



The Shed Newsletter

The Newsletter of the Shed West Community Men's Shed (Inc) September 2024

Vale Malcolm



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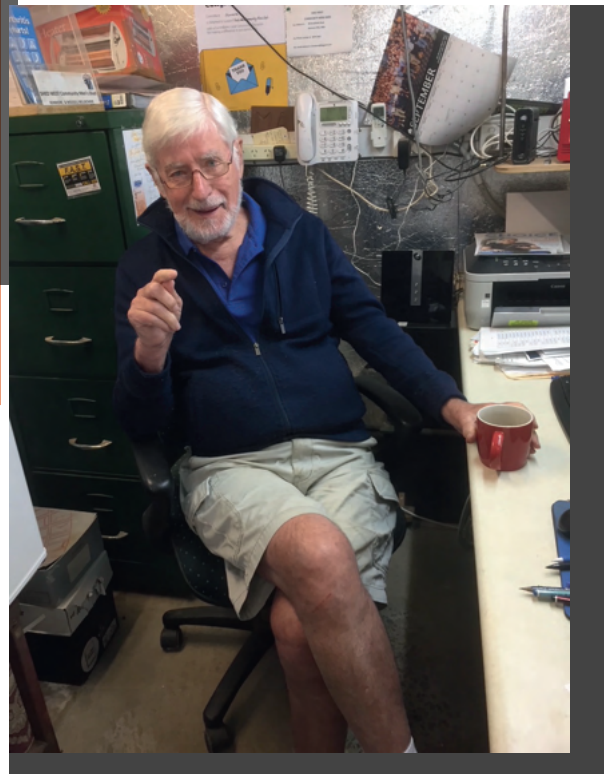
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Eulogy for Malcolm Douglas

A wake was held at the St Lucia golf links and was attended by over twenty members and friends to celebrate the life of Malcolm a shed member and office administrator for 16 years. Several members spoke about their experiences with Malcolm.

Philip Castle has prepared the following eulogy for Malcolm whose life was remembered and celebrated at a wake on the 21st August 2024.

We acknowledge the loss of a husband, father,



grandfather and friend to his family and especially wife Trish. Malcolm died on 31 July the day after his 90th birthday. He told many of us he wanted to reach his 90th. His wife Trish was with him that early evening, wished him good night and was barely home when the hospital telephoned to say he had died.

His longtime friend from PNG Richard Broomhead spoke at his wake on 1 September, as did Ken Wake of Air Niugini, Shed West Philip Castle and his grandson, Hugo Forster, led with the Lord's prayer.

Philip Castle. Shed West.

Malcolm was part of the Shed West furniture and his presence will remain behind the glass door in the office sitting behind the computer. Trish said he "loved" going to the shed. He was a stalwart there and in attending the Tuesday talks, collecting the money and bringing along the membership box which he faithfully kept up to date. Whenever anyone would refer to Malcolm there was always a wry smile. He was very quick of the repartee; not always repeatable and often cunningly humorously insulting. The best response I found was to counter with some smart remark linked to his kiwi origins. I recall once I said in response at least Aussies could work out the difference between "six" and "sex". He quickly responded by saying unlike Aussies Kiwis didn't need to know anything other than "sex".

Graham Barnard. Shed West and Bellbowrie Shed.

Malcolm was extremely helpful during the, at times, complex transition from Shed West (Kenmore) to Bellbowrie. He was able to provide some very helpful details on membership and other historical records. He helped smooth the transition.



From Bob Ada. Shed West.

I am very grateful to Malcolm - we had many discussions after I learned that Malcolm spent a long time flying around New Guinea. My father flew for the RAAF in New Guinea during WW2 - he was assigned to 9 squadron - flying a Supermarine Walrus seaplane (primarily used for Surveys and Rescue).

