



SHED WEST COMMUNITY MENS SHED INC.

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COVID-19 Update

Recent events certainly brought it home to us how quickly a situation can impact on our shed operations. An alert was issued a few days ago informing everybody that one of our shed members had tested positive for Covid-19. To his absolute credit, he immediately notified our Health & Safety Officer who in turn implemented our Covid-19 Safety Protocol without hesitation.

The person involved had no symptoms on Friday and was unaware until the following afternoon when first symptoms surfaced. Using our Daily Attendance Sheet, every member who had attended the shed last Friday was contacted and told to get tested ASAP. It certainly justified our sign-in and sign-out procedure and made it easy to contact all persons involved. You will all be pleased to know that the shed member who contracted COVID-19 only experienced minor symptoms and is now recovering quickly at home in isolation. Mike Symes

Shed News

Green Shed



Ron Williams tries out a toddler table and chair for size

The month of March has seen some heightened activity in the Green Shed brought about by a repeat request from one of our local district Kindergartens to fabricate an additional five tables and ten bench seats to provide seating for their expanding numbers of children under daily care. Two thirds of these tables and seats are to be made to smaller dimensions to suit young toddlers in the 12 to 20 months age group.

This is a very detailed project and has gained a lot of interest from quite a number of our newer members as it provides the opportunity for them to learn from our very capable long term members how we assess the materials needed, work out the timber cutting procedure and then the sequence in which the timbers are assembled to produce a finished item. We have had up to nine Shedders involved in this project which, when finished, will have needed 1000 Screws predrilled and driven home.



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Carlos Borges hard at it cutting timber for Kindy tables and seats.



It takes a lot of timber to fill an order this size. And it kept Carlos, Jim Watters, and Peter Merrell (to name a few) very busy!



Shyam Verma assembling a table end frame.



Over the past four months Phil Batten and Dave Brown have made a beautiful Rocking Horse which is now ready for delivery to a very excited local lad. Well done guys!

We are continually approached by local households to restore items of furniture and in a recent example a lady has requested that a beautiful free standing wardrobe with high grade timbers, be disassembled and re-built into a dining table. Shed member David Arnold will shortly undertake this project. The planned design with hoop pine framing and red cedar infill panels is shown below. Such requests allow members to see the work in progress and expand their horizons for trying new construction ideas on a personal project.



Over many years we have seen many new members with limited skills with tools develop into very competent and confident craftsmen as a result of working alongside our more capable members.

Doug Nissen



Blue Shed – Problem Solving Department



Every Thursday morning a group have been meeting beginning out of the blue shed and then moving into the lower-level room with air conditioning for morning tea where we solve most of the world's problems.

Last Thursday we had about 16 grumpy old codgers. We solved most of the problems confronting the world and continue each Thursday at 10am. We do also undertake some projects both personal and for charities.



Warren Cameron is the main organiser and he goes to some effort to provide a very good morning tea. Contribution is \$3 of course and bring your ideas about World Problems Solutions.

Phil Castle.

Laser Works



Innovation is alive and well at Shed West, and our skilled and creative members continually strive for new and better ways to make things.

Ron Williams seen recently with prototypes of enhanced coaster designs on the Trotec laser.

Ed.





Land Rover Restoration



Our operations during the past month have been much blighted by rain. Prior to selling the parts gifted to us, we needed to get them outside and clean them. Also, potential buyers have been prevented from picking up items during the period of the floods. But now, at last, we hope to turn some excess parts into cash in the coming weeks.

We have continued to receive donations of parts from the local community, notably two brand new stub axles which will go into our rebuild. Some differential parts were also received, but as they don't suit our vehicle, they will be offered for sale.

On the restoration progress front, we had five wheels rims and the steel frame of the tray back shot blasted and etch primed, and this month will see them painted. The wheel rims will be finished in a period-correct Land Rover colour, "Limestone". The above colour chart shows the new car colour options at the time Agnes was delivered. Some doubt has been expressed as to whether all these colours were available to the Australian market. More research needed.



Although we aren't ready to get Agnes on the road just yet, we have done research and identified tyres to purchase in due course.

We have also just dismantled a seat cushion to provide a pattern to make new seats. The sewing machine in the blue shed will be put to good use.

The Shed West Management Committee at its most recent meeting considered a budget proposed by the VRG, and it was accepted, subject to further refinement in terms of costings for particular line items. Sales of excess donated parts are continuing to bring in money to offset parts costs.

