



The Shed Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Shed West Community Men's Shed Inc.

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE REFURBISHED KENMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thursday 25 September saw the official opening of the refurbished Kenmore Community Centre by Pullenvale Ward Councillor Greg Aderman and QLD Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm representing the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, The Hon. Catherine King MP. Dr Christian Rowan MP State Member for Moggill was in attendance.

Forty Shed West members were in attendance to celebrate the opening of the refurbished centre that provides facilities for Shed West Men's Shed, The Kenmore Bridge Club and eWaste Connection Kenmore.

Councillor Greg Aderman provided provisions to cook on the new electric barbecue as well as a cake that was cut long with a ribbon to officially open the refurbished site.

Shed West President Phil Batten thanked the dignitaries for their support that led to funding being provided to undertake the Community Centre refurbishment and their attendance today. particularly for Shed West.

Dignitaries and members of the public had opportunity to tour the facilities, see an exhibit of creations produced by the shed for local consumption by local non-profit organisations and timber items turned, sawed, planed, routed, sanded and painted by shed members.



Clockwise from left,

Cr Greg Aderman, Paul McMonagle,
MLA Dr Christian Rowan.

Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm
and Cr Greg Aderman cutting the
ribbon to officially open the
refurbished Kenmore Community
Centre.

Aerial view of the proceedings with
Margaret de Wit as master of
ceremonies introducing the
dignitaries.



Cutting the celebratory cake

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Shed West Sponsors

Shed West is indebted to local politicians and businesses that support our activities.



Dr Christian ROWAN MP
State Member for Moggill

ELIZABETH WATSON-BROWN
MEMBER FOR RYAN

LEWIS BROS. MITRE 10

Mighty Helpful independent hardware store in KENMORE

Lewis Bros Mitre 10 provides discounts on Shed West purchases.



Bunnings Warehouse donates materials to Shed West.

Briefing from September Management Committee

Shed West's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for the 7th October. At this meeting, a new Management Committee will be elected. This year Phil Battern, the President, is retiring along with the Vice President Gerald Barber and Treasurer Shyam Verma. Phil has served as President since 2022 and Shyam as Treasurer since 2021 and Gerald in many roles since September 2008. Gavan Clarke, a committee member since 2021 is also standing down to focus on woodturning.

Financial Report

The Management Committee receives regular reports from the Treasurer and Operations Subcommittee. All bank accounts with Suncorp have been closed and the Bank of Queensland now is our bank. The Treasurer's report and Auditor's Report to be released at the AGM attest to the Shed's sound financial position. A decision has been made to adopt Xero in lieu of MyOb to manage financial reporting.

Operation Subcommittee Report

The Operation's Subcommittee, chaired by Neil Rogers, has been pre-occupied for much of the year in liaising with the Brisbane City Council about the planning and refurbishments funded through the Commonwealth Grant. The major outcome of those negotiations has been the installation of the ducting system along with improved shading and a refurbished kitchenette. The Operations Subcommittee continues to report to MC on the day-to-day running of the Shed.

Some of the more pressing concerns facing the Shed and being considered by the Operations Subcommittee are around health and safety. With changes to the layout of the Donga, the Operations Subcommittee identified storage is a further concern. The Management Committee has initiated discussions with the Brisbane City Council with regard to locating a further storage container at the Shed probably behind the Blue Shed.

Technology Subcommittee Report

Of special note was the Shed achieving Deductible Gifts Recipient Status in June. The Shed also in June received a \$20000 donation from the Dowling Family Trust to be dedicated on refurbishing our Information Technology system. To affect this the MC established a Technology SubCommittee chaired by Doug Wait. The Subcommittee after consultation with members who use technological resources derived a multiphase project. Phase 1 was reported on in the September meeting and indicated two new PCs have been purchased to replace aging computers in the Office and Trotec Room. Operations systems and software is also being updated. It is anticipated that a total of 3 new PCs will be purchased and commissioned before the November Mgt Committee meeting. Improving networking in the Blue and White sheds is underway.

Membership

A decision has been made to remove members (n=9) who have not renewed their membership as of 10th September from the register of members. Currently membership is 126. New membership badges that indicate financial status of members have been distributed or are available for collection from the Shed Office. Work is progressing on digitising the membership management system so the members can renew through the website.

