



Manning Men's Shed Newsletter

An activity of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre June 2023 #06

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 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: 1.00pm - 4.00pm Normal Session
Tuesday pm: Shed Closed
Wednesday pm: 1.00pm - 4.00pm Shed Projects
Thursday pm: Shed Closed
Friday pm: Shed Closed
Saturday pm: Shed Closed

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.

Saturday and Thursday Morning Sessions Changes

To avoid confusion about which sessions/days/weeks are for Men and which are for Women the following changes have been made:

All Saturday morning sessions are now open for both Men and Women to attend.

The Women only session will now be held on Thursday morning of every week.

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Workshop Manager: Kim Horne **Workshop Supervisors:** David Vicary, Allan Waugh, Ken McCrackan, Barry Textor, Rob Craig **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

May 2023 End of Month BBQ

The May 2023 End of Month BBQ was held on Friday 26th May 2023 commencing at 1.00pm. Just over 30 Shed Members enjoyed the results of Mike Harrison's barbequing skills.



Mike Harrison dishes it up to John Collins!

Shed Committee Chairman Graham Rennie indicated that discussions are progressing with the WA Department of Commerce to have our new constitution and incorporation accepted.

Robyn Ball, from the Women's Group, spoke to express the group's appreciation of the training and support given to them by Mentors Barry Textor, Graeme Hudson, Stephen Finch, Kim Horne, Martin Lawton, Allan Waugh, Ken McCrackan. Robyn indicated that a number of the group are ready to make a bigger contribution to the Shed activities.



Various Groups of Members at the BBQ

June 2023 End of Month BBQ

The June 2023 End of Month BBQ will be held on Friday 30th June 2023 commencing at 1.00pm

Volunteers Grant

The shed has been successful in being selected as the recipient of a \$5000 Federal Government Volunteers Grant for 2022/2023. This grant will be used to provide training opportunities for Shed members.

In advising us of our success, Zaneta Mascarenhas, our local Federal Member for Swan, also thanked the Shed for its commitment to the community. Kim Horne and Barry Textor attended the Swan 2023 Volunteer Grant Celebration Evening to receive the award plaque from Zaneta



Kim Horne (left) and Barry Textor (right) receive the award plaque from Zaneta Mascarenhas

Men's Sheds of WA Newsletter

The Men's Sheds of WA Newsletter is now available for download/viewing at the following link:

<https://mensshedswa.org.au/news/hot-off-the-press-sheds-wa-our-new-magazine-for-shedders/>

Rotary Club Wine Offer

The Rotary Club of Como is providing an opportunity for Shed members to buy some wine at a great price.

With the continued assistance of their Corporate Member and long- time valued sponsor , Pierre at Preston Street IGA, Karalee Tavern and Liquor Barons on Angelo, They are again making available to Shed Members the West Cape Howe Wines "Cape to Cape" range and Vinaceous Wines at \$130 per dozen (\$10.83 per bottle) which includes \$20 per case donation to Como Rotary.

These wines are a well-known Western Australian brand from vineyards in the Great Southern and Margaret River regions, normally retailing around \$17 per bottle and we are sure you will find the quality to be outstanding value. And they will be delivered to your door free of charge

The following varieties are available:

2022 WCH Semillon Sauvignon Blanc (may be
2023 depending on vintage timing)
2022 WCH Pinot Grigio
2022 Vinaceous Chardonnay
2021 Vinaceous Rose
2022 WCH Shiraz
2021 WCH Cabernet Merlot
2021 WCH Cabernet Sauvignon

This offer is limited to Rotary members, family and friends.

Please email your order to Alan Ramsay at alram@live.com.au

Payment should be made direct to Como Rotary Charity Account as follows:

Rotary Club of Como
Bankwest
BSB 306-089
Account 418-595-1
Note Surname & "Wine"

Member Profile

There has been a request that we include a profile of a Shed Member in the Newsletter. This would only occur if a Member agreed for the profile to appear.

