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Ticking away the moments that make up a dull day



Don't fritter and waste the hours in an offhand way. Read about Time pieces in this month's *Tool Tips* article from Mike Symes.

Shed News

Projects

A month ago, we had eight Projects on hand and as we draw to the end of July four of these have been delivered freeing up more time from here on for our green shed team of happy workers to focus on making toys for the upcoming weeklong display at the Kenmore Shops in mid-November.

In the past week I have given plan details out to members for the construction of Letterboxes of which we sold six last November. We are also making Bird Boxes and Possum Boxes which were both popular sellers last year, also Toy dump trucks. John Lippiatt has been beavering away for several months now making 19 Wheelbarrows for the November Sale week. Last year we sold 13 of John's Wheelbarrows and it would appear that John doesn't want to be caught short on stock this year!! A great effort indeed.

Any member is welcome to get involved with the making of all these items so feel free to come along. I can assure you that participation in these endeavours will greatly enhance your skills with the tools. Just tell the Supervisor on the day that you would like to assist on such projects!

Doug Nissen



Leatherwork Group



Some time ago John bought a book of leatherwork projects. So far, we have made the glasses case and the wine bag and most recently Greg has made the tool belt. You can see the development of this project in the photos.



Richard has continued with the work on his coin purses.

Ross's work on the laser has been much appreciated as it has allowed us to create much more professional looking projects. currently in development are two knife sheaths for another Shed member. More on these next issue.

The group continues to meet on Monday afternoon to work on projects, discuss ideas and support each other in their chosen projects. Alan Ernst

Shed Trailer



Shed West's new trailer is now available to shed members for hire, at \$10/day.

If you want to hire the trailer, contact

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A few key points to note:

- Users must comply with all relevant rules and regulations when using the trailer.
- Users are responsible for ensuring they do not overload either the trailer, or the towing vehicle.
- The trailer has a maximum aggregate trailer mass of 1400 kg.
- The trailer is fitted with a mechanical override braking system.
- The trailer is wired with a 7 pin round plug and has an adaptor to a 7 pin flat plug. Users are responsible for supplying their own suitable adaptor if the towing vehicle uses a different style of plug.
- Users are responsible for ensuring that the towing vehicle is adequately insured for towing a trailer.



Photography Group

Last month the photography group met for their last session which focussed on each member presenting a selection of their photos for a review by the other members. Our previous sessions over the past year focussed on the various qualities that provide for an award winning image. These include originality, image quality, a unique perspective and whether the image provides a background story of interest to the viewer. Many of our member's images displayed were very original and most worthy of an award.



The photographs at left are from one of my books of a dancer and spectator taken in a remote village near the ancient capital of the Dahomey kingdom in Benin. The Dance Geleden des Fons was celebrating a recent harvest with the villages becoming fully absorbed with the dancers and the chanting, which provided a spectacular sight and sound experience for our expedition members who were invited by the village to attend.

Benin, located in the African Sahel, that includes countries between the Sahara in the north and the Southern Sudan (where I and my family lived with the hippos and crocodiles for two years). Our expedition travelled by road through five of those countries, which provided unique insights into the traditions and cultures of the various tribal groups that we encountered.



Benin is the birthplace of voodoo which is still today an important part of everyday life including their fetish markets stocked with the heads and skins of every animal imaginable.

Sadly today travel along the route that we followed is no longer possible.

I enjoy telling stories with the photos of my travels through 40 countries (17 in Africa) over the past 55 years. At least I think the photography group enjoyed them during our 12 months together.

