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New Skills - New Badge



Having recently completed router table training, Jim Watters and Carlos Borges were putting their newly acquired skills to good use producing made to order door handles for a shed customer.

Carlos is proudly sporting his new Shed West badge.

See Neil Rogers' article under *Safety and Operations* for more about the updated badge

Shed News

Covid Protocols

Give yourselves a pat on the back for continuing to support the Shed West Covid protocols.

- Face masks to be worn in the shed unless operating machinery and fogged glasses would pose a greater risk.
- If you are feeling even slightly unwell DO NOT GO TO THE SHED.
- Visitors are to remain outside of the shed and proof of vaccination required for entry.
- Sign in on the sheet on arrival and sign out on departure.
- Hygiene wash hands, disinfect tools, etc.
- Maintain social distancing 1.5m.

https://www. qld. gov. au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/mandatory-masks

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Shed West needs an Auditor

The Shed West AGM is coming up - Tuesday, Oct 25th. Vic Lorenz, our current auditor, understandably hangs up his hat after many years in the position. We thank him for his wonderful service over the years.

Shed West is a Tier #1 organization for audit requirements, so it is not an onerous task... but a necessary one ...

You can make an important contribution to our Shed by volunteering for the role of auditor.

For further nomination details contact our Secretary, Jim Watters. ShedWest. sec@gmail. com

Projects

What a busy month just passed, and why, because a major effort by our enthusiastic members has resulted in the near finished construction of six new letterboxes, six completed bird boxes and the sale last week of tow birdboxes and major progress in the final construction of components for John Lippiatt's nineteen Wheelbarrows! John does get upset if people do come along and buy one as he feels obliged to again top up his stock numbers for the Big weeklong Sale in November at Kenmore Shopping centre!!

We are catching up also with completion of outside Projects in hand which will allow us to clear our shed space and ready our members to start construction of new storage cabinets to house many hand tools etc so we can maintain a much tidier shed area. This initially will require no less than 12 sheets of heavy 2400 x 1200 mm.plywood to be cut into about 175 pieces for drawers, shelving etc. David Arnold is the engineer and designer of this significant endeavour and of course all those little pieces will have to be assembled into three large storage units (see *Shed Storage Cabinet Upgrade* for more details). It will be a very interesting project and we are looking for volunteers to help here. We plan to work on this job in the afternoon say Tuesday thru Thursday from 1pm to about 4pm with 4 to 5 shedders each afternoon and of course you are not expected to participate each day but just for a time that suits you. This is a great opportunity for those wanting to gain new skills and learn from the experts. If you are willing, I can assure you we will teach you new Tricks. Please call me if you can help.

A month hence should see us well ahead in the above activities!

Doug Nissen Projects Manager 0412 324 023

See below for more details about the Ice-Cream Cart Project, Bespoke Door Handles Project, and a teaser for a project for the CNC Router and the Trotec laser.

Ice-Cream Cart Project



The guys in the Blue Shed are dollying up an old cedar trolley for the Iona Retirement Village for use as an ice-cream vending machine - complete with an esky – all of which is being donated. Each tray will be lined with colourful acrylic sheets which have been cut out accurately on the Trotec Laser Cutter. More on this project in upcoming newsletters.

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Bespoke Door Handles



Our first community project using the new router table was completed recently. A quantity of bespoke door handles, large and small, was produced for a lady in the western suburbs.

Some of these handles were produced by members recently while doing their training to get green and red squares for router table on their new Shed West badges (see Neil Rogers's article under *Safety and Operations*).

The Ram that Rocked (or the Project that Wasn't)



This unusual rocking horse ram was donated to the shed a couple of weeks ago. It really only needed some minor repairs and a good clean. However, the gate was left open, and the sheep got out. Before you could say Shaun the sheep, a lady came and made a generous offer that we couldn't refuse, and so it was sold within the week, before anyone could work on it. Too easy!

CNC Router



Neil Rogers is heavily involved in a new project involving both the CNC Router and the Trotec Laser Cutter. Neil was busy making pre-production prototypes to ensure set-up accuracy. More on this exciting project to come next month.



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.

This month has seen a range of activities with the mass production of our vertical and minimalist wallets after the purchase of suitable Kangaroo leather. The blanks have been cut on the laser and stitching up has started.

Work continues with the wine carrier bags with prototypes completed.

As usual we continue to enjoy each other's company on Monday afternoons in the Blue Shed.

Alan Ernst



A new venture this month has seen Richard working with Russel to repair the tags on Russell's boots.



