

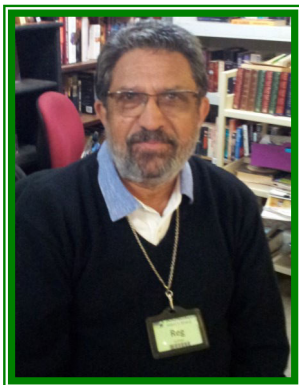


# Joondalup Mens Shed

# Bench Press

## May 2020

Editor Merv Pearce



### *Presidents Report*

The effect of the pandemic has restricted our shed's activities and the period of uncertainty curbs our enthusiasm towards a final resolution of the effective social distancing and "lock down".

Our shed manager, Graham, has been very busy with his dedicated team to clean up the shed. Two days a week the team has been diligently cleaning the loft area and the workshop area. Our gratitude to their efforts and, hopefully, when we open in not too distant a future the membership can show their appreciation and continue to maintain the cleanliness that they have managed to accomplish.

The membership has been informed of the proposed increase in the membership subscription. The subscription is based on a recommended fee structure with the additive of the daily door fees that the members deposited, towards the consumables in the shed. There was always some argument on this payment in the past, where "some" members thought that they were not obliged to pay for the consumables and sometimes substituting washers and foreign coins. We can demonstrate, through our accounts, the deficit that the shed experienced in this collection. So as to remove the responsibility, the inclusion of this amount was based on each member attending once a week for the effective 50 weeks. There is some discussion that this would subsidize the attendance of members who come more than once a week. But for members there is no restriction on the number of days of attendance. In fact, the shed would be more than happy to see increased attendance and thereby the social interaction.

The Committee would be more than happy to submit a financial statement to full justify this subscription.

We have received various enquiries as to why we were not opening the shed during this period allowing for a gathering of 20 people as the phase 2 of the Covad-19 safety plan allows. As explained in the email to members, the logistics of various health and safety requirement, as mentioned in the **Covad-19 health departments Safety Guidelines – Sport and Recreation, Phase 2, Version 1.0 18 May 2020**, it was near impossible to pick and choose only those rules that would help in our decision to accommodate our members will to open. The package required ALL recommendations to be followed. The committee had examined each clause and came to a unanimous decision that it would be premature to open without compromising the health and safety of ALL our members. We request members to scrutinize the document.

I thank all committee members for their diligence and contributions towards the contents of our meetings, through emails, and the decisions that we were collectively able to achieve. Thanks to all those members who responded to our general membership advisories and we welcome all comments to enable us to be accountable for our decisions.

We hope for better, safer and healthier days ahead. We look forward to welcoming you all back to the shed in the very near future.

Reg Luther

### From the Editors Desk

Here is the May edition of your Bench Press . As you know nothing much has happened with the closure except for a few blokes going in to do a massive clean up and your committee has been working. I thought that I would re cap on some activities that have happened in the past few years, just like the TV stations, lots of repeats. Anyway some of the newer members would be interested to see what's happened over time. Thank you to those who have contributed bits and pieces for the newsletter, please keep them coming. I hope you enjoy this edition .

Merv Pearce

## Annual Membership Fees

With the relaxing of restrictions last week the committee was able to meet for the first time since February.

One of the matters discussed was membership fees.

You may know that in January we received a petition from some members asking that membership fees be increased to deal with shortages in funds and increased costs to run the shed when we move into Winton Road.

Consequently the committee looked at our current situation and found that we do need to increase fees. The increase in fees is also important because we have had no income during the closure of the shed. Also there will be no Lotterywest grant money until after 2021.

Proposed membership increase \$100

Proposed recovery of the consumable costs based on 200 members of \$10,000 would be \$50 per head.

That would mean \$150 without the headache of policing the voluntary collection from members who take the voluntary to mean literally voluntary.

### Current Rules approved by the Commissioner

#### *Division 2 — Membership fees*

#### *12. Membership fees*

- (1) The committee must determine the entrance fee (if any) and the annual membership fee (if any) to be paid for membership of the Association.*
- (2) The fees determined under sub rule (1) may be different for different classes of membership.*
- (3) A member must pay the annual membership fee to the treasurer, or another person authorised by the committee to accept payments, by the date (the **due date**) determined by the committee.*
- (4) If a member has not paid the annual membership fee within the period of 3 months after the due date, the member ceases to be a member on the expiry of that period.*

In line with our Constitution membership fees are due to be paid in advance by 1 July. However the committee decided that the new membership fee may paid in two half yearly installments.

As we do not know when we will open again it could be difficult to pay in person so there is the option to pay by direct bank transfer.

Our Bendigo Bank details are:- **BSB 633-000**      **Account # 141 336 743**

***Please! Please! ensure you add your name to the deposit otherwise we won't know who has paid their fee and who to make out the receipt to.***

Please be aware that the committee is always working in the best interests of all members.