The Committee discussed nominations for Life Membership and after considering several long standing members unanimously agreed to recommend Gerald Barber for his service to the Shed and commitment to the Shed movement in general.

Interest Groups and Projects

Reports were received from the Vehicle Restoration Group, Social Outing Coordinator, Speaker Session Coordinator and Woodturning Convenor. The VRG coordinator reported that the restoration of the Land Rover is nearing completion and will be subjected to a safety certificate pre-inspection in late October 2025. Costs for this project remain as forecasted in February 2025.

Dates for future speaker sessions, social excursions and other events listed in the diary section of this Newsletter.

The New Electric BBQ

Thanks to a successful grant application to AMSA \$5,000 was provided for a new BBQ. Last Newsletter we showed the concrete slab poured with the electrical conduit installed ready for cabling and connection.

On 2 SEP the barbecue arrived on the back of a truck. A forklift was available to help move the barbecue off the truck and move it to the prepared concrete pad.





2 SEP, forklift operator (in training) lifting the barbecue off the delivery truck. A large Shed West crew stood by offering guidance and training tips.

Now burnishing "L" plates President Phil Batten steers forklift over the grass on plywood sheets. Conflicting advice sees a forklift wheel end up on the grass.



Safely on the pad, multiple Mark 1 eyeballs check the final location and that the barbecue is parallel with the edge of the concrete.



The first barbecue on Thursday 11 September 2025

Shed West outing to the Brisbane Tramway Museum



Some of the happy band of tram enthusiasts at the Brisbane Tramway Museum on 9 SEP 2025.

Shed West outing to local vintage motorcycles and car collections

On Thursday 11 SEP a group of Shed West members visited the Pullenvale home of Peter Gross and the Upper Brookfield home of local businessman Derek Bulten, to view two private collections old and rare cars and motor bikes.

First stop was Shed West member Peter Gross's collection of old and rare cars including a 1924 & 1926 Galloway (two of only 8 Galloways ever made); Mk IV Jaguar (the first 'Jaguar' model built); a 1948 MG TE; and several other cars.

After refreshments at the Brookfield General Store we continued on to examine Derek Bulten's collection of over 90 motorcycles and 6 old cars. This collection included 20 plus BMW motorcycles; a 1928 Cadillac Coupe; 1924 Crosley; 1948 Traction Avant; 1928 Chevrolet Ute and a 1987 Citron 2CV. Most of the cars were beautifully restored.



Peter Gross's Jaguar



A small part of Derek Bulten's collection of motorcycles



Restored 1924 Crosley touring car



Mainly BMW motorcycles and Crosley tourer in the background



1928 Cadillac V8 face on

Pottery course

Eight members and partners enjoyed getting their hands dirty learning pottery-making at a venue in Indooroopilly on 24 SEP. Photos give no clue as to the product of the course or the creative talents of the participants. I am surprised everyone looks so clean; No slurry spraying off the potter's wheel or chunks of clay thrown in frustration.



In the News

Technology Update

Doug Wait advises that the first of the new PCs has been installed and tested in the Blue Shed Laser room.

Laser users now have a choice of software: Corel Draw or Inkscape.

The new PC runs Windows 11.

Photovoltaic (PV) upgrade for the shed

The Community Facility Solar and Energy Efficiency Team has advised that that approval has now been granted to proceed with a rooftop solar PV system installation at your club. Brisbane City Council's Resilient Clubs Support Program is funding the PV system. Adapt Energy will be installing a 6.6 kW system, with works scheduled to commence 13/11/2025.

Shed West community support

Shed West has a charter commitment to support other charity groups in our community. On Sunday 14 September the Moggill Creek catchment group held its 20th Anniversary Platypus Survey and Celebration. Shed West supported the event by donating a beautifully crafted hardwood bird feeder as an offering for a raffle prize.

Tracey Read, Chairperson, Moggill Creek Catchment Group advised that the raffle winner was Cole Walche. Cole is a bird watcher, so he was thrilled to now have a feeder to attract birds closer! The raffle included a native plant, binoculars and a platypus book.

Tracey wrote a letter of thanks to Shed West for the support offered, and intimated, "Our event was very successful, and money raised from the sale of raffle tickets will help fund future annual platypus surveys. I am sure you were wondering, all up there were 12 confirmed platypus sightings in Moggill and Gold Creeks."

