



# Joondalup Mens Shed

# Bench Press

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### *Presidents Report*

17 Winton Rd,  
Joondalup. We  
finally have that  
home we've been  
searching for over  
the last 8 years. The

only trouble is that we can't move in until the City of Joondalup builds a replacement for the cleaners and maintenance. This could take 18 months. In that time we have to determine what machines we need and the space needed for each of them. Tony Brewer and Sanny have started on that important first step. With that sorted we have to work out how we can fit into the existing space or plan extensions. Where will our morning tea room be? What layout will we need for our metal workshop? Where will 3 phase power be needed?

Once we get a suitable floor plan we will need to, with the help of some experts cost any extensions and make sure that they are built to a high standard. The City has a structural engineer who will be able to give us some advice. We also could have an architect join as a member who has offered to help.

We will have an interesting time over the next 6 or so months.

As Winton road is still a workplace no visitors are allowed on site. Please respect the council rules. Sheree Edmondson has been extremely helpful and we thank her for her interest.

Last Tuesday we had a visit from Elle a member of the Duyfken crew. I think Elle was surprised at the interest shown by members wishing to get involved as a Volunteer.

Tuesday 26th saw 4 of our members attend a barbecue at Regent Gardens to provide a new group of men for these elderly gentlemen to talk to. Bill, Denzil and Norm thought the visit was very worthwhile for the men at the centre.

The management have asked if they could bring some of their men to visit the shed. This will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of March.

I had a visit from Ports (Practitioner Online Referral Treatment Service). They are keen to talk to our members. Stress, Anxiety, Depression and Substance Abuse can be managed. They are going to come back to me to maybe arrange a visit if that looks valuable.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March I have agreed to meet with Marty Leist from AMSA. We are members of the MSWA and no longer a member of AMSA as WA was expelled from AMSA. I thought it worthwhile to just talk to this gentleman and get his views and let him know what we think.

Under construction at the shed are dog training sniffer boxes. Could have 15 of these to make for the Police.

Bill Featham helped to assemble a Bunnings Cubby House at Butler. The shed was paid \$150 for this job.

Thank you to those members who have helped in the shed in any way over the last couple of months.

Bob Allen



# Shed Activities and Projects

A project on the go at the moment is the construction of training sniffer boxes for the canine department of the Police Force. There is the possibility of fifteen boxes to be constructed



Graham Duffy with one of the sniffer boxes



Tony Magee working on the sniffer boxes



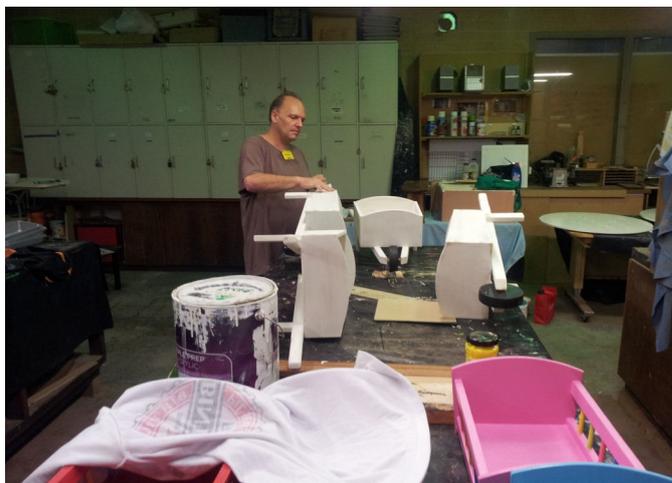
Colin Mellows is working on making a violin. This is violin no. 6. Colin is aiming for perfection and has not been happy with his other makings. It was interesting talking to Colin about what is required such as timbers, thicknesses etc. etc. to get the right sound, too much to write about in the newsletter, so he would be happy to tell any one interested. Colin plays the violin.



The shed's attendance at Farmers Markets will soon be in full swing again so toy making has been fairly intense over the last couple of months.