Dad performed a remarkable rescue of an Australian fighter pilot in 1944 from a lake in New Guinea. I had not been able to identify the location of the lake. With Malcolm's help I was able to find the approximate location in Dutch NG - Dad performed the rescue from Hollandia (a major Allied air and naval base during WW2). Without Malcolm's assistance - I would still be in the dark.

Chris Young. Shed West.

I first met Malcolm when he and I joined our Men's Shed about the same time in 2008. Malcolm was 74 at the time and had recently retired as a pilot. Interestingly, he gained his command hours flying for Territory Airlines in PNG in the 1960's flying light aircraft into remote airstrips.

My close contact with Malcolm came about when we discovered we had a mutual friend who owned a large surveying business located in Madang, and who decided in 1968 to run for the House of Assembly, the forerunner of Parliament when it came into being at Independence in 1975. Our friend, Jason Garrett, was terrified of flying, particularly in light aircraft, however his campaigning for the Open Seat of Madang required him to fly to remote villages, some at over

8,000 feet altitude, and Malcolm became his chosen pilot for these charters.

Most remote airstrips in New Guinea were carved out of the mountainous terrain by hand, where a Patrol Officer in these districts would round up about a thousand villagers to manually level the runway and then tamp it down by simply stamping their feet on the excavated earth. Most of these strips were short and some even had a 15% gradient, so it was power on to land and taxi up to the top of the strip. Malcolm told me on a few occasions he had to prop up Jason after a landing as he had virtually collapsed (fainted) upon arrival.

It is a mark of a good pilot who survived his early years flying in PNG in light aircraft.

Upon retirement, Malcolm invested in a Harley Davidson motorcycle, and became an active member of the Harley Owners' Group (HOG). He told me he joined two major rides with the group, one being from Los Angeles to their HQ in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a 2,000 mile ride with a group, and again he joined a European HOG event riding around numerous countries over there. He was ahead of his time with add-ons for his bike, a GPS, which in those days was rare and no doubt easy for him with his aircraft experience in navigating. On two occasions he brought this beautiful machine down to our Shed meetings in the Old Scout Hall to give a talk on his adventures.

During my two years as President of the Shed, Malcolm was a tower of strength in assisting me with communications and generally handling the in-office administration functions. He was always cheerful and always willing to help, Malcolm was a constant in our Shed and no doubt is being sorely missed.

Thank you, Malcolm for your friendship, advice and help over the past sixteen years. RIP.

Alan Ernst. Shed West.

Malcolm was one of the very early members of Shed West and would often tell his mostly amusing stories about his flying escapades. He first began flying as a crop duster in NZ.

Phil reflecton a conversation with Alan. On his last few days he almost a premonition of his last flight towards the Pearly gates. I said he must have prepared his flight plan for evening. Alan said he wouldn't have prepared a flight plan. He most likely flew low over the gates almost clipping the top, crashing into the shortest space available surprising St Peter and with some quip like "You didn't expect that did you?". Well Malcolm we are all so pleased you made your last final flight into God's care and we will greatly miss you and always remember you with a fond wry smile. Bond voyage until we meet again.



The wake was attended by four ex-presidents of Shed West and a large group of members. Many attended in spirit by had other commitments on the day.

Latest from Operations Subcommittee...

The Operations Subcommittee meets monthly to discuss and plan the daily functioning of the Shed and provide advice to the Management Committee. Membership of the Committee is listed on Page 16.

The redevelopment of the Kenmore Community Hub, which comprises Shed West, Kenmore Bridge Club and eWaste, has been an issue of discussion for the last several years. The impetus for the redevelopment was a Federal Government grant of about \$1.5m. The Shed redevelopment committee has met frequently with Council to ensure that the renovations do enhance the Shed's facilities. The purported overall design has been published at <https://kenmorenews.com.au/index.php/new-kenmore-community-hub-design-revealed/>.

Neil Rogers and Phil Batten have met with the Council representatives on 16 September to further reinforce the 'concepts' of the re-development as it affects Shed West.

