



September 2026

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Wrinkly Rag

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What's on in the Next Month or 2?

General Meeting	10:30am on 17 th of September 2026.
Wood carvers	7:00pm every Monday – contact Terry 0429-951-393
Public Open Saturday (usually last Saturday of the month unless it's a public holiday)	26 th of September - Open Morning 8:00am-noon. Bacon & egg toastie and juice plus tea or coffee for \$5 - 8:00am–10:00am. AFL Grand Final on the big screen from noon – just \$10 All welcome to both events, even family, friends, neighbours.
Speakers' Circle	10:30am on 29 th of September 2026 – tba
Thursday Theatre	10:30am on 1 st of October 2026 in the main hall – <i>Alfie</i>
Committee Meeting	10:30am on 8 th of October 2026.
Deadline for Wrinkly Rag copy	5:00pm on 9th of October 2026.
Wrinkly Rag publish	5:00pm on 11 th of October 2026.
Fundraising	Next raffle on 12 th of December at Woolies.

Editorial – Ross Boughton

Wrinkly Rags are published by the Monday before the monthly general meeting based on information provided up to the previous Friday, being the day after the monthly committee meeting.

Please send articles of general interest (up to 2 A4 pages), photos, funnies, leads to president@mundaringshed.org.au for inclusion in the Wrinkly Rag. Only **minimal** edits will be applied – **spelling and grammar errors** may slip through. 😊

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President's Patter – Ross Boughton



Our Annual General Meeting was on the 20th of August, and all positions have been filled. Thanks to all who put their hands up.

Details are given in the table below along with the appointed positions filled at the committee meeting on the 10th of September.

Come along to the presentation on Tuesday the 15th of September if you'd like to learn more about the "red tape" side of the Shed – you will have some myths dispelled!

Keeping the Shed safe and tidy

Remember: Other members use the shed too! Please leave workshops and other areas clean and tidy for them.

If you need to leave your project in situ until your next visit, check with a coordinator for a good place to leave it.

The committee delegates authority to coordinators to do some things. Anything else needs committee approval – cowboys need to leave 6-guns and spurs in the parking lot!

Please don't clutter walkways, inside or outside.

New Members

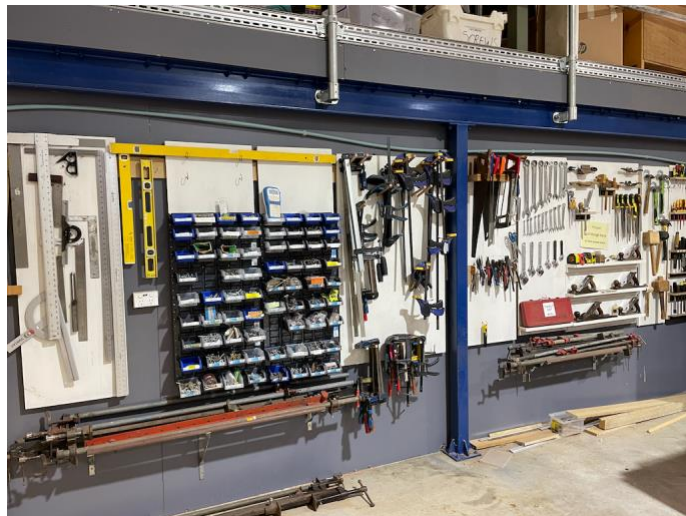
Please welcome:

- Peter Igglesden and
- Terry O'Dea

Position	Elected
President	Ross Boughton
Vice president	David Bowden
Secretary	Ian Allison
Treasurer	Russell Porter
Committee	Nick Bains, Kevin Bryant, Stephen Fox, Pat Page, Ken Parker, John Winsor
Position	Appointed
Duty Manager	Dynamic list – President to notify committee of changes
Welfare & Health Officer	Kevin Bryant
Catering Officer	Neil McQuillan
Wood Workshop Coordinator	Nick Bains, Dennis McDonald, Stephan Millett, James Scully
Metal Workshop Coordinator	Barry Crossley, Stephen Fox, Ken Parker, Peter Thomas, John Winsor
Safety Coordinator	David Bowden
Safety Committee	John Winsor, Stephan Millett
Photographer	All members
Wrinkly Rag Editor	Ross Boughton
Asset Manager	Ian Allison
Speakers' Circle	Ross Boughton
Social Media	Stephen Fox, Gez Tsangaris, Kevin Bryant
Active Aging Network (AAN) Representative	Stephen Fox

Around the Shed

Woodwork (Building 5)



Organising and tidying up has been proceeding apace thanks to Stephan Millett's leadership.