Paul Steinmuller



Kenmore Anglican Church - Ukraine Benefit

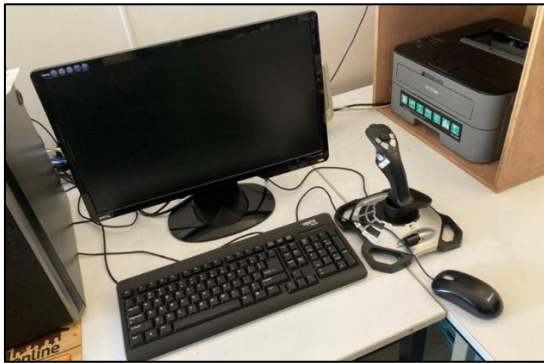


Kenmore Anglican Church recently held a fund-raising event for the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

Shed West donated a variety of items including:

- Kiddiwink table and chairs
- An excavator
- A variety of coasters
- Presentation pens
- Toy aeroplanes

Computing



Flight Simulator

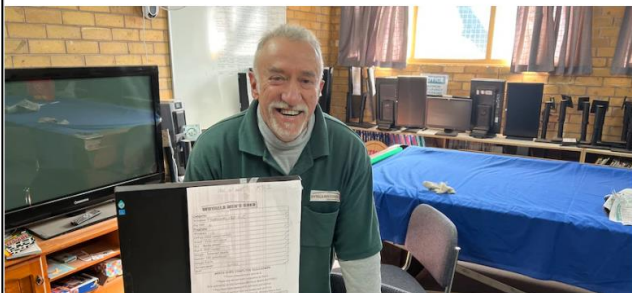
In our Computer Room we now have a flight simulator programme – all thanks to Ray Johnson. For those wishing to fly off to distant countries but are constrained by the current Covid-19 restrictions, this might be a way to escape cabin fever at home. It's not too difficult to fly a multitude of different aircraft – you just have to learn some basic commands, hold onto your seat, and know how to gently tweak the joystick to take-off and land safely. Once you are up in the air, the world is yours. MS

Other People Out There Doing Good Work

A couple of interesting stories spotted recently by Shed West's Media Watch reporter, Peter Merrell. Click on the links to learn more.

Whyalla Men's Shed refurbishing and upgrading computers to boost kids' education

ABC North and West SA / By Lucas Forbes
Posted Thu 30 Jun 2022 at 8:42am



[Whyalla Men's Shed refurbishing and upgrading computers to boost kids' education - ABC News](#)

Blackwood Bike Shed volunteers upcycle hundreds of bikes for charity

By Sarah Mullins
Posted Sat 9 Jul 2022 at 10:05am



[Blackwood Bike Shed volunteers upcycle hundreds of bikes for charity - ABC News](#)



Member Project of the Month

Four Legged Stool

As the saying goes "there is no such thing as scrap timber, just off-cuts I haven't found a use for yet". I love working with recycled timber, especially if it has a story, and especially northern silky oak or Australian red cedar.

David Arnold



Last year Howard White found me a couple of turned silky oak table legs that had been cut off short and were probably headed for the bin. Then another mate gave me a quantity of silky oak in various shapes and sizes, including the 300 mm square by 50 mm thick piece at right, with very interesting grain, and a big crack through it (which I epoxy filled).

After many months' cogitation, I decided to make a four legged stool out of this timber.



Routing mortices in the already turned legs was easy enough once I thought it through. I screwed pieces of ply to each end of the leg to provide faces to register on the router table surface and on the fence. Cutting the tenons was also quite simple using a sled on the router table.

There was a risk of the post splitting due to the load on the steeply raked legs, so the mortice and tenon joints for the legs were reinforced with threaded steel cross-rods doweled through the post and into the legs.



After gluing and sanding I thought I was finished, because I originally only set out to make a stool for my workshop out of scrap timber off-cuts. However, the stool had turned out very nicely, so I decided to make a proper job of it.

The mate who gave me the quantity of silky oak is a very talented blacksmith who has won prizes at the RNA Exhibition. I asked him to make the beautiful wrought steel flower at right. Incredibly fine work! This was to be a feature for the stool seat.





I routed a recess into the top of the stool, and the flower was set in using West's 105 epoxy, with 207 clear hardener.

Three coats of Estapol later and I am rather happy with the result.

This project was a practice run. Using the techniques learned or refined on this project I am now in the process of making a four-legged side table with the second table leg mentioned above. The side table is a somewhat more complex and challenging design, so I am taking my time with it.

And I still don't have a stool for my workshop!



From the President

Management Committee Report

We had another very productive meeting this month. Of significance, we established that we have had our best year ever performance-wise with outstanding results from toy sales and other activities. Our wholehearted thanks are extended to all shed members who have contributed so much time and effort to make this all possible – especially our newer and younger shed members who have all put their hands up so enthusiastically on a whole range of different projects.