Timelines

- Contract to be awarded by end October/ early November;
- Desirable for the donga to be demolished in November/December;
- Once the awarded contractor has been declared their detailed drawings will be made available for us to scrutinise.

Transition

- The contents of the donga may be stored in a container which the BCC is considering of offering.
- Toilet access may be through temporary Portaloos during site works.
- We have been assured that parking will be restricted during construction work but access to the shed may not be quite as restrictive. However, the main contractor will have the final decision on access.

Proposed Work

- The computer room may stay as is with the Kenmore Bridge Club card dealing room being located into their rooms
- The dust extraction system will be placed on the external western wall of the main shed, where we wanted it. It will be raised off the concrete onto a platform and extended out above the inclined concrete embankment.
- The roof adjoining the main shed and the skillion-covered work area will be undertaken making the area much more weather proofed.
- The kitchenette replacing our existing sink/fridge area is planned for.
- The internal door from the main shed to the storage shed is also planned for.
- The only item in question is the long store area between the main shed and the storage shed may not get a weather tight roof upgrade. We were told that the contingency monies, if not exhausted, may be utilised to satisfy this request.

After years of uncertainty the consensus is that this plan is a positive outcome.

Shed Storage Project

The Shed's storage project supported by the Lord Mayor's Better Suburbs Community Fund was initiated in late 2023 (Grant LMBC23-240013). The project aimed to restructure our storage facilities to ensure material including raw timber could be safely stored. The project has been progressed by cooperation among many members with workshops run during the year led by David Arnold. Installing shelving in the wood shed, the blue shed, the paint shed and the plywood storage facility has improved both ease of access and safety.

The final installations happened in the metalworkshop and the blue shed for plywood storage.

Metal Workshop reorganisation

During the month, a new set of 2.4m high blue and orange shelving was installed in the workshop. This has enabled us to relocate all the tools to one side of the workshop to facilitate ease of use when working on a vehicle, and free up space at the back of the workshop for welding work.

Once the balance of the parts from the Land Rover project are used, sold or moved on, the next stage of reorganising the workshop will be put into place enabling us to expand the capability of our metalworking activities.

The photo to the right depicts Pete and Morrie, the shelf assembly crew hard at work ?



Plywood storage reorganisation

The final installation of storage facilities took place on Friday 23rd August. The working bee look proud of their achievements.



Photo Stu Reed



Social Sorties at Shed West

Creative Timber World

Peter Merrill

On 31 July, 11 Shed members visited Creative Timber World at Underwood followed by lunch at the nearby Cafe 63. All members were greatly impressed with the expansive timber displays within the retail showroom (complete with in-house coffee shop) and the hour long informative visit to their factory directly across the road.

Creative Timber World was established in 2020 fuelled by a genuine passion for all things timber. On display is an extensive collection of their own handcrafted furniture and a very large selection of Australian timbers and exotic imported varieties all of which are available for sale.

If you weren't able to make it on the day a visit is highly recommended. Further details are available on their website: creativetimberworld.com.au



UPCOMING SOCIAL SORTIES

This is just a quick heads-up on the monthly social events (Social Sorties) for the next few months.

September 19 th – Bus Tour to Woodfordia!!

You might have heard of the Woodford Folk Festival or seen Costa Georgiadis' recent segment about Woodfordia on ABC's Gardening Australia. Contrary to some misconceptions about the Festival being merely a hippy mud-fest, the 500 acre property called Woodfordia is actually a beautiful, evolving parkland which is rapidly becoming a biodiversity hotspot. It now supports many plant species (including cycads and orchids), native insects, birds and animals in their return to this once rain forested paradise.

It has a dedicated butterfly walk, a hilltop stage area with 270 degree views overlooking the Glasshouse mountains to Mount Mee and the west (fabulous in the early morning and late afternoon light), a hidden valley (which is the main Festival Village area), natural amphitheatres, and now a beautiful freshwater swimming lake (with lungfish and other aquatic species) which will become progressively available for camping and cultural events throughout the coming years.

