



Joondalup Mens Shed Bench Press July 2022

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Presidents Report

Well for most of the past month I have been like “Albo”, either wandering the country or taking my share of the Corona 19 virus, so have not been ‘on deck’ to take in a lot of what has been going on in the shed, however, I do take notes via phone calls, g-mail and e-mail and am now very concerned about the future of the club.

Over the last couple of years we have gone through turmoil with moving from Padbury to setting up the new shed in Winton Rd, and in my opinion have come out the other side far better than we would have hoped, thanks to Reg, Bob Allen, Roger, Barry, Colin and other members of the committee, but now we are paying the penalty as those people (with the exception of Reg & Bob who just bailed out) now want to take it easy for a while and let some other members of the club have a say in how things are done. This year, unlike most others, where we may have one or two committee members resign or retire, we have almost all positions up for grabs. As a result, we have only one or perhaps two, members (out of 175+) showing any interest in taking them up. The vacancies are:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

BBQ Manager

Sales & Marketing Manager

Training and Safety Manager

Membership Manager

I am not sure how many of you are aware that by law we cannot run a club without at least a President, Secretary & Treasurer, and if these three positions are not taken up then the club must fold and all of our assets must be sold off in order to finalise our financial position & wrap up the club.

It is incredulous to me that we have so many members who are happy to provide advice as to how the club should be operated but when the opportunity arises to have a direct say in what happens then all of our “Expert advisors” are suddenly too busy, not interested, don’t have the time, or a myriad of other excuses, for not getting involved. The problem is that a number of those who have been on the committee for a number of years, are now feeling ‘burned out’ and want a break, some of which are for medical reasons (Colin Mellows is currently in hospital in the UK & is not well). It is amazing that members always have the time to offer advice, never thinking that the person they are offering the advice to is also a volunteer, and who also does not get paid for their time, and that many of them have other things they would also like to do, rather than listen to whingers who are not prepared to have a go themselves.

I had a call a couple of days ago from Roger who said that someone in the club wanted to tell me that they were concerned with the way the JMS was being run. Apparently this was because when they had ordered something, they were asked to get a written quote to present to the committee, so they wrote it out on a piece of paper and presented it. When questioned as to where was the quote (*I understand the value was a few hundred dollars*) the response was that the piece of paper they wrote out **was** the quote??? & they were upset that the committee would not accept this.

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Just where did these people work if a piece of paper was accepted as a formal quote? Honestly, it's no wonder that committee members are fed up.

I took over the role of President this year against my better judgement and to be honest, I don't think I have done the sort of job I would have wanted to do and I apologize to all members for that as they deserve better. However, I now believe that I was asked to take it on as there was nobody else stupid enough to do it, and the mere fact that we still cannot find anyone seems to justify my thoughts.

Gents, I know that I have a reputation of losing it,

perhaps even exaggerating things on the odd occasion, BUT I do not want to be the last President that the JMS has before it folds. We have so many opportunities to make the club bigger, more sociable, more fun, make more money for the use of members, and to see it shut up would be a huge disappointment to many people. What is everyone going to do? Go home and get under your wives feet? Join another club? Please start thinking about it now as time is running out VERY quickly.

Regards

John

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JOONDALUP MEN'S SHED INCORPORATED

Is convening an Annual General Meeting as per the constitution

Part 6, Clause 50.

The meeting will be held at 9.30 am on Tuesday August 09 2022

The meeting will take place at Joondalup Men's Shed premises,
17 Winton Road, Joondalup Business Park, Joondalup 6027

Please make every effort to attend

AND



With the ever increasing infections of covid in the community please consider yours and other members health and wear a face mask to the meeting.

The shed will need some new committee members, consider putting your hand up to take on one of the positions.

RAFFLE

You or your grandies could be the owner of this beautifully built motor bike rocker

All it costs is \$2.00 per ticket

Proceeds from this raffle will go to the shed

See Bill Letch or John Fell for tickets



Picture: Steve Brooks

Vince Bertolini made these cog wheels in his own workshop. Vince has the talent that he can make anything from anything. One of his projects was to make tungsten tipped wood lathe tools which he donated to the shed.



A woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach. "Ha! That's not going to help," she said. "Sure, it does," he said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."



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THE BEST JOKES TO SHARE



If you have not paid your membership renewal due by the end of July you will be considered un financial and can not vote at the AGM.



DOES ANYONE KNOW WHICH PAGE OF THE BIBLE EXPLAINS HOW TO TURN WATER INTO WINE?

ASKING FOR A FRIEND.

I just had a physical.
The doctor said, "Don't eat anything fatty"
I said, "Like bacon and burgers?"
He said, "No fatty, don't eat anything!"



June attendance statistics compiled by Ian Mc Callum

Period	Week Start	Week End	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.		Weekly Total
Week 1	1;06/2022	5/06/2022	xxxx	xxxx	26	23	24	0	0		73
Week 2	6/06/2022	12/06/2022	15	17	35	23	20)	0	0	2 Vis	113
Week 3	13/06/2022	19/06/2022	22	49	32	21	18	2	0		144
Week 4	20/06/2022	26/06/2022	21	47	37	23	21	2	0	2 Vis	151
Week 5	27/06/2022	30/06/2022	23	54	43	13	xxxx	xxxxx	xxxxx		193
Total			83	167	173	103	103	4	0		674
Working days		22									
Weekly Average			20.74	41.75	34.6	20.6	25.75	1	0		
Total for the Month		675									
Men per day		30.6									

The total number of paid up ordinary members as at July 2022

176

The total number of paid up associate members as at July 2022

36

Ladies

LOCKERS FOR HIRE

Would you like to avoid having to take your unfinished projects home and back to the shed. You can now hire a locker to avoid this situation. There are two types of lockers, see below for more information.



Steel lockers, you get a key, the office has a spare one so if you forget yours on any day you can access your locker.

Cost: \$10 deposit + \$10 for a year with \$10 refund on return of the key.



Wooden lockers where you supply your own lock (padlock)

Cost: \$5 per year.

Contact Graham Duffy or Geoff Burleigh to arrange for your choice of locker.

Welcome to new members

David Parker, Derek Newton, Colin Slater,
Jeanette Foster-Low and Melanie Forster

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

August Birthday Celebrations



Birthday greetings to you all

Jim Douglas
Graham Duffy
Arthur Eder
John Fell
Barry Fitzsimmons
David Garrett
Dave Ginger
Chris Graeme-Drury
Alan Greenhalgh
Bruno Gresele
Pat Hadley
Barry Harding
Bob Heasman
Rodney Herman
James House
Warren Howard
Chris Hudson
Norm Jones
Sean Kenny
Iva Fraser
Michelle Neugebauer
Margaret Tanner

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 Officers Chris Drury, Michael Robinson or John Summerfield. They will make enquiries and visit if necessary and keep Shedders informed.

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FUND RAISERS

Farmers Markets



Kingsway Markets

Saturday 6th August
 Saturday 3rd September
 Saturday 1st October
 Saturday 5th November
 Saturday 3rd December

Stirling Markets

Sunday 14th August
 Sunday 18th December

The shed has been invited by Bunnings Joondalup to hold a stall to sell our products in the foyer.
 Dates are yet to be confirmed

Sausage Sizzles



We have a number of BBQ's scheduled for the coming months along with invitations to represent the Shed with a marketing table in the entrance foyer of Bunnings Joondalup.

BBQ's are scheduled at this stage as follows:

1. Saturday July 30
2. Sunday August 21

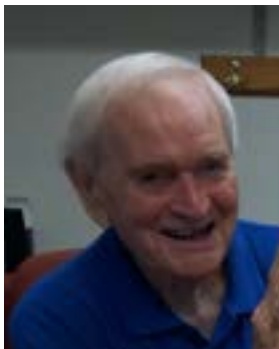
Photo: Darryl Ward

Sunday September 04 (Father's Day)

Hats Off



To John Eaton, Greg Renikka, David Bethel, John Fell, Norm Jones Geoff Burleigh who keep the work shop in a clean and good order. Also to John Street who is in charge of the metal shop.