Ron Slavin and the team have been busy negotiating with various market organizers to secure us sites to sell our products.

Nathan Evans (pictured) is putting some finishing touches to some wheel barrows.



# Meet the Member

This month's MTM is our hard working Vice President Bernie Eagan. This is his profile.



I think I am one of the few people who was born and bred in Western Australia and who has been a local ever since. My father was born in Meekatharra and my mother was born in West Perth. I was born in Mount Hawthorn (actually St

John of God Hospital Subiaco) but raised in Mt Hawthorn.

I went to the local catholic schools being St Mary's Primary School and Christian Brothers College Leederville which was next door. They are now a co-ed school called Aranmore. I did my Junior there and went to boarding school in Melbourne for two years to complete my high school studies. Then I returned to Perth believing that I wasn't smart enough to go on to university.

My first job (apart from selling the Daily Newspaper as a kid) was selling sporting goods in Boans Murray Street Perth. But after a short time I moved on to better things as a bank teller with the Commonwealth Bank at Innaloo (still local). After a few years in the CBA I expected to be called up for National Service and when I missed out on the lottery I decided that it was time to move and consequently I went on what we called a "working holiday" in those days to Melbourne and Sydney. After a few years of narrowly avoiding too much trouble I returned to Perth and soon joined the then Department of Civil Aviation. I started as a storeman and not too long after became a Purchasing Officer and then moved into various other clerical positions within the Supply and Transport Section. The DCA like all government departments underwent a number of name changes and amalgamations and I worked in numerous office positions between 1969 and 1982 when I transferred to Perth head office as Senior Clerk. Airports Branch.

In 1986 the Department of Aviation was split into three parts and I was transferred to the new Federal Airports Corporation (FAC) which became a government owned business in preparation of the government's long term plan to sell the airports as going business concerns.

I enjoyed my time in the FAC where I worked in airport operations, airport security, aviation security, airport terminal management and commercial operations (which basically was to run the airport car parks at a profit). After 12 years as a very successful airport business the FAC was sold to a private company and within 18 months myself and most of the original public service staff were offered redundancies. From the airport I then moved into commercial security and lasted 6 years with various companies in various different positions. Eventually I realised that the commercial security business world wasn't for me and I joined a couple of employment agencies as a casual office worker for WA Government departments. This lasted for about two and a half years until I was able to gain full time employment again. (Not too easy after you turn 40 which had been a long while ago). During my time as a casual I worked for more than 12 different government department for periods of 3 weeks to 18 months. My full time employment was in the Department of Planning where I was the Office Manager for the Geospatial and Mapping section. This was extremely interesting watching the future planning of Perth and Western Australia develop. However I wasn't blessed with a quiet life and after 5 years was made again redundant. Without a better offer I went back to casual work again - this time in my sixties which I kept secret because there is definitely age discrimination alive and well in the workforce.

I worked for the Department of Finance Building Management and Works which was an amalgamation of the old building and works departments. That was interesting work dealing with routine maintenance contracts for government buildings throughout the state. After a while I moved to another position which dealt with regular inspection and reporting of all asbestos material in government buildings. This too dealt with government buildings throughout Western Australia. Sadly though my time there came to an end and my contract was not renewed. I think my age got the better of me and my position was given to a much younger person. As I was 67 at this stage my lovely wife "recommended" that I retire - especially as I was offered two new jobs with Department of Housing to inspect recently vacated State Housing properties and to arrange repairs and

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*Bernies profile continued*

contracts to make the property habitable as quickly as possible. I could see that these positions would be very stressful so I declined

I married in 1970 and we had three children but after ten years like a lot of others the marriage ended in divorce and I carried on as a single bloke for a long time until I remarried again and we have been happily together for nearly twenty years.

During my "single" years I joined the Army Reserve initially as an army cook but over time I was promoted and eventually spent many years as the Caterer 13 Brigade Services and Support Battalion which is a Warrant Officer position for the greater part of Western Australia. I worked part time as a Reserve soldier for 29 years while still continuing to hold full time jobs as above. My time in the Army Reserve was very rewarding and it was only when I got too old to pass the physical exams and the position changed over the years that I

decided to retire from that role also.