Thirty years ago when the Queensland Folk Federation bought the much degraded 200 acre dairy farm (complete with cattle and machinery) at Stanmore just outside Woodford, there were very few trees on the property. Since then, an army of enthusiastic volunteers have planted in excess of 112,000 trees. Now, Woodfordia is preparing the site of a future 'sacred' rainforest where visitors will be able to go to ground in a naturally cool, scented environment.

All manner of infrastructure has been installed over the past 30 years, from the freshwater dam and a water treatment plant capable of supplying a town the size of Nambour with potable water, through to complex underground power, sewerage and communication systems as well as a world-first on-site sewage treatment plant using natural methods including volcanic rock and a bamboo forest to process a transient load of waste from 130,000 visitors over a 10 day Festival period. This system is now being rolled out in the third world. Plans are well underway to install a solar farm which will also provide shaded parking for festival goers.

And so now to Lake Gkula and our proposed tour.

Lake Gkula (for koala in the local Jiniburra language) was commenced in 2019 (just before COVID struck) and has now evolved into a wonderful camping experience, complete with campsites with basic amenities, Glamping accommodation, a General Store and Cafe, a dedicated (chai) Tea House, together with a program of concerts, presentations, arts & crafts and traditional music workshops, vibrant children activities - as well as the swimming, of course!! The school holiday activities (Easter and September at this stage) are a fabulous way to engage with the grandkids and the Spring Lake Gkula camping experience will be well under way when we visit.

Remember though, that the experience that is Woodfordia is still under construction. They have a 500 year plan and are still evolving! Cost for a seat on the bus is \$50 per person.

October Social Sortie - TBA

November 18 th – Brisbane Port Authority Tour

Have you ever seen how a busy port works? Come with us on a guided bus tour of our 'home port',

the Port of Brisbane. We all meet at the Brisbane Port carpark, enjoy a coffee in their coffee shop before filing onto one of their mini-buses for a guided tour of the port. The cost of the bus tour is \$190 and we will divide that by how ever many members attend. Therefore the 'per person' figure will be revealed closer to the date, but there are 24-odd seats on the bus so the fee should be less than \$10 PP.

Once we've finished at the Port, we intend moving on for a pub lunch... Somewhere... Still to be decided!!

December 5 th – Shed West Christmas Lunch ...and then it's Christmas!!

After the last few years enjoying our annual Christmas get-together at the Jindalee Hotel, we thought "That was really good, let's do it again!!" The staff at the Jindalee Hotel have done a wonderful job of looking after us every time and have offered us the same rate per person as last year. So mark it in your calendar or stick a note to your fridge, but don't miss this one. More details will be available later in the year...



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Peter has been busy making hanging baskets to enhance the garden.

Profiled Projects

Renovating a Rocking Horse

by Baden Pearse

Amidst the piles of particle board furniture, three legged chairs and soggy mattresses, occasionally there are real gems put out for kerbside pickup. One such gem was an old rocking horse. Lacking a bridal, saddle and hair, the woodwork was relatively sound, the swing mechanism intact but the whole thing screamed “dream project” for a shedder who enjoys both wood and leather work.

New rocking horses are expensive, up to \$7,000.00 but, online, all the bits (!) you need for restoration, like miniature brass stirrups, saddlery, glass eyes, etc are available. Alternatively, one can buy everything already madeup. They're not cheap: a mane, tail and forelock hair set is \$180. Maurie gifted me one – thank you!

I chose to do as much work as I could myself. One of the most time-consuming jobs was removing the old paint and surface gesso coating. Cracks in the wood were filled and rusty metal work soaked in rust convertor. My son's partner, who is a horse lover and talented painter, readily agreed to undertake the dapple-grey paintwork.

The leather work was a joy; stitching along both sides of the bridal and reins and attaching a miniature brass bit. Chicago screws were used in place of buckles to construct the bridal. My wife stitched a black and white check saddle cloth.



