



# Manning Men's Shed Inc Newsletter

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February 2024 #02

**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 Subscriptions

The Membership Subscription payment page on our Website provides a link through which Members can pay to renew their membership and others can pay to join the Shed. Note that the amount specified on the Website has been updated and now includes the Membership Subscription for the Manning Senior Citizens Centre (MSCC). The Shed Committee will arrange for the MSCC Subscription to be transferred to the Centre's account. This has been done to ensure that Shed Members comply with the requirement to also be Members of the MSCC and have insurance cover when attending the Shed. It also ensures that we know that the MSCC Subscription has been paid.

Whilst the present arrangement is for Shed Members to be covered by the MSCC insurance this arrangement will change once the Shed Committee has been able to obtain separate cover.

Subscription payments have also been changed over to a rolling membership arrangement and Shed Members will now receive a renewal notice for a 12 months payment just before the anniversary of the date of the original payment.

## 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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**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

## January 2024 End of Month BBQ

The January 2024 End of Month BBQ was held on Friday 19th January 2024 (Friday 26th January was the Australia Day Holiday and the Shed was closed), commencing at 1.00pm.

A small group of about 10 Shed Members enjoyed some of Mike Harrison's excellent barbecued "snaggers" in a roll.



Shed Members at the January End of Month BBQ

## February 2024 End of Month BBQ

The February 2024 End of Month BBQ will be held on Friday 23rd February 2024 commencing at 1.00pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

We will have a guest speaker at the BBQ. Rebecca Talbot is the Regional Health Coordinator for the WA Men's Sheds Association. She will be talking about setting up a Welfare Group at the Shed and will be bringing along copies of a booklet called Shed Mates in Action which discusses activities that support, health and well-being in Sheds.

## Australia Day Awards Ceremony

On Australia Day 2024 Shed Chairman Graham Rennie and Shed Member Kim Horne were invited to attend the City of South Perth Awards Ceremony. They were very surprised when the Manning Mens Shed were announced as nominees for the City's Community Citizen of the Year Award for Active Citizenship. They were then delighted when they were called up to receive the award.



Kim Horne (left) Graham Rennie (centre) receive the ward from COSP Mayor Greg Milner

Greg Milner, the Mayor read the citation which noted how members of the shed "support and contribute to the local community including upskilling young people with disabilities, trades employment training, art workshops, a women's morning and much more".

Special mention was the public art display in the Manning hub box gallery which the Mayor said "was a fantastic intergenerational community art project resulting in one of the most striking artworks exhibited to date" - credit to our special projects manager Kim Horne who led the project and the men and women of the Shed who do great work. It's a pleasure to be a member.

Project leader Kim Horne said, "it was a great Australia Day for Manning Men's Shed winning the Active Citizenship Award, which is awarded to a group doing outstanding work or for an event staged in the community during the past year. The Shed won this award for the Box Gallery Sculpture Fish and Fauna from the Derbal Yerrigan and Djalgarra/ Dyarlgarro (Swan and Canning Rivers at Manning Library, I would like to thank all the Shed Members who worked with me on this project achieving a fabulous result, you all should be very proud of yourselves. The Mayor Greg Milner also thanked the Shed for all the community work done over the past year, what a team, also thank you to the City of South Perth for their ongoing support".

## Projects

### It's All about the Ears

We have discovered that the rocking horse that Martin Lawton and Anbrose Haran are working on is a Marwari horse from India. To quote from Wikipedia: "The **Marwari** or **Malani** is a rare breed of horse from the Marwar (or Jodhpur) region of Rajasthan, in north-west India. It is closely related to the Kathiawar peninsula of Gujarat, with which it shares an ari breed of the Kathiawar unusual inward-curving shape of the ears. It is found in all equine colours, including piebald and skewbald. It is a hardy riding horse; it may exhibit a natural ambling gait."

We also found an almost identical rocking horse for sale which, apart from the plain timber of the body of the horse, gives us a good idea about the colouring for the regalia on it.