Finally, it's worth noting Martin Grabert (who is restoring his personal Series 3 Landy) achieved a milestone this month. He now has his diesel motor running. Well done Martin.

Doug Wait

New Member

Only one new member to introduce this month. Please welcome Jorgen Pedersen (John).



Since retiring 5 years ago I have spent most of my time renovating and painting our house and cleaning up our garden. Before retiring I worked as a Mechanical Design Drafter. I did volunteer work for TADQ, for a brief period, which I found very rewarding.

I have a couple of projects on the go at present, one being restoring a wooden antique ice box fridge and the other an old chair. I have no specific shed activities I want to get involved with, but I will give anything a go, and I will help where needed.

John Pedersen



Leatherwork Group



The leatherwork group has continued its good start to the year with several projects in progress on Monday afternoons. Most members are continuing to work on personal projects and supporting one another in their endeavours. Some of these projects are now being developed further and considered for development as sale items for Shed West

The photo at left displays some of the items which have been made during the month and are under consideration for future sale by the Shed. They are: two designs of BYO wine carriers, one is 2mm cowhide and the other in kangaroo leather; a coin purse; glasses/pencil case, and a stubby cooler.



After much deliberation and hand sewing the wallet mentioned last month has been finished. The design was transferred to the computer and the component parts cut out and stitching holes drilled on the laser with thanks to Ross Monks. The photos show the collection of parts and the final product. Consideration is being given to producing more copies but without the coin purse attached. Alan Ernst





Photography Group

The Shed West Photography Group had their first monthly session on Thursday 24th February.

Last year's sessions focused on camera settings and image capture and processing to provide creativity with respect to photographing landscapes, people, and wildlife. Our sessions this year will be guided by our six members who will further enhance their photographic skills in the field and sharing those skills through displaying their images with fellow members for their opinions and suggestions for improvement. Like all the other shed activities, our photography sessions aim to provide interest and enjoyment for each member.

Our recent session involved the members providing a score after assessing a number of landscape and people images that were assessed and given a score by five judges at previous national Professional Photography Awards. It must be noted that the scores provided by the members closely matched those by the pro judges in many instances. It was a most enjoyable and fun session with members not hesitant in providing very low scores on a number of my images whilst recognizing images that had the attributes for an award. At the end of the session the members requested that we have a similar session in March on Wildlife images.

The meeting at the end of the session endorsed organizing a number of field trips in the near future, one of which is in progress with one of our very experienced shed members. Members also endorsed maintaining the current level of membership due to the available space and resources.

Paul Steinmuller

Woodturning



Last month I was asked to make vase from a log of Deep Yellowwood. Deep Yellowwood (*Rhodosphaera rhodanthema*) is a rainforest tree that grows in northern NSW and SE Queensland, from the Macleay river to Maryborough. It is also known as Yellow Cedar or Tulip Satinwood. The log that I was given came from the Springbrook area in the Gold Coast hinterland, and was about 20 cm diameter and 35 cm long. The heartwood, with its characteristic yellowish bronze to mustard colour, was about 120 mm diameter. The log had been harvested about 18 months ago and had a few splits either end.

When designing the vase, I wanted to show as much of the yellow heartwood as possible, so I shaped the piece with a relatively short bulbous body and a long neck flared outwards at the top. The neck incorporates a bead about one third of the way up to soften the top-heavy appearance of the long neck. The inside of the vase was hollowed out to a depth of 310 mm by initially boring with Forstner bits, then a bowl gouge to flare the neck and a Vermec deep hollowing tool with extension bar inside the lower body. A three-point steady was used during the hollowing steps. These tools and equipment are all available in the Shed, and I would be very happy to assist any members wanting to create similar turned items.

The timber was still quite wet inside, and a few more cracks appeared around the body after it was hollowed out. The cracks were filled with a mixture of superglue and sanding dust. The finished vase, with an overall height of 330 mm, has many attractive figure and colour patterns around the neck.

Brian Creese

Why not drop in to the Woodturners Open Day this weekend? Details are in the calendar. Full vaccination required for entry.
Ed.



Member Project of the Month

Cover for an Inflatable Boat

I just wanted to share the enormous satisfaction I had on completing, and then using my first project at Shed West. I was introduced to the shed by Neil Rogers quite some time ago, but it took me almost a year to finally come over and join as I am still doing some work.



I love inventing, and then making things, and in this case, it was a cover for my new inflatable boat to protect it from the sun when we go on caravan holidays.

The inflatable is a catamaran style and not the normal pointy rubber ducky, so there were no commercially available covers I could purchase.



