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NEWSLETTER



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BIRTHDAYS

Tony P	01/10
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Laurie T	10/10
Grant J	13/10
Peter He	14/10
Vince A	21/10
Bruce A	24/10
Trevor T	24/10

CALENDAR -October

Wednesday 11th at 6.30 Shedders and Partners
 tea at Globe Hotel, 6 Ferrers Street
 Thursday 12th at 10.30 Members Meeting
 Saturday 14th at 11.00 Heywood Shed
 supporting Black Dog at the sound shell - invitation
 Tuesday 24th at 10.30 Committee Meeting
 Thursday 26th at 11.30 Shed BBQ lunch

Advance notice -

Thursday 2nd November at 10.30
 Health talk – defibrillator

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

9. Sliding Bevel



Sliding bevel is an essential woodworking tool. The tool includes a pivoting blade, a screw and a handle. The blade of the tool creates angles with its pivoting mechanism. The desired angle is fixed on a position with the help of the screw. The tool also has a varying screwing system. Some have wingnuts or some have a thumbscrew. And lastly the handle. A typical sliding bevel consists of a wooden handle. It can be of plastic too.

Uses Sliding Bevel

The sliding bevel is mainly used for marking angles on the wood. It plays a vital role in woodworking. This handy tool can easily duplicate the angles from one to another. With the help of this tool, precise angled cuts can be made.

NEW MEMBER PROFILE



Mark Payne has worked in Transport & Logisitcs, the Funeral industry and with Fire & Rescue. He was originally from Portland, has 6 children, 3 snakes and 6 dogs. Mark is interested in meeting new blokes and learning new skills.

Visitor of the month – Roger Kilpatrick
 from Murray Bridge Mens Shed



Paul, Ian & Rob in The Border Watch article 8/9/2023

In celebration of Mens Shed week, the Mount Gambier Mens Shed are reminding locals how important it is to have a community gathering place for men in need of a support network. Mount Gambier Mens Shed secretary Paul Edgeworth said the basic principle of the mens shed was to allow men to get together to share thoughts and experiences with each other. Mr Edgeworth said he initially wanted to support another member of the shed before he joined himself, where he was required to make the members scones. He said making the scones was a long running tradition for members of the shed, which helped to further strengthen the mateships of members involved. "Making things is secondary to our original idea, so the support for each other is the main thing. Generally we do everything here in the shed so the guys are here to interact with each other, we don't go out somewhere to build something for someone else. We get all sorts of requests, so it's open to the imagination as to what can be done and we do have the room to do it." Mr Edgeworth said around 65 to 70% of the members of the Mount Gambier Mens Shed had some form of disability whether it be mental or physical. He said the camaraderie which the mens shed had built allowed there to be a support network for any member of the group in need, including for members who had passed away. "There are various people who provide a support network to ring people up and check in on them when they are unwell." Mr Edgeworth said members would often ask the families of deceased mens shed members if a tribute of scones could be placed on their casket as a sign of respect. Mount Gambier Mens Shed president Ian Bond said members were not obligated to finish jobs as soon as possible and could focus on striking up a conversation if they chose to. Mr Bond added the Mount Gambier Mens Shed was the only shed which actively had members make scones. "There are guys who could be out in the workshop but after smoko, they start a conversation and that's where

they'll stay, while the job they are working on will wait." Mr Bond said a highlight of recent Mens Shed history was contributing hand-crafted toys to the Mount Gambier Christmas Appeal, "When I came here, I had been involved for about 18 months through my Rotary club with a group called the Woodville Toymakers. I came in here, when someone asked me what I used to do, I told him I was part of the toymakers and then he disappeared" I thought I had upset him. "All of a sudden, he came back and had actually been with the council, so we have since been making wooden toys for the Mayor's Christmas Appeal. For four months, I was doing 40 hour weeks and the only time I went inside my home was to go to bed."

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**October is Mental Health Awareness
month: remember to
BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER
and
TREAT EACH OTHER WITH RESPECT**

