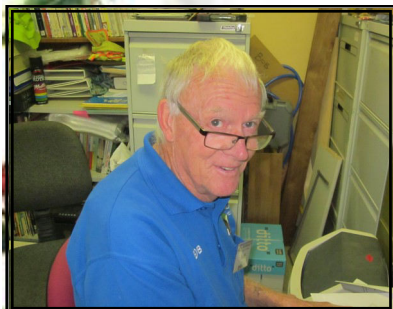




Joondalup Mens Shed Bench Press December 2018

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Presidents Report

After eight years of trying to get a site for a Men's Shed and not

finding anything suitable, last Council meeting voted unanimously for us to move into 17 Winton Road at a peppercorn rental for ten years. Many councillors spoke highly of the value of the Men's Shed in the community and the need for it to have security of tenure. This is great news as we get a site that already has a workshop with the ability for us to develop further. This facility is valued at around one million dollars, money that we don't have to find. This will allow us to apply for grants to get this site developed to suit us.

A big thank you to the councillors and staff for all the work that has gone into this important decision.

This move into Winton Road will not happen as soon as we would like as Council has to develop the Works Operation Centre at Craigie to house the staff that will be displaced by our move. This could take 18 months. In the meantime we will need to develop plans covering any extensions to give us adequate space for our operation and to plan for the power upgrade. Council has agreed to upgrade the power requirements to suit our machines and to assist us in moving to Winton Road. The existing solar power cells will help cover power costs. We need to plan for a metal work and blacksmiths area and make sure we have sufficient area for a social area for

morning teas and guest speakers. A big expense will

be the planning and installation of an industrial dust extraction system.

Thanks to those members that attended the council meeting. It was an eye opener for us as most of us have never been to a council meeting before. Your presence was acknowledged by the councillors.

December has been a busy time for us with toys to be made for Joondalup Christmas Lunch, three or more markets and at least one sausage sizzle. Thanks to those members who have helped in any way. Thank you to those people who have donated tools and machines to the shed.

We seem to have lost out chisel sharpening guides. I hope that they are just hiding. Also misplaced is the special attachment to our newest metal lathe. If you know where either is could you return them to the shed.

Christmas is just about here. I wish you an enjoyable time over Christmas and New Year. Hopefully you can catch up with family and friends.

Bob Allen





An Aerial view of the Winton Road location



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JMS Christmas luncheon Sunday 9th December

The Christmas luncheon organized by Ron and Bernie was attended by 28 members and partners. A perfect cool sunny summers day, we commenced the journey from the shed in a luxury coach and travelled to Two Rocks where we stopped for a morning coffee break. Coffee break over it was back on to the coach for the short journey to Yanchep Park to the Yanchep Inn for a scrumptious Lunch. We were met at the entrance by a staff member who ushered us in to the dining area and seated at a long table beautifully set with festive decor.

Entry to the park was not so smooth as there had been communication breakdown by the park administration. They wanted to charge us \$6.00 per person (not good) however as cars waiting to enter the park were piling up behind the coach and no doubt becoming very irritable, negotiations with Secretary John were taking place. John's negotiating skills had a positive result ending an agreed entry fee of \$2.00 per person.

The excursion was an enjoyable day and we put our hands together to Ron and Bernie for their great efforts in organizing the day.



