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# WATERWHEEL WAFFLES

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## Quarterly Newsletter of the Waterwheel Community Shed

*(or what's been  
happening at the  
Shed recently!)*

After a lot of thought I've decided to give a revised newsletter a go and see what the response is! (I hope you enjoy it!)

The idea behind the issue of an expanded quarterly newsletter it is to keep all members up to date as to what has been happening at the Shed over the past three months. I'm hoping you will all help me in this endeavour by submitting items or articles of your own.



My wonderful model of a BK117 (thanks Paul)

My starting date is our last Christmas meal we had at the Elizabethan Inn, which I will admit was very enjoyable, and the food very acceptable.

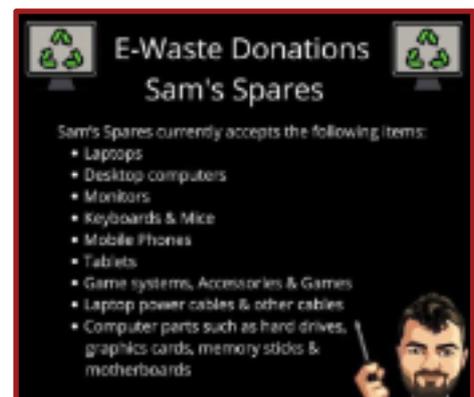
This occasion formerly marked the end of my tenure as your President. On behalf of myself and Nissa I would like to thank you all for your wonderful gifts, which were completely unexpected.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to hold the position of President and thank all the membership for their support in making the Shed a success.

I wish Henry the very best in his tenure as your new President, as I look forward to getting more "hands on!" in the Shed.

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## MONIQUE'S COFFEE SET



Monique putting the finishing touches



As many will know one of our newer members Monique, has taken to wood turning and designing items of wood with a passion. Not only has she become a skilled woodturner in a relatively short time, but her imagination has produced some interesting items.

The latest in her repertoire of wooden items has been a coffee set to provide a home for all those bits and pieces related to making real coffee. As can be seen by the pictures below she has made a great job of turning a lump of wood into an attractive home for all her coffee utensils.

As Monique's logo states, working on wood is....



MY HAPPY  
PLACE

## SHOUTOUT FOR JEFF, OUR FRIENDLY ELECTRICIAN.

For all things electrical, Jeff is your man, particularly around the Shed. Jeff was recently spotted installing a new power point in the Shed extension. I don't think he was growling at me, just concentrating on fixing the new power point!

As many will know, Jeff has been instrumental in installing lights and power to the sea containers, as well as our new undercover area, to extend the working areas outside the Shed.





Bear at his clock station

## BEAR AT WORK

You've seen them hung on the walls of the Shed meeting room. He donated one to the Shed for the meeting room. He sold three at the last market! What are they? Bear's Clocks!

Here is the maestro hard at work with his clock kit of tools. If you want a really good wall clock see the "Bear"!



Dave's favourite job, painting!

Here's Dave hard at work painting (favourite job) his planter made from pallets. It just shows what you can do with a little imagination and a lot of hard work!