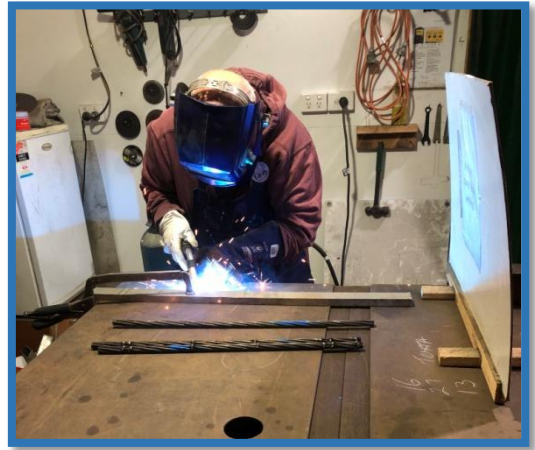


Dinner with partners at Wild Ginger Thai restaurant





Jeff, Ray & Dave with Glen checking to see what they are up to in the office



Ian welding another artistic creation



David in his CNC chair



Ron with his picture framing – the resemblance is uncanny



"Don't let my wife see this" Peter



Trevor with his decorative garden feature

**Imagination is like a magic carpet.
It can take you anywhere.**

A bloke goes to the Doctor for his annual checkup. He is told he has some problems and needs to get some blood tests done. The next day the Doctor rings him and asks to see him in the clinic. Worried, he heads off to the clinic where the Doctor tells him he has Yellow 24 and he should go home to his wife and tell her he only has 24 hours to live and they should do whatever they can in that time. The wife says that's it; "you're coming to bingo with me tonight as you have been promising to go with me for years and have not gone." Off he goes under sufferance and on the first game he wins \$200. The game continues and he wins a square so he receives \$1000 for that. As the game continues he ends up winning the full box and promptly gets \$10,000. The guy doing the Bingo then tells him that it happens to be an Australian wide Bingo that day so he has also won \$80,000 and while giving him his money says "you must be the luckiest man alive." The man says "no mate I have Yellow 24." The bingo man says "be buggered with that ticket you've won the bloody meat raffle as well"

Joke supplied by a Shedder



Rod security engraving equipment



George, Dave & Jeff assist with loading 8 picnic tables for Beachport onto a ute and trailer



Frank getting iron ready for corner angles on raised garden beds



Alan using the metal folder to make corner angles for raised garden beds



Jim supervises the metal lathe – is it on bluetooth setting?



Don making a drill sharpening jig



Do you think Dick does this at home?
Thanks to all who are on the roster to do ablution cleaning duties.

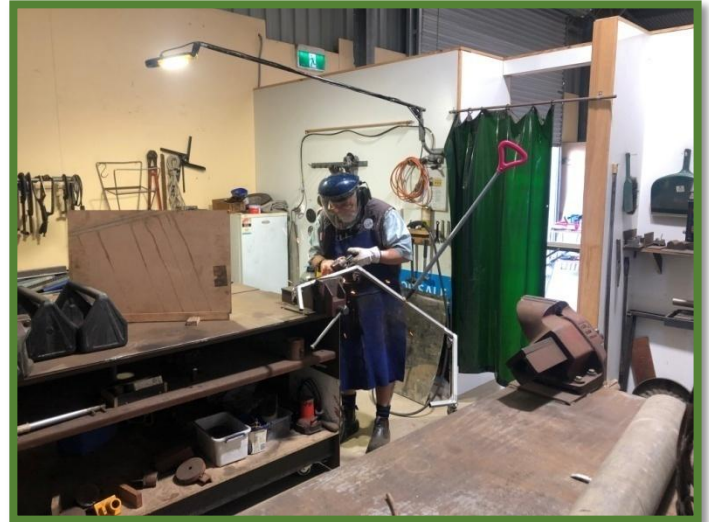
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Kongorong farmer's cypress cut from his own windbreaks to make a beautiful table top

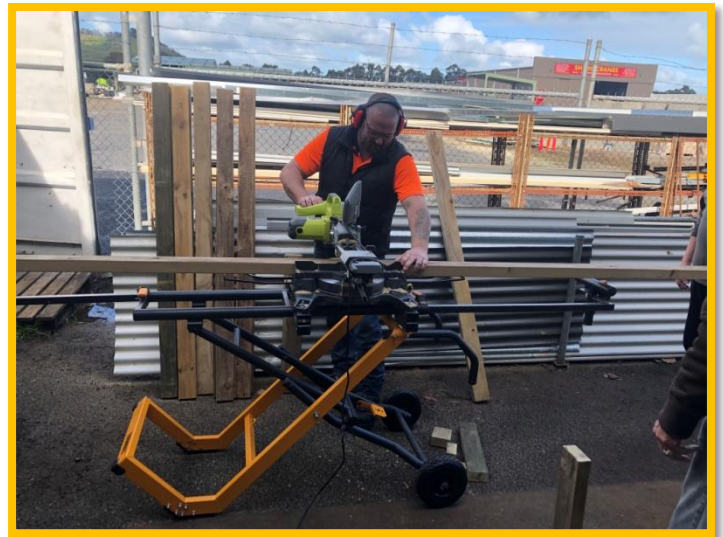


Ray, Jim & Dick with the finished table top

Customers collecting tabletop



Ian making a 'pooper scooper' for collecting lawn bowls
Below is the finished product



Mark using the portable docking saw



John preparing green timber for turning a bowl at a later date



Members enjoying smoko



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