Meet the Member

John Rourke is a long time member of the shed, he joined up not long after the opening of the shed at Padbury Senior High School over ten years ago.

This is the story of his life.

Part thirteen

It was now 1994. We were still living in Green mount Dorothy had sold the business in Midland Young Dorothy had moved to Duncraig and had a baby girl. Judith was teaching full time and talking about getting married. Simon was working at Nifty and had bought a unit in Mt Lawley. While I was in England I went to see Newcastle United train. This was when Kevin Keegan was manager and they had a great team. After the training session he let the players mix with the supporters and he was being interviewed by the TV media. So I waited my chance and dived in before anybody else got to him. I tapped on the shoulder and told him I was from Perth Aust and had been a supporter all my life and I had a son who was having a birthday shortly and worked in a mine in Western Aust and he was surrounded by Man U and Chelsea supporters at work and would can he send him a letter wishing him a happy birthday. Kevin said to me " go to St James Park office and give them all the details and he would sign it." So that's what I did, They sent the letter to me and I sent it on to Simon. The guys on site were all envious now . Every time they went on about their team Simon just flashed the letter. What a guy Kevin Keegan was.

I had given my Agent a guide when I was due back and I had to give him a ring. I hadn't contacted WMC yet. So I rang the Agent and he told me he had sent my CV into the Water Corporation as they were after a Contracts Specialist. The Head of the Supply and Procurement Division wanted me to go in to the Leederville Office for an interview. . The place was huge. The managers name was Harold he was the boss. Harold kicked off by telling me the WA Gov were telling the W Corp to down size functions that were not engaged in W Corp direct services eg window cleaning, gardening, etc We discussed the rate for the job and that was good. I had the interview and he told me he we would give me 2 months trial to see how I was going. and asked me to start on Monday. I began working on various departments and wrote up reports showing improvements which could be achieved When I had the boss by himself I asked about my trial period and he told me I would be kept on and I was doing a good job

I told the boss there would be lots of driving so I managed to get a car from the Fleet instead of using mine. The next department he asked me to look at was in the building that housed the staff for everything to do with Dams. .The dam was completed in 1903. Pump Station No1 was at the Dam. A pipeline had to be constructed and also pumping stations along the route. What a job!! He took me down inside the wall of the dam and that was an experience. This department was very well organized. I myself had a look into some of the piping stations and they looked well maintained. Also it was a highly technical outfit.

Also the other dept. I had on my list was the guys who did the surface treatment of the pipeline itself. I rang up a supervisor in charge of the crews painting the line and he drove me to various places he had crews working. They were inspecting, cleaning and painting areas that showed corrosion. I stood and watched while we chatted away.. It all looked very well organized. I wrote up my reports on these two departments ready to give to the boss. I hadn't been into the office for about a month Anyway there had been changes made and a new boss called Bruce was in charge now.. So I knocked on the door and a guy shouted "come in". I introduced myself and he asked me to sit down He had heard good reports about me (so that was something) However he was changing my role to one of supervising the Contracts Office and my hourly rate would increase.

After a while new Contracts manager started and Bruce brought him round and did all the introductions His name was Thomas.

I decided I needed another holiday so I informed Thomas I needed 6 weeks off and he told me there was no problem just contact him when I got back