This month we welcomed a new member, Baden, who is interested in plaiting with the aim of plaiting a stock whip.



Local Distribution of Current Shed Members



Using some proprietary software, Jim Watters has been able to map out the current distribution of our shed members within both the western suburbs and wider community.

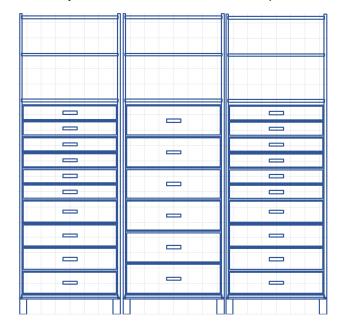
With almost 150-members on board, it is quite interesting to see how spread out our membership is – from Mount Crosby in the West to Forest Lake in the South, with a clearly defined "corridor" linking Kenmore with the Central Business District to the East.

Mike Symes

Shed Storage Cabinet Upgrade

Finding things at Shed West can sometimes be a bit of a challenge, especially when it comes to small tools or screws of just the right size. A big part of the problem is the way storage of small tools and consumables has evolved over time into a scattered assortment of drawers and cabinets of all shapes and sizes.

At the July Management Committee meeting, a decision was made to embark on a project to upgrade storage at the shed by constructing modular storage cabinets to replace the dispersed arrangement of motley cabinets and drawers we currently have. Plans have been drawn up, and we are in the process of buying materials for the build.



The cabinets will be 1950 mm high x 700 mm wide x 550 mm deep, with drawers of various sizes, and shelves above. The initial build will be three cabinets, as illustrated at left, with more to follow if all goes well.

The plywood for the cabinets is being bought pre-cut to reduce the work involved, and to ensure accurate cutting and assembly for a quality job.

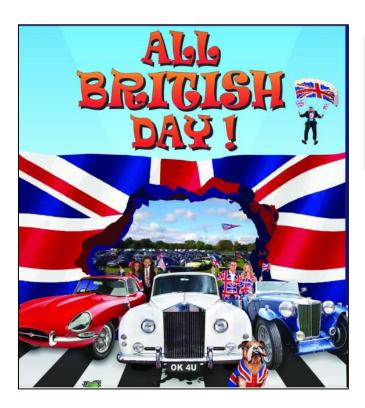
The plan is to have a series of working bees dedicated to this project, on one afternoon a week.

If you are keen to get involved in this shed improvement project, please get in touch with Doug Nissen



Around the Traps





Sunday 18th September St Joseph's College Sports Ground, Tennyson

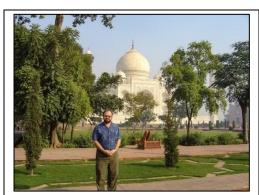
Gates Open 7:30 am

Display Vehicle plus Passengers \$20
Pedestrians \$2
Parking \$5



Member Project of the Month

An Introduction to Table Making



"Rome wasn't built in a day" is an adage reflecting the importance of time in creating something great. I resort to this wisdom to justify why it has taken nearly 20 years to finish my first woodwork project. The journey began in March 2004 when I was attending a meeting in Goa, India. A visit to the great Islamic mausoleum – the Taj Mahal - was a mandatory extension to my trip. The Taj Mahal is the greatest architectural achievement in the whole range of Indo-Islamic architecture.



A feature of the Taj Mahal is the artistic marble inlay or pietra dura. Pietra dura also called "parchin kari", is a term for the inlay technique of using cut and fitted, highly polished coloured stones to create images. These inlays are either floral or calligraphic. In this second case, written texts are verses of the Koran.

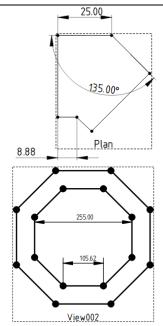


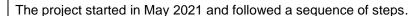
Like all visitors, I needed a souvenir and thus purchased An octagonal marble plate with a traditional floral inlay (275mm vertex to vertex) from a factory in Agra. My plan was to set it into a small table.

Roll on 17 years with frequent reminders from those who must be obeyed, I got the message that I needed to do something with the marble tile. For \$50 membership I could access all the expertise needed at Shed West. The timber (West Australian Karri) was a bit more expensive. I also bought some pine to use for prototyping.

Do you have an interesting project that you would like to share with your fellow shedders? Why not pen a few words with some pictures and send in your contribution for publication in *Newslitter*.