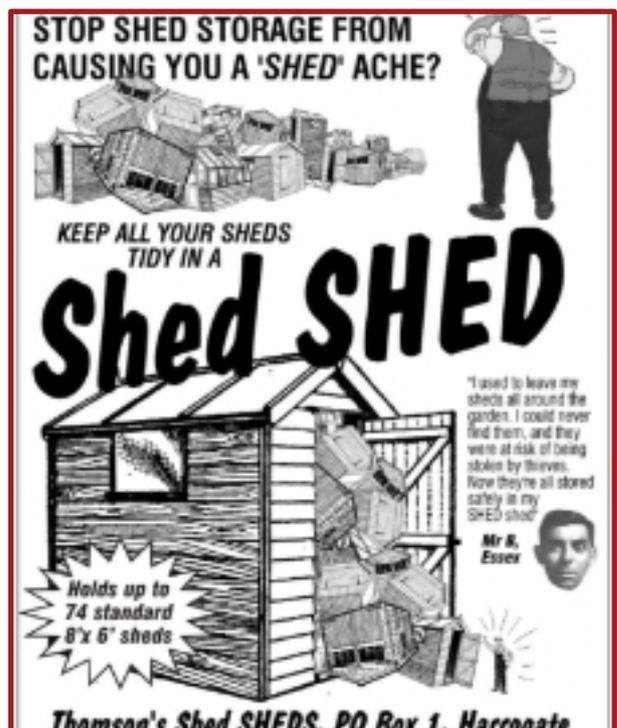
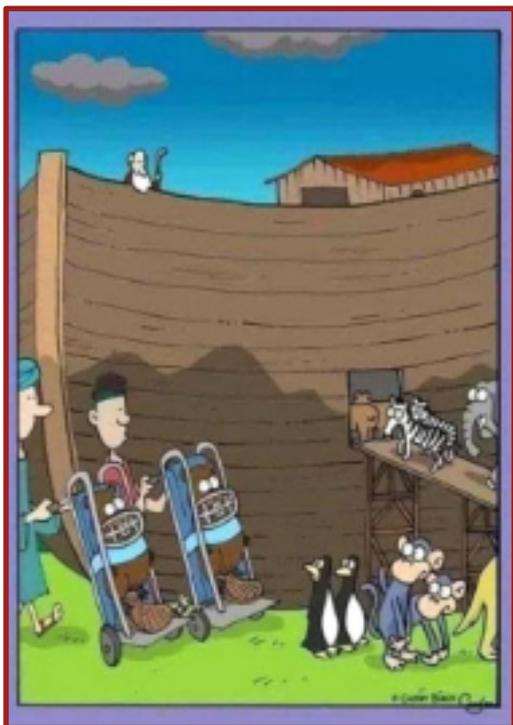
# IAN - OUR SKILLED REPAIRMAN



As many of you may have noticed we've had a few dining chairs knocking about the place of over the past few weeks. This has been due to a customer dropping off two dining chairs for us to fix, after seeing the "Repair Shop" adverts. She was so pleased with the results, she is bringing in four more chairs and the dining table, all to be refurbished!

This has been due to the skills of Ian and John (who is camera shy), who have done a splendid job.

Since it's inception the "Repair Shop" has taken in quite a few items, the charges for repairing them contributing to the Shed's coffers. It has also raised the local community awareness of our existence, and how vibrant and capable we all are.



# FEBRUARY MARKET DAY



The Roleystone February market day officially started our year of selling goods made by the Shed. What a day it turned out to be! We had our best day ever with visitors purchasing around \$1,800 worth of goods (please see the list next page), everything from Paul's wonderful metal animal creations of all sizes, to Bear's magnificent clocks.

We had a great turn out of volunteers to man our stall, such that the writer felt quite redundant! (I did write down the sales though :-)

Our success must be due to the wonderful range of goods we now offer, from possum boxes to drink mats with a multitude of items in between. Thanks to all members for their hard work making saleable creations over the past few months. No time to rest though, as the next Market is on 13th April, so we have two months to re-stock!



# SALES BREAK- DOWN FEBRUARY MARKET

Low cost metal items = 21  
More expensive metal items = 4  
Low cost wooden items = 5  
More expensive wooden items = 7  
Clocks = 2  
Inexpensive, individual metal items were the biggest seller (metal animals of all sorts), followed by more expensive larger wooden items (possum boxes and rail spike coat racks).  
Henry sold a printed fidget spinner type toy unexpectedly, so a few more of those especially for the Christmas market might go well.

## ***Puns?***

Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? Ireland.

*Every day it's Dublin.*

My ex-wife still misses me.

*But her aim is starting to improve.*

The guy who invented the door knocker got a no-bell prize.

Need an ark?