Thanks once again – a great result. Keep up the good work.

Shed Upgrade

A motion was passed by the management committee to take steps to upgrade our existing shed premises. We are limited in terms of available space within both the Green and Blue Sheds, but we are confident that, with careful planning and repositioning of equipment, benches, and storage units, we can make our shed more efficient and a much safer working space to everybody's benefit. Work has already started on the manufacture of a number of modular storage units to replace some old cupboards and shelving. This will all take some time, but it will be worth it in the end.

If you want to be a part of this important long-term project, feel free to contact anybody on the Management Committee.

Update On the Redevelopment of 98 Brookfield Road, Kenmore Hills

Regarding Brisbane City Council's redevelopment plans for our current site in Kenmore Hills, there is unfortunately nothing of any substance to report. We have received no project specific information from the Pullenvale Ward Office over the past month or had any further meetings with Council's appointed Architects to progress this redevelopment project, apart from being told that the Federal Government has transitioned from the LNP to Labour and there is a new Green's Member for the Ryan Electorate. The Council's only achievement so far is the massive cost increase – blowing out the project budget from the initial fixed grant limit of \$1.5 million to over \$5 million, with costs still climbing. It is significant to note that there is no mention whatsoever of any funding allocation in the latest Brisbane City Council 2022/23 Budget for the redevelopment of 98 Brookfield Road.

We will continue to keep you all posted.

Mike Symes



Safety and Operations

New ID Name Badge

The Shed is currently updating the database of the status of all member's qualifications and introducing a new name badge to reflect this.

Since the inception of the name badge detailing each member's competence to use certain equipment, various new machines and processes have been introduced necessitating the need to upgrade the member ID badge.

The new ID badge will now slightly vary in appearance to include the new machinery and processes. All existing qualifications will be acknowledged and endorsed. Dots will be replaced by coloured squares but still having the same meaning i.e.,

Green: Has undertaken training in the equipment in a supervised capacity,

Red: Has displayed a competence to use the equipment unsupervised.


The onus is now on each member to upgrade their name (ID) badge through a simple process of steps.

Step 1. Produce your existing badge to myself or Malcolm as proof of identity and level of qualification,

Step 2. Upgrade the level of your qualification to **GREEN** or **RED** as may be the case and for which ever machine/process you have acquired the skills in, to now be recorded on the new badge.

Step 3. Myself or Malcolm will now upgrade our database to record your new status of performance.

Step 4. Myself or Malcolm will now print out the new badge for you to wear.

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More			
INDUCTION	Green	Red	LINISHER
JOINTER	Green	Red	ROUTER
THICKNESSER	Green	Red	WOOD LATHE
TABLE SAW	Green	Red	TROTEC
PANEL SAW	Green	Red	CNC ROUTER
BANDSAW	Green	Red	WELDING
MITRE SAW	Green	Red	GRINDERS
DRILL PRESS	Green	Red	ROUTER TABLE

I am hoping this process will be seamless and I am sure we can overcome any anomalies that arise.

Finally. I would like you to remember that we have new members, new processes, new machinery and, to reflect this evolution, new name badges.

Wear them with pride and recognition of your ability.

Neil Rogers
(Workshop Manager)

Mystery Objects

There are two classic rock references embedded in this month's newsletter. Different bands, different decades. One should be easy. The other is a little bit more obscure.

There is also a classic comedy reference that has been embedded in the newsletters this year. Same act, same reference each week.

Send in your answers if you think you know what they are. If you get all three, you are a genius.

David Arnold



Guest Speakers

Prostate Cancer Information Session



The information session held earlier this month was presented by nurse educator Ruth Logan. Ruth is an amazing lady. Straight talking, passionate, down to earth, and extremely well informed, she travels far and wide spreading the prostate cancer awareness message. She must really like driving, because she drove 100,000 km in the last two years to talk to men in country centres. Ruth is from the *It's a Bloke Thing Foundation*, who raise funds for prostate cancer awareness programs, prostate cancer research and care.