- 1) Look for inspiration on designs from web images. (June-July).
- 2) Started with designing the tabletop and legs and drew up some plans in FreeCAD.
- Modelled components using 3D Printer to check leg design. (August)
- 4) Attempted to construct an octagonal table first using pine. (September)
- Attempt 1 involved trying to cut eight wedges and join with biscuit jointer (failed as minor errors in angles (minutes of a degree) left gaps
- 6) Attempt 2 joined two planks and cut out an octagon (worked)
- 7) With the help of Neil Rogers, took two joined pine planks and carved out a pocket for the marble and octagonal perimeter using the CNC router. (worked) (October)
- 8) Repeated CNC routing of Karri timber (November)



- 9) Treated tabletop with ~ 20 coats of shellac (French Polished) and sprayed a final coat of clear Cellulose Nitrate. (November)
- 10) Constructed eight legs by ripping karri to the dimensions in the design and gluing two strips to give the desired six-sided kite shape (November).
- 11) Oiled legs with Danish oil. (November)
- 12) Assembled table using figure eight links to connect legs (thanks to Howard's tip) (November)
- 13) Prepared skirts to strengthen structure (November)
- 14) Back to the pine prototype produced legs and filled pocket with textured resin (January)
- 15) Routed grooves in legs to fit skirt (thanks to the new Router Table) (July).
- 16) Fitted skirts, reassembled table, reinforced skirts with 2cm quad (July).
- 17) Finished with seal of approval from family (July 2022).



Postscript: An interesting phenomenon was observed after the coating of the tabletop with Cellulose Nitrate spray. Although various websites confirmed that one could cover shellac with cellulose nitrate, what appeared several weeks after spraying were some cracks in the shellac layer. Possibly I should have left the layer mature longer. My initial response was despondency. However, everyone who has seen it like the pattern as it gave the impression of age.

I have yet to finish the prototype which only requires the fitting of stretchers to stabilise the legs.

Jim Watters

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Guest Speakers

No Guest Speaker Talk next Tuesday, August 30th (5th Tuesday)

The following Tuesday, September 6th we welcome Allan Tonks who will talk about the American Forces stationed at Mount Coot-tha during WW2

Afternoon tea on Tuesday, September 6th will be hosted by Andrew Van Hensbroek

Wives, partners and interested guests are most welcome

Chris Wright

From the President

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – we had another good Management Committee Meeting on Wednesday last week. Our next Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on Tuesday, 25th. October 2022 with nominations as from 4th. October 2022. We will be seeking nominations for different positions on the Management Committee and seriously recommend all current Shed West members to consider nominating for these positions if they think they can contribute in any way. Feel free to contact any current Committee Member if you wish to discuss further.

SHED CLEAN-UP – a massive thank-you to all those persons who stepped up to the plate to help clean the Green Shed Friday before last. From the Daily Attendance Sheet, seventeen (17) shedders sorted out our existing timber racks, chopped up surplus timber for firewood, mended lathes and cleaned up a whole variety of benches and storage units with both resilience and enthusiasm – all under the watchful eye of Neil Rogers and Doug Nissen: both of whom coordinated the clean-up.

Mike Symes

Safety and Operations

Shed Working Bee / Clean-up



Under normal circumstances when a Working Bee is called all you can hear is silence. Not at Shed West. Members crawl out of the woodwork and climb over their mates to get there. And with that enthusiasm it was noses to the grindstone.

The timber racks and stacks were meticulously picked over, re-organised and re-stacked. Dust bags, filters and vacuum cleaners were emptied and cleaned. The shadow-board and bench tidied and re-organised. Several machines were repaired and serviced. Spare tools and power tools were selected for donation to the Muttaburra Men's Shed. The timber rack in the back shed was braced to the shed frame to prevent collapse from the excessive weight stacked. The files and rasps were cleaned and sorted for their worthiness of keeping. And there was much more.



Then at morning tea when everybody was relaxing and feeling satisfied with their commendable efforts an emergency evacuation drill was called. The good news is everybody survived.

A big THANK YOU to all involved.

There will always be more tidy-up working-bees in the future, but to minimise the efforts required I would suggest we all put things back where they belong, store away unfinished projects and keep the shed tidy after work.

Regards

Neil Rogers Workshop Manager



An Update of the Database from Your Shed Statistician



With the introduction of new machinery, new members and other members moving on, our database has not kept up with the changes. The updating of the machinery accreditation status of all members in our system is well under way. In simple terms it means the red and green boxes on your name badge should correspond with the data on our system.

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

Your new name badge / ID badge should look like this, with the appropriate coloured squares for your degree of experience.

