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Congratulations Howard!



Shed News

Life Membership Awarded to Howard White

At the 2023 AGM, the members endorsed the recommendation of the management committee to honour Howard White with life membership of Shed West

Howard joined Shed West in 2009 when Shed West was in its infancy. A long standing member of the Shed ops sub-committee, Howard wrote or co-wrote most of the training modules that form the cornerstone of our safety systems for working in the Shed.

Howard is a highly skilled and knowledgeable woodworker, having trained under a master craftsman at ANU, and he has always been only too happy to pass on that knowledge to those who are willing to learn.

Thank you, Howard, for your many years of dedicated service to Shed West



Leatherwork Group

This month the emphasis has been on keys, wallets, and wine carriers again.

John has completed some more key cases and a wallet with a coin purse attached, while Alan in continuing work on the wine carrier with emphasis on handle designs.

Also, during the month, we completed the two axe covers for a Shed member.

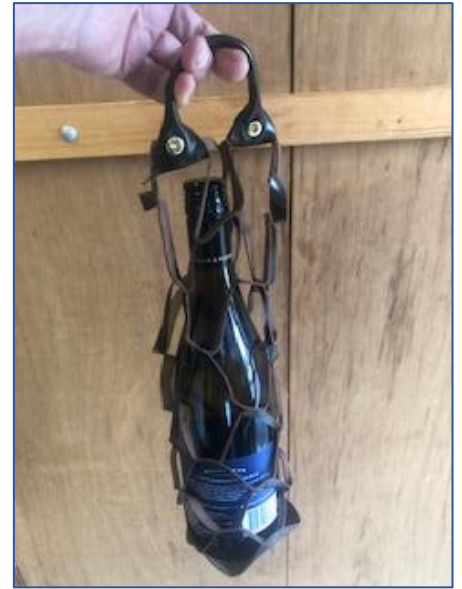
Alan Ernst



Key Case



Wallet



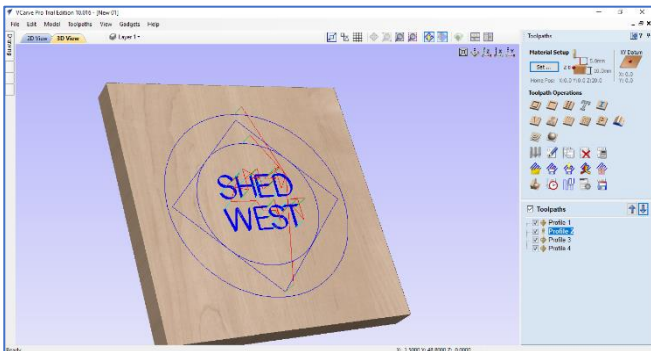
Wine Carrier

Community Projects

CNC Router Projects

After several years of Covid shutdowns with little productivity from the CNC router, 2023 has finally seen us turn the corner and make some much-needed income.

We were able to secure jobs for the Brookfield Show Society, Brookies Produce, Brookfield Stables, Greenleaves Early Learning Centre along with several other personal projects. These customers have generated over \$2000 for the Shed with minimal outlay. Feedback from these clients has been positive and word-of-mouth recommendations from them is increasing.



We are not in competition with businesses of the trade, but specialise in one-off orders personalised for the customers which places us in a very distinctive position. We will continue to offer the same service in the coming years.

I will be conducting more training in 2024 and would encourage more members to gain the skills to achieve the same satisfaction I receive with every job delivered.

Neil Rogers



Kindy Tables and Chairs

This project is really taking shape now. The members involved are getting plenty of practice with joinery skills using the router table, domino machine, band saw, compound saw, table saw, and even some old fashioned hand tools. The jury is out whether a mallet and chisel are better than the mortice drill for squaring up mortices, but for my money you need to do a little bit of the old fashioned work just for the feel of the wood under your tools 😊. DA



Jim Watters – morticing the newfangled way



Phil Hurley – squaring mortices up the old fashioned way



Carlos Borges cutting tenons



Richard Ciechanowski – counting his blessings 😊

Vehicle Restoration Group

Engine and gearbox progress

Another milestone was reached in late October with the reconditioned engine going back into the chassis. The block was secured first, and then the head, rocker gear and various bolt on components such as the manifolds, distributor, front pulleys, oil breather, oil filter and clutch were fitted. The carburettor, fuel pump and exhaust system will go on at a later date.