The event was held at the at the Kenmore Anglican Church, who very generously put on a barbeque tea for attendees, with very tasty cakes and tarts for dessert. Thank you, Kenmore Anglican Church!

Ruth's talk was extremely well received and was backed up by attendees who shared their own experiences. Everyone's story was a little different, but they all had a common thread which invariably led back to the key take-outs of Ruth's message, which were:

- Talk to your doctor and health advisors, get checked regularly, and follow medical advice.
- Know what your PSA count should be and track it. If it starts increasing more investigation is needed.
- Prostate cancer has a 95% survival rate if detected early.
- Prostate cancer is not just an old man's disease. Talk to your sons.
- Family history indicates higher risk.
- See your doctor and get checked regularly.
- And one last thing – get checked regularly.

For more information on the It's a Bloke Thing Foundation, visit their web site
<https://www.itsablokething.com.au/>

David Arnold

Guest Presentations

At the end of June, Maggie Crowe from Absolute Seniors, together with a representative from Trilogy (an approved government ACAT provider that facilitates government funding for aged care packages) outlined current Self-Managed Home Care Packages for older Australians which are designed to allow us to remain at home for longer if desired. Also, two others, Lesley and Danielle travelled from the town of Bell on the Darling Downs to outline an innovative social enterprise established in Bell under the name Bell Cares. This is a forward thinking and innovative approach which aims to give a better home-based service at a lower cost. Worth googling 'Bell Cares' and 'Absolute Seniors' to see if the model could work for you? An ABC Landline segment about Bell Cares is also available on iView.

Our 5th July presentation was cancelled to allow for the talk on Prostate Health that evening. See elsewhere for David's report.

11th July saw an engaging presentation from Phil Gresham of Fotofast Taringa about preserving traditional photos and videos in an ever changing digital future. By the way, for our traditional photographic film enthusiasts, Phil has a great range of filmstock and processing services. I thought that era had passed! Feel free to swing by his premises to see the range of services offered by Phil and his staff.

26th July - A Place for Old Fashioned Storytelling? For those members who weren't able to make the talk last Tuesday, storyteller Sue Robin invoked and stimulated our inner storyteller by outlining why she tells stories and how she began over forty years ago. We were all inspired by her examples to give thought to the stories we can share, especially with our grandchildren. Question time and afternoon tea extended the opportunity for lively conversation with Sue, which was most encouraging.

Chris Wright



Our Next Guest Speaker is this coming Tuesday August 2nd

Shed member Luis Cruz will enlighten us with his research into development and trends in Artificial Intelligence. Be there to hear what promises to be an engaging and instructional session 😊. Chris Wright

Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, August 2 will be hosted by Shyam Verma

Keeping In Touch

The following note received recently from a senior shed member speaks volumes. If you know Horrie, or you know of any other shed member who could use a bit of company, give them a call, I'm sure they will appreciate it. Ed.

Horrie Palmer seeking visits from members

Horrie Palmer was one of the founding members of Shed West. Those who know Horrie will remember his frequent attendance at meetings and workshop and the assistance he provided to members helping with upholstery repairs, etc.

Horrie very recently lost his soulmate and wife Jean, and he suffers mobility issues such that he is unable to get about and attend meetings. He is very keen to keep abreast of what is happening at the Shed and loves a chat. He is somewhat lonely. He would really appreciate if members who know him could pop in from time to time to say hello and have a chat.

Horrie lives just up the road towards Brookfield. His son Ian is providing his care and suggests you contact him on 0410 908 845 before visiting, just to make sure he is not at Drs or otherwise engaged.

It is most important not to forget those who contributed greatly to the Shed over the years.

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Member Profile

Phil Turley



I was a dentist for 40 years and then sold my practice and continued to work for a few of more years. I retired after the 2011 flood when our house was flooded while I was in New Zealand.

I first joined the Centenary Men's Shed when it was just starting. They were meeting in the park talking about what they might do if they ever got a shed which didn't interest me because I wanted to be using tools. Then I met Ron Williams when we were both joining the bowls club and a former Shed member Ray Stephenson was teaching new members to bowl. Ray was interested in wood turning and invited us to the Shed to try our hand at turning wood on the lathe and so I joined the Shed in August 2012.

