)



Horse Tail Jig (left) Tail ready to fit (right)

George Checks Out His Board

George Szczepanik has made a large single sided chess board. He checked out the board dimension before doing some fine sanding to finish the top.



George checks out his chess board

George used a backing board with thin jarrah and pine tiles glued to. It has a jarrah frame surrounding it.

Despite George having poor eyesight he is quite meticulous about his work. The tiles are fitted closely with no visible gaps and it has a very fine sanded finish on top.

Lots of Small Jobs

In addition to the bigger jobs highlighted above we get a lot of smaller jobs to do which usually do not take a lot of time.

John Paisley has just repaired a damaged cavity wardrobe door. The outer panel on one side had holes in it. John was able to cut out the damaged part and insert a piece of 3ply.

Peter Repton and James Turner repaired a triangular shaped aluminium support for a pool cover spool. One side of the triangle needed to be straightened and welded back onto the spindle holder.

Rob Craig fixed up a wheel on a small dolls pram.

Something Fishy Going On

A lot of small fishes have just appeared in the Shed.

The situation is under investigation by the Hon Editor and further information will be published in the April Newsletter.



Some of the fishes



More of the fishes!!

Machines and Safety

Third Band Saw

A third bandsaw is being made ready for use in the Wood Workshop. It is an older Sontax 14" woodworking bandsaw and is located between the two existing bandsaws. Stephen Finch is currently setting it up with a relatively narrow blade. This will allow it to be used for cutting smaller radius curves than the existing bandsaws. Just follow the guidelines posted on the saw.

Manning Mens Shed Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
31 Mar 2023	Friday	1.00pm	End of Month BBQ
02 Apr 2023	Sunday	9.00am	Shed Stall at the St Pius Primary School Fete - 3.00pm finish
21 Apr 2023	Friday	7.30pm	Fundraiser Old Mill Theatre - Noel Coward's Private Lives - \$25 pp
29 Apr 2023	Friday	1.00pm	End of Month BBQ

Manning Senior Citizens Centre Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
26 Mar 2023	Sunday	5.00pm	Rock and Roll Night - Riverstone Band
05 Apr 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Easter Celebration Lunch with Entertainment \$25.00 then Bingo
12 Apr 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon with Guest Speaker
19 Apr 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Free Movie
20 Apr 2023	Thursday	TBA	Bus Trip

Shed members will be advised when it is ready for use. Note that the Shed's Training and Assessment rules apply to this machine



The Sontax Woodworking Bandsaw.

Reminder re Named Cups

A form is located on the kitchen table for Members to order cups with specific names on them. The costs will depend upon the time when they are ordered with the supplier and we are keeping track of the price so we can get a good deal.