A successful community effort for Shed West and a great result for the Moggill Creek catchment group to spot 12 platypuses. (That is the accepted plural of platypus.)

First Aid Training

First Aid Training is a valuable skill to acquire that could assist you to save the life of someone who is suddenly at risk of dying. It could happen at Shed West, at your home, at a shopping centre or in the street. Ralph Dowling, our Health and Safety Officer has organised first aid and CPR training for Shed West members and their family members who would like to be trained. There is a fee of \$50 or \$100 depending on the extent of training you are interested in acquiring.

Courses will be run on Monday 20 and Thursday 30 October 2025 from 9:30 to 12:30 each day at the meeting rooms at Kenmore Library. The two courses available will run on each day. They are Provide CPR (which includes defibrillator training) and Provide First Aid. Each course will take about 1hr 30mins to complete and includes a practical assessment.

Attendees must undertake and pass online training before they attend the courses.

You may choose which course you wish to undertake. Provide First Aid includes Provide CPR as part of the course and it is a requirement that you must pass the Provide CPR component before you can complete the Provide First Aid Training. The training is nationally

recognised, so if you need to have a CPR or First Aid Certificate as part of your employment conditions, this is a great opportunity to obtain this training. To qualify for a Provide CPR certificate you must be able to perform CPR for 2 minutes on the ground. (i.e. you must be able to kneel on the ground for the duration of the test to demonstrate competency.)

The cost of the courses are:

Provide CPR - \$50.00;

Provide First Aid (which includes Provide CPR) - \$100.00

All Committee members and supervisors are required to complete the Provide First Aid training and the shed will meet the cost of your courses. All other members of Shed West Men's Shed and their significant others (including children and family friends) are welcome to attend these courses at cost (namely \$50.00 and \$100.00).

If you are required to attend or wish to attend, please fill out the nomination form that is located near the sign on book in the Green Shed.

You will need to provide the following details: Your Name, Email address, the date you wish to attend and the course you wish to attend, namely Provide CPR or Provide First Aid (noting that Provide CPR is included in the Provide First Aid Course). If you are unable to come into the shed to enrol, could you send the above details to the secretary, Jim Watters, at shedwest.sec@gmail.com

You will be sent details on how to enrol with the training provider nearer the date of the courses.