*I Noah guy.*

Item No	Value	Item	Card/Cash
1	\$35.00	Metal owl	Cash
2	\$15.00	Metal dragon fly	Cash
3	\$5.00	Anzac man cutout	Cash
4	\$75.00	Clock (Bear)	Card
5	\$55.00	Metal chicken	Card
6	\$15.00	Small metal elephant	Cash
7	\$25.00	Metal cutout kangaroo	Cash
8	\$50.00	2 x Metal cutout chickens	Card
9	\$25.00	1 x pen + box	Card
10	\$50.00	2 x Metal animals	Cash
11	\$25.00	1 x Metal rooster	Cash
12	\$65.00	1 x chopping board	Card
13	\$75.00	1 x Clock (Bear)	Card
14	\$50.00	1 x Metal animal (Bear)	Cash
15	\$60.00	1 x Metal hedgehog + 1 x metal flower	Card
16	\$130.00	2 x Possum boxes	Card
17	\$5.00	1 x plastic fiddle toy	Cash
18	\$35.00	1 x Black cat metal	Card
19	\$20.00	1 x Rocking man metal	Card
20	\$25.00	1x Coasters (Birds)	Cash
21	\$35.00	1 x Brown cat	Card
22	\$100.00	1 x Spike coat hanger	Card
23	\$65.00	1x Bird feeder	Card
24	\$50.00	1 x Metal animal	Cash
25	\$25.00	1 x Metal duck	Cash
26	\$25.00	1 x Mixed coasters	Cash
27	\$40.00	1x Metal Kangaroo	Cash
28	\$25.00	1 x Metal grass hopper	Card
29	\$25.00	1 x Coasters (animals)	Card
30	\$15.00	1 x Metal dragon	Cash
31	\$25.00	1 x Metal Emu	Card
32	\$60.00	1 x Spike coat hanger	Card
33	\$50.00	1 x Flower pot Emu	Card
34	\$20.00	1 x Rocking man metal	Cash
35	\$100.00	1 x Spike coat hanger	Cash
36	\$70.00	1 x Wood jewellery box (hearts)	Cash
37	\$100.00	BBQ	Card
38	\$110.00	1 x Spike coat hanger	Card
39	\$25.00	Anzac man cutout	Card
	<b>\$1780.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	

# YOUR SHED SUPERVISOR PAUL

He usually starts his day by giving the Shed a good blow out! Who is he? None other than your Shed Supervisor - Paul!

Paul has many skills but the one he is using to great effect is welding. You will find him up to his welding gloves in making all sorts of items, a great deal of which we sell at our markets, and other jobs like the one below.



equipment that will enable them to set up and pack away more efficiently each session. Many thanks Paul.



Steps to making an unusual item. First there is lots of cutting...



Followed by lots of welding...



Which in turn is followed by lots of spaying, paint that is...

What is it you might ask? Well, it was originally a lightweight sack truck that has been converted into an all-in-one equipment carrier for the Byford and Districts Croquet Club in Byford.

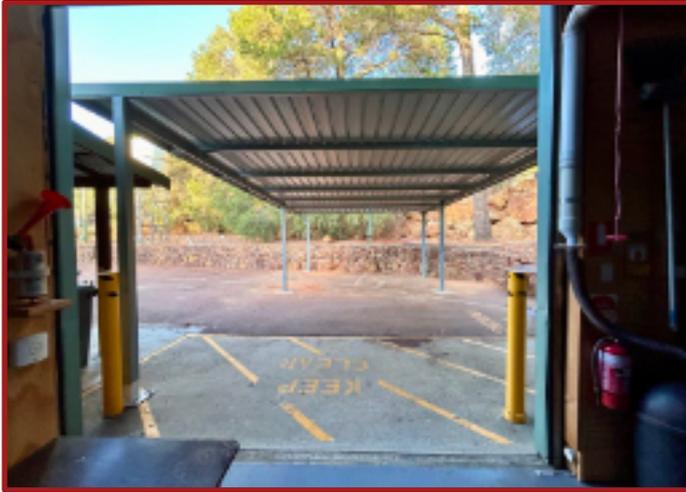
The lower bin hold the eight balls required to operate two games, the four prongs hold the six hoops for each court and the white area has sixteen white marker pegs installed for court edge marking.

Upon delivery the Croquet Club were delighted with their new piece of

To end up with one of these!



## WELL DONE NEIL!



The original Shed roof extension completed earlier this year, greatly extended by our resident "Shed builder" Neil



