

Manning Community Men's Shed Inc Newsletter



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General News

September 2026 End of Month BBQ

The September 2026 End of Month BBQ was held at the Shed on Friday 25th September 2026 commencing at 12.30pm. 16 Shed Members and Guests heard our Guest Speaker, Prasad Kumarasinghe, speak about skin disorders. Shed Member Mark White was again Chief Cook and Bottle Washer!!

Professor Kumarasinghe is a Consultant Dermatologist at St John of God Hospital at Subiaco, and Clinical Professor at the UWA School of Medicine, He is a leading authority on pigmentary disorders and tropical dermatology and has a clinical interest in skin cancer.



Professor Prasad Kumarasinghe

In his talk Professor Kumarasinghe covered the following topics:

1. Skin as a window to internal health
2. How to look after our skin as we age
3. Recognising melanoma early

including identifying skin cancer, treatment of fungal skin disorders, the cleansing products to avoid and the best lotions and cleansers to use on the human body skin.



Prof Kumarasinghe talks to Shed Members

Bottle Top Hill Stall

The Shed operated a display stall at Bottle Top Hill (BTH) on Saturday 10 October 2026 as part of their monthly theme "Recycle, Re-use, Repair". Shed Members Rob Craig and Ambrose Hargan operated the display. They were assisted by Mike Smith and Mark White. A number of items made in the Shed were on display and booklets with photos of past shed projects were also prepared. Also seen at the event were Shed Members Ken McCrackan and Eric Goddard.

There were a number of other stalls, operated by the Bottle Top Hill Group, which showed what items are collected and how some of them can be used to make useful items.



The display at the Bottle Top Hill event from the left Ambrose Hargan, Mike Smith, Mark White, and Rob Craig(back to the camera)

Shed Open Day 18th October 2026

The Shed held an Open Day on Sunday 18th October 2026 from 10.00am to 2.00 pm. The activities included Working Demonstrations, Woodwork and restorations, Jewellery, Kids Toys, Hot Dog and Cakes with Coffee and Tea, Sale of Handcrafted Christmas Toys, and Antique Furniture and Bric-a-Brac sales.

On Saturday and Sunday mornings Shed Members assisted in setting up, operating activities, and packing up.



All Shed Members were asked to assist by distributing posters for the Open Day in the local community.

October End of Month BBQ

The October 2026 End of Month BBQ will be held at the Shed on Friday 30th October 2026 commencing at 12.30pm. Costs is \$5.00 per person

Our Guest Speaker will be Dr Dinusha Chandratilleke who is a consultant immunologist and allergist. He was trained in Perth and Sydney before moving to the UK to work as a consultant in their National Health Service for 8 years. He currently works at Royal Perth Hospital, Fiona Stanley Hospital, and Clinipath.

Dr Chandratilleke will talk about:

- recognising and treating anaphylaxis
- adrenaline devises (Epipens and Neffy)
- bee venom allergy
- environmental allergy and desensitisation
- how the immune system ages

Projects

Deborah Gets The Wooden Spatula

Deborah Van Deek has made a number of flat wooden spatula for sale at the Open Day.



Deborah Van Deek's spatula production line

Cricket Tragic's Mounted Ball

Ron Tompkin was the Shed's inaugural Chairman and Shed Manager and was also on the Committee responsible for starting the Shed when it was located at the Como Secondary College. He was also on the Manning Senior Citizens Centre committee responsible for planning and building of our current Shed.

Ron's wife is the cricket tragic and they have travelled all over the world to attend matches in which the Australian Cricket team play. It was whilst they were attending the match at Darwin in August 2025, against the Kingsman Pakistan side (originally based in Chicago USA but now moved to Texas), that Ron's wife was hit a glancing blow on the head by a cricket ball. Fortunately she was not badly injured. After the match she was presented with the ball.

Recently Peter Repton made a three pronged stainless steel stand on a square jarrah base for the ball. The three prongs holding the ball were curved in the shape of the ball and were welded to a central vertical prong which fitted into the jarrah base. Rob Craig engraved the two small jarrah plaques which are attached to the back and front of the base



The cricket ball stand made by Peter Repton

Christmas is Coming

With Christmas not far away Members from the Women's Group have made a number of hanging snowflakes and Christmas tree shaped decorations.

They have a sparkly gold finish and come with a hanging loop. They will look good on any christmas tree. They will be included in the items for sale at the Open Day.