Health and Safety Report

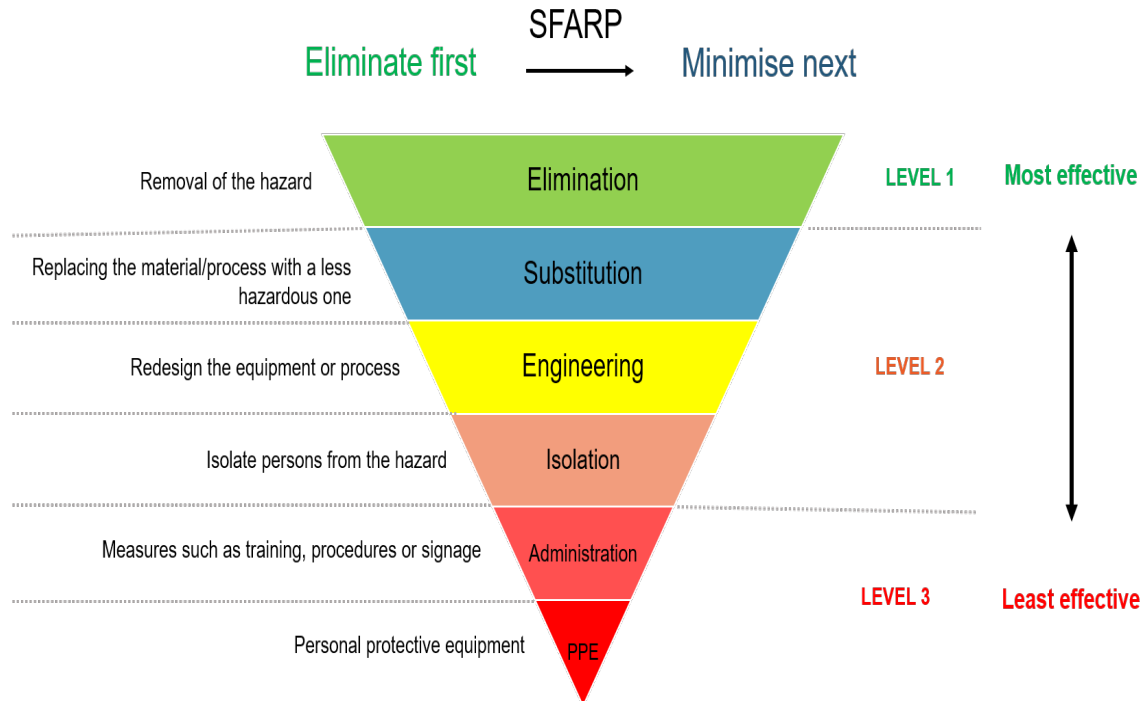


In this addition of the Newsletter I would like to talk about the **Hierarchy of Controls** as a means of making the shed a safer working environment and reducing risk within the shed and its environment.

A Risk is anything that has the potential to cause injury, illness or damage to your health.

Hierarchy of Control

The hierarchy of control is a system that can be used for controlling risks in the various shed workspaces and activities that you undertake. It is a method of prioritising actions you can take to make any actions or works you do in the shed safer. The hierarchy of control is a step-by-step approach to eliminating or reducing risks and it ranks risk controls from the highest level of protection and reliability through to the lowest and least reliable protection. Guidance in this article explains the hierarchy of control and is designed to help shedders understand and use the hierarchy of control to eliminate or reduce risks so they can undertake activities in the safest manner possible.



Eliminating the hazard and risk is the highest level of control in the hierarchy, followed by reducing the risk through substitution, isolation and engineering controls, then reducing the risk through administrative controls. Reducing the risk using protective personal equipment (PPE) is the lowest level of control.

Control Measures are undertaken in the following order

1. **Eliminate the risk.** Eliminating the hazard and the risk it creates is the most effective control measure and is the highest level of protection and most effective control measure. For example, repair damaged equipment; use a lifting machine to do heavy lifting; stop using a dangerous chemical. Eliminate hazards and risks by removing the hazard completely. For example, removing trip hazards on the floor or disposing of unwanted chemicals eliminates the risks they create. If it is not possible to eliminate the hazard, then you must eliminate as many of the risks associated with the hazard as possible.

If this is not practical, then:

2. **Substitute the risk with a safer alternative.** For example, break larger loads down into smaller, lighter loads; use a less toxic chemical. Substitute the hazard with something safer. For example: use a scourer, mild detergent and hot water instead of caustic cleaners for cleaning, use a cordless drill instead of an electric drill if the power cord is in danger of being cut, use water-based paints instead of solvent-based paints.

If this is not practical, then:

3. **Isolate the risk.** For example, install barriers to restrict access to risky work areas or machines; use chemicals in a safe dedicated work area.

If this is not practical, then:

4. **Use engineering controls.** For example, place guards on dangerous parts of machinery; use a trolley to move heavy loads; explore use of localized extraction systems.

If this is not practical, then:

5 Use administrative controls. Administrative controls are work methods or procedures designed to minimise exposure to a hazard. In most cases, administrative controls use systems of work to control the risk. For example: developing procedures on how to operate machinery safely, limiting exposure time to a hazardous task, using signs to warn people of a hazard, rotate jobs to reduce the time spent on any single task; train members in safe work procedures; carry out routine maintenance of equipment.

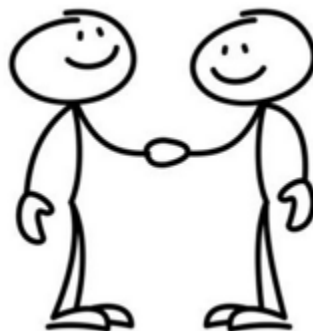
If this is not practical, then:

6. Use personal protective equipment (PPE). PPE worn and used correctly limits exposure to the harmful effects of a hazard. For example, use protective equipment such as gloves, masks or ear muffs and ensure you know how to use PPE correctly.

Reducing the risk may involve a single control measure or a combination of different controls that work together to provide the highest level of reasonably practicable protection. Consider various control options and choose the controls that most effectively eliminate the hazard or, if elimination is not reasonably practicable, minimise the risk in the circumstances. For example, protecting shed members and others from flying debris when using a cutting saw may involve isolating the work area, guarding the saw blade and using PPE such as face shields.