## *The shed during the Covid-19 Period*

A few pictures just to jog your memory. You may wish to refresh your memory to familiarize yourself of the surroundings for when we can once again mingle, chat, drink tea and coffee, chip and cut timber, weld, turn wood and metal etc., etc. within its walls.



The social room



The wood working room



The assembly room



The wood working room



The wood working room



The metal working room

Let's hope that it won't be long before we are back.



The paint shop



These photos taken during the shut down



## Looking Back

**Over the past years the Joondalup Mens Shed has produced many projects as a service to community groups. Below is a brief look at some of those projects**

### **Child Protection Agency**

Safe House Hillarys Children's furniture.  
Picnic tables for the Children and adults  
Construction of interactive Dolls house for children.

### **Mullaloo Primary School:**

Construction of a chicken coop  
Garden Beds for the Children  
Limestone wall free of cost

### **Mullaloo Heights Primary School:**

Construction of a chicken coop  
run area for the chickens

### **Education Department State wide Services**

Constructing Limestone wall  
Laying foundation for the storage containers  
Examination of property soak well  
Maintenance of used furniture for the disabled  
and office

### **Padbury Primary School:**

Picnic Tables for the children,  
Organized building of Limestone wall  
Brick Garden beds

### **School Of Disability**

Constructing a catapult for the children  
suffering from cerebral palsy to play

### **Padbury Community Kindergarten**

Construction of a fire engine for children

### **Burbridge School Koondoola**

Multi-Sensory equipment for children with  
special needs

### **Mindarie Primary School**

Chicken House  
Chicken Mahal

### **Springfield Primary School, Mullaloo**

Building a cubby house for the children  
playground

### **Ridgewood Primary School**

Constructing equipment for disabled children

### **Hawker Park Primary School**

Making Memory plaques.

### **Ocean Reef Primary**

Outdoor Playing facility for children

### **Friends of Yellagonga Park**

Designing and constructing Owl breeding  
boxes to be installed in the Yellagonga  
Park bird sanctuary

### **Rotary Hillarys**

Toys for children  
collection of "bicycles for humanity" and  
dispatch to East Timor and Africa by  
Rotary

**More looking back on next two pages**

On Tuesday 15th September 2017 a hobbies day was held for shedders to bring in and display their hobbies. It was interesting to see the talents of those who participated and hopefully down the track another hobbies day can be organized.

## Looking Back



Champion gadget man Derek Ball displaying some of his ingenious creations.



Geoff Chantler steaming up to show his working model steam engines



Colin Knight proudly showing his vintage motor cycles



John Martin displaying his interesting creations



Syd Old showing his artistic wood work



John Rowsell Displaying his collection of vintage telephones



## Looking Back



For two years over the festive season the shed ran a stall at the Joondalup night markets. The resulting income was not good and on top of that the shed was charged a vendors fee which considerably ate in to the profits, so we don't bother with the night markets anymore. All other markets that the shed attends give us a free site.



In November 2016 the shed was honoured with a visit from Andrea Mitchell and Peter Katsambanis. Both visitors purchased some of the sheds products and enjoyed morning tea with the members. Sadly Andrea passed away on 4th April this year from a heart condition aged 64.

Can you recognize some of the faces in the line up?

## Looking Forward

Cubby houses have been already sold, a large picnic table and pine table are on order and several jobs are in the pipeline awaiting confirmation.

And of course we are all looking forward to the re opening of the shed.

Your committee are meeting next Tuesday to discuss how we will manage the shed once opened while there are still Government guide lines to be adhered to.

The building committee will be meeting with the City of Joondalup next Thursday to discuss the premises at Winton Road.

## *A south west holiday adventure with Ian*

A true story written by Ian McCallum



A few years ago my Wife and I were going South for our holidays

It started okay; packaging and making everything loaded and covered

Stopped in Mandurah for 'lunch' at one of the Roadhouses and inspected the load to find

the Cover of the Gopher had been ripped to shreds plus these rain clouds started to build up.

About 10 kilometres out of Busselton the heavens opened and water wet all the electronics above and underneath the Gopher.

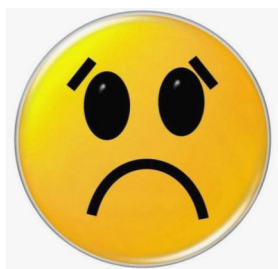
On arrival Jackie started to unload and found that between Perth and Busselton the gopher trailer had come loose and all the wiring had been dragging on the ground and ruined.

Also she had a heat pack in the microwave and thought she had put it in for 2 mins but had put the timer on for 20 mins so smoke started billowing out of the microwave, the smell was horrendous. Jackie had hurt her back a few days before so needed to buy another heat pack as soon as possible.