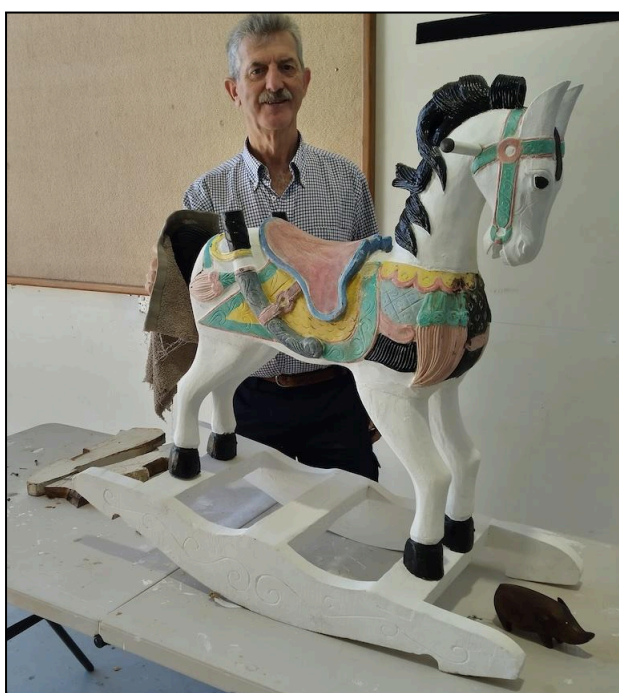
Martin has completely replaced the broken rocker and has tidied up the "cracks" where the joints have opened up a bit. Ambrose Hargan has been very busy giving the horse a rigorous wash down with sugar soap to clean it up. Ambrose then painted the black and white parts which is an intricate job as he needs to avoid getting the paint on the various colors of the regalia. The client will finish



the painting of the regalia. Ambrose said that he calls the horse Elvis because of the black quiff on his mane.



Ambrose Hargan with Kim Horne Cleaning up the Marwari Rocking Horse (left). Similar one found on the Internet (right).



Ambrose Hargan with the painted rocking horse

## Beehive Update

The bees appear to have settled in well. During the time the bees have been there they have filled two frames with honey, leaving only one full frame left to fill. It is expected that the third frame will be full in early February. Pleasingly the bees are quite calm and we can inspect their progress without getting fully 'suited up'.

Members of the Bee Group are rounding some jars to put the honey in. Each of the 6 frames fills about 4 to 5 medium sized jam jars. The jars will be sterilised by having them in boiling water at over 100 degrees for 20 minutes. The tops will be sterilised by pouring boiling water on them.

Graham Rennie, the Bee Group leader, is applying to the Australian Men's Shed Association for a grant to provide the beekeeping group with some

new gear - e.g. new suits and a new hive as council regulations allow us to have two hives. If you would like to have a look at the bees' progress, Graham is normally at the Shed on Monday and Friday mornings.

## A Hip Hippo Hurray

A sad looking Hopalong Hippo recently arrived at the Shed looking for some tender loving care. It (gender not declared!) was hopping because it had a broken (off) leg.



The now Happy Hopalong Hippo gets a rear end rub down from Graham Rennie. The front left leg was the broken one

The brown wooden hippo was brought in by Graham Rennie to fix up for a member of his family.

It lay around on the bench for a while until "vet (for veteran not veterinarian!)" Kim Horne fixed the broken leg. It is now a Happy Hippo especially after Graham gave him a general wax and polish rub down.

## Community Workshops

After the success of the two workshops held in conjunction with SPCC in 2023 and following discussions with our Chairman a proposal has been put forward for a series of workshops, to be held every quarter, and facilitated in the Shed Workshops. Shed Members will be asked to assist in planning and running the Workshops and will receive further information in due course.

## The Invasion of the Tables

It seems that the tables can not keep away from the Shed. They must have heard about how good a reno job we do!