When determining the most effective and reasonably practicable risk control, consider the time needed to introduce the control and whether it is necessary to introduce temporary risk control measures while preparing the preferred control. In some cases, it might be necessary to stop the activity until you can put an appropriate risk control measure in place.

Remember our Health and Safety slogan to **Be Courageous** together.



Be Courageous:

- If you see a safety issue in the shed don't be afraid to take the initiative, fix it if you can (check with Supervisor as required).
- If you are not confident to fix or deal with a safety issue, then bring it to your supervisor's attention.
- If you see a systemic issue, note it and firstly bring it to your supervisor's attention for follow-up and further action as and if required.
- Have the courage to graciously accept the advice that you are being given by a fellow shedder when they tap you on the shoulder if there is a safety concern.
- We support one another. If you see a fellow Shedder who is not their normal self, then have the courage to ask them how they are feeling and to discuss their feelings with them.

Ralph Dowling **Shed West Health and Safety Officer.**

MEMBER FEATURE: JOHN FEGAN – a man living a life of surprises

John Fegan writes,

I've had a very interesting and eventful life. My parents lived in England, Singapore and on Manus Island where my father taught navigation to the New Guinea Navy. I joined the RAN straight out of school and did my time as a shipwright and then went into the building industry.

In 1974 my wife and I decided to head out on the road to Darwin, I wanted to surf these legendary large waves in Bali that were the talk of the surfing fraternity of which I was a member. I worked in Darwin for John Hollands then we went to Bali for 3 months where I enjoyed the legendary waves. Unfortunately we returned to Darwin on December 23, 1974, and barely survived Cyclone Tracey which tore Darwin to pieces. We were lucky to survive it and I still have vivid memories of the destruction and chaos it caused. We were flown back to Brisbane where my parents now lived, and we decided to make a new start in a booming Brisbane.

I continued as a builder but one day in a fit of boredom answered an ad for sales people at 4IP, Brisbane's biggest radio station. I had zero experience in sales and didn't get the job. While I was waiting to be interviewed the biggest band in the world at the time, **Doctor Hook** walked in to be interviewed and we struck up a conversation. I didn't get the job but the atmosphere in the radio station blew me away and I suddenly realized this was what I wanted to do and I kept going back and sitting in the foyer until they employed me. This was the beginning of a career in radio, TV and advertising.

I became the Creative Director of some major Brisbane Ad agencies including Ogilvy and Mather and John Singleton then Triple M FM. During that time I earned many awards for my creative work including a special award for raising standards in the industry.

One day the boss at MMM asked me into his office and told me he liked the way I interacted with the staff and the public and asked me if I would be interested in creating a comedy piece for the morning show. I created a character named **Blue** who did a piece every morning at 7 am on any topic that I thought would entertain the masses from news, current affairs and just everyday life. Blue quickly became a hit and through the 80s and early 90s he took over my life and became a local celebrity which led to me doing a TV skit with the **Broncos** every week on Channel 10 and then a kid's programme called **OK for Kids** on Channel 9.

During my time in advertising I one day stumbled across some fellow creative staff putting together a jingle for a client. I had been taught to play the blues harmonica by the legendary **Mick Hadley**, all of a sudden the meeting turned into a blues jam and suddenly the boss intervened and demanded we play at the Christmas party as punishment. The resultant band was named **Blue and the Debonairs** and through the 80s became one of the biggest bands in Brisbane.

One day there were 5 of us having a beer when one of us, Steve Tyson, the son of legendary Russ Tyson said – '**We ought to do an album and go to Europe!**' - Ridiculous of course but Steve was not to be denied. We formed a band called **Rough Red**, recorded our first of 10 albums and Steve stumbled across a music festival in the far

north of Denmark which had never seen an Aussie band and were keen to book us. This was the beginning of the 21st century, we were all nearly 50 and we became the first Aussie band ever to play in major music festivals in Norway, Denmark, Sweden and even Estonia!

We enjoyed considerable success and sold many albums right across Europe and Scandinavia often playing live to air on European rock stations. One tour we were invited to play at The Bardentreffen in Germany and played as the second headline act playing in front of 20,000 people in Neuremberg Square.