No problem, Shed West, it's industrial sewing machine and Mike Williams to the rescue.

It is amazing the amount of knowledge and talent that our members have, and Mike was able to share his wealth of knowledge on how to use the machine properly.



I decided to use fabric salvaged from a previous caravan cover roof that is waterproof and suitable for the task.

Mike showed me how to put darts and seams in the right place to get a good fit and I settled on a band around the bottom to take some shock cord to hold it on snugly.



The seams were nowhere straight, and it's a little rough, but it fits, does the job beautifully and I am happy with my first effort.

I'm looking forward to doing other little projects and spreading my wings into the wonderful opportunities available in the big shed.

Cheers
Terry Hitzke



Social Events

Monthly Barbecue

Now that Covid restrictions are easing, the Shed West Management Committee have agreed that it is time to revive the monthly shed barbecue. The first barbecue has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 17 at the old time of 12:00 noon, at the back of the green shed. Watch out for confirmation in *Newslette* in the next week or so.

Phil Batten

Guest Speakers

We had only two guest presentations in March, as an urgently needed First Aid course for key Shed personnel required our Tuesday 8th Kenmore Library booking.

On Tuesday 1st, Brett Taylor from Ashgrove The Gap Men's Shed showed us the vital importance of deeply considered design when building near slopes - amply illustrated by his specialist engineering experience of landslide disasters around the world, especially in Hong Kong and here in Thredbo and the Gold Coast hinterland. Wow!

On Tuesday 22nd, our proposed talk on the Remondis Energy From Waste Project needed to shift, as Remondis facility at Rocklea was severely impacted by the earlier floods. That talk by Helen McCarthy will now be held on Tuesday, 12th of April. However, Tara Castle (Phil's daughter) very kindly stepped in at short notice to enlighten us about the highly valuable work of The Queensland Community Foundation (QCF).

The QCF - what's that?? This inspiring not for profit organisation works quietly in the background to match philanthropic donations and bequests (large or small) with registered charities of the donor's choice. QCF's operational costs are covered by separate government and corporate entities to make sure that every donated dollar gets to its destination. If you have had concerns about how to ensure your personal donations can hit the target and not be gobbled up in administration fees, just google Queensland Community Foundation to see the amazing benefits of this using philanthropic channel.

Coming up at Kenmore Library - 2:00 to 3:00pm each 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

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| March 29 th | No talk (5th Tuesday) |
| April 5th | Bob Walker, Office of Fair Trading will enlighten us about the latest threats from online scams and identity theft - and how to recognise them! |
| April 12th | Helen McCarthy - Remondi's new Energy From Waste (EFW) project at Swanbank Power House. |
| April 26th | George Hulse (who gave that great talk on dogs in the military) - will present on The Battle of Fire Support Base Coral and Balmoral. |
| May 3rd | Lewis Hoffman from StrokeSafe Queensland will talk of his personal journey following a stroke, how we might recognise and avoid them. |

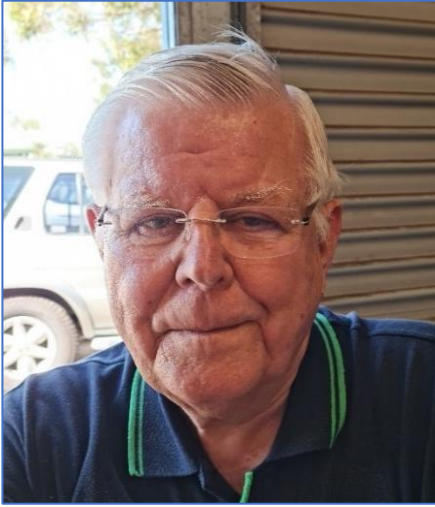
We look forward to seeing you there! If you have attended great presentations elsewhere and feel they would suit Shed West, please let me know 😊

Chris Wright
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Member Profile

Gavan Clarke



I was primarily an engineer working with rolling stock until I retired in April 2019.

The social side of the Shed was probably the prime motivator for my joining the shed in April 2019. I had a big workshop of my own and was downsizing however having an opportunity to meet with guys and chat about all sorts of topics was the main attraction for me.

I am interested in the woodworking workshop. I have done a fair amount of research into making segmented bowls and want to get into wood turning for myself. I am also interested in the maintenance of the workshop and particularly safety in the workshop. Accidents are not supposed to happen but they do, particularly with common use machines which are used by different people and not always reset back to standard. I am concerned that the shed is too small for the amount of machinery we have and the number of members who are active in the space with the risk of bumping someone and trip hazards.

