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The first month of the year is behind us and another eleven months to go for the year 2015. Time waits for no man and certainly with the pace of time, before we know it, another year will be over. With the successes of yester year, our motivation is for continued success and build on past performance. Our Committee sets a guide line for our motivation and guidance for future. Lets all pool our resources to achieve our goals. The process should have no room for complacency but our continued effort. The new members must experience this cohesiveness in our relationships with self and the organization and feel welcome to contribute to our success.

## Joondalup Men's Shed Inc.

# BENCH PRESS

### The President's Desk February 2015 News from the workshop

Welcome to another year. The membership of our Men's Shed continues to grow. We now have 198 members. We look forward to getting to know our new members over the new year.

2014 was a very successful year for our fundraising ventures. We raised \$8000 and our building fund now stands at \$62423.

It's time to consider how you can help your shed. We need a treasurer for next year. Could you do this job. Come and talk to me if you are interested.

Please don't think that someone is doing a good job so we don't need to volunteer. Its good to get involved in your shed. Two years in a job is a good contribution and the more members willing to do their bit the better. Think about how you can help.

If you have any ideas that could be beneficial to the shed let us know.

I'm looking forward to seeing the blacksmiths



results.

The end of the year saw a big cleanup of the compound. This was a costly exercise that had to be done. Thanks to those people who helped in the cleanup.

I'm looking forward to this year. It's great to see how we all benefit from our involvement in the shed. Have a good year. Bob

We've just spent \$2200 to get new spiral cutters for our thicknesser and jointer. These will be 60% quieter and much easier to service and keep sharp. Use the whole machine and don't force your work through. Don't try to bite off too much each time.

We're having lots of trouble with our drum sander. Check condition of the drums before starting. Remember to never lower the drum any more than 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a turn at a time. Don't put your work through at the same place each time. Use the whole machine.

If you are unsure about the best way to use a machine get some advice,

Band saws need to be set up correctly before use. Make sure you know about and use the dust extractors. Most of our machines have dust extractors fitted. You need to make sure they are on and have the correct gates opened. Check that the bags collecting the saw dust are not full. Get some help if they need emptying

We still have some members who leave the cleaning of the shed to others. Let's all pull our weight. Most of you do an excellent job.

### **Safety**

- **Use earmuffs to protect your hearing. Your hearing can get worse.**
- **Use eye protection. Just think what life would be like without sight.**
- **Wear covered footwear in the workshop.**
- **Make sure you don't have loose clothing that can get caught in a machine.**
- **Clean up after you.**

### **Activities for February**

- 3rd Feb: A lesson in use of all things SMART phones, tablets and I pads.
- 10th Feb: Bunnings Whitfords. Assembly of outdoor settings.
- 10th Feb Wine Appreciation Presentation: not actual tasting!!!
- 24th Feb: Talk on the "Joys of being a Magistrate"
- 28th Feb: Poynter Farmers Market

## **Committee Reports**

### President's Report

Bob congratulated people who assisted in the removal of timber in compound.

Also mentioned the apparent removal to excess tools from floor of shed.

Shed Manager is concerned about the apparent non-attendance of new members after payment of joining fees.

The President also discussed the small number of members who have been attending since return in 2015.

\$8000 has been transferred from General Account to Building Account as per previous meeting.

Jem advised that he believed that the shed currently had financial members of 202 members.

Also Jem mentioned the costs involved in the removal of timber and 'contaminated items from the compound.

Fuel Consumption costs being provided by use of Bunnings and Masters gift vouchers.

Treasurer voiced his concerns regarding the unauthorised modification on bench saw. Action could affect the book price of item.

Treasurer advised committee that he would be stepping down from the position at the AGM. A new Treasurer needs to be identified as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition from Jem to the new Treasurer

## Ornamental Blacksmithing

**“A repeat of this article from previous publication. To make members aware of the new activity”.**

An interest group for Ornamental Blacksmithing has started at the JMS.

Initially a small Blacksmith Forge has been constructed

from a large plough disc and blower.

The intent is to allow members to have a go or "strike a blow" and develop some skills in ornamental blacksmithing and wrought iron work.

Make some items for the garden, hangers, artwork ,maybe some tools.



Initially ,Tuesday is the day to make contact.

See [Les Hendon](#), [Bill Roberts](#) or [Vince Bertolini](#)

If you know of anybody who has some unwanted blacksmith tools in their shed let us know and we can talk with them. Engineers hammers, tongs, anvil, swage block or other items.

## Social Wednesday

*The last Wednesday in January saw a the BBQ being fired up and the sausages set to sizzle. A fairly large group of members were present to sample the gastronomic delights of our resident chef, Royce Woodhouse. The once a month social is also enjoyed by some staff of the Education Department, who are resident of premises that we are privileged to share with them.*

*This social is a monthly event that is held on the last Wednesday of the month. There is some gossip that there is a name change of the event , but regardless the venue and day will remain the same. **WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE INFORMATION***

*If you have not been present for this culinary event in the past, then make your plans for the end of the month and share this occasion with the members.*

## Sausage Sizzles

Sausage sizzles at Bunnings, Joondalup on the 26th Jan. Celebrating Australia Day. The hot weather, the call of the sea and garden BBQ's were not a deterrent to the many DIY gurus who flocked to Bunnings for their constructive talents. In the process the aroma of our sausage sizzling was enticing enough to see a steady flow of patrons to taste our wares.

The encouraging sign was the many member volunteers who turned up to extend their services for the day. Our appreciation goes out to all who sacrificed their time, on Australia Day, to man the various tasks of preparation, cooking, serving and not forgetting the cashiers; a task not for the faint hearted.



# ON A LIGHTER NOTE

It looks like an old Chicken farm and nothing more But “when” our new shed is proposed, could these inclusions be considered. Not asking for too much, we hope?????



The Joondalup Men's Shed (JMS) is the local representative and a registered member of the Australian Men's Shed Association. The JMS Patron is Mr. Ian Goodenough, MBA, BComm and Federal Member for Moore.

**Our motto is short way of saying what JMS is all about:  
"Blokes Building Better Communities!"**

**We are all about fostering better overall health and well being for all men. This has an obvious beneficial ripple effect for our members' families, the wider community and the members themselves**

All our external activities require volunteers, sometimes at short notice. Please come forward and give a helping hand to make the event a successful one for the JMS. The proceeds from these activities helps the Shed. Thank You

Our best to all the members who have had various operations and ailments in the last month and recuperating through their illnesses. We wish you all a speedy recovery and good health

Members are requested to inform the Welfare Officer of any illness of members, whom they are in contact with, so that a courteous enquiry is made after the welfare of the member. We all need support at times like these.

All articles and comments for inclusion in the Bench Press are welcome. Please submit by the third week of the month for publication, to Reg.. [rluther48@gmail.com](mailto:rluther48@gmail.com)

The Committee and Members would like to extend their Birthday wishes to the following members, whose Birthday falls in the month of February:

- **Brian Abbot**
- **Shane Almond**
- **Donald Atkinson**
- **Derek Ball**
- **Tom Daley**
- **Brian Downey**
- **Barry Elsom**
- **Kenneth Gardner**
- **Geoff Guard**
- **Barry Harding**
- **Ronald Height**
- **Edmund Ishak**
- **Dion Marney**
- **Brian Skinner**
- **Arthur Yates**
- **Bruce Elliot**



**All members are requested to update their membership particulars with Michael Robinson:**

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