Between 2000 and 2015 we did 8 tours of Europe and Scandinavia. We were told that on the island of Spitzbergen just below the North Pole we are the Rolling Stones, they love our music so much!

After each tour which lasted from 2-3 weeks and one up to 6 weeks we came home and just went back to work as if nothing had happened.

I'm 75 now and we're still playing together, between the 5 of us we have produced 33 albums for Rough Red and personal projects. I also published a 500 page book called **Rough Red A Remarkable Journey** which sold very well.

I am also a ceramic artist (check out **John Fegan's Outdoor Ceramic Art** on Facebook) and I enjoy a busy life holding workshops and completing projects for people. I recently completed an entry archway for Kenmore South State School which in total is 14 metres in length and 500 ml wide featuring wise owls and the tree of life. Chris and I survived 2 floods in Kenmore and now live in Moggill because we're too old to face another flood.

My life has been great, I hope I have a few more surprises around the corner.

Speaker Program Schedule

The dates of future talks and the topics are in the table below:

14 Oct	Peter Tedman	"The Role of the Australian Navy Clearance Diver" From the role of the military diver during WWII, to the inception of the Clearance Diving Branch in the Royal Australian Navy in 1955, and through to the responsibilities in recent conflicts, the Clearance Diver has evolved into an integral part of the Australian Defence Forces. Peter Tedman, as the Commanding Officer of several overseas deployments to dangerous conflict areas, and more local tasks requiring the well-honed skills of a modern Clearance Diver, he is well placed to present the functions of the RAN Clearance Diver. In recent years, you may have seen him as one of the live presenters on the ABC for the ANZAC Day marches in Brisbane. Peter recently retired from the Navy after 49 years of service.
4 Nov	Melbourne Cup	No speaker – straight from the horse's mouth.
11 Nov	Margaret Kowald	(TBC) Historical insights into Kenmore-Brookfield-Moggill District

Humour (for people who tow a caravan)

Back and forth ... in and out ... in and out ... a little to the right ... a kittle to the left ... she could feel the sweat on her forehead ... between her breasts ... and trickling down the small of her back ... she was getting near to the end.

He was in ecstasy ... with a huge smile on his face as his wife moved ... forwards then backwards ... forwards and backwards. Again ... and again. Her heart was pounding now ... her face was flushed ... she moaned softly at first, then began to groan louder ... finally ... totally exhausted, she let out a scream ... "OK, OK, YOU SMUG BASTARD, I CAN'T REVERSE PARK THE CARAVAN. YOU DO IT!"

REMAINING SHED WEST SOCIAL SORTIES for 2025

Date-claimers for 2025:

OCTOBER

October 22nd - Commissariat Store Museum

This museum is operated by the Royal Historical Society of Queensland at 115 William Street, Brisbane. Their tour guides will take us through the museum housing an array of Queensland's convict history in the convict-built Commissariat Store Building. Convict artefacts including leg irons, cat o' nine tails, convict fingers, a scale model of original convict settlement, straitjacket, handmade bricks, the Boggo Road hanging beam, a camel harness from the Burke and Wills expedition, and one of Leichhardt's axe heads.

The cost per person is only \$8 and the plan is to meet at the Guyatt Park ferry wharf and take the CityCat down the river and get off at the North Quay terminal. Then it's a short walk and in the adjoining lift to get to the Commissariat Building.

A sign-on sheet will be available at Shed West if you're interested in attending.

NOVEMBER

November 13th to 18th – Camping at Cullendore High Country

***Please note the change of date that was previously advertised!! Unfortunately the upcoming Shed West First Aid training coincided with the previously advertised camping dates.*

Camping trip to [Cullendore High Country](#), which is located roughly in between Killarney & Stanthorpe. It is only about 2 ¼ hours from Brisbane and a lovely place for camping. Yes, only members who are keen campers or those with caravans would be potentially be interested. We have tentatively booked the 'Kingfisher' campsite in 'The Overflow' camping area for period from October 15-20. There are several campsites that are within a couple of hundred metres of Kingfisher – [see the image of 'Kingfisher' from a previous trip to Cullendore](#). You'll see that there's quite a big area on this one site, let alone other lovely campsites within The Overflow camping area.