Designing and constructing a saddle was the most challenging aspect of the restoration with many hours spent cutting out paper patterns to get the correct size and proportions.

The finished product was very pleasing but due to lack of grandchildren, has yet to be ridden. There are some things shedders can't make.

Noel Rush's DAD Joke:

I am retired now, but when I was working,
I always gave 100% EFFORT;
Monday. 40%
Tuesday. 30%
Wednesday. 20%
Thursday. 9%
Friday. 1%

Trinket / Jewellery Box Course

Neil Rogers

Neil Rogers

When members were offered the chance to participate in a trinket/jewellery box-making course they couldn't sign up fast enough. Thirteen members commenced the program. The end result will see all boxes on display at our Kenmore Village Christmas stall.

The intent of the course was not just to make boxes, but rather to introduce members to such attributes as accuracy, precision, aesthetic design and above all preparation and forethought before commencing. To pre-think the outcomes prepares the maker with the probable processes to engage to achieve the desired result.

The course began with a two-pronged approach. Firstly, members were to decide on the shape, size, purpose and design features of the box. This was achieved by detailing all thoughts in a sketch pad. Once these ideas were logged selection of the cabinet timber was next with members given open slather on any timber in the storage shed including walnut, red cedar, silky oak, Tasmanian oak and the kiwi rimu and anything they might have to utilise.



Progress was slow, as intended, with a major focus on quality workmanship, not haste, though some suffered impatience. All boxes were to be constructed by mitre and spline, although simple in construction methods, but were quite aesthetic when using differing species of cabinet timbers.

This course was a valuable introduction to the array of shed machinery but used in more discreet and delicate ways and the outcomes have reinforced this. Finer motor skills were at play with the use of various hand tools including planes and chisels employed with a higher degree of finesse than members were familiar with.



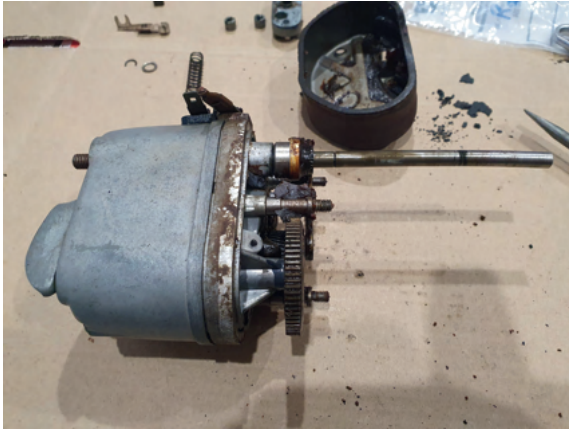
The end result is – we are not there just yet. We are close, but I believe we have all enjoyed the experience and the photos pay testimony to the effort displayed by all to achieve. If the members can proudly say to themselves and others “Look at what I made at the shed. Isn't it a beauty.” then I believe we have succeeded.

Thank you all for making this an enjoyable process.

Update on Ollie

Bruce Woodhouse

Progress with Ollie's rebuild has been ongoing since the last newsletter. Work in the engine bay and rewiring in and around the bulkhead is complete. The fuel and exhaust systems are in place, along with the lights and the horn. The engine and gearbox now have oil back in them, and as is typical of a Land Rover, (and despite all the new gaskets and seals), a few oil drips have started to appear on the workshop floor.



Wiper motor overhaul



Fuel Tank Assembly

Galvanising

As various body panels were prepared for painting, galvanised cappings, end plates and protective strips were removed and stored. After more than 60 years since they were first manufactured, many of these components were showing signs of damage and wear. We were able to replace damaged ones from our spares supply, but the majority needed regalvanising.