This is not a new feature as we have previously, in the early days of the Shed, done this. However it did not continue, primarily because of the amount of time the Hon Editor spent on getting Members to agree to do a profile and then finding out about them. A photo of the Member would also be provide

The current Hon Editor is happy to include a Shed Member's profile if they provide it.

To start the ball rolling Brian Langley has provided his profile which we are including in this newsletter.

Brian The Bard

Brian Langley has been a Shed Member for about a year. He is also a member of the Moore River Shed which is based at Guilderton, where he and his wife spend time on fishing and other nautical interests.

Brian was born in 1940 and raised in Pemberton. He started working at age 15 when he became a Technician in Training with the PMG Dept (Later Telecom Australia, Now Telstra). His specialty area was broadcasting and radio. After qualifying he took the opportunity to go to Wyndham as the boss (initially only of himself but 4 years later with a staff of 3 others). This was at the time Kununurra and its irrigation system were being built.

Returning to Perth he became a Technical Instructor (Radio) at the PMGs Training School in East Perth which a couple of years later moved to what is now the vacant "industrial eyesore" on the corner of Manning Rd and Ley St. Here he progressed to the position of "head of department". In 1992 when Telecom centralised training in Sydney, rather than relocate to Sydney he took the offer of a redundancy package.

Prior to and after redundancy, and despite a lot of travelling for his work, he found time to spend 12 years as a Petty Officer with the Royal Australian Naval Reserves. With his wife he owned a small pet shop for a few years. He was also involved in sports management, mostly basketball and womens' junior softball.

Brian and his wife have also travelled abroad most notably to Japan and New Zealand as well as around Australia and on cruises.



Brian "The Bard" Langley turning a bowl

Brian says he is a "better than average" writer and performer of "Bush Poetry" and a researcher and compiler of books. He has also compiled a website devoted to the West Australian Rhyming Poets of the "Golden Era" (1890s to 1930s) - an ongoing project. In 2014 he won the Tamworth Golden Dampier Award for bush poetry- see following link:

<https://www.wabushpoets.asn.au/copy-of-greg-joass>

Brian is a wood turner and is often seen in the Shed working on the wood lathe. His latest project is to make some bowls for shed fundraising.

Mens Health Week

This year June 12th to 18th is Men's Health Week and the Shed Committee organised a men's health session on Friday 16th June 2023. It was held in the BBQ area of the Manning Senior Citizens Centre.

Dr Nigel Armstrong gave us a very informative talk about mental health issues which was followed by an extended question time.

Dr Armstrong has worked at RPH for over 20 years as a Psychiatrist treating medically unwell patients suffering from a co-occurring mental illness. In addition he has been a Head of the Department; as well as holding many other senior managerial roles.

Those attending, including 30 Shed Members and guests, enjoyed cakes and morning tea. The event was also attended by our Patron Geoff Baker MLA.



Kim Horne (standing) and Graham Rennie introducing Dr Nigel Armstrong (second from Kim's left)

Projects

Please note that if you have a specific project you wish to feature in the Newsletter please email the details with a photo to the Shed email address

Please note that a file size of about 500kb is preferred - photos emailed from your mobile phone usually are reduced in resolution automatically and have too low a resolution for the Newsletter).

Those Tables Again!

Table and Chair refurbishments for clients are an ongoing activity in the Shed.

Ambrose Hargan has been repairing the leaf from an expandable table which had been scratched. The tabletop is made from veneered chipboard and this meant that Ambrose needed to ensure that he only sanded back enough to remove the scratch mark. This resulted in the finish on the tabletop being removed where he had sanded and he needed to re-stain it to match the unsanded area.



The scratched table top



Ambrose Hargan sanding



Peter Repton with the finished occasional table

Peter Repton is usually associated with all things metal and mechanical but recently made a very nice table with help from Ken McCrackan. He found a nice piece of timber for the top which he enlarged by adding a frame around it. He added an apron under the table and found some loose Queen Anne shaped legs which he fitted. The result was a very nice occasional table.