Anyway, have a look at the [Cullendore website](#) and let me know what you think. Come for a couple of days or the whole 5 nights that are booked, but numbers will need to be finalised by the end of October.

November 22nd – Christmas Lunch at One Table Cafe

This year we're having our Christmas Lunch at the One Table Café, just a few hundred metres from The Shed on Brookfield Road. The team there have put together scrumptious meal options

for us and it promises to be a great day. Along with a great menu (see the flyer in this Newsletter), the event will be a BYO drinks with Eskys provided next to your table – this has saved a significant amount when determining the fee and allows you to be very prescriptive of what you want to drink!!

The cost for the lunch is **\$35 per person**.

There will be a sign-on sheet at The Shed, or you can send an email to dave@thekings.id.au giving the name(s) of people attending. Remember, wives and significant others are welcome.

Please see the Christmas Lunch Flyer for more details.

DECEMBER

No events have been planned for December at this stage.



A Women's Shed in Canberra

The editor had the good fortune to visit the Canberra Women's Shed Inc. on Saturday 20 September with a family friend who is interested in making things in timber. The women's shed is on the shore of Village Creek near Mundang Beach, Tuggeranong. There are about 50 members with a common aim to become competent at using hand tools and power tools to make items in timber. Most of the women have no background in things technical. A young, German-trained cabinet maker, Johannes is paid to be at the shed to provide training, guidance, help solve problems and oversee the work and the workers, to ensure safe practice is followed.

The shed is about the size of our green shed. The selection of hand tools and power tools is comprehensive. The shed has to purchase its own tools and materials and relies on grants to survive. A local timber recycler helps out with timber. A concrete and grass area at the

front of the building provides extra work space. Some of the woodworking machinery is set up on casters to be rolled outside where the pleasure or woodworking is enhanced by the view over the lake. 20 SEP was a cold, windy day in Canberra so working outside wasn't on most peoples' minds.

The shed has been in existence for a few years and serves a much-needed purpose to enable women, particularly women living on their own to be able to repair things about their homes, make items they need while learning new skills and enjoy the fellowship of other like-minded women.



Canberra Women's shed on the shore of Village Creek near Tuggeranong



Inside the shed with women hard at work

A Japanese Toolbox

My Canberra colleague has made a couple of the Japanese Toolboxes shown below. The size of the box in the photos is 45 cm long x 19 wide x 8 high but you can make it any size you want. While the history of these toolboxes is they were made of construction materials to carry a tradesman's tools, modern reproductions are in contrasting coloured timber to have on display and to hold personal items and memorabilia. No nails or screws are used to hold the box together. The top is secured in place by a timber wedge. If you are interested in a copy of the plan and fabrication notes, contact Gilbert Logan.



EDITOR'S NOTE

The deadline for articles to be provided to the editor for inclusion in the Shed West Newsletter are:

28 November for 5 December publishing

If you are sending photos for inclusion in the Newsletter please email either as small size PDF format (under 150kB) or in jpeg or tiff format so the file size can be reduced. The Newsletter will not email if it is over a certain file size and the photos make up the bulk of the size.

Shed West's Newsletter is of greater benefit to its readers if it contains stories about Shed West members. If you are working on a personal project at the shed, engage in a hobby at home, have an artistic flair, play a musical instrument, have returned from a travel adventure, we would all like to hear about it. If you don't want to write your own story, contact me and I'll write it with you.

Gilbert Logan (Shed West Newsletter editor)
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Walking Group

Apparently Shed West had a walking group pre-Covid19. It is still mentioned on the website. I am willing to restart it if there is any interest from Shed West members.

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Shed members interested in restarting a walking group please complete this **WALKING SURVEY** and hand it in to the Shed West office or contact Gilbert Logan 0409792396. The survey was in the July Newsletter and interest was almost non-existent. This will be the last effort to determine if members want a Walking Group.

Name	
Contact phone or email	
How far do you want to walk? (km)	
How long do you want to walk for, 1h? >1h?	
Where to walk (around streets, parks, ?)	
Frequency (weekly, fortnight, 1 / month?)	
Day of week? Flexible?	
Time of day, early am, middle, afternoon?	
Walking interest - fitness, chat, company?	
Start & finish at the shed or elsewhere?	
Occasional longer walks, e.g. Mt Coo-tha?	
Will bring, spouse, partner, friend or just you?	
Do you require medical clearance to walk?	Y / N ? (Confidential, no details required here.)
Do you currently walk regularly & how far?	
Do you want to finish at a café or at Shed West by smoko?	

