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NEWSLETTER



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- Russell S 07/3
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- Stan B 26/3

CALENDAR - March

Thursday 6th 10.30am AGM

Wednesday 12th from 6.00pm Shedder and partners tea at Commercial Hotel, 76 Commercial St West

Thursday 13th 10.30am Members Meeting

Tuesday 18th 10.30am Management Meeting

Friday 21st Glenburnie Race gates need 10 people

Thursday 27th 11am BBQ

Thursday 27th South West Network Gathering at Warrnambool Mens Shed, 91 Hyland Street, 11am to 1pm Vic time.

Arrange your own transport/car sharing.

Great opportunity to network and talk about what is going on with other sheds within the geographical area of Western Vic and SA bordering sheds.

If you would like to contribute information or an article to your newsletter, talk to Editor David N or email

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NEW MEMBER PROFILE

WILL MARLICK



Will is a bricklayer by trade and is also a solid plasterer. He is from Port Elizabeth, South Africa and has worked everywhere as his trade allows for nomadic work. Will has also worked as a building inspector. He enjoys working on classic cars, doing projects around the house and cooking especially traditional South African food. Will is looking forward to good company in the shed and using his hands to do things.



Scott B preparing to take a photo

Thanks to Scott B and Dave L who have kindly offered to assist with taking photos for the newsletter.

Many of our members are often required to travel to Adelaide for medical reasons. Remember to claim your expenses through the PATS scheme. The information below may be helpful to those who do not have people in Adelaide to stay with. Book in early for this low cost accommodation. Cottages 4 Country Care provide accommodation for people from country communities who require medical and/or community services offered in Adelaide.. Cottages 4 Country Care provides



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Peter K back in Mt Gambier hospital. Great to see his smile



Jim G demonstrating the therapy aid he made for a fellow shedder



At the members dinner— Sue K receiving the craft room sign made on the CNC machine, from Ian B

On behalf of Peter and myself, I would like take this opportunity to thank all who have supported us over the last 8 & 1/2 months since Peter had his Basal Ganglia stroke.

We have had a lot of you visit us in Adelaide and Mt Gambier hospitals. We have also appreciated the phone calls, messages, the group who did the working bee in our garden which was organised by Jeff & Heather R and Jeff R for keeping my car going while I was in Adelaide. Thanks to David, Peter & Ian for keeping you all informed of Peter's progress.

The visits definitely brighten up Peter's day and the smile on his face lightens my heart so much. Thanks also to those who have contributed in making equipment, garden beds and my craft room sign too. This is all so much appreciated.

Hopefully Peter will be home soon once everything is organised for a wheelchair environment. You are all very welcome to visit us at home too.

Once again a very big THANKYOU to you all.

Peter & Sue K

I've found a website that might be of interest to members.

It is www.instructables.com - an American site that has thousands of projects for people who like doing things. On entering the site, you get this menu:



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Selecting "Workshop" and clicking the down-arrow in the All Channels box opens a long list of topics, including 3D-Printing, CNC, Home Improvement, Knives, Metalworking, Woodworking and Workbenches.

In Woodworking there are 7900 projects covering all sorts of stuff. I can get lost for hours reading lots of things that look interesting. In nearly all cases, the instructions are well set out and easy enough to understand, and they all seem to be well supported by photographs.

Being American, nearly all the dimensions are imperial, so that takes a bit of getting used to (and I know that none of us are old enough to have used inches and ounces) but even then it's quite interesting.

Have a look and see what you think.

Provided by a Shedder

Editors note—Google is a great resource for ideas as well as You Tube to learn how to do something



Some members do a lot of jobs behind the scenes

Here is one working hard to chip and remove weeds in the car park



Members brewing trouble at morning tea



Above & below—monthly BBQ's



Grant S adding a secret ingredient to the scones



Frew Park project

The picket fence on the cricket ground is to be replaced. Mt Gambier Council approached Mens Shed to make 149 panels with 30 pickets per panel. Council have provided all the material required. The following pictures show the progress so far.



Current Frew Park fence



John K & Glen B using metal templates to drill 4 holes in each picket with hand drills



Bundle of pickets to be trimmed to size. Wheelie bin of off cuts



It was decided the press drill would do a more accurate job. Dave L said he had a 'boring job'.



From right—Russell S trimming pickets, John K & Glen B drilling holes, Peter Ha & Jeff R assembling panels



Glen B decided he wanted a 'boring job' too



Above—6 metre main rails

Below—Jeff R, David N & Russell S cutting rails in half



Some of the completed fence panels



Which bit do I need?



Peter Ha & Peter He assembling panels using spacers on the pickets in an alignment jig



Above & below
From humble bits of wood to a log truck
A Toy Boy production





Glen B with his sugar free Lollypop



John S being the 1st operator on the new lathe

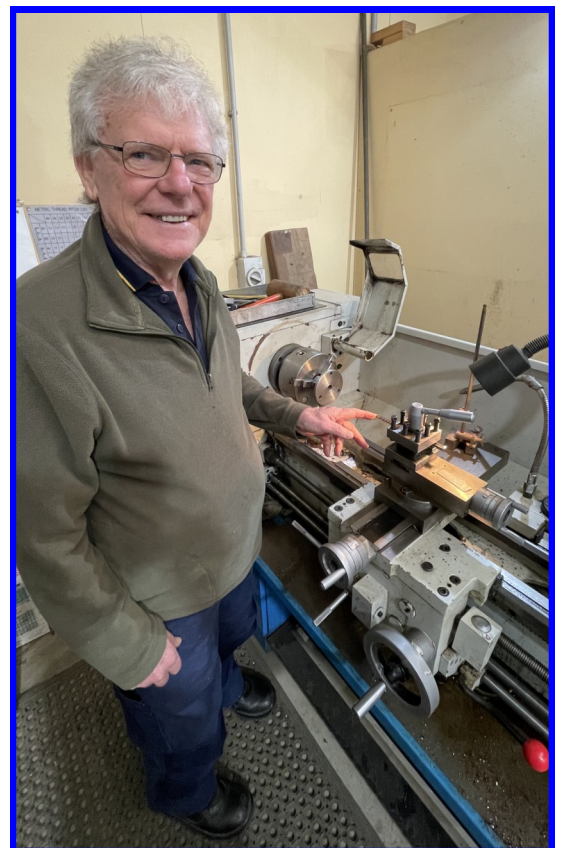


Above—Jim G beginning a folding dolls house

Below—the folding dolls house pictures



Jim T in his favourite place. Scott B preparing to take a photo



Jim T at the lathe preparing to cut a keyway





Graham T sharpening his carving tool



Don C creating artwork on the lathe

Graham T carving an intricate design for the backrest of a chair



Gary A making a hobby horse



Jim T, Don L, Rob B & Geoff H doing nothing in particular



Scott B inspecting Ron Porter's latest production



Geoff H sorting no longer required metal tools for online sale



Members and partners meal at Mac's Hotel



Peter He testing everyone's hearing with a wood whistle



Scott B on the bench grinder



Trevor A & Ian A finishing the new bench for the new milling machine



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