



# SHED WEST COMMUNITY MENS SHED INC.

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## NEWSLITTER

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## Keep on Truckin'



## Shed News

### Community Projects

Another very busy month on the Shed floor with activity on some days so noisy, with many machines in use, that it rates with that of five years back and demonstrates a renewed interest by many members to get more involved at the Shed. So good also to see many new members adding to the fray! Keep it up gents.

We are gearing up to make goods for sale at our November display at the Kenmore Shops. Last month I mentioned a large sale of a rocking horse to a family who visited our display last year. We must have made an impression as next week we have another family coming in to buy several toys which impressed them also at the display last year.



We are in our 15th year of Shed West Men's Shed activity at Kenmore and are getting increased requests for various Projects to consider and it is apparent that we have a growing reputation as the place to come to for assistance.

A current project involves the construction of five vertical ladders, as shown, for a local Practice which is involved in assisting people with difficulty in getting up from a sitting position among other activities. This business has recently relocated to Kenmore following the loss of all their equipment in the recent Brisbane floods. They were thrilled to know that Shed West could help them with their recovery!



## Shed Projects

A Reminder to all members; we are not only needing workers to help in producing goods for our November Display week at The Kenmore Village, but we are planning a major reorganisation of the main green shed floor layout which will involve construction of many storage cupboards etc, providing interesting work for many. Please come forward and contact me or David Arnold if you can join us in these endeavours. Doug Nissen

## Timber Salvage

We receive a steady flow of donations of timber from the community, for which we are most grateful. As some of us like to say, "there is no such thing as scrap timber, only off-cuts that I haven't found a use for yet". The donated timber usually finds a good use in one of our many community projects.



We recently received a donation of a quantity of solid pine shelving. An enthusiastic crew comprising of Phil Batten, Maurie Cashin, Phil Turley and Ian Boudry quickly had it dismantled and into storage. The timber is in lovely condition and will be a valuable resource for a multitude of upcoming projects. Neil Rogers was also there checking that the lads were up to scratch.



More timber just waiting for our new trailer to be delivered so we can pick it up! This nice selection of laminated and solid hardwood is coming our way thanks to Ron Williams' son Michael.





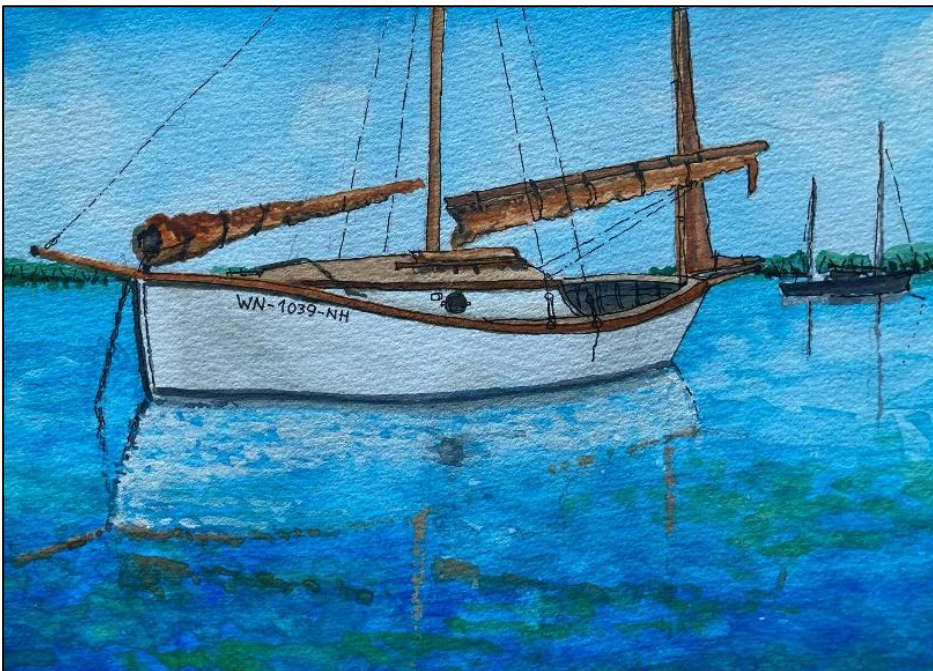
## Dust Collection



As we all know, dust is a problem in any woodworking shop, and our shed is no exception. Gavan Clark has been busy refurbishing this twin cartridge dust extraction unit, with pleated cartridge filters. These filters trap much finer dust than the needlefelt bags on some of our other filters. Gavan has also fitted big fat castor wheels to replace the skinny little ones that don't roll.