Committee Membership & Responsibilities

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Committee Member	Stuart Reed	
Committee Member	Neil Rogers	
Committee Member	Doug Wait	
Committee Member	Bruce Woodhouse	
Committee Member	Gilbert Logan	

Operations Sub-Committee

The operations sub-committee is responsible for the management of the Shed. This includes maintenance and health and safety aspects.

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Other Responsibilities

The following members are point of contact of a range of special tools and functions.

Social Events Coordinator	David King	dave@thekings.id.au
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Shed West Community Men's Shed (Inc) Supervisors

Day	Supervisor	Assistant Supervisors	Supervisor
Green Shed 8.00 – 12.00 AM			Green Shed 1.00 – 5.00 PM
Monday	Gavan Clark	Carlos Borges	
Tuesday	Ron Williams	Gerald Barber, Phil Batten	
Wednesday	Doug Wait	Neil Rogers	David Brown training where needed
Thursday	Ron Williams	Gavan Clarke	
Friday	Neil Rogers	Peter Merrell	Gavan Clarke (woodturning)
Blue Shed 8.00 – 12.00 AM			Blue Shed 1.00 – 5.00 PM
Monday	(Leatherwork)		Alan Ernst
Thursday	Warren Cameron	Geoff Haig, Trevor Ward	
White Shed 8.00 – 12.00			
Monday	Russ Hawksford	Bruce Woodhouse	
Tuesday		Russ Hawksford	
Wednesday			
Thursday	Russ Hawksford	Bruce Woodhouse	
Friday	Bruce Woodhouse	Russ Hawksford	

A Shed Supervisor, through negotiation, is assigned to a designated day to oversee all operations conducted within and enforce all duties listed below. An Assistant Supervisor is also designated on each day. **Either** of these two must be in attendance on their designated day.

- In the event that the designated supervisor is unable to attend, it falls on him to request that the Assistant Supervisor cover his duties,
- Should the Assistant be unavailable then other Supervisors may be approached to cover his duties,
- If the designated supervisor needs to depart mid-session and the Assistant Supervisor is not in attendance, then a senior experienced and qualified member may be asked to assume the responsibilities of the Supervisor,
- In the event there are no designated, nor ordained Supervisors in attendance then the Shed must cease operations and close.

The responsibilities of the Supervisor include;

- Ensuring members entering the Shed are wearing sturdy enclosed shoes.
- Prompting members to wear their name tag, sign in to the Shed and pay the attendance fee. Members must also remember to sign out so as to validate insurance cover.
- Making sure members using machinery have access to the required personal protection equipment (safety glasses, ear muffs, dust masks, etc).
- Ensuring members using machinery have been cleared to use the machinery by a mentor, are wearing a name tag that indicates that they can use the machine (i.e., have appropriate green dots on their name tags) and are using machinery in a safe manner.
- Ensuring members clean the workbenches or equipment they have been using as soon as they have finished their task.
- Ensuring members return tools and/or equipment they have used to their appropriate storage place.
- Checking vacuum cleaners, dust extractors and filters are emptied and cleaned.
- Making sure the Shed is left in a clean and tidy condition at the end of the work session and ensuring the Shed and all other buildings are securely locked. All work should cease by 11.30 allowing time for cleaning up and sterilising all items used. Where possible the supervisor is to blow out the shed.
- All new members will receive a welcome pack detailing the operations of the Shed as well as the QMSA and the AMSA. It also outlines that all members will undertake the Safety Induction program despite not wishing to attend workshop activities.
- The Shed Safety Officer or his delegate will require that a member acting dangerously immediately begin observing safe practices. If the Safety Officer's (or delegate's) instructions are disobeyed, then he may ask the offending member to cease his activity and leave the premises forthwith. This person's right to work in the Shed workshop will be suspended until it is reviewed by the Management Committee.

NB. All items donated to the Shed will be scrutinized by the duty supervisor to determine what remains as Shed property and what may be allocated to wanting members.

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