



Manning Men's Shed Newsletter

An activity of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre March 2022 #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 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 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 (1st, 3rd & 5th for men; 2nd & 4th for women).

Covid Precautions

With the planned opening of the WA border and the fact that Omicron is present in WA and infections are expected to increase, Shed Management has decided to implement 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, all members must:
 - a. MUST register their attendance using the SafeWA phone app and QRCode.
 - b. MUST sign in by entering details on the attendance sheet.
 - c. Must wear a mask at all times when in the Shed.
 - d. 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.
2. 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 – 1.
3. 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.
4. When making a cup of tea/coffee, please limit the number in the kitchen to three (3).
5. Members exhibiting any flu like symptoms should not attend the Shed and may be refused entry if they do come to the Shed.
6. 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.
7. The monthly bar-b-que will continue with the expectation that members will not gather closely together.

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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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“New” Office Printer

A pre-owned Toshiba e-Studio 2050C Multifunction Laser Printer/Copier/Scanner has been installed into the Shed Office. This printer is able to handle A4, A4R, and A3 sheets

The smaller Brother printer is limited to black and white A4 sheets.



Toshiba e-Studio 2050C Multifunction Printer/Copier/Scanner

Busy Bee

It had been intended to have a Busy Bee at the Shed in early March. The main work involved was to install some new frames and modify the shelf storage arrangements in the container. However, there is a shortage of MDF Sheets and we have been unable to source any for the new shelves. It was therefore necessary to postpone the Busy Bee until we can get the MDF.

We also intended to carry out testing of electrical machines and tools. However, Bill Barton and helpers will now be doing the testing during normal Shed opening hours. Some machines and tools will be unavailable for a short period whilst the testing is in progress.

First Ladies Day at the Shed

Report from Shed Manager Kim Horne:

As you are aware, Saturday 12 February was the first women's day in the Shed. Seven women turned up at various times during the morning. Barry Textor did a great with inducting the women.

We spent the morning showing them safety and how to use hand tools plus what the Shed stood for. We had morning tea under the tree - they all thought our Shed was very impressive.

I think Allan has a couple of contenders for his Kumiko and Barry had them spellbound with his CNC ability. All in all it was a very successful morning,

I would like to thank both Allan and Barry - they did a fabulous job, well done boys.

The women are all looking forward to the next morning in the Shed when they will start doing their projects.

Kim.

February 2022 BBQ Meeting

The February 2022 BBQ Meeting was held on Friday 25th February 2022 commencing at 1.00pm.

During the BBQ Kristy McSweeney, the local Liberal candidate for the Federal seat of Swan, spoke about her background and experience and why she was standing for the seat.

Instead of the usual long roll with sausage Michael and Mel Taylor prepared some very nice beef, chicken and veggie burgers with salad. Members present commented on how good the burgers tasted. Thanks again to Mike and Mel for such a good repast.

March 2022 BBQ Meeting

The March BBQ meeting will be held on Friday 25th March 2022 commencing at 1.00pm

The Women Associate Members who attend the Shed on Saturday mornings have been invited to attend.

Projects

Toys for the Children's Hospital

A suggestion has been made that, during the year, all Shed members make a toy for the Perth Children's Hospital.

Shed Manager Kim Horne is gathering some simple designs and is asking all Shed members to participate in the project.

More Tables.....

Graham Rennie with advice from Kim Horne, has been working on a large jarrah table. After initially sanding it down to clean off the old finish Graham applied a coat of shellac as a base for the subsequent three applications of polyurethane finish. Graham finished off by cutting and polishing the table top. The table now takes pride of place in Grahams Dining Room.



Graham Rennie's Jarrah Dining Room Table

The next project is not strictly a table but looks like one! Its Peter Cullinan's jarrah bench top made from a number of machined 4 by 2 beams glued together. Due to its size, it needed 5 large sized sash clamps. Just a big chopping board really!



Allan Waugh helps Peter Cullinan to glue the bench top

Talking of Tables and Chairs. Last month we featured Howard Smythe working on a children's table and chair set. Howard continued working on the chair and after sanding back he applied a dark stain to the pine timber and then applied a coat of shellac. Eric Goddard then applied a dark wax with wire wool to get a smooth finish on the timber. After the wax had dried Eric used good old elbow grease to polish up the surface. Wayne Mortimore helped Eric to do a second wax and polish.



Child's Table and Chairs finished

Another "table" is a steel framed trolley into which Ken McCrackan has fitted a top and lower shelf made from jarrah boards



Ken McCrackan with the finished trolley and shelves.

Some more tables have just arrived!!!!

..... and Chairs

Eric Goddard has finished the Sympathetic Restoration of the Regency style chair. Kim Horne touched up the parts that had been replaced using acrylic paint to add the faux grain and Eric applied a coat of shellac to allow the complete chair to be waxed and polished. As they say it is good to go.

