



Joondalup Mens Shed Bench Press December 2023

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Presidents Report

Another calendar year has almost gone. The Shed will be closed from Friday the 22nd December and reopening on the 3rd January. Please note that Thursday the 21st and Friday the 22nd will be used for clean-up and declutter duties, so the machine shops will not be in operation.

The timber gathering from the old Barbeques Galore store has been completed and we have a wealth of good quality timber for sale and use on shed projects. Prices are on the white board. Please see Graham or Geoff if you wish to purchase any.

Following the recent and past damage done to equipment in the Metal Shop equipment, a camera has now been installed and that area is now under surveillance as is the case with the rest of the shed.

Our Christmas function has been and gone and was very well attended. There was plenty of good food and fellowship. And of course, the usual and mandatory raffles. Much fun and laughter was had by all

whom attended. A very big thank you to Graham and his helper Rick who made it all happen. Well done gents.

Merry Christmas to you all

The next Bunnings BBQ is on Sunday 31st December with onions to be cut on Friday 29th. Thanks to those that have put their names forward to cut the onions and to those that have nominated themselves to work the BBQ on the Sunday. The BBQ to follow that is on Saturday the 6th Jan with onions to be cut on Friday the 5th January. We have some names on the board to work the BBQ but need more and we will also require onion cutters on the Friday before.

WE STILL NEED A BBQ MANAGER.

The markets continue to run well and Mike Lockhead has now taken over the reigns allowing Rick to take some time off and get some time back into the other things he wants to do/achieve. Thanks very much Rick for the work you have done with the markets, a job done very well.

That's it from me.

Mark Smith

Christmas Luncheon

The shed Christmas luncheon was held on Tuesday 12th December at the North Shore Country Club . 54 members and partners attended and a scrumptious meal was consumed and appreciated by all who attended.



December Committee meeting Highlights

Rick Otero (Secretary)

During the December meeting we covered:

1. Bunnings has agreed to the dates we requested for 2024 sausage sizzles.
2. While the city's part of the Metal Workshop waterproofing is done we still plan additional work on the gate to help with rain intrusion.
3. A new draft of the SOP has been completed and will be shared with members in January for review.
4. An update of the 5 year plan will be shared with members in January.
4. The Christmas function was a success with 54 members attending. Thanks to Graham for pushing to make this happen and doing the bulk of the work.
5. We are looking to support John Eaton in putting up a new JMS sign made of saws on the front fence. We need old saw donations please!
6. Finance - we purchased a new accounting system - Xero. We have also engaged an accountant to review the 2023 statements. Additionally the asset update was completed - Whew! Thanks to Steve Brooks - our asset manager - for doing the heavy lifting.
7. Micro Dust Extraction - We are going to add a project to the 5 year plan to add micro dust extraction in the Wood workshop.
8. Little Phil - We are using Little Phil to get grant money for the Truck restoration. As a reminder, general shed revenue and donations ARE NOT used for the truck project. Members/Donations must specify Truck donation when submitted.
9. Brian Hill and Chris Drury met with City Leadership during a luncheon to develop relationships with council members and the CEO in preparation for gaining support for the 5 year plan.
10. Net profit for November was \$5752.92
11. Guitar Donations - we had a donation of guitar bodies and necks (they need lots of work)... if a member is interested in restoring one of these contact Rick (Colin is the lead on the restoration project).
12. Membership - We had 130 general members and 24 associates as of December 9th.
13. Markets - We made \$747 revenue in November, down from last year as market attendance is down dramatically this year. We are looking at expanding to Hillarys and North Shore Markets next year. Welcome to Mike Lockhead the new Sales and Marketing Manager.
14. As we close the year a special thanks to Graham, Geoff, Bill, and the shed supervision team for all they do for the shed. Thank you!

First, I wanted to thank all the Market producers and sellers for their GREAT support in 2023. We raised over \$10,000 for Shed Operations. Thank you!!!!

Second, again welcome Mike Lockhead your new Shed Sales and Market Manager for 2024.

Third, We have one market scheduled for January, and could use help doing a restock. The items we are short of or need repaired are: children's tool boxes, repair of children's picnic tables, summer wine tables, children's push carts, children's ironing boards and laundry racks, and smaller cheese boards. While we have plenty of standard size cutting boards, there is always interested in larger (bread board/turkey carving size) cutting boards.

Thanks Again!

Rick

Shed Activities and Projects

THE TRUCK

Photos and article by Bill Street

We have painted the chassis, we did the clean up and rust removal ourselves which saved us about \$2.500 now starting to put back together painted headlights surrounds and wipers grill and rims white. Received all wheel bearings and uni/joints today. All is going well, slowly but surely. We will need more donations next year to continue the project.



Please support Joondalup Tyrepower they have sponsored the truck rebuild and supplied two of the four tyres free of charge.