The intention of the colouring system of the squares has changed since its inception. A green square would have indicated a member has trained in and is competent at using the machine unsupervised whilst a red square only indicated a supervisor. The problem with the previous system was that a member who had attended training but not yet competent to work unsupervised has no recognition on their badge, thus leaving supervisors unable to identify who has and has not been trained on which machine.

The new system gives recognition for training, needing overseeing, and differentiates that from the upper level of competence.

A green square now means you have undertaken training with a supervisor but still need overseeing to ensure you operate the equipment safely and competently. Over time and experience with the endorsement of a supervisor you will progress to the red level.

A red square means you are deemed competent to operate the equipment safely and unsupervised.

A supervisor can readily see by your badge if you are trained at an appropriate level to use the machinery required and enact the appropriate level of supervision.

You will notice that the Induction program is now identified on your badge.

To upgrade; All you need to do to upgrade your ID / Name badge is see Malcolm or myself, present your existing badge and the database will be updated and a new badge presented.

Regards

Neil Rogers Workshop Manager

Tool Tips

Timber Identification



On the cupboard door next to Malcolm's office, there is a really useful timber identifier (beautifully made) that was recently donated to the shed. Whilst it might not have every hardwood type, there are plenty of timber examples laminated together, complete with their species, so this should stop a lot of arguments in the future.



Cutter Cleaning

For best results with any cutting tool, the blades need to be both clean and sharp. This is especially true of router cutters. This *Tool Tip* is about keeping cutters and blades clean by removing the build-up of residue that is left when cutting through the timber. Router cutters are used for illustration. However, saw blades, hole saws, etc. can be cleaned the same way.

David Arnold



A blunt dirty cutter like this will never produce a clean cut! It will tear and burn the wood and make an unholy mess of your project.

Using a dirty cutter generates excessive heat and will damage the cutter. This cutter is cooked and is heading for the bin!



To clean a dirty cutter, soak your cutter in a cleaning solution to cut through the baked on grime. After soaking, clean off the residue.

If the cutter is really dirty, you can use a nylon brush, or you may need to soak for a few hours, and/or repeat the process. However, if you clean cutters after every use, a 5 minute soak and a wipe clean with a soft cloth should do the trick.



The cleaning fluid must be non-corrosive so as not to damage expensive carbide tipped cutters.

The CMT cleaner sells for \$33 for a 532 mL bottle from Carbatec (less the 15% discount for shed members).

The Ride Mechanic degreaser sells for \$20 for a 750 mL bottle from the local bike shop in Kenmore and works just as well.

Keep the cleaning fluid in a screw top plastic pot to get multiple uses.



Pretty clean for a 40 year old cutter!

Do you have knowledge on any subject that you are willing to share with your fellow shedders? Why not pen a few words with some pictures and send in your contribution for publication in *Newslitter*.



Scheduled Events

Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Event	Venue
Friday, August 26			NEWSLITTER publication	
Saturday, August 27	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	Ipswich Woodcrafts Club Open Day	29 Swan Street Brassall
Tuesday, August 30			No Guest Speaker Talk (5th Tuesday)	
Tuesday, September 6	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Allan Tonks American Forces at Mount Coot- tha in WW2	Kenmore Library meeting room
Wednesday, September 7	11:00 AM	3:00 PM	Shedder's Long Lunch Contact Gerald Barber if you wish to attend	CSi Club Southport 154a Scarborough St. Southport
Tuesday, September 13	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - David James Climate Change - A Common Sense Perspective	Kenmore Library meeting room
Wednesday, September 14	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Christmas Stall Subcommittee Meeting	Donga behind green shed
Sunday, September 18	7:30 AM	2:00 PM	All British Day British motor vehicle show	St Joseph's College Sports Ground, Tennyson
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			NEWSLITTER publication	
Tuesday, September 27	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - TBA	Kenmore Library meeting room
Tuesday, October 4	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Simon Major QPS forensic examination of vehicles	Kenmore Library meeting room
Tuesday, October 4			Close of nominations for Shed West committee positions	
Tuesday, October 11	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - TBA	Kenmore Library meeting room
Wednesday, October 12	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Christmas Stall Subcommittee Meeting	Donga behind green shed
Tuesday, October 18			No Guest Speaker Talk (3rd Tuesday)	
Tuesday, October 18	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Barbecue at the shed	Green Shed
Wednesday, October 19	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Management Committee Meeting	Kenmore Library meeting room
Tuesday, October 25	TBA		Shed West Annual General Meeting	ТВА
Tuesday, October 25	2:00 PM	3:30pm	No Guest Speaker Talk	
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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			NEWSLITTER 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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