In retirement these days, because time is less important, I am not very efficient in the workshop because I stop work and talk. My interest in the maintenance and safety of the workshop has led to my becoming a Supervisor and I have also joined the Shed Management committee as a process of giving back some of the knowledge I have learned throughout my career.

The overarching benefit I receive from being a Shed member is the company of other men and within that company doing various tasks. For the future I am concerned that the workshop is really too small for safe operation.

Gavan Clarke

From the President

Redevelopment of 98 Brookfield Road, Kenmore Hills

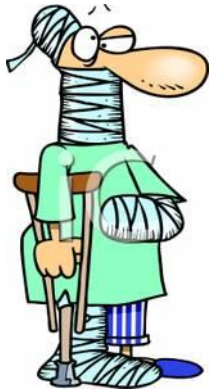
Shed West is still waiting to hear back from Brisbane City Council on the status of the latest upgraded architectural drawings, which will hopefully integrate Shed West's proposed layout for a new Men's Shed. Brisbane City Council is also obtaining further cost planning advice based upon this latest configuration, which is proving extremely challenging from a design aspect. We will keep you all posted.

Mike Symes



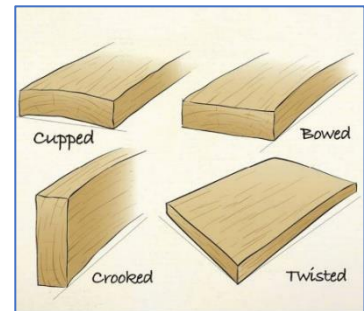
Safety and Operations

Safe Use of the Drop Saw / Sliding Compound Mitre Saw



Continuing from my last safety tips about the use of the table saw and the panel saw I will confront the safe use of the drop saw / sliding compound mitre saw in this issue. The main difference is that the table and panel saws will both dock timber (across grain) and rip timber (along grain) while the Sliding Compound Mitre Saw will only dock (across the grain).

This is a powerful machine with teeth, and as you know, if anything has teeth it can bite. That is, if used inappropriately, otherwise it is a versatile tool for preparing timber for projects. Before going into the safe operation of the drop saw you need to know exactly what you are cutting. **Look at your timber.** Is it, 'cupped', 'bowed', 'sprung' (crooked), or 'twisted'?



The two most hazardous and potentially dangerous defects when docking with the drop saw are the 'sprung' (crooked) and the 'bowed' timber. Why is it so?

If you place a length of 'sprung' (crooked) timber flat on the bed of the saw and each end is resting on the bed but the centre near the blade is arched in the air and you can push down on it then it acts as a 'spring'. If you try to cut in this position, as the blade lowers and cuts through, the timber will want to fall onto the bed jamming the blade causing kick-back towards the operator. A solution is to turn the timber over so the ends are elevated and attempt to keep your timber as flat as possible at the blade.

Now the more hazardous is the 'bowed' timber. If you place your timber flat onto the bed of the saw and the two ends are in contact with the rear fence and the middle is bowing towards you and not in contact with the fence then it is 'bowed'. **Do not** cut it in this position. As the saw passes through, the timber will want to go back towards the fence. As it does it will jam the blade, stall the saw, causing kick-back towards the operator and possibly fracture the blade. If this happens duck for cover then go and get some clean undies. Reposition the timber so the ends are veering away from the rear fence and have the centre of the 'bow' in contact with the rear fence at the point of contact with the blade. I have two simple rules to assist with this.

You may think them stupid, but I have proven over many years that people remember stupid things.

Sprung; Think of a smiley face. Your smile is the timber. Up is good down is sad



Bowed; The bow ends, like arms coming out wanting to wrap around and embrace you,



The bow ends face away from you in disgust.



When cutting multiples of stock use a stop clamped to the rear fence and butt your timber up to it each time. Cut only one piece at a time and do not double or triple the pieces together to save time. Periodically clear the sawdust away from the front of the fence. As this builds up it pushes your timber away from the fence and may alter your cutting parameters.

Do not cut short pieces. If you need small pieces cut them from much larger stock keeping hands clear.

These instructions identify a set of basic safety operations to enable safe work practices on the 'drop saw'. They are not intended to supersede the Training Modules, but are set as a reminder that there are standards for the safe operations of all machinery within the shed.

