



Joondalup Mens Shed

Bench Press

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Presidents Report

There is very little to report on the shed's activities as there has been a quiet January 2021.

The new year promised an eventful dawn to our occupation of the new premises, but once again the pandemic and its consequences have slowed the progress.

We had anticipated the signing of the lease, which is delayed due to the negotiating team members on leave or other projects during January. The membership is in dire need for some good news and this delay only further aggravates their restlessness and uncertainty.

On a more optimistic note, our meeting with the COJ (16thFeb) was one that was congenial and achieved all our points that were raised for discussion. The COJ team engaged with us and assured us that there was no ulterior motive or agenda in allowing the premises to be used for any purpose other than for sole use by the JMS. Our fear of the city engaging with other party's or organizations for use of our facility was unfounded and Sheree was quite happy to provide assurance that there was never any intent. The question of the Mural painting, that the building committee had agreed to in our discussions with the COJ, and I had assumed responsibility and forwarded my apologies to the committee for not consulting with them, was never an intention on behalf of the COJ to decorate the social room for

accommodating other groups. Varying interpretations were assumed. We have assurance that the premises are leased to JMS and we are the sole lessees of the property.

In all probability the final draft of the lease will be forthcoming in the following weeks and the committee members are free to examine the document for their comments, prior to our signing the lease. Assurances were given that we could have possession of the premises by the end of the month and we can commence organizing the social room, office and the committee room as early as next week in anticipation of the lease will be signed.

I would like to thank John Spence and Roger Revell for their invaluable advice, support and inputs in getting the lease document to its fruition.

Our gratitude to Graham and his team for continuing to sort out the present shed and getting as much moved to Winton Road.

The sausage sizzle at Bunnings have been extremely well planned by Roger Revell. Our gratitude to him and the team of volunteers for a job well done.

Rob Morgan and his team have been busy trying to attend the forthcoming markets in an attempt to bring in some earnings for the shed.

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Presidents Report continued.

Crawford has attended quite a few of meetings with the City in order to encourage them to expedite the completion of the projects. Thank You.

As usual Merv has continued to produce his masterpieces in reporting to the members through the bench press. The slow activities have been replaced by our activities in the past projects, which are welcome production for the new members and a good reminder of the work of the volunteers through our brief history.

On a sad note, John Spence requested for a leave of absence for some time and we are grateful for all his accomplishments in various capacities and hard work for the Shed,. We look forward to his early return to his post. I am very grateful for his continued advice and support in my brief tenure as President. We are fortunate to have Roger Revell offering to assume the offices of Assistant Secretary, thereby lending a helping

hand in the various duties in addition to his managerial functions as Manager Barbeque. Thank you.

Considering the work that we anticipate moving into our new premises and the work and time that John Fell has already contributed; John was requested to fill in the duties of Assistant Shed manager and Assistant to Roger Revell, helping out at the Sausage Sizzles. Very graciously, John accepted the invitation and his position in the Committee was confirmed unanimously by the other committee members. Welcome on-board John.

Thank you all for the support that you have accorded in making our work place a successful one. I for one have benefitted from your encouragement and support and look forward to the continued successful move to our new home.

Reg Luther



Photo: Rob Morgan

Ron Slavin still slaving

Ron has not been sitting idle during the transition period of the shed. Ron has been painting some of the toys for the markets at his own home shed.

The picture shows Ron with some toy gardening tools which go with the wheelbarrows which he has painted. Steve Brooks made the tools.

If any member can help by making toys etc. at home while the shed is not in operation, your help would be really appreciated. Contact Rob Morgan if you can assist.

March Birthday Celebrations



Ian Bruce
Mark Gerovich
Chris Graeme-Drury
Bill Green
Mel Heaton
Malcolm Johnson
Ron McMillan
Jem Shorland
Nicole Mattingly

*Birthday greetings
to you all*

Welcome to new members

Richard Hammer and Herman Cheung

Welcome to the shed gentlemen we hope that you enjoy the camaraderie with the members and take part in the activities and crafts that the Joondalup Men's Shed offers.

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 Michael Robinson. Michael will make enquiries and visit if necessary and keep Shedders informed.

Michael Robinson has joined Chris Drury as Welfare Officer. Michael's contact is robinsonmj1950@gmail.com phone 9409 8484, Mobile 0491 036 085

Chris's contact is chris.drury@sumphero.com

CLEANED OUT

(ALMOST)

These images below show the progress of the cleaning out of the Padbury premises. Hopefully the next issue of the newsletter will publish pictures of our new home at Winton Road.



The woodworking room with still some stuff waiting to be disposed of.



The woodworking room with still some stuff waiting to be disposed of.



The metal work room



The wood machining and metal work room



The wood machining room.



The wood machining and metal work room with the welding section.

The shed is obligated to leave the premises in a clean condition so as a final clean up there will need to be a good vacuum and sweep up to remove many years of dust etc. Volunteers will be needed to help with the cleaning process so please if you can assist, let Shed Manager Graham Duffy or Assistant Shed Manager John Fell know.

