

Craft Market '26

The "cooking crew" is shown here in pics from George W and Joerg Lindner with field announcer and ShedSong members enjoying the vibe and the volunteers winding down at the end of a big day.

















The first of the vintage cars arrives; the al fresco area is set up; the Cafe sign is in place; the baking crew await the customers; the first batch of scones are being mixed then ready for the oven; Andrew and Philip getting ready to sing; the Shed BBQ ready to start cooking and finally the volunteers cool down after the day is done.



From Craft Market Co-ordinator Rob Elks.

Our 2026 Mosman Craft Market was resounding success, thanks to the outstanding efforts of our coordinators and volunteers. Despite being a little thin on the ground, our dedicated team had everything ready just in time for opening. The market was alive with activity from the start. The Children's Precinct echoed with laughter as children enjoyed the activities while parents relaxed nearby. Live music from bands and choir singers created a wonderful atmosphere, with the Scotch College Pipe Band proving a crowd pleaser. Raffle ticket sales were strong, the car and motorcycle displays attracted plenty of interest. Our BBQ and Kitchen kept patrons well fed, almost exhausting our supplies. Shed tours were bustling with curious visitors, and some stallholders reported strong sales.

Behind the scenes, volunteers worked tirelessly marshalling traffic, managing parking, assisting patrons, conducting surveys and solving the countless small challenges that arise during an event of this size.

Our three-person survey team collected 110 responses. The results confirmed the market's success, with 83% of visitors rating the event as Excellent or Very Good. Significantly, 62% were first-time visitors, demonstrating our ability to attract new audiences. Roadside signage and word-of-mouth were identified as our most effective marketing channels.

As the marquees came down and the crowds departed, those who stayed to pack up enjoyed a well-earned tipple and the satisfaction of another successful market.
A heartfelt thank you to everyone who planned, volunteered, exhibited, or supported the event. The Mosman Craft Market succeeds because of your generosity, commitment, and community spirit. We could not have done it without you.

Robert Elks.










Thanks to Paul Whiting and others for photos.

The Australian Honours System.



Gerry explained the Australian honours system, which has been independent of Britain since 1992. There are four levels of award:
Companion (AC) Achievement of the Highest order for Humanity
Officer (AO) Distinguished service to Australia or Humanity
Member (AM) SErvice in a particular field
Medal (OAM) Service worthy of a particular recognition. About 30 OAM's are awarded in WA each year.
Four members of the Shed have received OAM's
Trevor Gorey, Brett Pollack, Rory Argyle, Gerry McGann.

Trevor explained why he was nominated, detailing his long service to the community, education (night school and universities), Government and Governance. He worked closely with the private school sector and assisted in the establishment of a much needed school in the south west. His involvement with the Mens Shed Association has been further enhanced with his push to have Sheds in remote areas of the Kimberley

Brett gave service to the Mosman Park community as a council member and mayor, Mens Shed WA (he started 100 sheds) and men's health, custodian of tribal lands, World Heritage of Shark Bay and Desert Knowledge managing to have a combined body across the country. The award was a recognition of his many years of service to the communities he was part of.

Gerry's story was a revelation! Following the work of Mohamed Younis in Bangladesh who was the originator of Microcredit, provided small loans to Bangladeshi women in order for them escape poverty Gerry introduced the scheme in Turkey. His company had bought the second largest oilfield in Turkey (modest by Australian standards !) and from the proceeds his company was the first private company in Turkey to start a microcredit project. The project has gone on to give loans to over 200,000 Turkish women, allowing them to pivot away from poverty.

Editor + Gerry.

Rotary and the Shed - the Founders.

In a change to the monthly talks it was decided to invite the Mosman Park Rotary members and partners, who were instrumental in the move to build the Men's Community Shed, to attend a special function to recognise those involved as the Rotary Club before it closes some time next year. The function gave current Shed members a lot of detail on how the Shed came into being, which many would not have known.

Neil Faneco gave a very amusing account of how he became involved - liaising with the Fremantle Shed to gain their knowledge of how to get the project going - then going away for two years with his wife and coming back to see a bobcat starting to clear the turf forthe slab and two containers full of "acquired" materials for the construction.
He told a funny story of how a wooden boat which was enclosed in the Shed had to be removed to George Klugg's farm dam at Williams.

Kevin Somes, treasurer of Rotary at the time, explained how the finance was gained to build the Shed but was very self-effacing in his role in achieving the outcome. A seeding fund of $3000 was put up to get the ball rolling, The Town of Mosman Park allocated land from the Tom Perrot Oval, Rotary put up $83000 which was matched by Lotterywest. Kevin oversaw this financial feat and claimed the Shed build as the biggest project undertaken by MP Rotary.

Brett Pollock then gave a very amusing account of how all the machinery, tools and furniture were "acquired" - late night raids on places which were closing down or refurbishing etc. and he did call on his network to access the required goods. He told of how so many people just offered their services, skills and labour to get the Shed completed.. It is the biggest in WA and commands great respect from the community. He also explained the planning/ building was done by the builders so no architects were involved. The construction was all done from precast modules.

Colin Barnett, Premier of WA at the time, performed the offical opening and in his remarks, when "encouraged to speak", clearly showed how those involved worked together as a team and created something very special.

George Klugg gave an amusing account of how he became involved, finishing with the thought that the boat was still in the dam despite every attempt to burn it!!

Dave Beckley then showed some slides of the construction, the workers and the opening. He had kept a record of the whole project.





Another Masterpiece from Ian Worral.



The card/games table shown was brought back to its former glory by the skills of master craftsman Ian Worral. The table belongs to a nephew of George Klugg and was in poor condition when brought to the Shed. Ian cleaned it up, finished it in his usual expert way and added the green baize as shown.

Ian does take on some very interesting tasks and it is good to see himeworking on something other than chairs!!

Possible New Project For Shed to Take On???



My wife Lindy Brophy is just home from a birthday week in Vietnam with this pic of some wicked rustic transport... a bamboo bike!

Maybe the Shed could embrace this low-cost treadly idea and help a new market to sprout or shoot... rust is no issue, but white ants could be a threat...

GeorgeW

ShedSong Spreading Their Wings.



After a very well received set at the Craft Market, ShedSong then moved their practice session from the Shed on Tuesday 17th to Riversea retirement Home near the Tunnels off Wellington Street. The residents there are mainly frail, incapacitated physically or with dementia. The residents were all in the lounge area when the ShedSong crew entered and after singing a range of songs - the lyrics were shown on a big screen so that those able to join in could do so - the lads were very well received with many of the residents singing/humming along and applauding loudly after each song. It was great to see that the lads brought some joy to the residents and the staff who all work so hard in very difficult circumstances.
A great fillip for the Shed's community involvement. Next up is a gig at the Royal Perth Golf Club on 3rd December.









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