Refer to; **Training Module #6 Using the Compound Sliding Mitre Saw**

If in doubt, ask



Electrical Safety



All our electrical equipment was professionally checked last Friday. All hand-held pieces of equipment were tagged and logged into the register – just a few of which can be seen in the photo. Our thanks to Phil Batten for organising this essential task.
Mike Symes

Shed Security



Some of you will have noticed that we have had recently installed a Tilt-Pan-Zoom security camera inside the Green Shed for insurance purposes and improved security outside of shed operating hours.
Mike Symes

First Aid Training



We had a good turn-out earlier this month for the CPR, Correct Use of the Defibrillator and First Aid Refresher Course on Tuesday, 8th March 2022 held in the Kenmore Library.
Mike Symes

Thank you to Cobbie Vines for the training. Almost everyone made it to the library on time, and most had already logged in on the ABC training website and registered beforehand, despite a serious editorial oversight for the notice in *Newslittle*.

However, the editor takes no responsibility for the attendee who went to the shed instead of to the Kenmore library! No names, no pack drill.

And we all got 100% for our test 😊 Ed.



Tool Tips

Docking Small Pieces in a Drop or Compound Saw

Cutting small pieces in a drop saw or compound saw is dangerous as the saw typically does not provide a satisfactory means of safely and accurately clamping small pieces of timber for cutting. If the stock moves during the cut, the blade can easily dig in and send a wooden missile in any direction. The extreme danger of having fingers close to the spinning blade while trying to hold the stock in place should be obvious to all!

Cutting from a larger piece of stock is safer. However, cut accuracy can be degraded somewhat if the small piece is not adequately restrained (remembering that the small piece is not an off cut in this case). A cutting bed, as shown here, enables small pieces to be safely secured for accurate cutting, while keeping hands safely away from the blade.

A safe alternative to the method shown here is to use a sled on a table saw. But that is another story.

David Arnold



The cutting bed is made from an off cut of 18mm form ply and some scraps of hardwood. The cutting bed is secured to the bed of the saw with a pair of universal fence clamps.

The cutting bed has T-tracks for hold-down clamps to secure the stock ready for cutting.

Don't forget to adjust the depth stop on the saw!



The stock is securely held by the hold-down clamp.

The adjustable stop enables accurate repeat cuts to be made.

When cutting from longer stock, a second hold-down clamp on the waste side of the cut is suggested.



Mystery Object



We get a lot of donations of old tools at Shed West. Along with the miscellaneous chisels, planes, files, and the like, we sometimes get something really unusual.

Tell us what you think it is folks. Could it be the original wing-wong for a goose's bridle? Send in your answers to the editor.

David Arnold
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Tools for Sale

Please note that the previously advised offer to Shed West members of tools for sale from a deceased estate has been **postponed to April 2nd**, between 8:00 – 11:00am. Also please note that the address is **26 Jamieson Place**, Huntingdon Estate.

For further information, contact Peter Nisbet
0417 319 373



Calendar

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	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Guest Speaker Program - 1st, 2nd, 4th Tuesday each month, see scheduled events for details	Kenmore Library
Wednesday	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Management Committee Meeting - 3rd Wednesday each month	Kenmore Library meeting room
Thursday	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Pyrography, community projects, good fellowship, and solving the problems of the world	Blue Shed
Friday	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Computing	Building behind the Green Shed
Monday to Friday	8:30 AM	12:00 PM	General woodworking and community projects	Green Shed
Monday to Friday	8:30 AM	12:00 PM	Vehicle restoration	Metalworking bay

Scheduled Events

Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Event	Venue
Saturday, March 26	9:00 AM	3:00 AM	Woodturners Society Open Day	19 Pine Street Greenslopes
Sunday, March 27	9:00 AM	3:00 AM	Woodturners Society Open Day	19 Pine Street Greenslopes
Tuesday, March 29			No Guest Speaker Talk (5th Tuesday)	
Tuesday, April 5	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Tips to Avoid Online Scams and Identify Theft - Bob Walker, Office of Fair Trading	Kenmore Library meeting room
Tuesday, April 12	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Helen McCarthy - Remondi's proposed Energy From Waste (EFW) Recycling Facility at Swanbank.	Kenmore Library meeting room
Tuesday, April 19			No Guest Speaker Talk (3rd Tuesday)	
Wednesday, April 20	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Management Committee Meeting	Kenmore Library meeting room
Tuesday, April 26	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - George Hulse - The Battle of Support Base Coral and Balmoral	Kenmore Library meeting room
Friday, April 29			<i>Newsletter</i> publication	
Tuesday, May 3	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Lewis Hoffman, Stroke Safe Queensland - his personal journey following a stroke, how we might recognise and avoid them	Kenmore Library meeting room



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