And from David Glasser!



Wood Carvers – Stephen Fox

There is an active group of members, including Terry Miller, Jake Howard, Kody Bacon, Neil Elliott, Ian Moss, and Wayne Reading, who meet on Monday nights at 7pm for a range of wood



carving activities. Whilst it's easy to wonder if they might be vampires hiding from daylight, they are a great bunch of members happy to both show off their

carvings and more importantly share knowledge of the art or craft. Their nocturnal preference will be related to daytime employment of most of the group.





I recently attended the Christmas in July they hold as a social bring a plate event, this year held in late June.

Whilst they have not complained I feel we, daytime workshop users, could make a better effort to clear some of our woodwork benches so that they don't have to worry about items left on benches with no clear indication of providence or purpose.



Model making, craft, electronics, clean CNC (Room 5A)

John Winsor, Pat Page and Eric Smith have helped get the model railway layout ready for further development (and play) by shortening the legs. They have also hung the jigsaw puzzles that came (completed and mounted) with the donated layout. Thank you!



Plastics (Room 5B) – Stephen Fox

We are making inroads into our stockpile of donated plastic bottle tops, with the initial colour sorting progressing well. The next stage involves sorting by type and style within each colour group, followed by washing. This produces decent batches of material ready for shredding and processing into sheets and shapes for a variety of uses.



Several members (names?) have made puck shapes from shredded #2 milk bottles. These pucks are approximately 75mm in diameter and have provided a valuable opportunity to learn how to work with heated plastic, handling and forming it into wooden moulds, applying pressure, and then allowing it to cool and set. In the next stage, a lathe is used to turn these pucks into corner clamps for the Woodwork Shop, where they will hold picture frames securely during gluing.

There are two further projects currently being considered, and we hope to see both become a reality before our Christmas break.

Another benefit of having the projector and screen in our main hall has been the opportunity to show short, technical YouTube instructional videos during Monday morning tea, rather than sitting outside in the cold. Recently, we have been watching the “Brothers Make” videos, which provide useful information and demonstrations on processing #2 plastic bottle tops.

Metalwork (Building 6)

The trailer has been painted by Peter Mateusiak and Peter Thomas.

I've invoiced Vision Safe for just over \$1,000 for work done in July and August by Trevor Holmwood and Barry Crossley.

Anything else happening?

Daring Red Bloomers – Denise Caldwell



Daring Red Bloomers are members of the WA Red Hatters based in the hills. We embrace aging with joy, have fun and share friendships. Red Hatting is aimed at ladies over 50 but not excluding younger ladies. It is all about social connection. Thanks to the support of MCMS we hold our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, is called our Natter Day, which is held in the library.

A monthly Activity Day is held in the function hall on 4th Tuesday of the month. The hall is the perfect location for

morning tea, catch-ups and indoor programs. We welcome visitors.

What went on in August.

Tuesday 25th, DRB invited Jeff Murray and Tracy Willett from Mundaring and Hills Historical Society to give a presentation on the history of Mundaring. From MHHS's wide range of subjects, they chose a presentation on the Mundaring



Weir, the pipeline and the life style of the men, the women and their families. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with the past and keep our community's history alive. From feedback it sparked real interest and a deeper appreciation for future talks. So, Thank you Jeff and Tracy. We will see you in the New Year with more stories.

..and September

Tuesday, 8th - We had Roxanne, a representative from the Commonwealth Bank ,giving a talk about avoiding being caught up in a scam.

What is coming up?

- **September 22nd** at 10am. Red Hat ladies use any excuse to have fun, and why not. In September we are planning a morning tea with a difference, a birthday party. DRB helpers are catering. We will have games, raffles and lots of fun.
- **October 13th** MCMS library at 10am is Natter Day.