Chassis turnaround



Lifting the engine block into the chassis



And it's in!



Fitting the rocker gear to the head



Engine installation complete

The gearbox has been stripped of its clutch operating mechanism, handbrake and inspection covers. Its condition has been assessed, and whilst some wear was evident, we have decided to reassemble it as is, replacing only the input and output shaft oil seals, gearchange mechanism components and gaskets. The condition of the gearbox will be further assessed when Ollie is back on the road.

Painting

Bodywork paint and associated items have been purchased with preparation and painting of the body panels underway.

The bulkhead will be in the first group of items to be painted, as a significant amount of engine bay and cab items hang from it. Further, without the bulkhead painted and in place, the rest of Ollie's bodywork cannot be attached or aligned properly.



Applying the primer coat to the bulkhead

The front radiator support panel, floor plates and the transmission tunnel cover plates are also being painted now. The bonnet, doors, front guards, sills, and tub will be painted later.

Bruce Woodhouse

Fundraising Barbeque – Bunnings Keperra



On the 29th October, we conducted a BBQ at Keperra. I would like to thank everyone involved and those who volunteered their time. We had 4 hour shifts, but in the future, I think it would be better if it was 3 hour shifts. It's like the old saying, many hands make light work.

On the day we made a profit of just under \$2,100 and that added to the takings from our previous Bunnings BBQ at Rocklea, gave us a total of \$4,600 approximately.

In the New Year we have been granted another BBQ at Keperra and also at Rocklea being about a month apart. I would like to encourage more people to help with the running of the BBQs as this is a good fundraiser for all members in the Shed.

Phil Batten

Social Events - Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch is on 7th December at the Jindalee Tavern, commencing at 11:30am.

Our Christmas Lunch is rapidly approaching, and we are hoping to have as many as possible attend. The Management Committee has agreed to subsidise the lunch so it will only cost \$30 per person and will include two-course meal, a free drink, and lucky door prizes.

When: Thursday 7th December arriving at 11:30

Where: The Jindalee Tavern

How do I register? Either put your name on the registration sheet at The Shed (see Malcolm) or send an email to Shedwest.social@gmail.com

How do I pay? Payment must be made by 30th November to secure the numbers. You can either pay Malcolm at The Shed (cash or swipe card) or direct debit.

Any questions, please call

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Guest Speakers

This month Martin Grabert gave a talk on composite materials in Aviation. It is upsetting that this talk was badly attended. When someone gives up their time it must be very disheartening for them to speak to only a handful of people.

Is this program worth continuing? Please indicate your thoughts regarding this.

Phil Batten
President

My view is yes, the guest speaker program is very much worth continuing! But if Shed members don't support the program by turning up, and if no one is willing to step up and fill the role of organiser, this activity will very soon die. Very soon 😞. Don't let this happen!

Ed.

Positions Vacant at Shed West

Guest Speaker Program Coordinator(s)

Chris Wright and Bob Ada are stepping down from their roles organising speakers and afternoon tea hosts for the Tuesday afternoon guest speaker sessions at the Kenmore Library.

**The guest Speaker Program is one of our most important and valuable activities
We need a volunteer or volunteers to step up and keep this activity going in 2024**

If you are able to help out, please contact the President or the Secretary (contact details in *Shed Contacts*)

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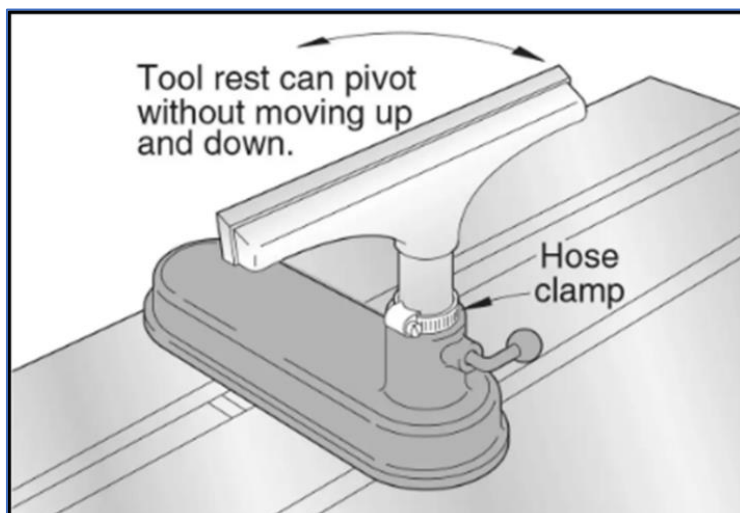
Newsletter Editor

As previously advised, Shed West's newsletter editor is stepping down very soon. If you are willing to take over the role, please contact the President or the Secretary.

