



MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER



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CALENDAR - May

Wednesday 7th	6.30pm	Shedder and partners tea at Wild Ginger Thai, 17 Commercial Street West
Thursday 8th	10 am	Members Meeting
Friday 9th		Glenburnie Race gates
Tuesday 13th	10 am	Management M/ting
Thursday 15th	9.30-10.30	Into Work Visit
'Men Empowering Men Workshop' Shed visit		
Thursday 29th	11 am	BBQ lunch

If you would like to contribute information or an article to your newsletter, talk to Editor David N or email mgmensshed@gmail.com



Anzac biscuits were enjoyed at smoko in April

A shedder recently visited other Mens Sheds in his travels

Mannum SA

meet Wednesdays 9am-1pm. They make garden beds, bench seats, firepits, do community projects and host a free monthly lunch. One member is planning to move to Mt Gambier.



Mildura

Victoria meet Saturdays 9 am—noon. 50 members, \$30 fees + \$30 insurance. Share rear of site with Sunraysia Tafe . 3 x 40' containers with full roof covering 5 spaces. Full ducted dust collection system, swivel fumes collector in welding area, test & tag annual cost \$560. Shed supported by local entrepreneur.



Swan Hill

Victoria meet Tuesdays 9am—noon. Co-habit shed with Neighbourhood House who pay the insurance. 10 members, make small garden beds and do repairs for community.



Provided by a Shedder

*Wisdom is but a powerful tree in the mind's forest.
It grows stronger, sturdier, and with time
becomes an undeniable component
of a person's landscape.*

Frew Park project is finished

Mt Gambier Men's Shed partnered with Mt Gambier City Council to construct a new fence to replace the existing, tired and aged fence that stands at the Frew Park Site.

149 panels were required.

There were several 'teething issues' at the commencement of the project: the council supplied the pickets at 900mm long when they were required to be at 700mm, meaning the team of members had to dock 200mm off each picket, causing more time to construct the panels.

4,768 pickets were created.

The timber for the panel rails came in 6 metre lengths and were required to be docked down to 3 metre lengths and then have 45o angles cut to allow the panels to butt up against one another when erected onsite by the City Council.

98 rails were made.

Each panel had 32 pickets attached and each picket required 4 screws.

19,072 screws used.

75 posts were required to join the panels.

The process took approximately 55+ hours to complete from start to finish and members did a great job to do it in this time frame. At one point the longest part of the job was the pre-drilling of the holes for the men out on the production line to place the screws and the overall project saw some 15-20 men working on it whether it be docking, pre-drilling and constructing the panels.

Members that are sometimes at loose ends with projects kept busy during this time and it gave them a sense of purpose to attend the shed on a regular basis.

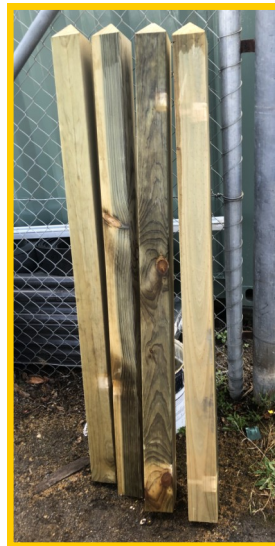
The project was overseen with the leadership of Jeff Redwood and Peter Halleday as his 2IC.

Mount Gambier City Council collected the panels from our work area and stored them on their site where they then painted the panels white ready for installation.

Management Committee thank all involved in the project. Job well done.



Rob B & David N spacing pickets on the rails



Posts to join panels



Jeff R cutting pickets





Bunnings Easter family night. Ian B, Mark P, Jeff R



Graham T with a new stained glass design



Ben K producing scones. Ben has done a great job for a long time, appreciated by many members



Jim G with the finished dolls house



Ian A learning the new mill

A wise man never wears his wisdom like a badge

*Never decide you are smart enough.
Be wise enough to recognise
that there is always more to learn.*