Martin Lawton has completed the restoration of an oak dining chair which also needed a damaged piece on the seat, where one of the side arm rest fits, to be replaced. The damaged wood was cut out and a shaped piece of timber was inserted.



Martin Lawton's repair to the seat

The damage occurred where the arm rest support is attached to the seat. The arm rest is held by wood screws so was easy to remove, to allow the work to be done, and refitted. Martin also had to replace one of the side support struts under the seat.



The arm rest support fitted to the seat with the new strut under

A second chair identical to the one Martin has repaired needed to be pulled apart and rebuilt as well as having some of the seat support struts replaced. Mike Smith is doing the work on this chair



Mike Smith working on the disassembled chair

Ambrose Hargan has also taken on the job of repairing a folding jarrah chair. The cross-legged chair has a slot in the legs connected to the front of the seat along which spigots on the leg which form part of the back can slide. The bolts holding the various moving joints were loose and in some cases the nuts inserted into the wood had become loose or had pulled out.



Ambrose Hargan does a trial assembly before starting the job

A Piano Stool need some work has just arrived!!

Sean Gets the Wooden Spoon

New Shed Members Sean Dwyer is trying his hand at carving. He is making a wooden spoon using some of the Shed's carving chisels. Being unauthorised to use the band saw, Sean has had to cut off surplus wood using the good old hand saw.



Sean Dwyer cuts out the spoon shape (l) and starts carving (r)

James Take the Plunge

It's not often that we see James Turner working with wood. We recently spied him using the new Makita Plunge Cut Circular Saw to cut out some plywood for a storage frame he was making for his caravan. It is made from plywood and consists of a number of small compartments.

James used the saw guide to cut the straight edges and cut various sized rectangular piece out of the plywood board by freehand.



James Turner cutting out a rectangular section

Wayne and Lazy Susan

New Shed Member Wayne Mortimore has made a Lazy Susan serving board. The work involved making a small diameter circular baseboard and a larger diameter circular serving board and fitting a ball bearing plate between them.



Wayne Mortimore polishing the Lazy Susan serving board

Ken Gives It a Burl



A Burl similar to the piece used by Ken McCracken

Ken McCracken is making a clock on a slice of a burl taken from a jarrah tree. After filling the voids with resin and sanding the surfaces, Ken enlisted the help of Rob Craig who, using the CNC Route, cut out a square on the back of the slice to house the clock mechanism box.



Ken McCracken filling the voids with resin

(Editor's Note: To give it a burl mean to try something - primarily heard in Australia and New Zealand. In this context a burl is a tree growth in which the grain has grown in a deformed manner. This produces a very peculiar and highly figured wood, prized for its beauty and rarity. It is highly sought after by furniture makers, artists, and wood sculptors).

Kim's Knife Sheath

David Vicary has made a very nice sheath knife and he enlisted Kim Horne to make a wooden sheath for it.



Kim Horne's wooden Sheath for David Vicary's Knife

The sheath was made by gluing the different timber pieces together and then cutting the resulting piece into two halves. The slot for the knife was cut in each half using chisels before they were glued together.

Shelf Racks for the Container

As part of the work to arrange storage of items in the container James Turner has welded up some steel frames. These frames will allow the longer thinner pieces of timber to be stored vertically.



The Shelf Racks stored out the back after painting

Zac and Matthew, the two boys from Leeming High School, and their support person, painted the frames

Women's Projects

The women attending the Saturday sessions have been learning how to use the bandsaws, routers, carving tools, and various sanders, all without any accidents or near misses (no pun intended).

Below they are showing off their breadboards, serving platters and wooden spoons nearly all of which were completed during the session of Saturday 22nd March 2022



Several of the projects had oil finishes applied and the quality of the projects was high.

Shed Members Martin Lawton, Barry Textor, and Allan Waugh provided guidance and assistance during supervision of the activities

Picnic Tables

The picnic tables which John Paisley started making some time ago have proved to be a good fundraiser for the Shed and recently there has been a number of other Shed Members making them.

For a while John was not making them and Mike Smith took over the role but John was back in the Shed recently making some more of them.



John Paisley making some more picnic tables

Ian Johnston is also making a picnic table which he will be donating to the Native Animal Hospital for their fundraising activities. He already had a small oval table which he considered too small so has set about making a larger version loosely based on the design of the small one.



Ian Johnston making a larger picnic table

Justin's Toy Trains

Justin Bookham comes along to the Shed some days and brings along some of the toys he is making for finishing work.

Justin's mother helped at the Shed especially cleaning the kitchen and toilet area until she was unable to do so due to ill health.