For ladies who may be interested in knowing what we are all about, we welcome your enquiry. The topics for activities come from suggestions put forward from the ladies' interest within our group. There is always something going on, which includes outings not always on a Tuesday.

Social Saturday!

Bacon & Egg Toastie and a Drink?



Just \$5



Saturday 26th of
September 8-10am

At the Shed
1 Morilla Road

No reason – just socializing!
Members and non-members welcome



2026 AFL
Grand Final
on the
Big Screen



from noon on 26th of September

Party pies, sausage rolls, cocktail franks, cheese, chips and
whatever - \$10 per head

Drinks (beer, wine, soft) at cost plus a small markup for the shed,
or BYO

Family and friends welcome

Numbers and money (cash) to Neil or Ross by 24th.

Beer Factories Part 2 – Craig Ward

Due to limitations of transport and the widely spread population, many towns had their breweries. These were not confined to only beer but also cordial and aerated waters. Later, ice was produced and supplied to the general public.

Albany had six of these important facilities, between 1863 and 1934, to service the local townies, the surrounding farming communities and mariners.

The first of these was a short-lived concern, Ward's Brewery in 1863, which brewed "Tanglehead". Sounds ominous – how were the drinkers affected?

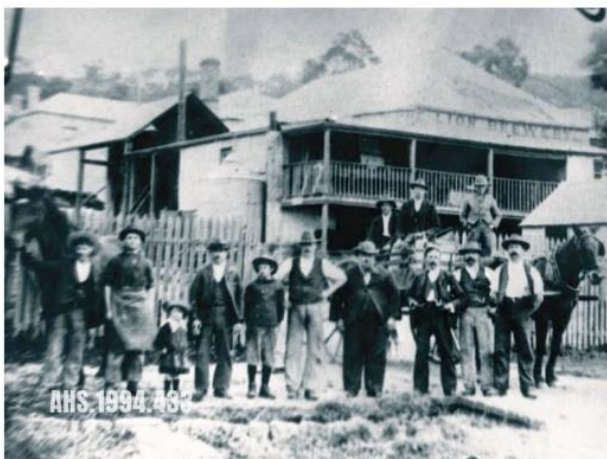
Seventeen years later, two more breweries opened - the Crown and the Oriental Breweries. These were more successful and lasted for over ten years. The former then amalgamated with the Southern Brewery Co. Ltd. in 1890; the latter closed in 1897.



Early Albany with possibly WARD'S BREWERY in center.

In those days, advertising was great, and the owner wrote a little ditty:

*"Now Albanians, just listen while I read to you this tale,
About a new discovery – a good and well brewed ale,
They call it the XLCR which signifies it's good
And I'm sure you'll not get better from the bottle or the wood."*



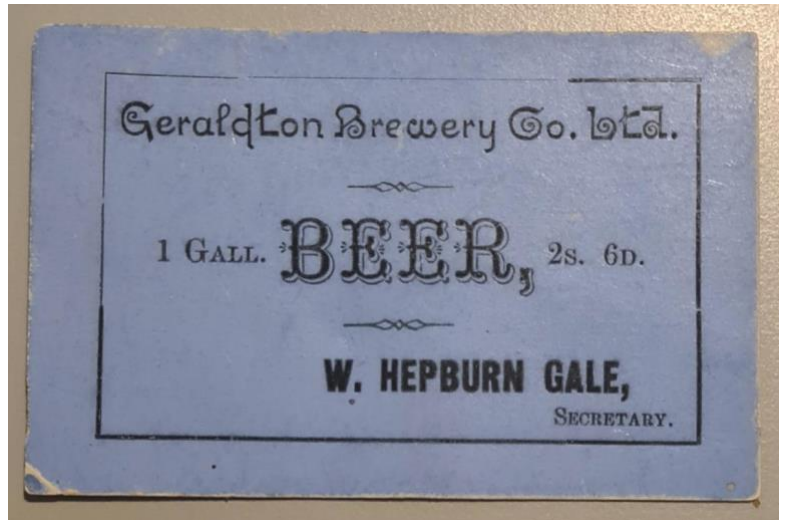
Other brewers also sprang up here in the port town. The Lion Brewing, Aerated Water & Cordial Manufacturing Co. from 1890 to 1906, the Albany Brewing Co. Ltd. from 1906 to 1934, and a few others, often for a short time.

