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George Rivers



Sadly, this past month saw the death of George Rivers. George was awarded life membership of Shed West at our AGM last year, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the shed community.

George was born in Tenterfield in 1934. He was named after his uncle who died in WW I. George grew up during the tail end of the depression and then the war years. He knew hardship and sacrifice, which made him very resilient.

Throughout his life, George maintained a close connection to his family and Tenterfield roots.

In 1957, George started with Elders, a pastoral company. His favourite part of the job was auctioneering at the Rockhampton cattle sales and visiting country towns across Queensland. In his later years he also worked in sales for a podiatry company, retiring at age 78!

Underneath that quiet and reserved persona was a clever, knowledgeable man who liked a party, who had a cheeky sense of humour, and who liked a twirl around a dance floor, and who could hold a tune.

George was a kind, congenial and generous man. He loved fishing, gardening, and cricket. He loved fossicking in second hand shops, tinkering in his shed, and a good strong cup of tea.

He very much valued the friendships he made at the men's shed and holding the position of social convenor. He was in his element organising outings and functions for the members. One of George's proudest moments was December last year when he was awarded Life Membership.

Unfortunately, George's health in recent times declined, and prevented him from doing a lot of things he would have liked to do.

He is fondly remembered and will be very much missed.



Shed News

Community Projects

During the past month a sterling effort has continued by a very enthusiastic bunch of Shedders in the pursuit of completing goods for sale at our upcoming weeklong display at our local Kenmore Shops for the week of 14th to 19th November. Current activity is focused on completing Toy dump trucks and additional tables and Chair sets. Also, we will have on display one of our large Rocking Horses which is the biggest item in our range of Toys and for which we have received several orders over the past few months. We also had a gent call in last week who purchased two of our large aeroplanes. We have been making these now for the past twelve years and they continue to be a popular item !

Many shedders will know that for the past thirteen years I have held the Role of Projects Manager for Shed West. I have enjoyed this role in bringing in many large and smaller projects to our Shed providing many hours of enjoyable pleasure for so many Shedders. We have many local community groups and residents who regularly call on our Shedders to Fix their particular needs. Indeed, we do regular work for many local Child Day Care centres and also Local schools and Churches.

I now advise that I have resigned from this role with effect from the upcoming AGM on 25th October. The shed of course needs someone to come forward to fill this important role. I will of course be available to brief and guide whoever takes my place. This role has given me the opportunity to get to closely know many Shedders over the past years and make many new friendships for which I am most grateful.

Best wishes to All

Doug Nissen

Doug's efforts as project manager for community projects have been of enormous benefit to Shed West and to the broader community in the western suburbs. The varied and interesting projects that Doug has brought into the shed not only create a valuable sense of purpose and team spirit for the members involved but also provide a vital source of income for the shed. He will be a hard act to follow

Ed.

Xylophones / Marimbas

In January 2022, Leanne Hodges was appointed the role of Arts teacher at St Brendan's. This role includes music and dance lessons. On receiving the position, Leanne keenly examined the extensive musical instruments in music classroom to find that there were very few large wooden xylophone options for the children. These instruments are used in the Orff, and Schulwerk early childhood methodologies that Leanne uses in her teaching. Xylophones are particularly useful as they are a big sturdy instrument. The children can clearly see the notes written on the keys to help them visually, and aurally the children can hear a lovely tone as they play.



These instruments retail commercially starting at \$400 each. With a budget not able to include such an expense, Leanne then asked her father, Dr Graeme Correll, a Shed West member, to inquire at the Shed to see if they would be interested in making 5 xylophones for the school. Graeme has previously made wooden instruments including xylophones, marimbas and harps all requiring a high degree of craftsmanship and painstaking patience. He approached the members of the shed who eagerly accepted the challenge and work was underway within a matter of days.

The sound boxes were a complex construction. Made from Jacaranda harvested after one of our early summer storms knocked a tree down near Graeme's home. The box was dovetailed using a dovetail jig made intricate by



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having tapered sides of 3° and completed by Neil Rogers. He also cut the keys from Blackwood which has good tone and resonance and is most suitable for marimbas.



The men in the Blue Shed got to with the shaping of each key. Syd Hallas, Darryl Holden, Trevor Ward, Gil Trafford-Walker, Geoff Haigh, Phil Castle, Paul Steinmuller, Thomas Wittkopf under the able supervision of Warren Cameron then set about to assemble and finish the marimbas.



While that was occurring, the keys needed to be tuned. Graeme Correll achieved this by striking the key then measuring the emitted tone against a sound tuning app on his mobile phone.