Ed.

Tool Tips

Locking the Lathe Tool Rest at Your Preferred Centre Height



When you rotate your lathe's tool rest away from parallel to the bed i.e. to cut at right angles to the bed, it's easy to lose track of the original elevation.

Finding that exact spot again can try your patience. Try slipping a hose clamp onto the shaft of the tool rest in the position you want to return to and tighten it down as shown below. When you're ready to return to the original spot, parallel to the bed, the hose clamp will keep the tool rest at the preferred level.

Gavan Clarke



Drilling Straight Holes Without a Drill Press

Not everyone has a micrometer eye for line and level 😞. If you have difficulty drilling a hole square to the surface without using a drill press, cut a vee-notch out of a block of scrap wood as a guide.



Guide block for normal twist drills



Stepped guide block for forstner bits

You can see the full video here [Drill Straight Holes Every Time! - YouTube](#). If you want to fast forward the blah blah blah, skip to 1:15, 3:20, 4:15 😊

Thanks to Doug Wait for sharing this tip.

Ed.

ABC



[Victorian blacksmith's quest to boost nation's woodwork toolmaking skills, to replace poor-quality imports - ABC News](#)



[West Coast Tasmanian sawmiller has the last legal stockpile of 'highly prized', endangered King Billy pine - ABC News](#)

Thanks to Peter Merrell for sharing these stories

Ed.



Member Project of the Month

Clock Making

My first step in early 2019 was to attempt to repair the mantle clock which was quite dilapidated. After many attempts to repair the mechanism, I gave up and fitted a quartz mechanism and French polished the case. This clock works well except SHMBO insisted I remove the chimes.

Since joining the shed I have honed my skills in case making producing six clocks for the children and grandchildren. All are quartz driven and all constructed for two purposes – as presents and to develop my woodworking skills.



Slab Clock (2021)

The challenge here was to smooth and polish what was a rough sawn slice. This required a router planer jig to be made for a plunge router. The receptacle for the clock mechanism was chiselled out by hand. The final coat was an oil based waterproof lacquer.



Fraser's Shelf clock (2022)

Young Fraser's clock was made from a scrap which still had some bark which provided a contrasting feature. The clock space was cut with a Forstner bit, and a cove routed with a trim router on one edge. The coating was a water based polyurethane. It was his birthday present.



Large Mantle Clock (2022)

This was an ambitious project. Timber was purchased and cut to size. The design followed a plan purchased from CMI at Wacol. Trimming was router on the table router and mitres cut on the mitre saw. The dial was printed on an ink jet printer. A polycarbonate clear face was fitted to protect the dial. The finish was French polished.



Jamie's small mantle clock (2023)

Jamie's small mantle clock measures about 120mm wide. The timber was bought from Shed stock. The innovation here was the use of dowels to support the joinery. Trimming was routed on the table router and mitre joints cut on the mitre saw. The major challenge was aligning the side walls perpendicular to both the top and base. The finish was water-based polyurethane. This clock was Jamie's 8th birthday present.



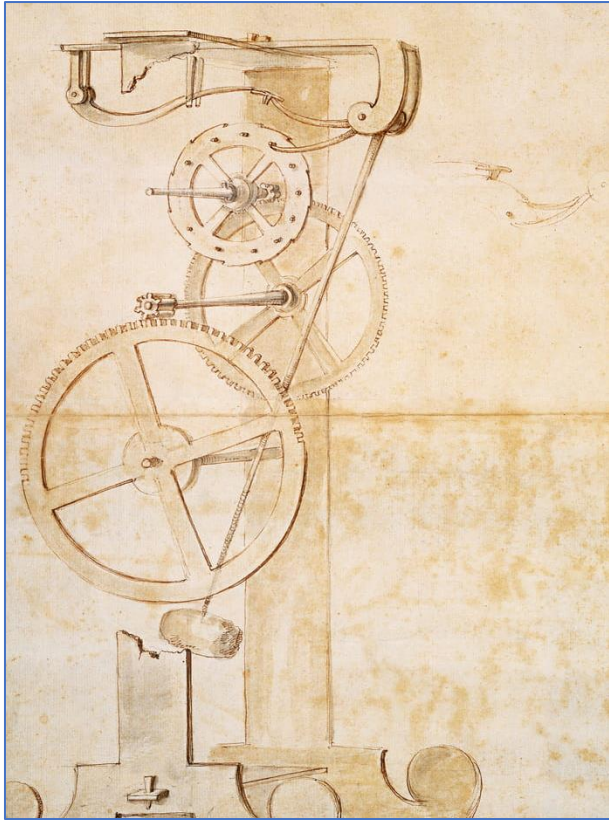
Adeline's small shelf clock (2023)