Be happy in your work Gavan!

## Watercolour Art Classes



Mike Symes recently painted a quick seascape featuring an old timber yacht anchored in calm water last week using different media (*masking fluid, ink, watercolour, and gouache*).



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## Laser Works



A little bit of Shed West was on show at Cherrabah this month. Thank you, Ross Monks, the wedding guests were impressed by the coasters 😊. Graphics design by one of the bridesmaids, laser cutting by Shed West, two coats of varnish by the father of the bride.  
David Arnold

## Pre-Christmas Stall

Planning ahead, Shed West has booked a slot at the Kenmore Village Shopping Centre for six (6) days commencing Monday, 14<sup>th</sup>. November 2022. The pre-Christmas stall sub-committee has already started work on specific saleable items to maximise opportunities later in the year. We will be looking for volunteers from within our shed membership to contribute some time either on the manufacturing side or later on during the six-day stint in November.

Mike Symes



## Leatherwork Group

The Leather work group continues to develop new products and possibilities for sale as well as requests for repairs and special products for members and friends.



The photo shows the prototypes for a stubby/can holder lined with Neoprene. The next stage will be what decoration to add.

During the month we were joined by Tim who has a special request to build a tool roll for his woodturning chisels. Several of the group are also woodturners, so this is an interesting challenge.

A more difficult challenge is covering some knife sheaths, presently covered in synthetic material, with leather. Progress is still in the design stage and deciding if we have the skills. Hopefully by next month we will have the answers.

Otherwise, we continue to enjoy each other's company on Monday afternoons in the Blue Shed.  
Alan Ernst

## Member Project of the Month



As featured in our cover photo, Barry Borchart has been busy making another beautiful toy truck, complete with a tilting tray.

After making a number of these trucks, the design has been progressively refined. Barry has tried various types of wheels, and now uses grey rubber castor wheels. These wheels look great and roll smoothly, and with a whopping 50kg load rating for each wheel, the trucks are built to carry a load!

There is significant work involved in the individual components – especially the front and back rounded wheel arches. Neil Rogers has recently successfully prototyped making the wheel arches on the CNC router. This will save a lot of work for Barry if more trucks are made in the future.



## Guest Speakers

Our 7th June **QIMR Berghofer** talk by Clare Blake was very well received. Clare took us through the latest research by this very worthy organisation which was highly inspirational.

**On 14th June our Shed president Mike Symes** was at last able to give those in attendance clarification of the history and the current state of play regarding our **Shed Development grant** which has been so mired in difficulty and controversy over these past few years.

I, for one found Mike's presentation most enlightening. *What follows is my understanding :*

For example, I had been hitherto unaware that **the Federal Government Grant (made to Shed West and to no other organisation)** had come with the conundrum of **a non-disclosure clause** which had meant that it couldn't be discussed outside Committee until approved to do so.

Mike took us through a clear timeline of events including original design options and costings for both the current site (restricting and costly) and the alternative Brookfield plans which are most functional and innovative.

Along the way, **clarification** had been sought (in the affirmative) from the then **Deputy Prime Minister** as to both the named recipient (**Shed West alone**) and permission to apply the grant to another site (eg **Brookfield Showgrounds**).

Mike was also able to reveal **documentary evidence** of pertinent interactions between the then **Local and State representatives**, together with **the Lord Mayor's response** (quite enlightening).

I personally wish to thank the Shed Development Committee and Mike for the endless hours donated for the benefit of the members of our Shed.

I wish them all the very best as they make their way forward with sensitivity on our behalf.

Chris Wright (ordinary member)

**Should members so wish, Mike has offered to present his talk again for the benefit of those who were unable to attend this time around.**

**Our next presentation is this coming Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup>** - Maggie Crowe from Absolute Seniors, together with a representative from Trilogry (an approved government ACAT provider that facilitates government funding for aged care packages) will outline current **Self Managed Home Care Packages for older Australians** which are designed to allow us to remain at home for longer if desired.