Metalworking Shed Member Peter Repton has taken to woodworking again and has refurbished a three legged table with a round marble top. One of the three legs had broken off where it joined the apron under the table. Peter needed to use the Shed lathe to turn a new leg and a wood chisel to chop out the broken bit on the apron. After he had glued and fitted the new leg in place he finished the

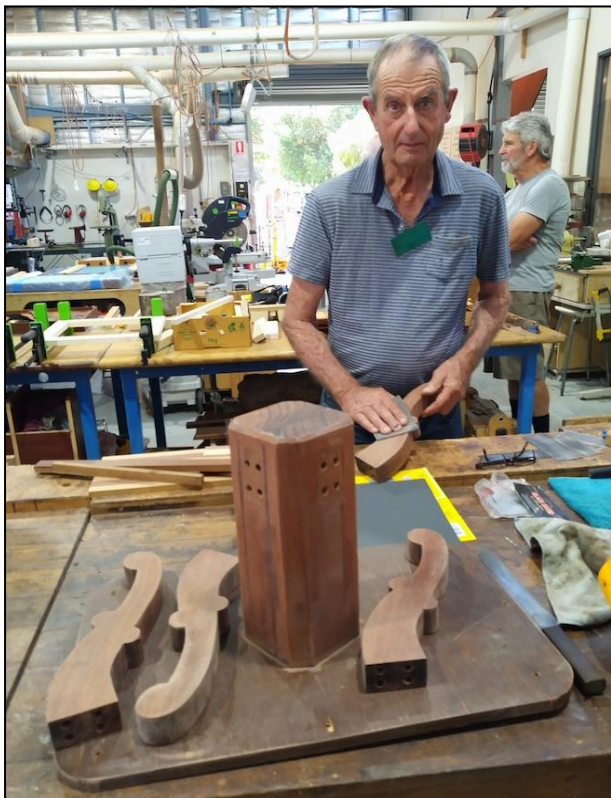


job by sealing the new leg with bondcrete and painting all three legs and the apron with a dark lacquer.



Peter Repton sealing the newly fitted third leg

New Shed Member Ivan Lee has been working on a three legged pedestal table which will have a burl top. He was sanding the legs before reassembling the table.



Ivan Lee sanding the table legs

Wayne Mortimore is making a medium sized table for himself. The table is made from a mixture of pine and jarrah boards with a striped art deco look.

John Braithwaite assisted Wayne on the Panel Saw to trim the table ends. Wayne says it will have framed edges.



John Braithwaite (left) helps Wayne Mortimore on the Saw

Mike Harrison is also making a set of nesting tables from pine. He was busy in the Shed making the three frames which will slide into each other for efficient storage.



Mike Harrison making the middle and small table frames

## Stall at the Manning Hub Lane Festival

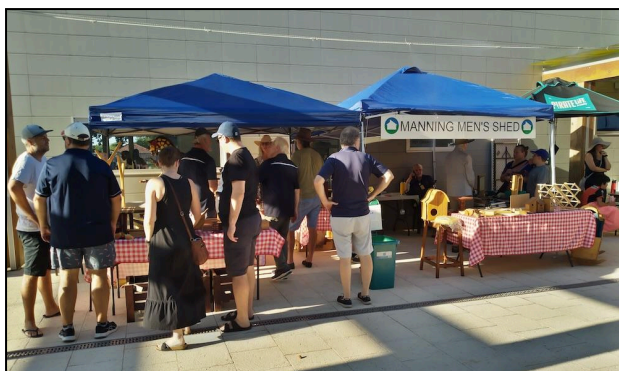
The Shed had a stall at the Manning Hub Lane Festival on Saturday 10th February 2024 between 4.00pm and 9.00pm. The stall was operated by Shed Members Kim Horne (project leader), Ken McCrackan, Graeme Hudson, Eric Goddard, Ambrose Hargan, Mike Smith, Dale Sniffe, Graham Rennie, and Frank Ginty, over two sessions - 2.30pm to 6.00pm including transport and set up time, and 6.00pm to 9.30pm including pack up and transport time.

Paul Loraine assisted by using his tray back utility to transport major items to and from the venue. Barry Textor also called in but as he was recovering from an arm operation he could not do any lifting.



It was a very hot afternoon although it was cooler when the later session helpers came on shift. It is estimated that about 2000 people came through the festival which gave us excellent exposure to the local and wider community. The stall included items for sale as well providing an example of what the Shed can do.