Meal with partners at Jens Hotel



An intimate dinner for two when there is no space at the other tables



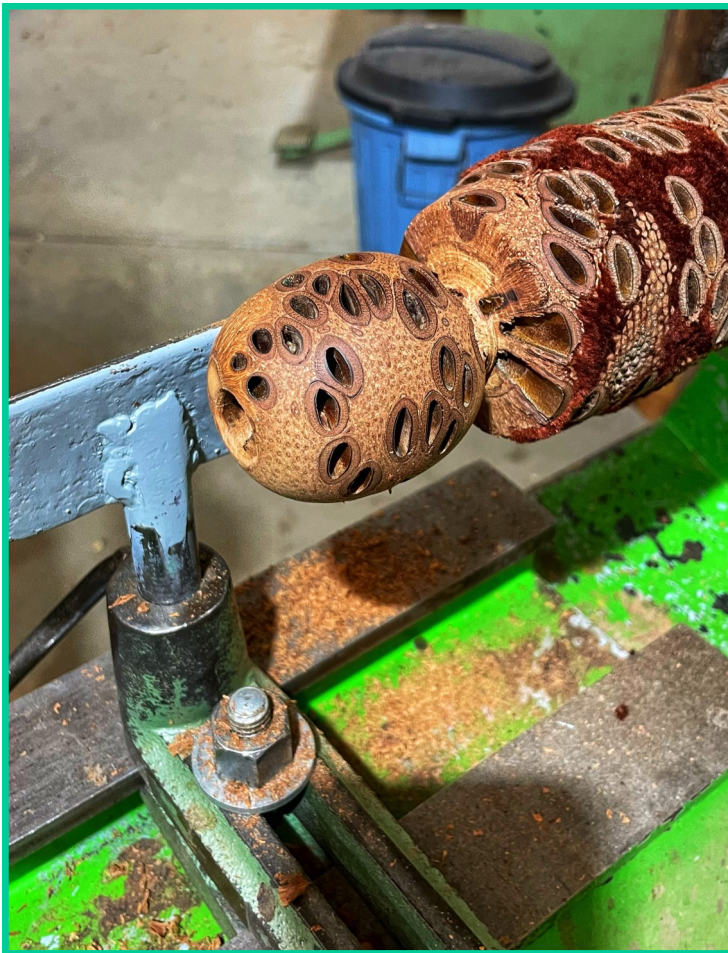
Lathe art



Redgum



Don C working with banksia wood on the lathe



Allan V making a side table



John K making a garden trolley



Doug R making a rolling pin



More shelving installed for the new lathe



Ian A working the lathe with Jim T supervising



Gary A with a wooden telephone



Ian A & Trevor A comparing imperial precision measuring tools



Above Frank McA preparing the base of a garden bed with Steve M assisting

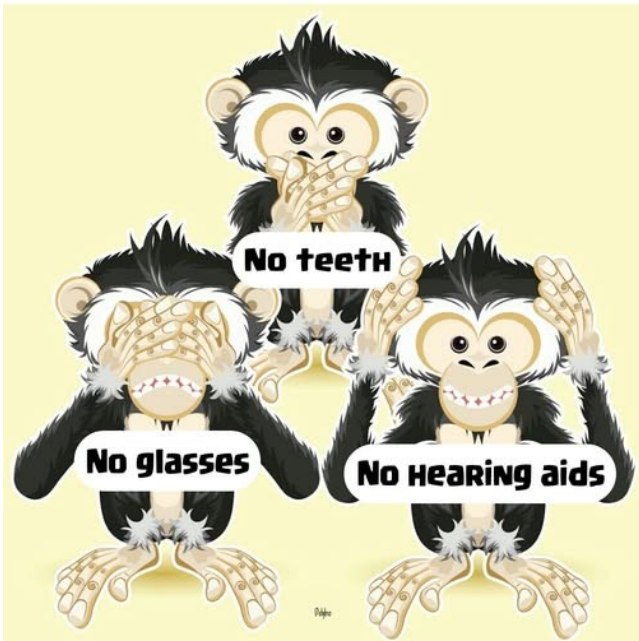


Right Garden bed with frame attached

Below Frank and Steve attaching the cover



The three senior wise MONKEYS



So a friend of mine works at a car dealership, a young person came in with an older car and wanted to know why his iPhone charging port is scratching his screen and not charging!



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