Minor adjustments to the shaping of the underside key changes the note of the key. When that was achieved Graham passed the instrument back over to the men in the Blue Shed to put the final finishes to the project.



Neil, Graeme and Leanne along with school representatives

Within 6 months, after passing through many loving and crafted hands, five beautiful instruments were delivered.

On September 9, St Brendan's Primary School accepted the gift of 5 wooden xylophones from the Kenmore Men's Shed (Shed West) at a special presentation. The two student representatives gave a warming thank you speech while the gathered audience of students were excited and asked a variety of questions showing their interest in how musical instruments are made. These xylophones will now be used in the classroom music program by all grades in the school to extend their learning in all areas of music, especially the practical element of playing a musical instrument.

Neil Rogers

Principal, teaching staff and students of St Brendan's would like to extend a big thank you to all the members of Shed West who contributed to this incredible donation. Leanne would especially like to thank her dad for making the project come to fruition.



Leatherwork Group



The group is continuing with a range of personal and Shed projects.

Greg is working on a belt pouch to go with the tool belt mentioned previously



Our newest member Baden is busy stitching up a minimalist wallet for the Christmas stall.

Note Baden his using his brand new home made stitching pony

Alan Ernst

For an interesting leatherworking exercise from Alan Ernst, see our *Member Project of the Month*

Ed.

Rocking Horses



Helped by Dave Brown, Phil Batten is back in full production making rocking horses. Sheets of plywood are being cut and glued together to create the various components of the horse prior to final assembly.

Phil is busy here shaping parts on the band saw

Mike Symes



Vehicle Restoration Group

September was a busy month for the Vehicle Restoration Group. Early in the month Doug, Bruce and Michael visited the farm in Northern NSW to recover further parts for our rebuild. Surplus parts were also sought for the Shed West stand at the All British Day in the middle of the month (see separate report below).



The chassis and firewall on Agnes, the original long wheelbase Series 2A Land Rover donated to us last year, was deemed uneconomical to repair.

The VRG has been trying to source a replacement. Whilst the various Land Rovers that are available to us from the farm have similar corrosion problems, we have been able to source a structurally sound, partially dismantled long wheelbase Series 2A from a local restorer who specialises in sourcing Land Rovers from western Queensland. His vehicles have generally spent most of their lives in a dry, non-humid climate and haven't been on the beach or on fishing trips to Fraser Island.



This week saw the arrival at Shed West of the western Queensland Series 2A and the remnants of Agnes leave site in part exchange. Whilst we have onsold some of the parts we stripped from Agnes, she has also provided us with a good set of body panels, cab interior panels and a trayback. All these items will go onto the new vehicle.

We have adopted the new 2A's nickname from the previous owner, so it is now called 'Ollie'. Our initial assessment of Ollie confirms that it has no rust in the chassis or firewall that will require structural repairs.

Series 2A Land Rovers were built between 1961 and 1971. From the chassis number, it appears that Ollie was an early Series 2A and was assembled in Australia in about March 1963. Whilst almost 60 years old, I expect Ollie is still a bit younger than most of us.

The VRG are currently undertaking a further assessment of Ollie and will meet this Friday morning (30th) at the Shed to discuss and plan the next stages of the project. All interested Shed members are invited to attend.

Bruce Woodhouse



Vehicle Restoration Group at the All British Day



Shed West's Vehicle Restoration Interest Group was represented at the All British Day on Sunday 18 Sept by Bruce Woodhouse, Russell Hawksford and Doug Wait. We took a trailer-load of series Land Rover second hand parts and panels. The weather was brilliant, and we had prime position midway along a row of Land Rovers, ranging from early series 1s to current model Range Rovers, and even a SWB series 3 that had been converted to an EV by fitment of Tesla batteries and motors.

Shed West's new trailer proved its worth and its versatility, with the cage enabling us to hang items for better display.

Sales of parts realised more than \$1000, and we also met many fellow series LR restoration enthusiasts. We also made a number of excellent contacts with potential suppliers of parts and services, who unanimously expressed support for a men's shed venturing into vehicle restoration. We discussed what products Shed West could potentially offer, so there may be some future income for the shed.

Overall, we agreed that we should return to the event in 2023, hopefully with a rolling chassis to display!

Lastly, the day was a car-nut's dream. So many gleaming marques and models!

Doug Wait

Shed Storage Cabinets Upgrade

We have now had three very successful afternoon working bees for this project. With our initial build of three cabinets now well under way, the participation from members has been outstanding, with a good cross section of participants. The less experienced members have been keen to learn new skills from the more experienced guys, and all the team are making an outstanding contribution.