All ready and waiting for the bus to roll



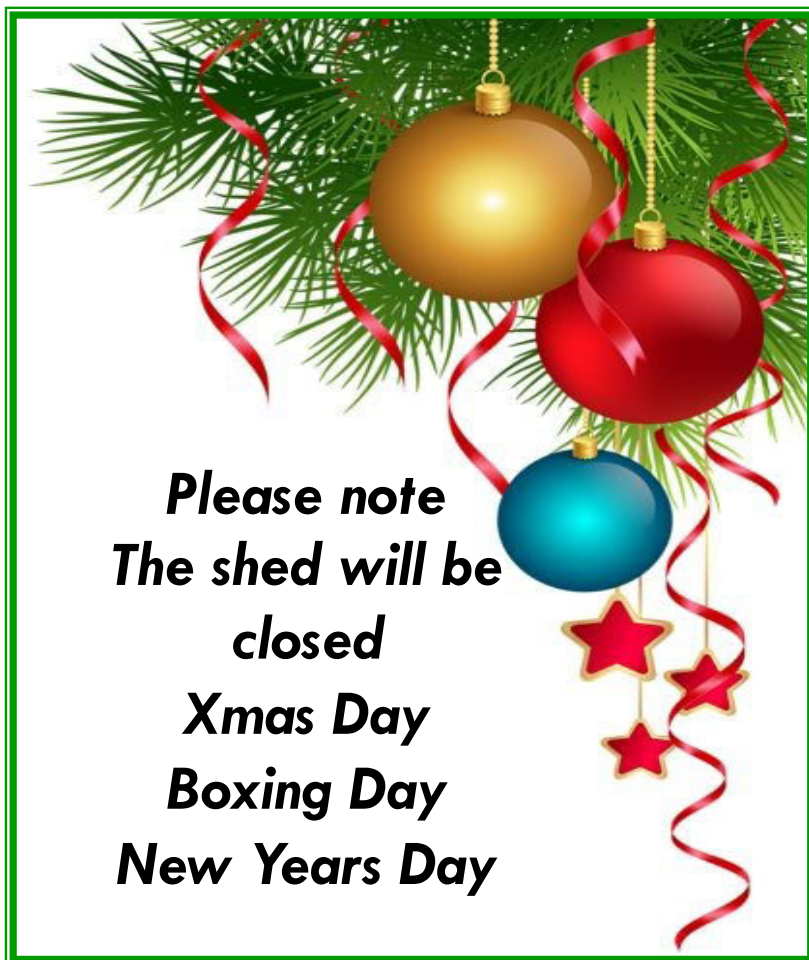
All seated at the long table



Tyron Paul won the first prize of a Christmas hamper in the raffle



Laurie McBeth won 2nd prize of 12 rolls of toilet paper. Was this an example of Ron's toilet humour?



Where has the lake gone?

After the JMS Christmas Luncheon I went for a walk along the edge of Loch McNess. I was devastated to see the extreme low water level.

Do you remember a long time ago that you could hire row boats or for the less energetic hop on a motorized launch to do a tour around the lake. Will this enjoyable activity ever be available again? Are we paying the price for our rapidly increasing population exacerbated by a decrease in annual rain fall?

This picture shows the jetties where the row boats for hire were berthed, now high and dry and about a metre above dry land.

Merv Pearce

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

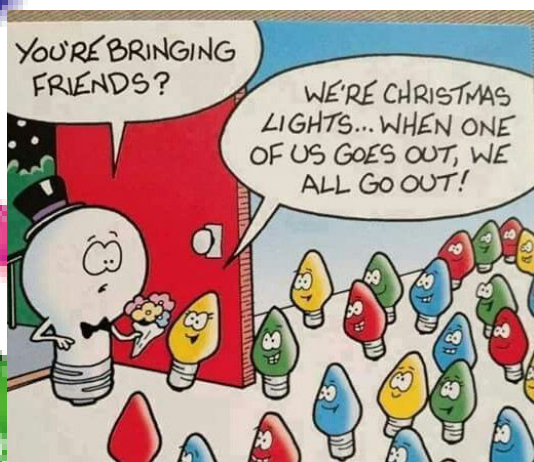


Norm Jones has got into the Christmas spirit by wrapping his home in Christmas lights. Norm has been doing this popular Christmas tradition since 2005.

The lighting consists of 5 strings of lights, 500 metres of string lights, 40 - 50 metres of net lights, 150 - 160 metres of rope lights, 14 Christmas motives, 6 sets of water fall lights secured to his fences, a Santa and reindeers painted by Bill in the paint shop, two more reindeers made at the shed and 3 Christmas trees made from old pallets by Norm's daughter Rebecca. To keep the spectacular display alive, power is running through 70 power plugs.

Norm spends approximately 40 - 50 hours putting the lights up and after the festive season is over, about the same amount of time to dismantle and put away.

If you would like to experience Norm's great light spectacular head over to Lewis Court Padbury which is directly opposite the drive way in to the shed.



Meet the Member

Denzil King



Denzil King is my name and I have been a very happy shedder for about 3 years after being introduced by Bill Roberts, I look forward to Tuesday's to come and have a cuppa and chat with fellow shedders, it is sometimes sad to learn that one of us has been called to a higher shed.

I came into the world on Guy Fawkes Day 5th November 1940, to a family of two sisters and a brother. I started my working journey, when I was 14 years old and have had a very varied career history. My first job as a handyman on a coffee plantation on which I lived and worked for 3 years when the ownership changed hands I lost my job, since I always had an interest in Automobiles, I wanted to learn it as a trade and managed to get into an auto-workshop as a trainee without wages. The car owner sometimes gave us a cash tip if they were satisfied.

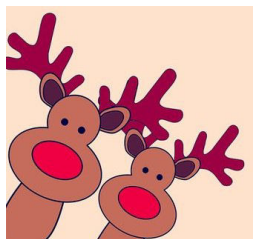
I taught myself to swim in the local irrigation wells much against my Dad's wishes, as there were a few drownings. I loved reading, after I read the "The Kon Tiki Expedition," I decided I wanted to be a seafarer and went to the port City of Bombay looking for work. I joined the Indian Navy when I was 19 years old, I became a Clearance Diver and after ten years of service, I finished with the Navy then joined a Seagoing Salvage Tug doing towing and diving work for the Oil Industry. During this time, I re-floated a couple of shipwrecks and took them to the wrecker's yard.