After a full working life I found retirement boring at home on my own as my wife was at work during the day and eventually I joined the JMS to get me out of the house - besides the dog wouldn't answer me when I talked to him.

I have been involved with clubs and organisations since I was 18 when I was the Secretary of the Subiaco PCYC Judo Club. Over the years I have been involved with work social clubs and also I spent 17 years as the Secretary of the Civil Aviation Historical Society. It is not surprising therefore that I have ended up on the Committee here at the JMS which keeps me busy that now I don't have time to talk to the dog anymore!



This is a picture of foreign coins and washers that have been retrieved from the safe at the entry door. If you are guilty of dropping these objects in the safe maybe you should bring in your own thermos flask and biscuits as this two dollar entry contribution pays for the tea, coffee and biscuits that we shedders enjoy.

## The Hand Tool Preservation Society

<https://sites.google.com/site/handtoolswa/>

### Selling

The Hand Tool preservation Society can help you dispose of any unwanted tools from deceased estates, garage clean outs etc. We can help you obtain the right price for your tools while making sure that your treasured items stay with collectors meaning that they are preserved and loved for years to come.

We offer a valuation guide service to ensure the best price is obtained and your privacy is assured. We have regular sales for smaller lots or can arrange a special sale if there is a larger quantity. Other non-tool items can also be catered for through our network of collector clubs with similar interests as our own.

We can arrange the collection and sale or you are welcome to bring them along and be a guest as part of the process. You can set firm prices or we can advise and suggest the correct value based on rarity and current collector interests. We also run two public sales through the year, along with a small sales area when displaying at the many country or local shows and events, where we can sell your tools on consignment.

We request a small commission donation based on the amount and value of the tools we are selling on your behalf. We are a non profit organisation with any funds raised used solely for running the club or making donations to suitable charities or organisations. Please note we cannot sell power tools or machinery unless they are display, non working items ie with cords or power supplies disconnected.

### Buying

We are often asked to supply good quality old tools for restoration or dying trades. We also are able to source tools for people to buy good quality tools for use.

To help cater for this we run two major public sales a year. One is around March/April each year. This sale is attended by members selling both collector and good user tools, we also can sell tools on consignment on behalf of outside parties who wish to clear deceased estates or shed clean outs. It is held at the Anglican Church Hall –Washer Street East Vic Park. It is advertised in the garage sale and antiques section of the West Classifieds in the 2 weeks leading up to the sale day. We also run an advertisement on Gumtree in both the Community/Garage Sales and the Tools sections for approximately 6 - 8 weeks leading up to the sale day.

We also have a sale table at the Wood Show in August each year. Here we sell mainly the better quality and rarer tools from members and/or from the public on consignment.

If you cannot attend these then you are welcome to contact us via this web site, and we can put you in touch with someone who may have what you are looking for.

### Donations

We gladly accept donations of unwanted tools, although no power tools are accepted. Sometimes what appears to be a load of rusty scrap metal can hold that vital missing part or help make a collection complete.

The club disperses any donated tools by way of a fun, low value, auction amongst the members as the club itself has no storage facility. The new owner can then restore or upgrade their collection. Members display the tools from time to time at fairs, shows and events. They may also pass on to other collectors as sale or swap, or simply restore and sell to users. Any person donating tools receives a letter of acknowledgement from the club. It is a condition of the club accepting any donation that any such tools donated then become the property of the club. The club may then distribute or dispose of them as required.

For further information, or if you have tools to sell, donate or wish to purchase, please contact our Tool Sale Co-ordinator, Nigel, on **0407 028 497**, or by email at [nburgess@westnet.com.au](mailto:nburgess@westnet.com.au).