One hundred and forty eight,
One hundred and forty nine,
One hundred and



I think you might have missed one

The plywood for the cabinets was ordered pre-cut from our supplier. One hundred and fifty one separate pieces!

We were fortunate to have a plentiful stock of Rimu (an excellent New Zealand native timber) that is ideal for ripping into strips to provide solid edging to all the exposed plywood edges. A quantity of this timber will be set aside for use as we build more storage cabinets in the future. The generous donation of this timber to Shed West has saved nearly 20% off the cost of the project.

With the preparation of the components now almost complete, the cabinets will really take shape in the next few weeks.

David Arnold

Next Working Bee is on Wednesday, October 5th 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM



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Moreton Bay Regional Men's Shed Cluster Meeting - Reminder

Tuesday, 18th October 2022 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
The Pavillion
Samford Showgrounds
40 Showgrounds Drive
Highvale

Key topics for discussion at the meeting will be:

- Attracting & retaining members
- The secrets to engaging volunteers
- Keys to maintaining a healthily Shed

If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact Gerald Barber
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Social Events - Save The Date

Thursday, December 8th - Shed West Christmas Lunch
More information to come



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Prostate Cancer Information Evening

INVITATION

Brought to you by Shed West, of the Men's Shed, and Health Professionals

**All men and partners/family are INVITED
to a special evening**

It's a bloke thing - education about prostate cancer

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

Tuesday 11th October
5.30pm for light meal
6.30pm start

at Kenmore Anglican Church
1036 Moggill Road, Kenmore



FREE EVENT
Register Here:
or Phone: 3378 9189
for catering purposes



www.shedwest.com
www.kenbrookang.org.au
www.itsablokething.com.au



Guest Speakers

What You Might Have Missed in September

We had three really great presentations at Kenmore Library in September.

Allan Tonks' very interesting talk for local history buffs about the US Army and Navy presence on and around Mount Coot-Tha in WWII. Even Phil Castle learned a few things . . .

- Did you know that Wedmaiers Garage at Newmarket was the 'front' for the manufacture of top secret, highly sophisticated sea mines for use in the Pacific Campaign?
- Or how you might identify the hidden searchlight pads on Mt Coot-tha as you walk along the tracks?
- Just two of the many interesting points of history and geography of our own back yard.

David James and Dr. Charles Worringham gave us something to really think about in the forum on climate change. David's impeccable data-based deductions were not disputed by Charles in the least. However, Charles' evidence was able to show us how it is absolutely vital for all nations to work together, pull our weight and not just blame each other to the detriment of the hundreds of small players who will feel the greatest impact.

New Twists on Family Planning wasn't about sex positions or contraception for baby boomers after all 😊.

Brian Herd, winner of Queensland Solicitor of the Year 2022, enlightened us of the many unforeseen traps in Elder Law and estate planning, turning this very dry subject into a veritable riot of entertainment. A real performer, and not a powerpoint slide to be seen !!

Coming Up

Tuesday 4th October - Simon Major and Maca McDonald

Forensic examination of stolen and crashed vehicles of all types. Queensland Police Service.

Have you ever wondered what happens to a vehicle after it is involved in a fatal or serious crash? The Queensland Police Service Vehicle Inspection Unit has been in operation since the mid-1960s. We inspect all manner of cars, trucks, motorbikes and even light planes for any possible defects that may have been the cause. Let us walk you through the basics of our role both for Vehicle Mechanical Inspections and Vehicle Identification recoveries.

Andrew 'Macka' McDonald has been with the QPS for 27 years, initially finishing the last 12 months of his mechanical trade apprenticeship time in the Police Workshop at Alderley. He stayed on as a trade mechanic before venturing into roles as the QPS Workshop Manager, QPS Fleet Manager and QPS Fleet Damaged Car Coordinator. Macka joined the Vehicle Inspection Unit as a Forensic Mechanic in 2004 and has been an integral member ever since. He is a very keen drag racer, passionate Broncos and NRL supporter, and an avid lover of full strength, non-craft beer.

Simon 'Simo' Major is a qualified trade mechanic and holder of a bachelor's degree in Industrial Design. After a failed career as an Exotic Dancer, Simo worked in the Sign Industry for a few years before a five year stint as a Transport Inspector led to a now-16 year role with the Vehicle Inspection Unit. He is also a keen drag racer and panel van tragic and has moonlit as a freelance writer for Street Machine magazine since 2008.

Afternoon tea on Tuesday, October 4 will be hosted by Gavan Clarke

October 11th - Tony and Christine Everett The Star of Taroom Expedition.