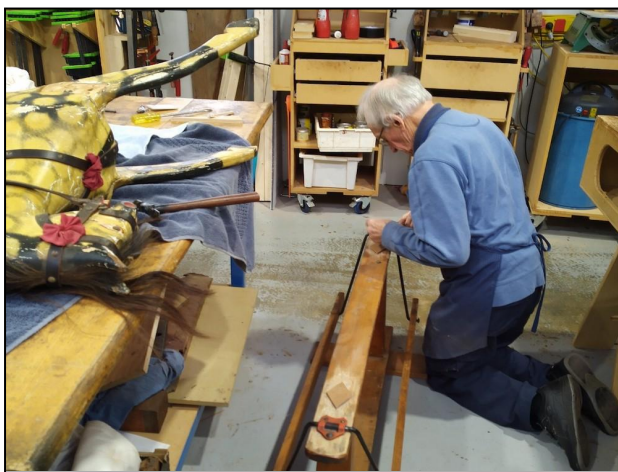
A client brought in an outdoor BBQ table which had suffered some damage due to being exposed to the weather but was otherwise structurally sound. Allan Waugh undertook the job of cleaning the table back to the original pine. Ken McCrackan and Ben Gunawardena then took on the job of adding two coats of stain finish.



The BBQ table cleaned up and after staining

The Horse Rocks On

John Braithwaite has continued to work on the big rocking horse. The legs have been refitted to the horse body using glue and screws rather than nails and glue.



John Braithwaite working on the metal fittings

John is not praying that his horse will come in first in the 2 o'clock race but is working on the base frame.

When the horse was refitted to the base frame it was found that it was not rocking vertically but would list over to one side. Inspection revealed that the metal fittings which secured the steel rocking bars to the base frame had worn into the wood frame and this allowed the listing to occur.

To overcome the problem John arranged for a metal plate to be made by the metalworkers on which the rocking bars would rest.

Martin Has It All Sewn Up

Martin Lawton has taken on a tricky job of refurbishing an old sewing machine cover.

The cover has a veneered finish but part of it on one side was missing. Some veneer sheets were donated by the client and Martin set about gluing them onto the cover. It was a bit tricky because of the curved shape of the bottom part of the cover. It was also important not to damage the good veneer above the area to be done as it had an intricately painted finish that would not be possible to repair.

Martin used a flat piece of timber with quarter round beading to clamp the veneer to the cover. It required quite a few clamps to ensure that the veneer was evenly fixed onto the rounded part of the cover



The painted pattern on one side of the cover



Martin Lawtons "jig" to fix the veneer to the cover

After completing the veneer Martin has set about sanding the unpainted parts of the cover to enable a new finish to be applied.

More Boxes



Kim Horne's Fancy Box

Kim Horne has made another fancy oval shaped box from various timbers blocks glued to give a striped effect,



George Szczepanik and Zac work with the sanding board

George Szczepanik, helped by Zac, has made a fine looking box. When making a box it is important that the lid fits snugly onto the top of the box. This is achieved by using a sanding board to get flat edges on both the lid and the box



Bernie Dierks with the meter box cover

Bernie Dierks has also been making a box. Bernie's box is made to fit over an electricity meter box so it has hinged front doors to allow access to the meter box. It is made from plywood which will be finished to make it is sun and water proof.



Ian Johnson working on the library box

Another box is being made by Ian Johnson. His box is an outdoor library box. It is made from 7 ply and has a single shelf plus a section for bigger books.

Scott Holds the Cup

Scott Wells has made a cup holder for his vehicle. It was cut from a piece of pine which he has shaped to fit on to the central console. He used a Forstner Bit to cut two holes into which the cups fit.