We sold items to the value of just under \$1000. Some of our visitors enquired about training and what we can do at the Shed so it was a worthwhile activity for us to hold.



The Shed Stall at the Festival

## Library Boxes for Remote Communities

Professor Chris Brooks, who we featured in the December 2023 Newsletter, has picked up another of the robust metal and timber library boxes that Shed Members have made for remote regional communities in Western Australia.



Chris Brooks with the latest library box

By all accounts these boxes are making a big difference to the communities in encouraging children to read. There are still a couple more of the library boxes to be finished.

## This Little Piggy Went to Martin

This is not a big story because it involves a little pig which had lost an ear. Which ear did I hear you say, this ear 'ere.



Martin Lawton works on the new pig's ear

You could say that Martin Lawton made a pig's ear of the job. He glued a small piece of jarrah where the lost ear had been. He used a small chisel to do some initial carving and then a Dremel tool with a fine bit to do the finer work of shaping the new ear.



Martin Lawton makes a pig's ear

## Barry is Back

Barry Textor has recently had an operation on his arm to fix a carpal tunnel issue. Recently, suitably bandaged up, Barry was back in the Shed to help with the Women's Group.

They all gave him a warm welcome back.



Barry Textor with some of the Women's Group



## John "Urns" His Keep

Now that John Braithwaite has finished restoring the antique rocking horse he has moved on to more intricate items. In addition to making another of the leaping dolphins he turned his hand to making a wooden vase or urn for his family.

We have featured his leaping dolphins before but the vase is a more difficult task. John first made a series of different sized rings with segments of pine and jarrah glued together. The size of the rings was varied to give the outside and inside profiles of the vase. A bit like pineapple rings!



John Braithwaite's wooden vase

The top and bottom halves of the vase were made separately by gluing the rings onto each other leaving a stepped inside and outside surface. Making the top and bottom as separate pieces allowed John to turn the inner and outer profiles of the vase on the lathe. After sanding the inside and outside surfaces the two halves were then glued to form the complete vase. A clear wax finish was applied to give the vase a lovely look.

John's fine handiwork is now attracting requests from relatives in the UK.

## Brett Goodwin Mulki Set

Brett is back in the Shed after working for a while on the Ardross Primary School Chook Pen. He has previously made some Mulki throwing game sets, some of which were on sale at the Manning Hub Laneway Festival Stall on Saturday, and was making another one.

The latest model uses numbered discs made by Mark White on the 3D Printer machine.



Brett Goodwin making a Mulki Throwing Set



Parts for making the Mulki throwing game

## Machines and Safety

### Kitchen End of the Compactus

Further changes have been made to the kitchen end of the Compactus Unit to allow additional power leads and one of the air hoses to be stored there.



Re-arranged storage on the end of the compactus unit

## Hot Weather Precautions

During the current hot weather conditions it becomes very hot in the Shed when the outside temperature is very high. Because of this the Shed Management have adopted a policy that if the forecast is for temperatures above 38degC the shed should be closed. Members will be advised by email when this occurs.

## Dementia and Your Caring Role

Dementia Australia are holding a free programme of 4 sessions suitable for family carers and family members of people living with dementia.

The program provides an understanding of dementia and how to care for someone living with dementia. It includes strategies and resources for communicating effectively, meaningful activities, understanding changes in behaviour, making your home dementia-friendly, and the impact of caring for someone with dementia.

It will be held at Osborne Community Hub, 11 Royal Street, Osborne Park and runs over four sessions from 10.00am to 12.00pm on Thursday 29 February 2024, Thursday 7 March 2024, Thursday 14 March 2024, and Thursday 21 March 2024

Dementia Australia's facilitators have specialist dementia knowledge, skills and experience. This program is delivered interactively, you will be encouraged to share your experiences alongside other participants giving you an opportunity to develop new support networks.

Note the program is free! Reserve your spot by clicking [HERE](#)

For more info call Dementia Australia on 9225 4094

## Manning Mens Shed Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
23 Feb 2024	Friday	1.00pm	End of Month BBQ
29 Mar 2024	Friday	1.00pm	End of Month BBQ