Afternoon tea on Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by Gavan Clarke

Home Care services can be tailored to include:

- Allied health professionals for occupational therapy, physiotherapy, podiatry etc.
- Gardener
- Cleaner to assist with domestic duties
- Companion for social outings, coffee etc.
- Carer for personal hygiene
- transportation for medical appointments, shopping and medical care.

**If you feel this might become useful in the future, here is an opportunity to ask questions now about the processes and services available.**

**Spouses and partners welcome.**

Chris Wright



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## Social Events

### Shed West Annual Christmas Function

**8<sup>th</sup> December - Save the date**

We have made a booking for the 8<sup>th</sup> December at the Jindalee Hotel for our annual Christmas function. Details will be confirmed closer to the date, but it is anticipated that it will be an 11:30 start for a 12:00 o'clock lunch (same as last year).

Phil Batten

## From the President

### Redevelopment of 98 Brookfield Road

**To bring you all up to date, Shed West was informed this week that once again no specific funding was approved in the latest Brisbane City Council's Annual Budget and Budget 2022-23 to cover the extra-over costs associated with Council's proposed redevelopment proposal for 98 Brookfield Road, Kenmore Hills.**

As mentioned previously, Brisbane City Council's proposal has been costed around \$6.0 million (*and still climbing*), which is four (4) times the Community Development Grant (CDG) limit of \$1.5 million. Council has submitted their RFI documentation and architectural design concept to the Federal Government with a request that the extra-over costs be covered by additional CDG grants if possible. We will keep you all posted.

### Moving To New Zealand

One of our long-time members, Andrew Nichols, is relocating to New Zealand at the end of this month. We wish him and his family all the very best for now and into the future. We also thank him for all his contributions over the years – especially the huge stack of lovely timber that Andrew donated to Shed West this week.



## Safety and Operations



### A report from your friendly Health and Safety Officer.

It is now time to take a step back and look at some of our general work practices that affect each of us and all of us. This report is not about any fixed machinery. It is more focused on our usually 'taken for granted' portable power tools and how we use them.

We currently use two types of portable power tools in the shed; powered (240v plug-in) and cordless (various voltage battery powered).

**POWERED** portable tools need special care as they use 240 volts and if not treated with respect can 'shock' the living daylight out of you. When deciding to utilise the powered tool, you need to make some safety observations before starting. What to look for:



- Is the cord pulled away from the rear of the plug or the end of the tool?
- Has the cord insulation been damaged or cut exposing the inner cables?
- Does the cord have insulation tape wrapped around it?
- Is the extension cord a jumbled, tangled mess, or badly twisted?
- Does the cord need to be run along the ground to the worksite?
- Are the pins of the plug bent or corroded?

**If you answered YES to any of the above – stop. Do not use the piece of equipment. Report the damage to the supervisor.**

If you place the tool down before it has stopped running it could vibrate off the bench, hit and damage the extension cord or even worse - cause an injury to yourself. This particularly applies to plunge and trimmer routers, jigsaws, power saws, planers, and sanders.



Try to suspend the extension cords above the floor or benchtop to avoid creating a trip hazard. When finished wind up the extension cord and hang it in an appropriate place.

Double adaptors are frowned upon and could lead to an overloaded power supply which could overheat causing a fire hazard. If multiple powered tools are to be used consider using a power board with a built-in circuit breaker which, in the event of an overload, will trip out before any damage has occurred.

The **CORDLESS** power tool on the other hand is far less hazardous as it only relies on the mains 240v supply to charge the battery. The charger can safely be left turned on at all times. When charging a battery, the charger will indicate with a (usually) green LED that it has reached full charge. It is safe to leave the battery on the charger for a reasonable period of time as the charger goes into a state called "Float Mode" where it will only commence topping up the charge when the battery gradually loses power. However, the same safety practices of placing the tool down after use still apply.

**If in doubt, as**

Neil Rogers  
Health and Safety Officer





## Tool Tips

### Working With Epoxy

Epoxy resin is a very versatile and useful material for woodworkers. It is a very strong adhesive, with long working time and is great for providing a structural repair to cracks and voids in timber. However, like all chemicals, it can pose serious health risks. Many epoxies contain a compound called bisphenol A diglycidyl ether, or BADGE. Research in recent years indicates that BADGE may be carcinogenic. The research to date is unfortunately limited, and the information on product Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) tends to be inconclusive. You need to make your own (hopefully) informed decisions about these things. However, it is fair to say, that it is wise to take some simple precautions when working with epoxies (or any other chemicals).