The holiday I wanted was to do a cruise on the QE 2 sailing from Southampton and cruising around the Mediterranean Sea. We would use Dorothy's ma's place as a base in the UK to stay in as she loved us coming. We flew Qantas to London and then got a flight to Newcastle. We were greeted by the family and went to my nieces and had a party there. We caught up with everybody in the first week and then had to get the train to London and then catch a train to Southampton. We got a taxi to the Cunard building and the welcoming room and it was packed with people. We got all the protocol about the ship and we started boarding. We were on level 6 and had a balcony. After we were settled in we had a walk on the deck and to get our bearings. People were waving like mad where their families were on the quay-side as the ship left the docks area. Our first stop was Lisbon the capital of Portugal. I had learned a few things about the staff from one of the barman I got chatting too. Barmen are the most knowledgeable people in the world. I had seen these guys with red jackets wandering around and he told me they were employed by Cunard to entertain women who didn't have partners. Apparently some wealthy women lived on the ship. At dinner time we used to sit outside the restaurant and watch guests going in for dinner and some of the ladies had diamond tiaras and expensive necklaces that must have cost a fortune (how the other half live). The dinner was all very formal. I had to wear an evening suit and bow tie and Dorothy had long dresses to wear. Also there were other wealthy women that often sailed on the ship. two or three times per year.

When the ship stopped at a port the Red Coats duty was to escort these women around the city. They had to pay extra for this service. The qualifications for a Red Coat was they had to be good dancers and speak a couple of languages. The QE2 had a good library and you could just sit there or take books back to your cabin. One afternoon Dorothy went to a whist drive but I didn't fancy it so I went to the library. I was standing looking through the film star biographies. I must have been looking pensive because a lady's voice behind me asked if she could help. I thought that she was on the staff but she wasn't. I turned round and she was an attractive brunet in her late 40's. So I said to her "Yes, I've been looking for something on Doris Day as she is my favourite female actress but I can't find anything." She looked me in the eyes and said "Would you like her Phone No." I stared back and said "You have Doris Day's phone No." she said "Yes, and I can give you her address as well if you like" I was flabbergasted. She told me her name was Juliet and I gave her mine. She then said "follow me I've got the information in my diary but it's in my cabin" We chatted as we walked and she told me she was a widow and her hubby had passed away 3yr ago and she often sailed on the QE2 sometimes 3 times per year. She must have been very well off. I told her I was married and the wife was playing whist. Her cabin was on the 8th level. She opened the door and I stood at the door. She told me to go in. It was a much bigger cabin than ours. It had one large king size bed. She sat on the left hand side of the bed and opened the draw of the cupboard there. She patted the bed with her left hand beckoning me to sit down. She removed the diary from the draw and flicked through the pages until she came to the Ds and sure enough there was Doris Day's phone No and address. She reached over to the scribbling pad on the cupboard top and wrote it all down for me. After that she opened her drinks fridge and asked if I would like a drink and I told her "no thanks" She said she was having a G and T. I had sensed all along she was making a play for me so I had to make a tactical retreat (how to avoid trouble) I told her the wife and I went dancing in the ballroom each night and if she was there tonight I would get her up. She told me that would be good as she liked dancing so that was my cue to exit. I thanked her again and left. I went back to the Library and took some QE2 writing paper and wrote Doris Day a letter and sent it to the address Juliet had given me. I then took it to the reception area paid for the necessary QE2 envelope and postage stamp and posted it in the ship's post box. The receptionist told me that the post was delivered at every port we stopped at. Dorothy wanted to see a film that night so we missed the dance.

Our next stop was Barcelona in Spain. I particularly wanted to see the Cathedral there. We went by tender boat to the port and got a taxi to the Cathedral. It was magnificent in all its gothic architecture. It was built between the 12th and 14 centuries. Our next port of call was Cannes on the French Riviera. It was early on a Sunday morning as the tender boat pulled up at the docking point. It was a sunny day and to our left from a hill you could hear church bells ringing. They were coming from Eglise Notre - Dame d'Espérance. I will never forget that whole scene and sounds. We decided to walk up hill to that church. When we got up to the church the view was marvelous. You could see the QE2 sitting in the bay in calm water and off to our left was the French Riviera disappearing into the distance. Mass was going on in church so we knelt at the back and said a prayer then left. The tender boats left every 1/2 hr to take people back to the ship. We had been booked on a bus trip so we waited in this area until the bus came. When all was on board we set off along the main beach road through Cannes.

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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.