This is the story of how a band of dedicated volunteers (on foot, with a specially made handcart) made the 500km trek to return a beautiful Aboriginal grinding stone from Brisbane to its original site on Iman Country at Bethany Station near Taroom, north-east of Roma, Queensland.

See you there 👍

Chris Wright

Remember
Relatives and interested friends are most welcome to join us for our Tuesday Talks.



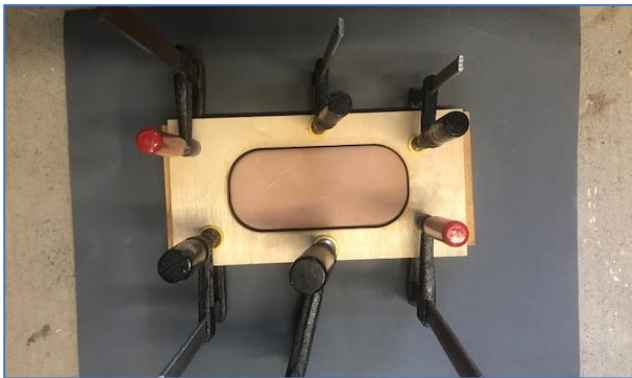
Member Project of the Month

Leather Bowl



Some time ago I saw a leather bowl on you tube but the moulds were expensive, not to mention the freight.

Running with the idea Ross Monks suggested cutting the mould from ply on the laser. This required several layers to get a reasonable depth and then glue together (2891), This had the added advantage that the depth could be changed in the future by either adding or removing layers.



Next a piece of leather was cut to rough size and wet, put in the mould and clamped down



The finished shape removed from the mould ready to trim and finish.



A day later another piece was treated so there would be tanned leather on both the inside and outside of the bowl.

The two pieces were then glued together and stitched around the edge to give the finished bowl.

Alan Ernst



Tool Tips

Check Timber for Nails and Other Things before Putting it Through a Machine

Timber once used to conceal 150kg of imported drugs donated to woodworkers

ABC Gippsland / By Kerrin Thomas
Posted 9h ago



Hopefully we all know to check timber for screws and nails before you start sawing or try to put it through a thicknesser or jointer. However, you may not be aware that that you should also check timber for drugs before trying to bring it through customs.

[Timber once used to conceal 150kg of imported drugs donated to woodworkers - ABC News](#)

This valuable tool tip was sent in by Peter Merrell.

Bench Space – Things Have to Get Worse Before They Can get Better



The current project to build storage cabinets to help declutter the shed is taking up a lot of space in the shed. So much so, that a shed member recently had to resort to using the band saw as a bench because all the work benches were chockers.

Ed.

When the Dress Standard is Very Smart Casual

Look Smart in a Shed West Chambray Shirt

**Shed West Shirts are great value at \$25
We have all sizes in stock in the shed office
Chambray shirts or polo shirts**





Scheduled Events

Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Event	Venue
Tuesday, October 11	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Tony and Christine Everett The Star of Taroom "A 500km Conversation"	Kenmore Library meeting room
Tuesday, October 11	5:30 PM	9:00 PM	Prostate Cancer Information Session 5:30 PM for light meal 6:30 PM start	Kenmore Anglican Church 1036 Moggill Road
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
Tuesday, October 18	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	Moreton Bay Regional Men's Shed Cluster Meeting	The Pavillion Samford Showgrounds 40 Showgrounds Drive Highvale
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	TBA
Tuesday, October 25	2:00 PM	3:30pm	No Guest Speaker Talk	
Friday, October 28			<i>NEWSLITTER</i> publication	
Tuesday, November 1	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Melbourne Cup - TBA	
Tuesday, November 8	2:00 PM	3:30pm	Guest Speaker - Dave King Hyperbaric Medicine	Kenmore Library meeting room
Wednesday, November 9	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Christmas Stall Subcommittee Meeting	Donga behind green shed
Monday, November 14	8:30 AM	5:00 PM	Christmas Stall - Day 1	Kenmore Village Shopping Centre
Tuesday, November 15			No Guest Speaker Talk (3rd Tuesday)	
Tuesday, November 15	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Barbecue at the shed	Green Shed
Tuesday, November 15	8:30 AM	5:00 PM	Christmas Stall	Kenmore Village Shopping Centre
Wednesday, November 16	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Management Committee Meeting	Kenmore Library meeting room
Wednesday, November 16	8:30 AM	5:00 PM	Christmas Stall	Kenmore Village Shopping Centre
Thursday, November 17	8:30 AM	5:00 PM	Christmas Stall	Kenmore Village Shopping Centre

Weekly Routine



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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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