- Read the manufacturer's MSDS before use
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions
- Keep the work area well ventilated
- Avoid contact with the skin
- Wear a mask
- Wear goggles or glasses
- Wear gloves
- Allow ample curing time (days not hours) before sanding

The following article from FineWoodworking is quite informative:

<https://www.finewoodworking.com/2022/06/15/new-safety-considerations-when-using-epoxy>

Thanks to Howard White for raising this and providing the FineWoodworking article.

David Arnold

## Reminders

### Membership Fees

The annual Shed West membership fee of \$60 is due at the end of this month. Your membership fee may be paid by the following methods:

- Cash or Eftpos payment at the shed office.
- Bank Transfer to the Shed West account  
BSB: 484 799  
Acc. No.: 002 361 477

If paying by eftpos or bank transfer, please ensure that the transaction records the member's name, and the purpose of the payment (eg *John Smith - Membership*). If paying by cash, make sure to get a receipt.

### Router Table Training

Training sessions for the new router table kick off today. Sessions are planned for 10:30 am on Tuesday and Friday mornings starting on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>. Sessions are limited to a maximum of six trainees, so members wishing to take advantage of the training should please contact:

either Neil Rogers (0439 444 018 - [neiltrogers@optusnet.com.au](mailto:neiltrogers@optusnet.com.au))  
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## Prostate Cancer Information Session

**All men are INVITED to a special evening**

**It's a bloke thing - education about prostate cancer.  
Brought to you by Shed West, of the Men's Shed, and  
IT'S A BLOKE THING Foundation.**

**With nurse educator RUTH LOGAN, from It's a Bloke Thing Foundation**

**Tuesday 5 July  
5.30pm for light meal  
6.30pm start**

**at Kenmore Anglican Church  
1036 Moggill Road, Kenmore**



**FREE EVENT**  
Need to register:



Phone: 0418 715 004

[www.shedwest.com](http://www.shedwest.com) [www.itsablokething.com.au](http://www.itsablokething.com.au) [www.kenbrookang.org.au](http://www.kenbrookang.org.au)

Places are limited, and catering for the light meal must be organised. **It is essential to book.** Book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/CAGMT> Or scan the bar code in the flyer above.

## Trading Post



This table was in a bad way when it was donated to the shed a while back. It has now been restored and is up for sale with an **asking price of \$120**

If you are interested, ask at the shed.



## Scheduled Events

Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Event	Venue
Tuesday, June 28	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Maggie Crowe Absolute Seniors - Self Managed Home Care Packages	Kenmore Library meeting room
Tuesday, July 5	2:00 PM	3:30pm	NO GUEST PRESENTATION AT KENMORE LIBRARY TODAY See separate flyer for tonight's talk on PROSTATE CANCER at Kenmore Anglican	Kenmore Library meeting room
Tuesday, July 5	5:30 PM		Information Session about Prostate Cancer 5:30 PM for light meal 6:30 PM start	Kenmore Anglican Church 1036 Moggill Road
Tuesday, July 12	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Philip Gresham Old photos in a digital world	Kenmore Library meeting room
Wednesday, July 13	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Christmas Stall Subcommittee Meeting	Donga behind green shed
Tuesday, July 19			<b>No Guest Speaker Talk</b> (3rd Tuesday)	
Tuesday, July 19	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Barbecue at the shed	Green Shed
Wednesday, July 20	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Management Committee Meeting	Kenmore Library meeting room
Friday, July 22			<b>NEWSLITTER</b> publication	
Tuesday, July 26	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Sue Robin Is there still a place for Storytelling?	Kenmore Library meeting room
Tuesday, August 2	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Luis Cruz Comics plus Fiction	Kenmore Library meeting room
Tuesday, August 9	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Robin Plaisted Continental drift	Kenmore Library meeting room
Wednesday, August 10	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Christmas Stall Subcommittee Meeting	Donga behind green shed



## 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
Tuesday	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Monthly barbecue 3rd Tuesday each month	Green shed
Wednesday	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Christmas Stall Sub Committee Meeting 2nd Wednesday each month	Building behind the Green Shed
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
Friday			<i>NEWSLITTER</i> publication 4th Friday each month	
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



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