We moved into a small unit for our first night ( I was still able to walk with a frame at that time), Jackie went to bed and I went to the toilet then promptly fell head first through the wall in the bedroom making a large hole in the fibro wall ( I was not hurt ). The owners laughed the next day, fixed the wall and moved us into a bigger unit. All was going well until I tripped and fell on the glass topped coffee table which shattered into a million pieces, again I was unhurt. Jackie asked to borrow the vacuum cleaner after cleaning up as best she could and again they were very understanding even though they told us we were banned for life.

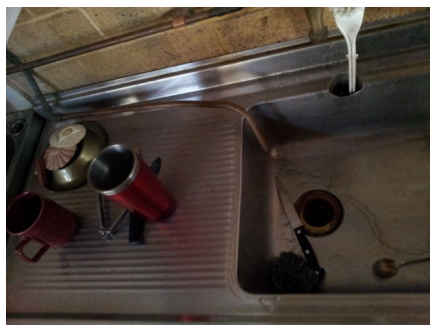
When the gopher was fixed I drove it into the unit and hit the power point that the fridge was plugged into and it then had to be replaced. We went to the Sunday markets on the foreshore ( I was driving the gopher), a large sign was suspended by rope between 2 trees, Jackie shouted at me to watch where I was going but I drove straight ahead and clothes lined myself on the rope and flipping the gopher over backwards, Jackie somehow managed to right the gopher with me in it and I had a rope burn on my neck. An older couple came to see if I was okay and asked what other party tricks do you do ? This was one of our more memorable holidays in Busselton and we still spend 2 weeks annually at Busselton Jetty Chalets, Lyn and Laurie no longer own the chalets but we still meet them for lunch when we are there and have a good laugh about our adventures.





### *And now for some disappointing news.*

During the shed closure entry was allowed for any shedder to go in for a short period to purchase any timber or borrow tools. Unfortunately some members gathered in the social room and had refreshments and to top it off left the area in an untidy condition such as dirty unwashed mugs left on the sink (who did they think was going to wash them?) (see pictures below) and the tables looked like a tornado had passed through. Because of this happening, the privilege was cancelled.



## MAX-IMUM SIZE LEGGO

This article was seen in a recent edition (April 30th) of the Joondalup Times. Max is a member of our shed. The bloke on the left is Rob Hansen.



PADBURY Primary School gardener Max Walker had a play with a sea container during the school holidays to create a diversion from the coronavirus crisis.

By simply using a few 90L plant pots for the "knobbly bits" and a lick of paint, Mr Walker transformed the container on Giles Avenue into a giant Lego block.

He said he had planned to paint it yellow but that would have cost more than his budget allowed.



# June Birthday Celebrations



Bob Allen	Frank McGrath
Dave Barrett	Cory Pilkington
Alexander Chisholm	Bob Roach
Albert Chong	Nic Romney
Bob Drury	John Spence
Dave Ginger	Loretta Crameri
Rob Hansen	Roze Parton
James House	Sandy Reysenbach
Chris Hudson	
Gerick Huxtable	
Colin Knight	

*Birthday greetings  
to you all*

Apologies to Bernie Egan for missing out on his birthday in May.



## 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.

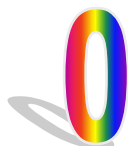
John Summerfield Mob. 0432 032 461 email [sumtrade@iprimus.com.au](mailto:sumtrade@iprimus.com.au)

The total number of members  
as at May 2020

194

14 Associate members

Attendance Statistics for May 2020 Compiled by Ian Mc Callum



Due to the shed closure

# Hats Off



To the blokes who have been going in to the shed during the closure and cleaning the premises.

*The Australian Taxation Office suspected a fishing boat owner wasn't paying proper wages to his deckhand and sent an auditor to investigate him.*

*ATO AUDITOR: "I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them".*

*Boat Owner: "Well, there's Clarence, my deckhand, he's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$1,000 a week plus free room and board. Then there's the mentally challenged guy. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of Bundaberg rum and a dozen Crown Lagers every Saturday night so he can cope with life. He also gets to sleep with my wife occasionally".*

*ATO AUDITOR: "That's the guy I want to talk to - the mentally challenged one".*

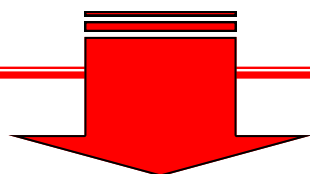
*Boat Owner: "That'll be me. What'd you want to know"?*



Please note that all Farmers Markets and Bunnings sausage sizzles have been cancelled due to the corona virus.

Future dates are still published in this newsletter and the events will still happen once the all clear is announced by the state and commonwealth governments.

Until then please ignore.



## ***Coming Farmers Markets***



Poynton Markets Saturday 3rd  
October

Poynton Markets Saturday 28th  
November

# **Sausage sizzles**

Bunnings Joondalup  
Friday 12th June