Adeline's clock was made from a piece of discarded offcut retrieved from the Shed rubbish bin. This clock is quite small and fitted with a 30mm clock insert. The polished surface is water-based polyurethane but the bark surface was dipped in epoxy resin to stabilize the surface pieces. This will become Adeline's 5th birthday present.



TGIF Clock (2023)

The TGIF clock was inspired by Pete TGIF (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dARV2ZzbhX8>) a German woodturner who designed and made the original clock for his mother about 10 years ago. The timber was mostly scrap except for the clock face which was bought from the Shed. There were many challenges in making this clock not least the cutting of the wedges. There are two layers of wedges to give an overall thickness of about 40 mm. Cutting the space for the mechanism was difficult and done with a trim router. All jointing was done with dowels and lap joints cut by hand. The polish was finished with approximately 25 coats of shellac over a four-week period. This clock will adorn my son's home in Sydney in the New Year.



Galileo's Clock (yet to come)

The next challenge is the Galileo Clock or a Broken Arch Mantel Clock for which I have plans. The Trotec Laser should be a useful tool to cut the cogs. Galileo's pendulum clock might be an interesting starting project for 2024.

Jim Watters



Scheduled Events

Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Event	Venue
Tuesday, 5 December	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - David Arnold Workplace Performance Assessments - A life story with lessons learned	Kenmore Library meeting room
Thursday, 7 December	11:30 AM		Shed West Christmas Lunch	Jindalee Tavern
Tuesday, 12 December	9:30 AM	3:00 PM	Dementia Australia Carer Wellness Program	Kenmore - Venue TBA on registration
Friday, 15 December	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Shed Cleanup Day There will be no project work in the shed on this day.	All Shed West facilities at 98 Brookfield Road
Friday, 15 December	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Barbecue at the Shed After the barbeque, the Shed will shut for the Christmas period.	Green Shed
Monday, 8 January	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Shed reopens for 2024	All Shed West facilities at 98 Brookfield Road
Tuesday, 6 February	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Phil Castle (Shed) The ill-fated Burke and Wills Expedition	Kenmore Library meeting room
Sunday, 11 February	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	Shed West / Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	Bunnings Warehouse Corner Balham & Granard Roads Rocklea



Weekly Routine

Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Event	Venue
Monday	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	500 cards	Building behind the Green Shed
Monday	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Leather work	Blue Shed
Tuesday	8:30 AM	12:00 PM	Community Projects	Green Shed
Tuesday	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	Guest Speaker Program 1st, 2nd Tuesday each month See scheduled events for details	Kenmore Library
Tuesday	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Monthly barbecue 3rd Tuesday each month	Green shed
Wednesday	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Operations Subcommittee Meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month (unless scheduled otherwise)	Donga behind Shed
Wednesday	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Management Committee Meeting 3rd Wednesday of each month (unless scheduled otherwise)	Kenmore Library meeting room
Thursday	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Shed Improvement Projects	Green Shed
Thursday	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Pyrography, community projects, good fellowship, and solving the problems of the world	Blue Shed
Friday	7:30 AM		<i>NEWSLITTER</i> publication Friday following the 4th Wednesday of each month	Your morning paper, delivered for breakfast
Friday	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Computing	Building behind the Green Shed
Friday	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Woodturning Group	Green Shed
Friday	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Shed cleanup Last Friday of each month	
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8:30 AM	12:00 PM	General woodworking and community projects	Green Shed
Monday - Friday	8:30 AM	12:00 PM	Vehicle restoration	Metalworking bay



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