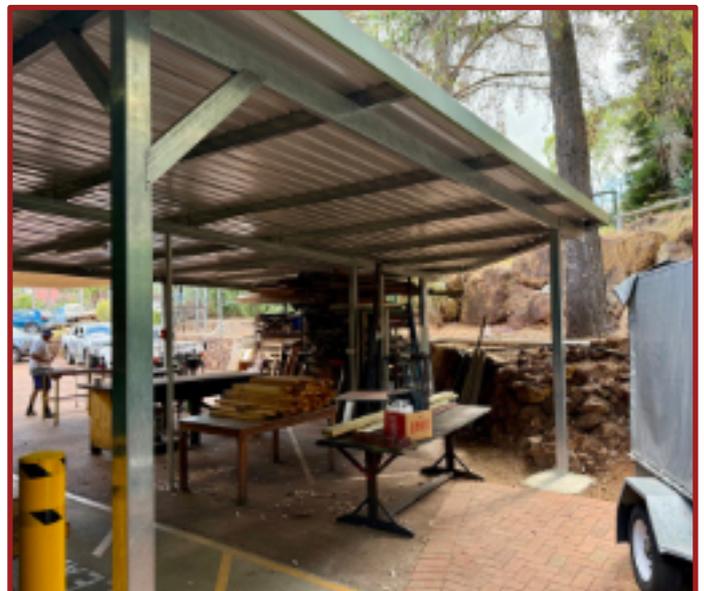
Neil hard at work

You can't stop him - he's a powerhouse of activity! Congratulations to Neil for his sterling work erecting the external add-on shed to house the dust extractors and provide more storage space. This has provided more floor space within the main Shed for benches and tools to be re-sited, providing a more useable interior. Not only that, but Neil has single handed (just about) erected and added more covered area outside the workshop, doubling our outdoor undercover space. He managed both of these tasks for less than half our expenditure on the original outside roof! Now he's putting together

an external steel rack for the welding shop. Is there no end to this man's talents?

Neil would do anything for anyone, but just remember what ever you do, don't use his coffee mug. You can't miss it, it's the one that tells you to "go forth and multiply"!

*My personal thanks Neil for all your help recently (Ed).*



## NEW OUTSIDE AREA

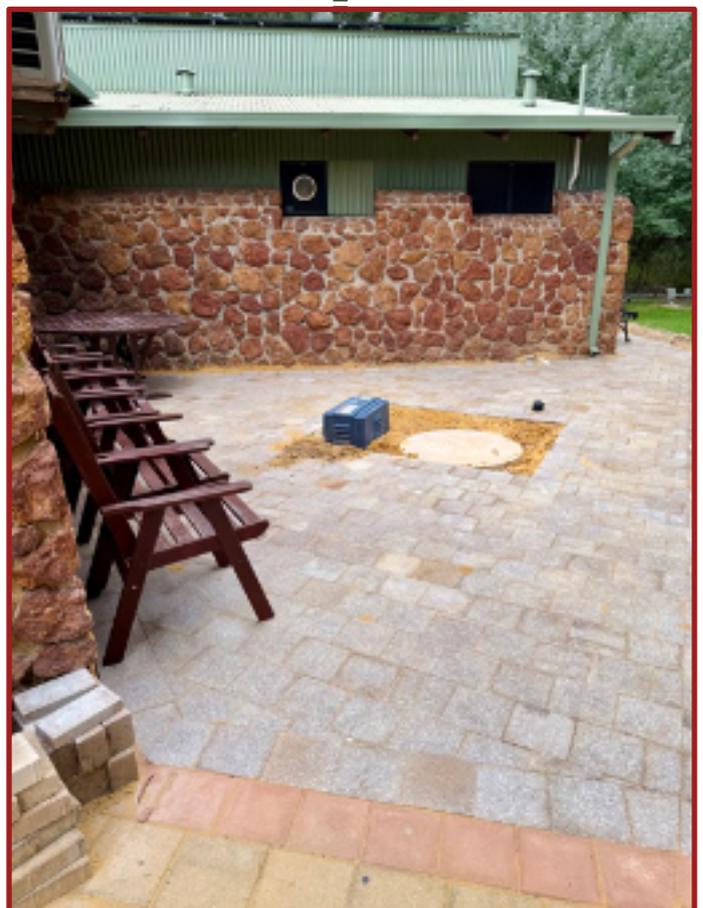
The first picture shows a gentleman from the Council measuring the depth of your pool!

However, the real picture is the pile of broken concrete that was derived after a slab was broken up in our new outdoor area. The plus side is that this area overlooks the grassed and treed park adjacent the Shed, the downside being is that there is a septic tank in the middle! No matter!

The second picture is of the area cleared up by members of the Shed ready for paving whilst the third is the pile of bricks ready to go.

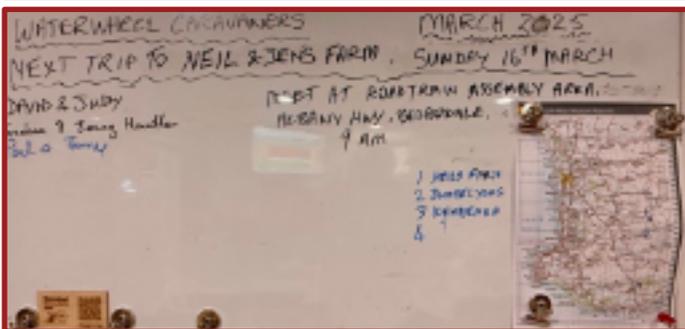
Henry informed me that the paving gentlemen will be here this month, and the area finished before this newsletter goes to print. I hope to have a picture of the finished article. Once the paving is complete, shade sails will be erected to cover the area and the septic tank suitably disguised, but easily available to the gentleman in the first picture!

This rejuvenated area will provide much pleasanter surrounds for bbq's and outdoor sitting (with septic disguised!)





When asked what happened to the grass at his camping area, Neil replied "Glyphosate mate!"



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March the intrepid Waterwheel Caravaners set off the start of their holiday with a visit to Neil's farm.



Neil and his parents earlier home on the farm after living in a camper trailer. Amazing couple of days at the farm, very impressive infrastructure, buildings and machinery.



**Day 2. Kulin, The Tin Horse Highway.**



Paul brought his 'Left ,Right, Center, Keep' dice game played with 20 cent pieces. A lot of fun.





Dinner at the Dumbleyung Tavern.



Salt lake where Donald Campbell set water speed record.



**Day 4.** Graham brought a game that is similar to 10 pin bowling, except for the use of a rolling pin to score with! Now that was good fun too.



**Day 5.** We set up at Kendenup.

**Day 6.** Some of us climbed Castle Rock to the Sky Walk for amazing views to Albany. That evening, most of us went to the Country Club for a meal and/or beer. It only opens Friday evenings and it seems most of the town goes there.

## STEVE AND MONIQUE SELL BIG!



As well as selling at the Roleystone Market every quarter, we also have representation at the Bedfordale Markets held in the Bedfordale Hall.

Steve Hughes's wife helps organise this event, so Steve has volunteered to represent us each time at the monthly market, beginning in March each year.

This time his enthusiastic helper, wearing her new Shed shirt, was Monique, and between the two of them managed to sell goods to the value of \$370.

For those making future items for sale, I've included this list for your interest.

### Sales Bedfordale Market March 2025

Item No	Value	Item	Card/Cash
1	\$20.00	Metal Scorpion	Cash
2	\$6.00	Plastic eggs	Cash
3	\$80.00	Food presentation board	Efpos
4	\$15.00	Walking Stick	Cash
5	\$60.00	2 x Pens	Eftpos
6	\$25.00	Metal owl	Cash
7	\$35.00	Rolling pin	Cash
8	\$5.00	Sock pull	Card
9	\$40.00	Food presentation board	Card
10	\$40.00	Food presentation board	Cash
11	\$50.00	Bird Feeder	Eftpos
	<b>\$376.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	



### Day 7. Packing up to travel home.

Seven caravans before Paul and Jennifer had to leave. Fourteen people and two dogs over the seven days. Participants - Neil and Jen, Larry and Jan, Lyal and Janice, Paul and Jennifer, Graham and Jenny, Mox and Jean, and David and Judy.

Yes, all the girls names start with J!  
We really enjoyed good weather and good company.

Thanks to all for contributing to a good trip.

Special thanks to Neil and Jen for the farm stay, the photos can't do it justice.

**David and Judy Hawke.**

# BEHIND THE MASK: THE GUIDE TO NEW AND TRENDING SCAMS



## The Lowercase 'l' and the Fake Cab Website: The Difference One Little Letter Can Make!

One of our Melbourne clients let us know about a fake website impersonating 13 Cabs. The website domain looked identical to the official website except for a small but crucial difference. The "l" in "13 Cabs" was actually the lowercase letter "L." The fake website was designed to steal a person's name, address, email, and financial details. The fake website was found when clients were Google searching for cabs, and it appeared near the top of the list as a sponsored option.

Tip:

Remember that criminals can pay to have their fake websites appear at the top of a Google search too. Always check a website closely for errors.

## The "No Interest Loan" Scam Impersonating Our Much-Loved Charities

How low can criminals go? Taking advantage of low-income earners searching for No Interest Loans by impersonating our reputable charities like Good Shepherd and Salvos is a new low. IDCARE analysts have detected a spike in these scams in January, with more than one report each day. In most cases, the client saw an advertisement for the No Interest Loan that appeared to be from a charity, advertised on Facebook. What's interesting about these cases is that criminals have used it to access their victims' myGov accounts – and that's where the damage is being done.

Tip:

If you are looking for a No Interest Loan, visit the charity's website directly and

don't go there through adverts on social platforms or links in emails and text messages. It is also important to protect your myGov account with a passkey, instead of a password.

## NEW MEMBERS LAST THREE MONTHS



David Azzam



Gino Castafaro



David Carroll

# THE MONEY PAGES

## GRANTS & DONATIONS



As many of you may realise we raise money to support the Shed in various ways. These are Membership fees, the Coffee boat, donations and Grants.

By appearing regularly at the Roleystone quarterly markets, and the Bedforddale markets, we raise much needed capital to use for the purchase of tools and equipment.

Another major source of income are Grants. These are sums of money that are offered by many and varied bodies to promote their causes, and support organisations such as ours.

You may not know that your President, Henry has been instrumental in applying for, and getting a number of grants over the time prior to our tenure, and during our time at the Waterwheel Shed.

Here are a list of most of the grants we have applied for, and been lucky enough to have received.

I have also included notable donations.

July 2023 - June 2024 = \$5000 (ex GST)

July 2023 - June 2024 = \$20,500 (inc GST)

June 2024 to present = \$6000 (inc GST)

I have not gone further back in time as this involved spending of the remainder of our Lotterywest grant to build a Shed back in 2016 as the 'Roleystone Men's Community Shed.'

Bodies we have received grants and donations from:

Department of Communities \$11,000

Department of Social Services \$4,000

Men's Sheds WA \$3,718

Roleystone Real Estate \$1,457

Jarrahdale Settlements \$500

City of Armadale \$1000

Hugh Jones MLA \$200

Men's Sheds WA \$550

Department of Social Services \$2600

Applying for Grants, and receiving the monies can be a long and tedious process, and they are always followed by proving their acquittal.

One grant we received some nine months ago was to set up our Community Shed garden. However, for reasons not yet clear we have been turned down. Inevitably this will mean Henry will now have to apply for a variation of the grant, as it was supposed to have been acquitted within twelve months of being granted! Having spent some of the money already towards setting up the Garden, Henry will find another avenue to justify keeping and the spending of the rest of the monies. Not an easy or straightforward task! One step forward, two steps back!

With the re-election of Hon. Hugh Jones MLA, we will soon be receiving the \$10,000 promised for a new Bandsaw and new Thicknesser. It should not take too long for these to find their way into the Shed.

Of course if you have any questions on the Shed's finances, please contact Henry or Jack, who will be able to bring you up to date with our monetary circumstances. Another way of keeping up to date is to attend one of the monthly Committee meetings, where the Shed's financial situation is revised to keep the Committee up to date - you never know, you might learn something!

# VISITORS TO THE SHED OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS

## MIA DAVIES

With the State (8<sup>th</sup> March) and Federal elections due we had a couple of visitors to the Shed to win over our votes.

First up in February was Mia Davies, standing for the Nationals in the new electorate of Bullwinkle.

We had a very pleasant get together with Mia providing morning tea.



## HUGH JONES

Our second visitor this quarter was an old friend of the Shed, Hugh Jones. Hugh recently stood for the ALP in the State Elections and I'm please to report, retained his seat for the Darling Range. He now has to make good on his promise of \$10,000 for a new Bandsaw and Thicknesser!

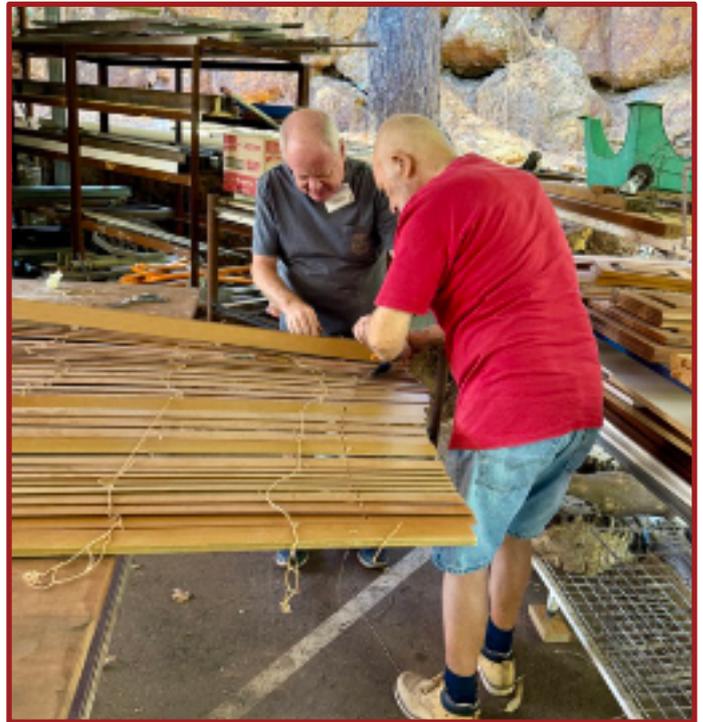
Whatever your politics, it's good to see a local member taking an interest in, and supporting our Shed.



## REPAIR SHOP UNUSUAL JOBS

One of the more unusual recent jobs to come into the Shed via our 'Repair Shop' banner, has been a set of wooden venetian blinds.

It appears that the drawstrings have become worn and tangled. However they are no match for Derek and Keith as they set about restoring these dilapidated sun blockers back to their former working glory. Good luck lads!



OUR MASTER WOODTURNER



Hard at work in the woodturning sea container, our master woodturner Murray hard at work.

If you want to learn woodturning, then Murray is your man - just ask Monique!

## DEATH TO MOSSIES!

The City of Armadale recently placed an order with the Department for 660 floating Mosquito “Dunks.”

These dunks are designed to float on the surface of water bodies like ponds, birdbaths, and rain barrels, where mosquitoes usually lay their eggs.

Once placed in the water, the dunks continuously release *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israelensis* (Bt), a natural larvicide that specifically targets mosquito larvae. This bacterium paralyses the larvae’s digestive system upon ingestion, leading to their demise within days.

By offering a proactive solution to control mosquito populations and reduce the risk of mosquito-borne diseases like Ross River virus, these dunks effectively kill mosquitoes before they can emerge as biting adults.

Mosquito Dunks are an environmentally friendly mosquito control option because they target mosquito larvae while posing minimal risk to non-target organisms. *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israelensis* is a naturally occurring bacterium that is safe for humans, pets, wildlife, and beneficial insects when used as directed. By selectively targeting mosquito larvae, Mosquito Dunks help preserve the ecological balance of aquatic environments while effectively reducing mosquito populations.



The “mossy killers” at work, Keith, Larry and Lyle.

## MONTHLY BBQ

The end of the month BBQ under our newly extended outdoor work area.

Soon we will have a permanent outdoor sitting area, complete with shade sails and overlooking the park area for morning teas and bbq’s in the open, now that the area is paved outside the kitchen (see previous article).

As has been mentioned a few times before with reference to our Shed, “Small, but perfectly formed!”



# DON'T FORGET OUR SPONSORS!

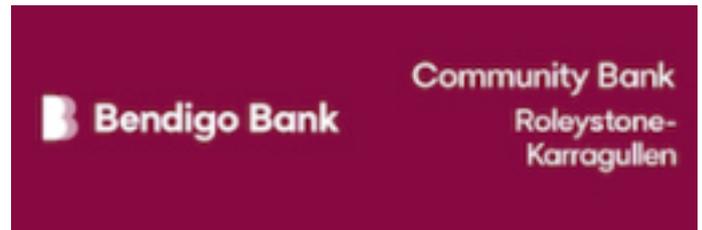
The City of Armadale, who's generous offer to provide and renovate our building, made the Waterwheel Shed a reality.



Lotterywest has been our main donator, without whom our Shed would not have been possible.



The Bendigo Bank, who initiated the idea of a "Men's Shed", and have made large donations over the years.



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**Australian Government**

**Department of Veterans' Affairs**

Department of Veteran's Affairs, who donated money to buy all the recreation room equipment and furniture.

Roleystone Real Estate, who sponsor us on a yearly basis.



Jarrah Settlements, a long time yearly sponsor of the Shed.



The Department of Infrastructure, who have made various donations.



Men's Sheds of WA, who have provided various smaller donations over the years.