The Birth of the Joondalup Mens Shed

Many members who have joined the shed in recent years would be unaware of how our shed came to existence and would be interested to know how.

Our first President Alan Greenhalgh compiled this article.

Have you ever wondered how, when and why the Joondalup Men's Shed came into being? Perhaps you're one of the original founding members and know its history or perhaps despite joining at the shed's inception you are a little hazy on its origins. Well, here is how it all came about.

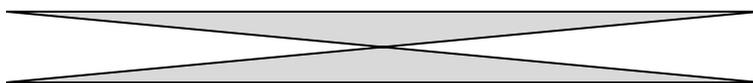
As with many men when they retire Alan Greenhalgh quickly became bored with his own company. A never-increasing list of chronic health conditions and a desire to remain a useful member of society led him to think, *"There must be thousands of blokes like me at a loose end; men with under utilised skills sitting around wondering what to do with themselves. Surely, an organisation exists where these men can go, socialise and work on projects?"*

As you can see, Alan was completely oblivious to the existence of men's sheds. Googling of all things, "Blokes Shed" he quickly discovered the official Australian Men's Shed (AMSA) website. However, a further search that there were no suitable operational men's shed existing within the city's boundaries, or within reasonable travelling distance of Kinross where he lived at that time. The nearest men's shed (Kingsley Veteran's) catered exclusively for war veterans, while the Wanneroo Men's Shed's activities were restricted to refurbishing computers. The City of Stirling Men's Shed was still only a dream so Alan decided naively to set about establishing the Joondalup Men's Shed, completely oblivious to the amount of work involved or the hurdles he would have to overcome. However in the same month met with Pauline Sookloll, the City of Joondalup's community development officer and other council employees who offered to support the proposal on the basis that the shed was community driven. In other words, the City would be supportive in principle but would not contribute financially or provide actual material assistance, e.g. premises or land.

Alan and Pauline arranged considerable community consultation and discussion with various health groups and agencies over the following weeks. Surprisingly, support for the establishment of a men's shed was unanimous. In fact it was resoundingly overwhelming, particularly with agencies tasked with tackling men's health issues who admitted struggling to find relevant male-focused activities for their clients. With the assistance of and in close collaboration with COJ Community Development Officers Ms. Pauline Sookloll and Barbara Oosterhuis, Alan embarked upon considerable behind the scenes work. Ignoring Pauline and Barbara's advice to organise further community consultation Alan booked the Connolly Community Centre and audaciously invited the public to attend the launch of the Joondalup Men's Shed despite having no committee or funds. Letters were sent to the media, the then mayor Mr. Troy Pickard and Dr. Mal Washer MD (the sitting Federal Member for Moore) inviting them to the official launch.

The result was the birth of the Joondalup Men's Shed group on 26th August 2010!

Some ninety individuals representing health agencies, the business sector and local residents attended the launch. Attendees unanimously pledged their support while nearly seventy men signed up. Alan immediately seconded one initially reluctant attendee, David Ammon as Treasurer. Within a week of the launch, a number of others volunteered to form a working group (WG) whose tasks included locating suitable premises, garnering support, establishing an online presence and devising a calendar of events and activities to maintain interest and group cohesion.



Attendance Statistics for January 2021 Compiled by Ian Mc Callum

Period	Week Start	Week End	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Weekly Total
Week 1	4/01/2021	10/01/2021	14	26	26	16	14	0	0	96
Week 2	11/01/2021	17/01/2021	16	46	19	16	14	0	0	111
Week 3	18/01/2021	24/01/2-21	11	26	29	15	13	0	0	94
Week 4	25/01/2021	31/01/2021	11	0	35	12	12	0	0	70
Total			52	98	109	59	53	0	0	
Working Days		20 days								
Weekly Average			13	32.67	27.25	14.72	13.25	0	0	371
Total for the Month		371								
Men per day	working	18.55								

Zero Ladies for month of January

Could members please sign in with their **CORRECT** name and contact number, not nicknames as a couple have started. If you wish to do this see me first
Ian

The total number of members
as at February 2020

136

13 Associate members



Coming Farmers Markets

Joondalup Mens Shed



No dates have been set yet
for markets in 2021

Sausage sizzles

The next Sausage sizzle will be held at Bunnings Joondalup
on Easter Sunday 4th April.



Photo: Gil Marnham

A market stall was held on Saturday 20th February at the Hallidon Primary School. Sales were good, \$524.00 was made. Picture shows from left, Vince Bertolini, Rob Morgan, Merv Pearce and Darryl Ward. Gil Marnham who attended behind camera.



Photo: Rob Morgan

It is rumoured that the boys of the marketing team are referred to as snake oil salesmen. Now why would anybody think that?

Did I read that sign right?

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.



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Where we are Moving to

For those members who don't know where our new Winton Road shed is, here is an arial picture of the site.