Hanging Christmas Tree Decorations

Old Crocs in the Shed

We are talking about John Paisley's old toy crocs and not about the Shed Members!

John had his crocs and goannas all lined up on the shed bench. However John's contribution to the Open Day did not stop there. He has also made some nought and crosses games with a difference. The square base has nine holes in the centre and on two of the opposite sides 5 holes for the dowel pegs used in the game



John Paisley with his selection of items for the Open Day

But that's not all! John has also made a wooden racing car and some bird boxes. These items are all for sale at our Open day. Well done to John and thanks

Bernie and Ben the Cart Makers

We have previously featured Bernie Dierks and the push carts he had made. Since then he has made a couple more for the Open Day.



Bernie Dierks with another push cart

Ben Gunawardena also made a cart with a crane fitted to it.

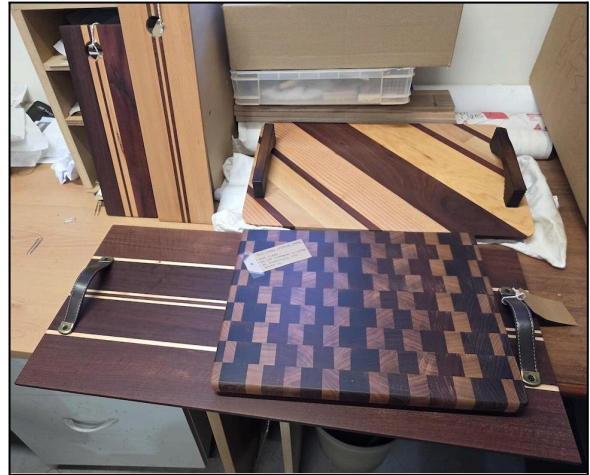


Ben Gunawardena's cart plus crane

Boards and Trays

Other Members have also been busy and we have a number of different cutting boards,

cheese boards and serving trays which have been made specifically for sale at the Open Day.



Cheeseboards (top left), trays, and a cutting board

The workmanship and finish on these items is top quality and reflects the care and attention our Members give to the jobs they work on.

Chairs and Tables Marching On

Our Master Chair and Table Men Ambrose Hargan and Martin Lawton continue to do refurbishment of items brought to the shed by clients. Nothing seems too hard for them to tackle.

Martin was recently repairing a swivel chair which had its arms broken off at the joints and some of the leather straps loose. The joints on this chair were unusual in that instead of the usual interlocking tongues there were small narrow shaped biscuits which fitted into slots on the frame and arms. A lot of the biscuits had broken and it was necessary for the broken bits to be removed from the slots and new ones to be made to the correct shape.



Martin Lawton refits the leather straps after repairing the arm joints.

Martin also worked on a hall table that a client brought in. The table had been painted black but the client wanted it to be changed back to a natural timber colour. Martin had to perform a

large amount of hand sanding in order to remove the black finish. After finishing the sanding Martin applied a lacquer finish which brought out the natural grain of the original timber.



Martin Lawton with a very happy client (photo unadjusted for the dark upper part in order to show the table's natural finish).

Martin and Ambrose worked together on a nest of three tables which were also black and needed to be taken back to the original timber.



Ambrose Hargan "in the frame" using the wood linisher

After more elbow grease and some use of the wood linisher to sand them down they were given a lacquer finish which also brought out the natural wood grain.



The nest of tables ready for the client

The larger of the tables was badly scored on the top. Repairing this type of damage on a veneered top is delicate to avoid breaking through to the underlying chipboard and as you can see Martin, after many tries, has achieved a very acceptable result.

Mike Smith Card Holders

Mike Smith appears to have become our go to person when we get requests for mahjong tile or card holders.



Mike Smith.s card holders

Mike has made some card holders for sale at the Open Day.

Facundo's Stable Table

Facundo Vereertbrugghen has used some beech wood to make a small one legged table to go alongside his bed. Of course it is stable because it has a big foot. The V shaped leg at one end is inserted into cut-outs on the bottom of the top and the top of the bottom.



Facundo Vereertbrugghen with his one leg stable table

Machines and Safety

Vintage Wood Plane on a Plane

Kim Horne recently brought a vintage woodwork plane to the Shed and Peter Repton cleaned it up for him.