Scott Wells checks that the cups fit into the holder

Machines and Safety

Shed Notice Board

There is a new Shed Notice Board in the Wood Workshop located on the window to the Kitchen.

Please ensure that you check this board whenever you come into the Shed for up to date news and key procedural items. It has been placed higher than usual so that it is not obscured by items placed on the bench below it.

Thanks to Rob Craig for installing the board.

New Woodwork Belt Sander (Linisher)

The Old Hafco Belt Sander, located in the Wood Workshop near the door into the Metal Workshop, has been replaced by a new Sherwood model.



The Sherwood Belt Sander

The Hafco Sander had a fixed table and the full width of the sanding belt could not be used without adding extension boards on top of the table. Using the winder handle at the front of the machine the height of the table on the new model can be adjusted so the full width of the sanding belt can be used.

Like the old sander the new sander belt and drive can be angled back by up to 90 degrees. The new sander is also connected to the dust extraction system.

Please note that this machine can only be used by those Members who have been trained and assessed as competent to use it.

New Mini Folder, Guillotine, Roller

A new Hare and Forbes Machinery House Hafco CM300 three in one Mini Panbrake/Folder/Guillotine/Roller Machine has been purchased for the Metal Workshop.

A guillotine at the bottom of the machine can be used to cut metal sheets up to 1mm thick (20 gauge) and up to 305mm (12 inches) wide. It can also be used to perform precision shearing on 50.8mm to 25.4mm long sheets using an adjustable back stop. A guide is also provided to make precise 90 degree cuts.

A folding or braking press above the guillotine can be used to bend sheets of metal up to 1mm thick (20 gauge) and up to 305mm (12 inches) wide to an angle up to 90 degrees using different angled breaking dies. Note that the machine only has the 90 degree die fitted.



The 3 in Hafco 1 Folder, Guillotine, and Roller Machine

Three rollers at the top of the machine allow roller bending of metal sheets up to 1mm thick (20 gauge) and up to 305mm (12 inches) wide. The rollers also have three grooves at each end to allow rolling of different sizes of small diameter metal rod.

The crank handle operates all three functions at the same time, but only one function can be used at one time. The rollers are rotated directly whilst the bending and shearing functions operate via an eccentric cam. The top roller opens for job removal and the rollers have a cover to protect them from damage when not in use.

Tools for Sale

Peter Repton has been sorting out the surplus hand power tools that we have in the Shed. Most of them have been donated to us when home sheds have been cleared out. Peter has taken a look at what we have and where appropriate replaced our existing tools if there is a better quality donated one. Peter is making a list of all the items that are surplus to requirements

Eric Goddard has assisted by registering the "new" items and removing the replaced items from the register. Items will be offered to Members first then if there are any surplus they will be donated to a project being set up in Kalamunda

The Rack Out Back

Removing the longer pieces of timber from the older racks out the back of the Shed is quite difficult because of the front support posts. To overcome this new open front racks have recently been installed. There are three bays which will allow lengths of up to 6 metres to be stored.



New Racks installed by Peter Repton with Brett Goodwin

The new racks are robust and have substantially sized L-shaped posts, base plates, and horizontal cantilever support brackets to take the weight of the timber. Peter Repton has installed one of the bays whilst Ken McCrackan, Rob Craig, and Dave Vicary temporarily relocated the floor boards that were stored where the new racks were to go.



Manning Mens Shed Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
30 Jun 2023	Friday	1.00pm	June End of Month BBQ
28 Jul 2023	Friday	1.00pm	July End of Month BBQ

Manning Senior Citizens Centre Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
21 Jun 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Free Movie "Jungle Cruise"
05 Jul 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Bingo
19 Jul 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Free WW2 Movie "Operation Mincemeat"
02 Aug 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Bingo
09 Aug 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Guest Speaker "Demystifying Aged Care"
16 Aug 2023	Wednesday	12.00pm	Luncheon followed by Free Movie "Just Mercy" (a true story)