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

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**And 11 associate  
members**

Is the total number of members  
as at February 2019

## 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](mailto:sumtrader1@primus.com.au)



## The Duyfken Replica

Last Tuesday 26th February the shed had a visit by Elly Spillikom who is the volunteer coordinator for the Duyfken replica ship which is soon to be berthed at Hillarys Marina for the next three years. Elly informed us of the organization and running of the ship. Volunteers are needed to guide visitors through the ship and several hands went up to volunteer. If you weren't at the talk and would like to join, see the information below.



Elly Spillikom speaking to the members

## VOLUNTEER GUIDES WANTED ON DUYFKEN REPLICA



2019 sees the Duyfken Replica locate at AQWA, Hillarys as part of a 3-year partnership agreement. The ship will be on exhibition to the general public daily from April to October each year and conducting its Education Program during terms 2 and 3.

If you have an interest in maritime history, tall ships, local history, education and tourism, and wish to join the Duyfken Volunteers Program, please email [info@duyfken.com](mailto:info@duyfken.com) for an application form.

More information can be found on the Duyfken website:

- Volunteers Program [www.duyfken.com/volunteers](http://www.duyfken.com/volunteers)
- Education Program [www.duyfken.com/schools](http://www.duyfken.com/schools)

## SUCCESS

At age 4 success is . . .  
 . Not piddling in your pants.  
 At age 12 success is . . .  
 . . Having friends.  
 At age 17 success is . . .  
 . Having a driver's license.  
 At age 35 success is . . .  
 . . . Having money.  
 At age 50 success is . . .  
 . . Having money.  
 At age 70 success is . . .  
 . . . Having a driver's license.  
 At age 75 success is . . .  
 . . . Having friends.  
 At age 80 success is . . .  
 . . Not piddling in your pants.

Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way;  
**BUT NEVER** forget the blessings that come each day.



# March Birthdays



Pieter Arends	David Kincaid
James Arnett	Paul Kirby
Phillip Bellingham	Ron McMillan
Ian Bruce	Dennis O'Brien
Mark Gerovich	Ross O'Donoghue
Colin Gilmore	Luke O'Mara
Christopher Graeme-Drury	George Russell
Paul Graham	Jem Shorland
Tony Grant	Paddy Small
Bill Green	Johan VanRooijen
Melvyn Heaton	Geoffrey Waters
Nathan Hoar	John Wood
Russel Holland	Royce Woodhouse

**Many happy returns to you all**

## NEW MEMBERS

*Lloyd Allock*

*Albert Chong*

*Ashley Sullivan*

*Laurence Baker*

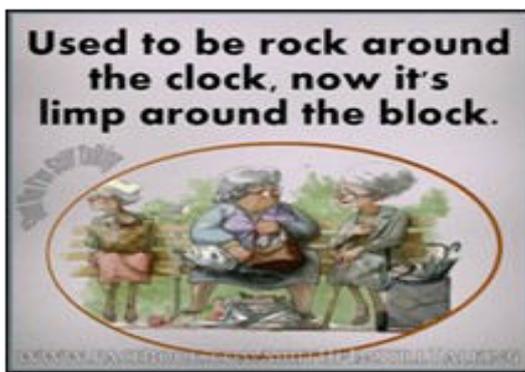
*Mark Bennett*

*Gordon James Phelps*

*Mark Savage*

*Paul Graham*

**Welcome to the shed gentlemen and we hope that you enjoy all that the shed offers.**



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## Coming Farmers Markets

Lions Fair Sunday 31st March  
Stirling Markets Sunday 7th April  
Stirling Markets Sunday 23rd June

# Sausage sizzles

Volunteers will be required for the coming  
sausage sizzles



## 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

### *Bunnings Whitfords*

Monday 4th March

### *Bunnings Joondalup*

Friday 22nd March

Saturday 6th April

Friday 26th April

Friday 10th May

Friday 14th June

Rob Hansen is the manager of the  
sausage sizzles please contact him if  
you would like to volunteer some of  
your time to help with the sizzles.

## Glenn Robinson

Gardening  
House Cleaning  
Window Cleaning

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