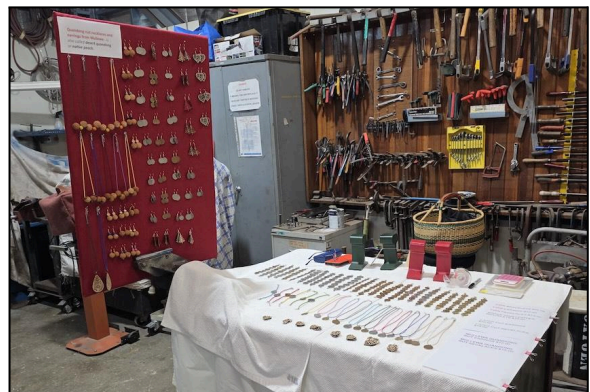


Kim Horne (left) and Peter Repton with the "flying" plane

The plane was due to "fly" to the United States that day with a relative of Kim who rushed it to the airport after Peter had completed the clean up.

Late News

Just in is the result of the Open Day sales. We raised about \$2300 which will go toward Shed operations. We also received interest from 5 people about Shed membership. Some Photos below of the set up on the day before opening. More in the next Newsletter.



Manning Community Men's Shed Coming Events

Date	Day	Time	Event
30 Oct 2026	Friday	12.30pm	October End of Month BBQ at Shed. Guest Speaker Allergy Specialist
11 Nov 2026	Wednesday	11.00am	Remembrance Day
12 Nov 2026	Thursday	1.00pm	Card Making Workshop finishes at 3.00pm
27 Nov 2026	Friday	12.30pm	November End of Month BBQ at Shed. Guest Speaker to be advised

Editor's Note: This Newsletter showcases the involvement of MMS in various shed, community, and personal projects, plus the usual members' news. While working on your projects please remember to take photos of what you are doing or have completed, and forward these to the Hon. Editor preferably using the Shed email address, in person at the Shed on a memory stick, or file transfer via Bluetooth/Airdrop from a mobile phone. Please note that Shed Newsletters can also be viewed on the Shed Website: <https://mmswa.tidyhq.com/>

Monday am:	8:30am - 1:00pm	Men Projects	Monday pm:	Shed Closed	Shed Closed
Tuesday am:	8.30am - 1.00pm	Men	Tuesday pm:	Shed Closed	Shed Closed
Wednesday am:	8.30am - 1.00pm	Men	Wednesday pm:	Shed Closed	Shed Closed
Thursday am:	8.30am - 1.00pm	Women	Thursday pm:	1.00pm-3.00pm	Women
Friday am:	8.30am - 1.00pm	Men&Women	Friday pm:	Shed Closed	Shed Closed
Saturday am:	9.00am – 1.00pm	Men&Women	Saturday pm:	Shed Closed	Shed Closed

Registering Attendance at the Shed

We prefer that Shed Members continue to sign on to the attendance sheet on the station near the front door and pay an attendance fee (currently \$2.00 per person per day). The attendance fee monies will be used to cover the costs of providing morning tea and biscuits and subsidise part of the cost of the End of Month BBQs.

Minimum Number of Members in the Shed

We are required to comply with occupational health and safety requirements defined by the State Government and the City of South Perth. The minimum number of Members in the Shed **at any time** is two of which one must be a Workshop Supervisor. **Out of Hours Access to the Shed**

The maximum number of Members in the Shed during out of normal hours periods is at the discretion of the Shed Manager. Any Shed Member who wishes to work out of normal hours must have the approval of the Shed Manager. Generally, work in the Shed outside of normal hours will be restricted to Shed Projects. Work on private projects during out of normal hours is not permitted.

Membership Badges

Badges are now being provided in a clear plastic flexible pouch and retractable reel to clip the reel and badge onto a shirt pocket. When we are notified of a new membership a Membership Badge is written out and placed on the New Members Badge Rack (in the Kitchen at the end of the bookcase which is on the computer table in the Shed Kitchen).

Changes to Email Addresses

Shed Members should advise the Shed Office as soon as possible when they change their email address. This email address is used by the TidyHQ system for emails that we generate manually and for the automatically generated Membership emails.

In addition to advising us of the change, Shed Members should, if they have one, also log into their TidyHQ account using the old email address to update the Account Email Address. For security reasons only the Shed Member can change their Account Email Address. Please contact the Shed Office if you need assistance. Those Shed Members who have not set up an account do not need to take further action.

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