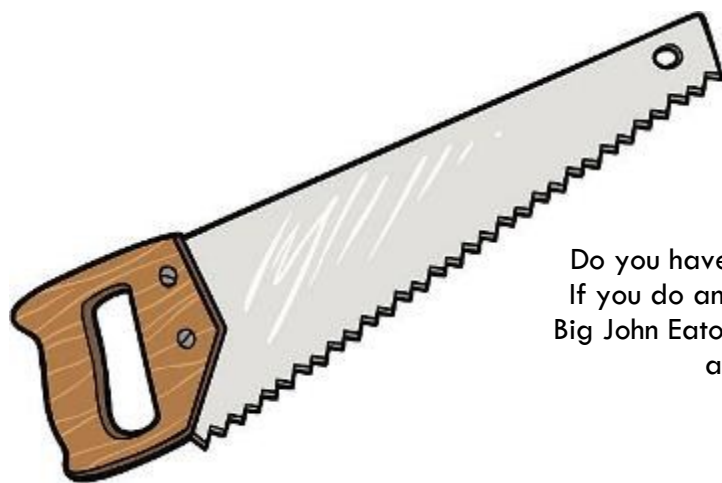


Patrick Hadley quietly working away making one of his bi planes for the markets. He has made dozens of these planes and they are a popular item with the children.



November 2023 attendance statistics compiled by Ian Mc Callum

Period	Week Start	Week End	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.		Weekly totals
Week 1	1/11/23	5/11/23	xxxx	xxxx	33	19	31	0	0		83
Week 2	6/11/23	12/11/23	30	49	33	31	28	0	0	1 visitor	171
Week 3	13/11/23	19/11/23	26	48	36	24	25	0	0	2 visitors	134
Week 4	20/11/23	26/11/23	32	53	33	29	24	0	0	1 visitor	141
Week 5	27/11/23	30/11/23	31	47	38	28	xxxx	xxxx	xxxx		144
Total			119	197	153	141	108	0	0		673
Working days		22 days									
Weekly average			29.75	49.25	30.6	28.2	27	0	0		
Total for The month		673									
Men per day		30.6									

**OLD HAND SAWS WANTED**

Do you have any old hand saws hanging around in your shed?
If you do and would like to rid yourself of them please contact
Big John Eaton John is intending to install a JMS sign on the fence
and needs several saws to do the project

Hats Off



TO

Our shed Manager Graham Duffy and his helpers for organizing
and running the Christmas lunch. A big effort enjoyed by all who
attended.

SHED CLOSURE

The shed will be closing at 12 noon
on Friday 22nd December
and re opening on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

FUND RAISERS

Farmers Markets

Joondalup Mens Shed



KINGSWAY MARKETS
Saturday 13th January
Saturday 3rd February



Our stall at the Stirling Markets on Sunday 17th brought in \$480.00. For some reason it was rather quiet compared to previous times when we usually take more than twice that much. However it was an enjoyable time and the team did a great job setting up and selling. Our products.

Introducing Mike Lockhead

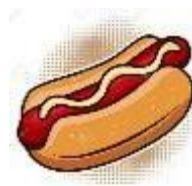


Mike is the new Marketing Manager and is taking over from Rick Otero.

Mike would surely like some more shedders
 Producing toys etc. for sale at the markets.

Sausage Sizzles

Sun 31st December and Saturday 6th January



January Birthday Celebrations



Birthday greetings to you all

Hedley Bond
Mark Brayshaw
John Eaton
Bob Heasman
Jim Inglis
Colin Mellows
Robert Morgan
John Rourke
John Rowsell
Mark Smith
Gordon Walsh
Bob Wilson
Neil Winzer
Sue Coxon
Margaret Peirce
Jane Trinder

Welcome to new member

Benjamin Charnley

Welcome to the shed Benjamin

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.

The total number of paid up ordinary members as at December 2023

129

The total number of paid up associate members as at December 2023

24

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 Chris Drury. He will make enquiries and visit if necessary and keep Sheddars informed.

Chris Drury: chris.drury@sumphero.com

THE LADIES PAGE

December was a busy month for the associate members .

Our Christmas stall at Bunnings was beautifully set up by the ladies .

This was followed by an open day and craft sale up at the Shed on the 11th . It was also an opportunity to welcome new potential members .

We were all very pleased with the amount of money we raised at both events .

I am delighted to announce that Lisa Cook is now our second supervisor in the Tool Shed. Her knowledge and her calm approach is appreciated by us all.

Welcome aboard Lisa .

Thank you to all the members for a great year of friendship , sharing and fun . We can all look forward to a wonderful year ahead .

On behalf of all the ladies may we wish all the members a happy Christmas and a safe and healthy 2024.



Mel Forster





SETTING THE BENCH MARK OF ATTIRE

This is the coat that our Treasurer Brian Hill wore to the Christmas luncheon. Had he been in the shed paint shop doing a quick painting job before attending the show?



Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

Because he had very low elf esteem.

What does the Grinch do with a baseball bat?

Hits a gnome and runs.

What do you call a broke Santa Claus?

Saint-nickel-less.

What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?

A rebel without a Claus.

Why does Scrooge love reindeer so much?

Because every single buck is dear to him!

What do you get when you cross a duck with Santa?

A Christmas quacker.

What do you call an elf wearing ear muffs?

Anything you want. He can't hear you!

What do you call a blind reindeer?

I have no eye deer.

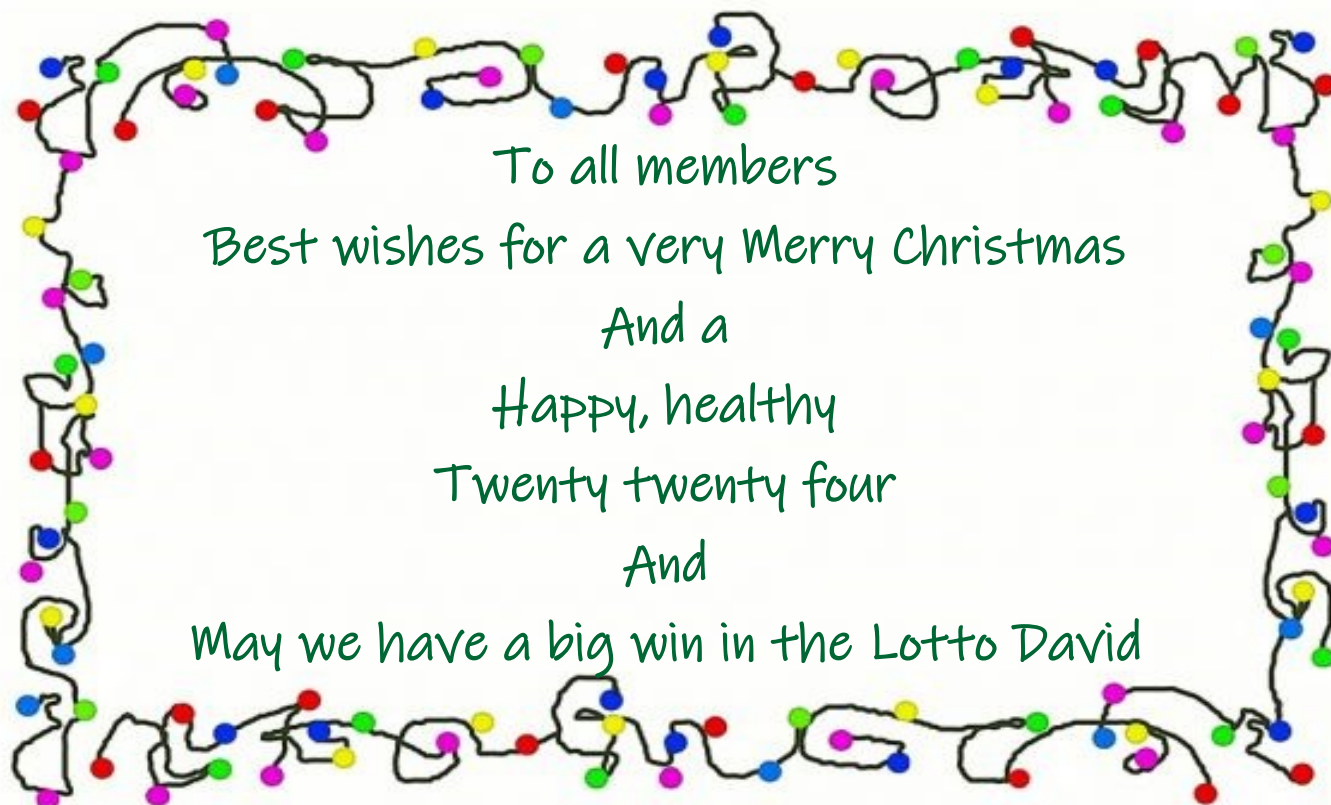
Why couldn't the skeleton go to the Christmas party?

He had no body to go with.

How is Christmas exactly like your job?

You do all the work and some fat guy in a suit gets all the credit.





To all members
Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas
And a
Happy, healthy
Twenty twenty four
And
May we have a big win in the Lotto David

SOMETHING TO PONDER Part Two

16. As I watch this generation try and rewrite our history, I'm sure of one thing: it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

17. As I've grown older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy-efficient.

18. I haven't got anything done today. I've been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.

19. If you find yourself feeling useless, remember: it took 20 years, trillions of dollars, thousands of lives and four presidents to replace the Taliban with the Taliban.

20. Turns out that being a "senior" is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

22. I'm on two simultaneous diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.

24. My mind is like an internet browser. At least 18 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.

25. Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.

26. My wife says I keep pushing her buttons. If that were true, I would have found mute by now.

27. There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest.