



The Outhouse

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Aveley Community Festival

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The Ellenbrook and Districts Men's Shed took an active part in this year's event setting up a couple of marquees displaying some of the many and varied items that members of the Shed have made and which are for sale to the public.

A woman is on trial for beating her husband to death with his guitar collection... The judge asks her, "First offender?" She says, "No, first a Gibson! Then a Fender!"

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The Editor apologises for the lack of content in this issue. Contrary to how it looks the members of the Shed have been busy completing projects.

BUSY BEE No 1

On 18th May 2024 Colin, who recently stepped down as Vice President due to family commitments, arranged a busy bee to sort out the accumulation of unserviceable timber inside and outside the main storage shed/



Appearance of the right side of the Storage Shed with a large quantity of old unserviceable timbers removed and reduced to firewood. For the first time in a long time you could actually see the floor.



A good size area at the rear of the Main shed cleared following the treatment of recycled jarrah timber to remove nails.



Two large stacks of jarrah complete with nails treated and useable lengths stacked (See picture bottom left.)

With the nails removed, these lengths of jarrah are ideal for the making of cutting boards.

To the members at assisted we thank you for your efforts in making improvements to the shed storage areas and for making it easier to find the right timber for a given project.

THANK YOU

MEMBERS REAKFAST

A Members Breakfast was conducted on the 10th April and again on 12th June 2024, with the Members enjoying a meal of eggs, bacon, sausages, tomatoes and onions, with refreshments of tea, coffee and orange juice. As promised the Shed's President Chris, provided a feed of garlic herb mushrooms as an added bonus.

Once gain, to all the members that pitched in to make these Breakfasts successful, cooking, washing and drying dishes, and more, a huge thank you.

PROJECTS

There has been an increase in members of the Ellenbrook Community seeking the assistance of the shed for numerous projects and this is welcomed. Projects come in all sizes and shapes such as:

- Cutting fencing rails on a 60% angle to meet Shire of Swan swimming pool safety approvals;
- Buddy benches for two of the local schools;
- Kids Mud Kitchens;
- Menu Boxes for The Brook Bar and Bistro
- Repair and strengthening of antique dining chairs;
- Building of a Cubby House for another school;
- Jarrah Cutting Boards,
- Weaving Looms for the City of Swan; and
- A fruit stand for yet another school;



Fruit Stand



Different colour legs for the Buddy Benches



Solid Pine Bench Seat
Stock Item — For Sale

ROD'S RECOVERY



Owing to a fall at home, Rod Powell (the Shed's chief wooden toy maker) spent some time at Midland Hospital recuperating and keeping the nursing staff on their toes. Pressure mats and other devices were strategically placed to make sure tha Rod stayed put and did not try to stand or walk around. Honestly, when I (Chris Mabbott) visited him there were more bells and whistles than you would normally hear at KFC or McDonalds.

On 1 May 2024, Rob attended the Midland Hospital and spent some time with Rod. Some one said it was a bit like "Rod the Walker" and "Rob the talker". We all know that Rob could sell ice to Eskimos, or to be politically correct, Inuit Indians.

Members of the Shed welcome Rod back into their midst.



BUSY BEE NO 2



On Friday 21st June 2024 a second Busy Bee was held to finish cleaning up the main storage shed and the shed inn which Sheets of plywood and MDF are stored along with other usable

Not only is the timber left in the racks useable, you can actually see the brick floor of the shed, something that hasn't been the case for some time.

The efforts of members who took part in both these busy bees is commended, with space now available for the storage of freshly donated and purchased timbers.

An elderly gentleman walks into a popular brothel in Melbourne. He marches up to the Madam and says, "I want a woman and I want her now."

The Madam says, "And how old would you be sir?"

The elderly gentlemam says, "I'm 95 years young!"

The Madam says, "Gawd, you've had it!"

The elderly gentleman says, "Have I? How much do I owe you?"