



Strathalbyn Wood Craft Group Inc.
Sawdust & Shavings
August 2022 Newsletter

President's report



2022/23 Committee: I am very pleased to announce the new Committee elected at the July AGM is as follows: Office holders: Eric March (President), Richard Carter (Vice-President), Neil Pokoney (Secretary), Bob Pritchard (Treasurer). The Committee members are: Peter Broadbridge, Frank Chapman, Ken Knight, John Owen, Anne Rogers and Glen Sadler.

There remains one vacant Committee position. If anyone can spare two hours on the first Monday of each month for meetings of the Committee, we would appreciate your input.

Upcoming events

Shed Garage Sale
Saturday 6 August
9am-12noon

Next Social Day Lunch
Monday 29 August
(hamburgers & hot dogs)

Sub-committees: At the July Committee meeting (the first after the AGM), we appointed new members to various sub-committees. It was gratifying to see the enthusiasm of members willing to help out in this way. While the primary objective of most members is to work on their own projects, and that is the way it should be, the support of members to help with running the shed and community involvement is greatly appreciated.

Winter migration: Speaking of enthusiasm, there are three members that I know of who are recharging and refreshing spirits at the moment by taking a winter migration to warmer climes. It works wonders in my experience. We look forward to seeing those members back, bright eyed and bushy tailed, in the not too distant future.

Shed Garage Sale: This is now been scheduled for Saturday 6 August (9am-12 noon). Please spread the word through family, friends, Facebook and sites like Buy, Swap Sell. The proceeds will go towards operating and maintaining the Woodshed.

Enhancements to our email system: Our volunteer Martyn, aka 'ItAssist', is working hard setting up an email system that will distribute enquiries for sales, membership, advertising events etc. Martyn also looks after our internet and Facebook sites. Social Media is the simplest and most effective means to communicate with each other and distribute information to members so please use this facility wherever possible.

New NBN connection for the Shed: We are still in discussions with Aussie Broadband regarding a discounted NBN connection, following the purchase of two new computers with grant funding received last year. Aussie Broadband offers a 40% discount to charities (at their discretion), so hopefully we will be successful in securing this soon.

Eric March

We acknowledge the generous support of the Member for Mayo, Rebekah Sharkie MP, whose office prints copies of this newsletter for us.

We acknowledge the Peramangk people as the traditional custodians of the Strathalbyn area, and pay our respects to the Elders past and present.

Strathalbyn Wood Craft Group Inc operating as the Strathalbyn Woodshed

A non gender community facility based on the principles of the Australian Men's Shed Association

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President: Eric March Vice-President: Richard Carter Secretary: Neil Pokoney Treasurer: Bob Pritchard



Insect Hotel project by Strathalbyn Scout Cubs at Woodshed

Some 16 Scout Cubs from the Strathalbyn Scout Group will be coming to the Woodshed on Tuesday 9 August from 6pm-7.30pm to make Insect Hotels by filling tins with hollow canes.

The Cubs, who are aged 8-11 years, will be under the supervision of Leader Simon Murphy and several parents.

This is a simple, safe and fun way to help the environment. The Cubs are providing the tins and the garden canes.

Note: We need a few members to come along to help cut the canes to the length of the tins.

Please contact Eric if you can assist on the night.



Morning tea at the Strath Neighbourhood Centre

The Strath Neighbourhood Centre invites all Woodshed members to a morning tea on Tuesday 9 August from 10am-11.30am.

Venue: 6 Parker Avenue.

Purpose: To share what is happening at the Centre including information about their new Repair Cafe.

Please RSVP by 2 August via email: strathwoodshed@strathwoodshed.org.au



Welcome to new members
Terry Galwey, Jukiah Gill,
Prue Bowman, Jeff Kearvell
and Paul Holdsworth.

We have 95 members at present which is a very positive way to kick off our new Shed year.

Sending out best wishes to Rose Squire who has been out of action recently.