These breweries reflected the town's growth as a vital port (before Fremantle had developed) and social centre. They were often connected to hotels and taverns – many owned by the same people.

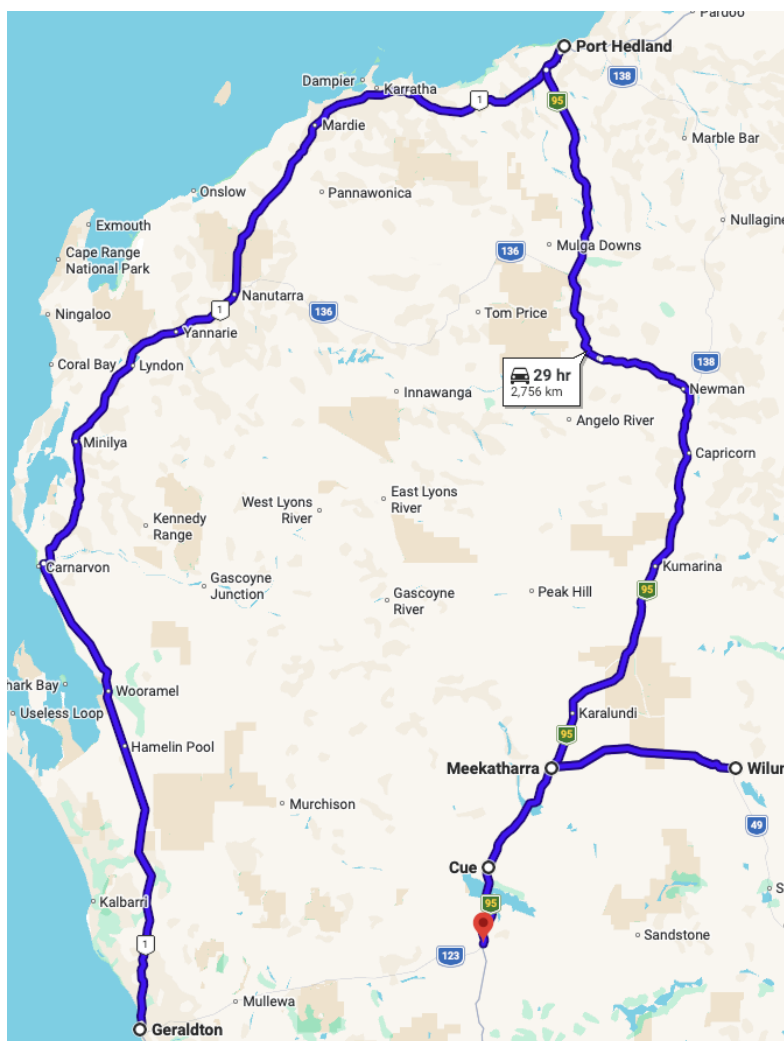
By the late 1800's, throughout the state, modern techniques were introduced. This resulted in ice production which enabled better preservation of food. The first successful shipment of Australian meat to Britain was sent by Sir Samuel McCaughey

and Thomas Mort in 1879, using one of the earliest practical refrigerated shipping systems. WA did not send frozen meat overseas until 1949, from Glenroy Station in the Kimberley.

Heading up the coast we follow the golden liquor odyssey to Geraldton. It too, had an interesting collection of ale producers, many of which sprang up only to cease, or be taken over by the Geraldton Brewery Co. Ltd., which operated from 1882 to 1905. The Globe, Lion and Star Breweries lived and died at the turn of the century due to higher overheads and competition from Perth and overseas suppliers of the amber fluid. This brewery would have slaked the thirst of many gangers of the railways east of the region.



Further north, at Port Hedland, there was an attempt to produce local beer at the short-lived North-West Brewing, Refrigerating & Ice Co Ltd. Even though beer had to be shipped from Perth and often the locals went thirsty, the venture failed. This concern was initiated by the local residents, in 1906 and although money was raised and equipment ready by 1907 the venture was cancelled. No-one had considered the supply of adequate suitable water.