When work got scarce, I joined the Merchant Navy as 4th Engineer, was promoted to 2nd Engineer, and did many voyages between Ceylon, the Red Sea and the Middle East Ports. Oceaneering International (USA) offered me a job on the offshore workboat "Ocean Diver 1" working in the Bombay High Oil field and then on to Egypt.

To further my career in the oil industry, I enrolled in a Commercial Divers course in the USA that gave me a Commercial Diving qualification with better opportunities in the oil field work. With that, I joined Taylor Diving in Singapore as lead Diver and later promoted to Diving Supervisor, worked on many oil rigs and construction barges. The company deployed me to Australia to work on the North Rankin Gas Project in 1982 and I later migrated in 1983.

Diving as a profession has come a long way over the years; it is much safer now compared to the old heavy gear, which consisted of a copper helmet, weighted boots, which was limited to a depth of about 180 feet, was rarely used for deeper work. I was lucky not to encounter any big sharks while diving, though I did have an incident with a giant Manta Ray which got fouled in my air supply hose and dragged me up too rapidly for which I went into emergency decompression.

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Most diving jobs are taken over by ROVs and they are scarce. I gave up diving and took up shut down maintenance work in the mining industry, I was able to get a job as a Heavy Diesel Fitter with Leinster Nickel Operations, which led to ongoing and stayed with them till 2006 when I retired. During this time I renewed contact with a girl from my Navy days and since she was still single we tied the knot in 1997 and she is my darling wife Linda, who works at Edith Cowan University. Together we love to travel and have been lucky to visit Europe, Alaska, Turkey, USA, Israel, Canada, Scandinavia and experienced the breathtaking Aurora Borealis Northern Lights and Santa Clause land. This is how I hope to enjoy my well-earned retirement.



A young Denzil in diving gear



Taking the plunge



In the Volvo factory



Denzil with his wife Linda

January Birthdays



Hedley Bond

Robert Evans

Bob Harrap

Bob Heasman

Gerald Hollinshead

Ed Jolley

Reg Luther

Colin Mellows

Robert Morgan

James Roberts

John Rourke

John Rowsell

David Taafe

**Many happy returns
to you all**

Welcome New Members

Ian Cowan

Ray Bradley

Drew Nimmo

Perry King

Harold Clarson

Asam Wood

Mark Lilly

Welcome to the shed gentlemen we hope that you join in, participate and enjoy the many activities that are on offer.

**ON A PLUMBER'S TRUCK:
"We repair what your husband fixed."**



Attendance Statistics for November Compiled by Ian Mc Callum

Period	Week Start	Week End	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Weekly Total
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Week 1			0	0	0	33	17	0	0	50
Week 2			23	31	42	34	23	1	0	154
Week 3			22	58	35	29	29	0	0	173
Week 4			21	46	38	30	22	2	0	159
Week 5			25	36	40	29	24		0	154
Total			91	171	155	155	115	3	0	
Working Days		22								
Weekly Average			22.75	42.75	38.75	31	23	1.5		690
Total for the Month		690								
Sat.10th										
Sat.24th										

When signing on in the attendance book at the entry please enter your name clearly and readable.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays appear to be the busiest days for the shed. We are open Monday to Friday so if you find it a bit difficult to find a bench space or a long wait to use any of the machinery you may consider attending on Monday, Thursday or Friday.

217 Is the total number of members as at December 2018

Caring for our fellow Members

Should you hear about any of our fellow shedders being ill, experiencing the loss of a loved one or you haven't seen them at the shed for an extended period, please inform our Welfare Officer John Summerfield. John will make enquiries and visit if necessary and keep Shedders informed.

John Summerfield Mob. 0432 032 461 email sumtrader1@primus.com.au

It is good to see Trevor Thackray dropping in to the shed when his health permits. Trevor hasn't been too well of recent times and has spent a lengthy time in hospital. Keep on keeping on Trevor and we wish you a speedy continuing recovery.

Joondalup Mens Shed



Coming Farmers Markets

Chief marketer Ron Slavin has had a busy year with his dedicated team of volunteers. A schedule for 2019 has yet to be arranged. Stay tuned in for information and you may consider joining the team, Ron would most certainly welcome you.



Sausage sizzles

As with the markets we have been busy with many sausage sizzles through the year at Bunnings Joondalup, Whitfords and Office Works. Thanks to Tom Daly 2 for his efforts in organizing these events until his resignation. Thanks to all members who participated in the sizzles.

Rob Hansen is now manager of the sausage sizzles and would gladly recruit more volunteers for next year. Please contact Rob if you would like to volunteer.

At this stage there is no set time table for 2019

Tuesday Lunches



Delicious lunches are available at the Shed on Tuesdays

Come along and enjoy a Hot and tasty meal cooked by chefs at the Kingsley Tavern

Only \$5.00 per serve