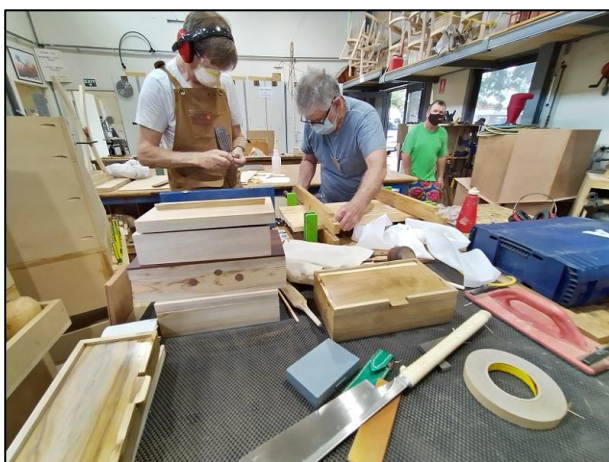
Justin Bookham sanding the second toy train he is making

Recently Justin brought in some toy trains that he had made which required some sanding and wheels to be made and fitted. Allan Waugh assisted in making and fitting the wheels and Justin did the sanding.

Allan Calls on his Experience

When making a panel from timber strips it is important to ensure that when the strips are glued together, they are clamp so that there are no gaps between the strips and the panel surface is flat. This can be done using F-clamps and a strip of timber on edge and the timber pieces used are called “cauls”. The “cauls” must be robust enough not to bend when clamped onto the panels.

However, another method uses two strips of timber (cauls) on edge with integrated clamping bolts on the ends instead of using separate clamps. This is a more permanent arrangement which is part of the suite of clamps in the workshop. Allan Waugh has been assisting Graham Rennie on such a job and used this latter method



Allan Waugh (right) using cauls

In the foreground are some of the boxes that Allan has been making

Machines and Safety

Shed Safety Officer

Barry Textor has been appointed as the Shed Safety Officer and one of his first actions has been to upgrade the Shed Induction process.

Shed Inductions

All Shed Members are required to undergo the new induction process and sign off that they have completed it.

Inductions will be conducted by Barry Textor or by the one of the Shed Managers team (Kim Horne, Rob Craig and Dave Vicary). Normally they will conduct an induction session for up to four Shed Members at a time. Shed Members should speak to one of these people to make arrangements for their induction to be conducted.

Machinery Training and Assessments

Shed Members are not permitted to use any machine in the Shed unless they have been trained to use it and have been assessed as being competent to use it.

Machinery training sessions are being introduced to enable Shed Members to achieve the competence required. They will be conducted by Kim Horne, Stephen Finch and other authorised Shed Members.

They are generally conducted after the morning tea break but at present on an ad hoc basis. If you are not a regular attendee you should contact the Shed Manager at the Shed Office for further information.

Power Off at the Shed

The Power will be off at the Shed all day on Wednesday 16th March 2022. This is due to the work being carried out to install underground power in the local area.

Contractors will be disconnecting the old overhead network and connecting up customers to the new underground network.

The Shed will be open (in accordance with the current COVID requirements) for the use of hand tools and battery-operated tools but none of the power operated machines or hand-held power operated tools (including battery chargers) will be available for use.

Perhaps this is an opportunity to regain some of those lost skills!!

It is also intended to carry out the work in the Container to install the revised storage racks and rearrange the storage shelves. Your assistance will be appreciated.

Shed Garden Hydroponic System

Consideration is being given to the installation of a hydroponics watering system in the Shed Garden. The system would use rain water collected from the Shed roof.

It is expected that this arrangement will reduce our mains water bill considerably

Recent Sad News

We are sad to advise that Shed Member Ross Dick died at the age of 71 on Friday 4th March 2022 after being taken ill with peritonitis on the previous Monday.

Ross was not regularly at the Shed but came in to work on projects for his home. Ross was married only a short while ago and was painting a house that he and his wife Violet had recently purchased when he fell ill.

Our condolences go to Ross' wife and family. A funeral service to celebrate his life will be held at the Wesley College Church in South Perth on Wednesday 16th March 2022 commencing 11.30am.

Items For Sale

These items can be viewed at the Shed and Members interested in acquiring an item should contact the Shed Manager.

Uchido Yoko VS 15 Electric Paper Punch Machine \$250.00



Triton WorkCentre Mk3 (includes metal stand) \$80.00



Manning Men's Shed Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
25 Mar 2022	Friday	1.00pm	Shed BBQ Meeting - Associate Women Members have been invited to attend
29 Apr 2022	Friday	1.00pm	Shed BBQ Meeting

Manning Senior Citizens Centre Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
18 Mar 2022	Friday	12.00pm	St Patrick's Day Celebration Lunch \$20.00
23 Mar 2022	Wednesday	12.00pm	Lunch then Free Movie "Respect" at 1.00pm
06 Apr 2022	Wednesday	12.00pm	Lunch then Bingo 1.00pm
13 Apr 2022	Wednesday	12.00pm	Easter Celebration Lunch with Adam Penn \$20.00
20 Apr 2022	Wednesday	12.00pm	Lunch then Free Movie "6 Minutes to Midnight" at 1.00pm