Doug spent a couple of days at the Shed constructing a purpose built timber box for all the components. Some 56 items, including the windscreen and spare wheel holder were taken to Industrial Galvanising in Wacol to be galvanised. They are due back at the Shed next week. Once painting is complete, there will be a major exercise to sort, reassemble, rivet, screw or bolt each item back into place. Having taken most of the components off, Russ is looking forward to riveting them all back on again.

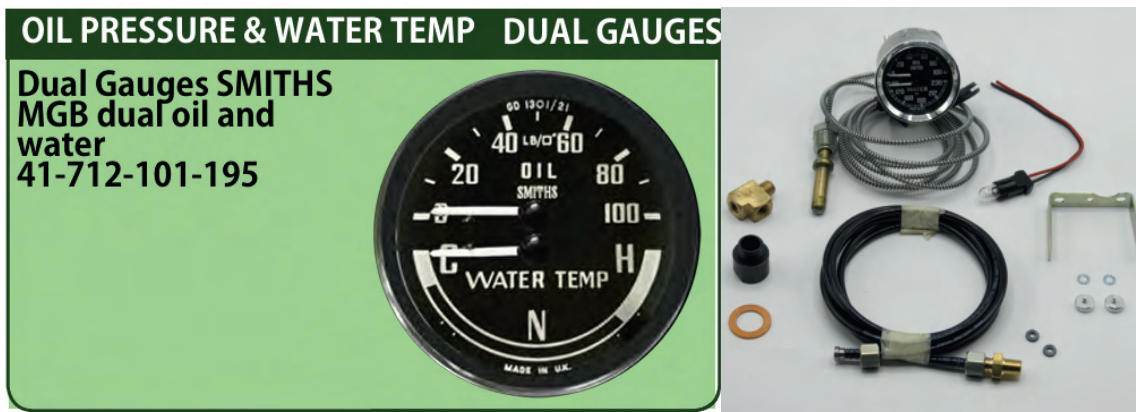


Components ready for galvanising

Engine oil pressure and water temperature

The 1963 Series 2A Land Rover was not a sophisticated vehicle. The dashboard had three instruments, a speedometer, a fuel gauge and an ammeter. It also had warning lights for low oil pressure and engine temperature overheating, both of which were electric and responded to sensors in the engine. The risk with relying on these warning lights is obvious; once they come on it may be too late to manage a potential engine problem.

In the 1960s, Land Rover introduced an optional combined mechanical oil pressure/water temperature gauge. Given the time and cost involved with the engine rebuild, we decided to source and fit one of these. Pete found a Land Rover equivalent second-hand gauge from a 1967 MG Midget at a recent car swap meet. This is in the process of being fitted to Ollie, and once in place the engine will be ready to start.



Smiths dual gauge with Bourdon Tube accessories

Both gauges work on the Bourdon Tube principle. For oil pressure, a small-bore tube runs from the top of the oil filter to the back of the gauge. With the engine running, the pressure in the tube increases, straightening a coiled tube in the gauge, hence moving the calibrated gauge needle.

The water temperature gauge works in a similar manner. It consists of a bulb which goes into the water jacket in the head and is connected by a sealed length of copper capillary tube to the back of the gauge. An increase in water temperature increases in vapour pressure in the tube, again moving a coiled tube connected to the gauge needle.

Ross and Bruce have been busy on final touches to the canopy



Leatherwork Group

The Leatherwork group continues to meet for a few hours on Monday afternoons. Members mostly work on their own projects and support their colleagues in solving problems and developing projects.