Leaving the coast, we plod our weary way down what was to become the Great Northern Highway to Meekatharra and turn west to Wiluna. The people of Wiluna, in 1901 woke up to the news of their own brewery, the “Lake Way”. Later, this fabulous edifice was renamed the “Phoenix Brewery”. Unfortunately, in this dry region there was a lack of clean, salt free water, and three years later the beer dried up. The first hotel was erected in 1897 to relieve the thirst of the prospectors heading out to the different gold reefs. The next year the ‘Club Hotel’ rose from the dust, only to be demolished and rebuilt in 1933. It still stands and I’ve personally have had a middy or two there. In 1931 there was a protest against the quality of the ale by the locals. It lasted for weeks, shutting all of the pubs and becoming a notable outback occurrence, similar to the Mt Isa Beer Strike in 1929-30. The beer was warm, overpriced and of poor quality, enough for the miners to be upset! The living conditions were harsh and the strike was understandable

Now back onto the main road to Cue, the “Queen of the Murchison”. In 1894 the

first of these marvellous establishments was the Murchison Brewing Co Ltd. This was the only

one within 500 km, but with “admirably suited” water, and ideal cellars for cool storage, it became a popular and long-lasting brewery. Unfortunately, by 1910, the gold ran out and so did the customers. Also, in 1899, competition had arrived with the opening of the Excelsior Brewery. It too produced excellent “Sparkling Pale Ale” but however closed in 1908. There were many hotels here, one of the first was “The Great Britain”, established in 1894. Built from the usual materials, wood, corrugated iron and canvas, it burnt down in 1910, later replaced by the “Railway Hotel”.

Eighty kms south of Cue, and east of Geraldton, at Mount Magnet in 1897, the Mount Magnet Brewery & Cordial Co. began its life. It produced “a light sparkling beer, much resembling lager beer, it only needs to be tried to be appreciated.... those who drink “Magnet Beer” know that they are drinking a perfectly pure, refreshing beverage.” The stout was also highly recommended. But like many of these local businesses it closed its doors in 1912. There were a number of hotels here. The licensee of the “Grand Hotel”, in August 1897, had established a second hotel “The Diamond Jubilee”, opposite the Railway station. All of these dispenses of the ambrosia would have served the “Magnet Beer”. Later, in 1923 the “Diamond” was renamed the Railway Hotel. Closure was fated, together with two others, in 1924, by the Licensing Board, due to the excess of hotels

Between Mt Magnet and Geraldton, two other towns had these amazing factories. Here resided the population of Yalgoo, a busy goldfield in the 1890's. In 1898 the Yalgoo Brewery was established. Like many others during this period, it was a short-lived concern. The brewery had quite a few outlets. The “Emerald” was the first of these, now only remains are left. However, in 1904, the “Railway Hotel” was opened, with much fanfare. By the 1960's the hotel, after many owners, was renamed the “Yalgoo Hotel” and served beer sourced from Perth and Kalgoorlie.

The second, at Mullewa, also short lived, opened in 1905, closing the next year. The brewer, Fred Maley, had moved from the Geraldton Brewery, but with no success. In 1893 the construction of the rail line east to Wiluna commenced, with many thirsty gangers in town. These men would have been imbibing the tasty “Best India Pale Ale” from Geraldton.

And now, like these breweries, I must close and wish you all a golden farewell.

CHEERS TO THAT!

MOST DRINK CONTAINERS BETWEEN 150ML AND 3L ARE NOW ACCEPTED BY CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE.

- WINE & SPIRIT BOTTLES**
Wine and spirits in plastic and glass bottles.
- JUICE & CORDIAL BOTTLES**
All fruit and vegetable juice, and cordial containers.
- DRINK CARTONS**
Flavoured milk cartons, juice cartons, juice boxes, and water cartons.
- PLASTIC BOTTLES**
Water, soft drinks, juice, flavoured milk, and sports drinks.
- GLASS BOTTLES**
Water, beer, pre-mixed spirits, and soft drinks.
- DRINK CANS**
Soft drinks, carbonated beverages, energy drinks, beers, and pre-mixed spirits.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE IT ALL ADDS UP

SCAN THE QR CODE

Containers for Change

Around \$4k income to the Shed in the last 5 years. Thanks Max Hore.

Expanded categories should increase that significantly!

Keep getting those containers into the Shed where they can be left in the area between the kitchen and library.