I like working with wood and particularly enjoy using the wood lathe to make wooden bowls of various sizes and types. I made a desk for my daughter to use as a work bench for craft work and found making things square didn't appeal; hence my interest in the wood lathe where things are round. I also started making chopping boards for a while but have gravitated back to the lathe. It has been suggested that I go to the Wood turning association where I would learn more about turning which is probably true but I'm comfortable here making bowls which I take home to my wife where I am greeted with "Oh another one".

Although I feel shy, I like talking with people but don't particularly enjoy talking with lots of strangers, so I tend to be a "workshop man" rather than go to the Tuesday meetings. The smaller number of people in the workshop has allowed me to develop friendships where I talk comfortably with people who I know. I particularly like that we wear name tags which avoids having to struggle to recall someone's name.

Wood turning does tend to be isolating because it is an individual activity rather than working with others on a project. So occasionally I get involved in the projects for the shed. Also, I was a Shed supervisor for a while. I have now become the "Providor" providing the Morning teas. I like to travel and so be free to leave the Shed for a couple of months at a time but Covid has stopped that for the last couple of years but I hope that will change soon.

Philip Turley



Tool Tips

Can You Please Tell Me What the Time Is?

For all those shed members interested in watches and everything else that ticks, you might be interested in two (2) Seiko chronograph watches that I have in my watch and clock collection. Known affectionately as “Pandas” in the trade, these Japanese watches are now highly sought after because they are both no longer made - with spare parts rare as hen’s teeth. They were (*and still are*) considered some of the best watches in their time. Mike Symes



Known affectionately as a “good copper’s watch” because it is quite “clunky”, the watch at left with two (2) contrasting dials is the 6138 model. The movement is 27.4mm wide by 7.9mm tall, beating at 21,600 beats per hour with 23 jewels. The sweep of the second hand is unbelievably smooth – capable of accurately measuring fractions of a second. Not sure how true this is but rumour has it that, in its heyday, this “2-eyed Panda” chronograph watch with a day-and-date indicator was considered equal to, or better than, an equivalent Swiss Rolex watch at the time.



The Seiko “3-eyed Panda” alarm-chronograph on the left with five (5) buttons on the outside casing is a later model but equally sought after as a collector’s item. It is a much lighter and thinner watch than its earlier “2-eyed” version on the left but functions equally as well. Features include time / calendar, stopwatch, alarm, and tachymeter. Seiko was apparently the first Japanese watch manufacturer to successfully experiment with some plastic movement components to reduce the overall weight. The scarcity of these internal 7T32 movement parts is making them highly collectable as a result. Both of these watches keep perfect time after all these years, are still in very good condition, and are worn on a regular rotational basis.

Hide Glue





Scheduled Events

Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Event	Venue
Tuesday, August 2	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Luis Cruz Artificial Intelligence	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
Friday, August 12	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Shed Clean Up Day	Green Shed
Tuesday, August 16			No Guest Speaker Talk (3rd Tuesday)	
Tuesday, August 16	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Barbecue at the shed	Green Shed
Wednesday, August 17	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Management Committee Meeting	Kenmore Library meeting room
Tuesday, August 23	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - TBA	Kenmore Library meeting room
Friday, August 26			<i>NEWSLITTER</i> publication	
Tuesday, August 30			No Guest Speaker Talk (5th Tuesday)	
Tuesday, September 6	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - TBA	Kenmore Library meeting room
Tuesday, September 13	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Malcolm Battock Social enterprise recycling initiatives in the Third World	Kenmore Library meeting room
Wednesday, September 14	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Christmas Stall Subcommittee Meeting	Donga behind green shed
Tuesday, September 20			No Guest Speaker Talk (3rd Tuesday)	
Tuesday, September 20	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Barbecue at the shed	Green Shed
Wednesday, September 21	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Management Committee Meeting	Kenmore Library meeting room
Friday, September 23			<i>NEWSLITTER</i> publication	
Tuesday, September 27	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - TBA	Kenmore Library meeting room



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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