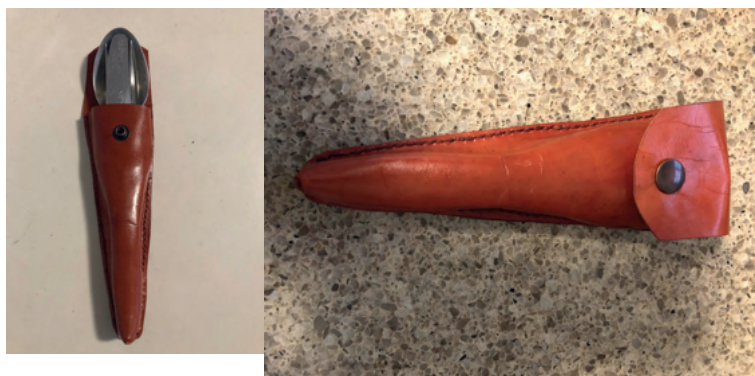
Then we break for tea or coffee and general discussion. New members are welcome or those with just a special project they might have.

Currently, John is putting a leather cover on a pre-purchased wallet inner using a double Cordova lacing technique. (images 1811 and 1821).



Gerg is finalising the brief case as shown in the last newsletter. This is a massive job with a great deal of hand sewing.

Meanwhile, Alan has completed the knife, fork and spoon case (images 3484 and 3485) and now joins Baden is plaiting kangaroo lace belts.



The group have been busy sorting the donated items and the huge amount of various sizes of hardware.

With recent donations of equipment and materials, the Leather workers' treasure trove is growing.



Speaker Program

6th August

Thomas Caitens presented a talk on the State Government Supported health initiative: My Health for Life. He described how participation in the program can have a positive impact on a person's health and wellbeing. This session initiated an ongoing program of support for a small group of members who meet with a specialist health professional at the Kenmore Library.

13th August

Phil Castle in earlier life was a journalist who had covered aspects of the Lindy Chamberlain case. In his presentation, he unpacked the events that occurred at the camp site in August 1980, the subsequent investigation and its deficiencies and finally the ultimate Coronial decision that established the involvement of a dingo in Azaria's death.

10th September

Martin Grabert presented a well-researched and documented review of Energiewende.

Energiewende is the policy adopted by the Federal German Government to phase out nuclear energy and adopt alternative renewable sources. The session was well attended and sparked a vigorous discussion.



In the Pipe Line

1st October:

The Cross River Rail project is the construction of a 10.2 km rail line running under the Brisbane River and

CBD with four underground stations at Boggo Road, Woolloongabba, Albert Street and Roma Street. It also includes reconstruction of the Exhibition Station and renovations to seven stations between Dutton Park and Salisbury. The Shed has invited a speaker from the Cross River Experience centre to outline the project.

5th November

The Red Cross will present an overview of the EmergencyRedi(tm) program. Participants will be informed about the practical, psychological and social steps they can take to prepare for emergencies and minimise the impacts of disaster and other crises on their lives.



**Brisbane,
it's time to prepare
for extreme weather.**

If there is a topic you think might be interesting to Shed Members and have a suggested speaker please contact the Secretary with details (shedwest.sec@gmail.com)

Scheduled Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
18 September	Management Committee	9:00 – 12:00	Kenmore Library
19 September	Excursion to Woodfordia	8:30 – 17:30	Start at 98 Brookfield Rd.
26 September	Shed BBQ	12:00	Shed Premises
1 October	Speaker: Cross River Rail Project	14:00 – 16:00	Library
16 October	Management Committee	9:00 – 12:00	Library
17 October	Shed BBQ	12: - 14:00	Shed Premises
22 October	Shed West AGM	14:00-16:00	Library
25 October	Bunnings BBQ	6:30 – 16:00	Rocklea
28 October	Christmas Stall	Monday-Saturday	Kenmore Village
5 November	Speaker: Red Cross on EmergencyRedi™	14:00 – 16:00	Library
20 November	Management Committee	9:00 – 12:00	Library
21 November	Shed BBQ	12:00 – 14:00	Shed Premises
5 December	Shed Christmas Lunch	11:30 -	Jindalee Hotel

Committee Membership & Responsibilities

Shed West is a community-based, non-commercial organisation that supports the health and mental wellbeing of men particularly seniors. The median age of its 120 members is 75. It provides opportunities for men to engage in social interaction and contribute to a range of community based projects. Shed West is affiliated with the Australian Men's Shed Association and shares its goal of supporting isolated men to become valued and productive members of the community.

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Committee Member	Stuart Reed	
Committee Member	Neil Rogers	
Committee Member	Mike Symes	
Committee Member	Doug Wait	
Committee Member	Bruce Woodhouse	

Operations Sub-Committee

The operations sub-committee is responsible for the management of the Shed. This includes, maintenance and health and safety aspects.

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Other Responsibilities

The following members are point of contact of a range of special tools and functions.

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Supervisor Roster 2024

	Green Shed 8.00 – 12.00 AM		Green Shed 1.00 – 5.00 PM
Day	Supervisor	Assistant Supervisors	Supervisor
Monday	Gavan Clarke	Carlos Borges	
Tuesday	Ron Williams	Gerald Barber, Phil Batten	
Wednesday	Doug Wait	Neil Rogers	David Brown (training 1 day per month) where needed
Thursday	Ron Williams	Gavan Clarke	
Friday	Neil Rogers	Peter Merrell	Gavan Clarke (woodturning)
	Blue Shed 8.00 – 12.00 AM		Blue Shed 1.00 – 5.00 PM
Monday			Alan Ernst, Richard Francis (Leatherwork)
Thursday	Warren Cameron	Geoff Haig, Trevor Ward	

Shed West's policy requires a Supervisor to be within visual range when members are working on projects in the Green, Blue or Metal workshops.

Supervisors are responsible, knowledgable, and courteous individuals responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the shed during open hours. They monitor safe practices and support members on the use of equipment. They are the go-to people when help is needed.

A Shed Supervisor, through negotiation, is assigned to a designated day to oversee all operations conducted within and enforce all duties listed below. An Assistant Supervisor is also designated on each day. Either of these two must be in attendance on their designated day.

In the event that the designated supervisor is unable to attend, it falls on him to request that the Assistant Supervisor cover his duties. If the designated supervisor needs to depart mid-session and the Assistant Supervisor is not in attendance, then a senior experienced and qualified member may be asked to assume the responsibilities of the Supervisor. **In the event there are no designated, nor ordained Supervisors in attendance then the Shed must cease operations and close.**

The responsibilities of the Supervisor include;

- Ensuring members entering the Shed are wearing sturdy enclosed shoes.
- Prompting members to wear their name tag, sign in to the Shed and pay the attendance fee. Members must also remember to sign out so as to validate insurance cover.
- Making sure members using machinery have access to the required personal protection equipment (safety glasses, ear muffs, dust masks, etc).
- Ensuring members using machinery have been cleared to use the machinery by a mentor, are wearing a name tag that indicates that they can use the machine (i.e., have appropriate green dots on their name tags) and are using machinery in a safe manner.
- Ensuring members clean the workbenches or equipment they have been using as soon as they have finished their task.
- Ensuring members return tools and/or equipment they have used to their appropriate storage place.
- Checking vacuum cleaners, dust extractors and filters are emptied and cleaned.
- Making sure the Shed is left in a clean and tidy condition at the end of the work session and ensuring the Shed and all other buildings are securely locked. All work should cease by 11.30 allowing time for cleaning up and sterilising all items used. Where possible the supervisor is to blow out the shed.

All new members will receive a welcome pack detailing the operations of the Shed as well as the QMSA and the AMSA. It also outlines that all members will undertake the Safety Induction program despite not wishing to attend workshop activities.

The Shed Safety Officer or his delegate will require that a member acting dangerously immediately



A Supervisor in Action

begin observing safe practices. If the Safety Officer's (or delegate's) instructions are disobeyed, then he may ask the offending member to cease his activity and leave the premises forthwith. This person's right to work in the Shed workshop will be suspended until it is reviewed by the Management Committee.

NB. All items donated to the Shed will be scrutinized by the duty supervisor to determine what remains as Shed property and what may be allocated to wanting members.