Rose broke one of her arms in two places which resulted in the arm being in a cast for six weeks.

She couldn't drive during this time and living at Finnis away from many services made her situation that much more challenging.

We trust you are now on the road to recovery and feeling much better Rose.



We acknowledge the support of Alexandrina Council, the Australian Men's Shed Association and the Australian Government (ACNC).





REGIONAL MEN'S SHED GATHERING

Adelaide

Tuesday 30 August

8am-4pm

Following positive feedback from the 9th National Men's Shed Gathering, the Australian Men's Shed Association is taking to the road for a series of one-day regional gatherings to bring Shed members together for a day of shed development discussions.

The Adelaide event will kick off with a BBQ Brekky hosted by The Monastery Men's Shed followed by guest speakers and interactive workshops at the Monastery Conference Centre at St Pauls' Catholic Church, 15 Cross Road, Glen Osmond.

The program is a great opportunity to get you thinking about the future of our Shed and supporting our members' wellbeing, as well as networking with other Shed members from the region.

Members who are interested in the how other SA sheds operate are invited to join President Eric at this event. Places are limited. Tickets can be purchased via Sticky Tickets: <https://tix.yt/FKJ> and cost **\$30 per person**.

For more information, email events@mensshed.net or phone 1300 550 009.

NEWS FROM OTHER SHEDS

YANKALILLA MEN'S SHED

The Yankalilla Men's Shed says it appreciates the support it has received from the local community and is now giving back to the community and abroad.

The Shed has recently sponsored a number of Shelter Boxes for the people in Ukraine. Shelter boxes are large crates containing a tent and basic living equipment for people displaced by natural disasters and conflict.

The Shed is also working with the Blue Tree Project mental health organisation, whose aim is to encourage people to speak up about battling mental health concerns. By spreading the blue paint (you might have noticed some blue trees around the Fleurieu) and spreading the message that "it's OK to not be OK", the aim is to help break down the stigma still largely attached to mental health.

In line with this, the Yankalilla Shed runs BBQ social nights at their shed on Wednesday evenings where anyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a chat and a meal.

As another project, the Yankalilla Shed will host a quiz night on Friday, 2 September in aid of the Food Pantry, a service which offers free or low-cost food and groceries to those in the community who need it.



Anthony Rice, Ken Knight & Brian Muffet checking out the woodpile recently

Committee meetings

*The Woodshed Committee
now meets on the **FIRST
MONDAY** of each month at
7pm at the Woodshed.*

*Any member is most welcome
to attend by invitation. Please
contact Eric on 0418 418 995.*

*In addition, the agenda,
minutes and financial reports
for each Committee meeting
are made available to all
members to promote
transparency and encourage
member input on the running
of the Shed.*

Grow Cart project for Junction Australia

The Woodshed recently made three “Grow Free Carts” for Junction Australia to support clients of the organisation grow their own plants and produce.

Junction is responsible for a number of key community services and programs including Community Housing Provider (this is where the Grow Free project fits in), Foster Care Program (supporting placements and the carers), Homelessness/Domestic Violence Support (Fleurieu Region), and Community Services & Connection.

Amy Collett of Junction Australia said, “Our Housing Services team is responsible for managing approximately 2500 properties across regional and remote South Australia, providing affordable housing options for individuals and families of all ages. Many of the residents in our properties experience a variety of complexities, including homelessness, disability, domestic violence and so on.”

Amy’s role is largely around engaging with these tenants and the community to hear their feedback, build connections and implement programs, initiatives and events that can play a role in strengthening the community and enriching their lives.

The ‘Grow Free’ initiative is something that already existed to an extent in that a lot of the Junction community members love gardening and sharing plant cuttings and produce with friends, family and neighbours.



Peter Ancell, Ruth Creedy, Heather McDonald & John Owen with one of three “Grow Free Carts” recently made by the Woodshed for Junction Australia

Amy said, “The idea of using the Grow Carts to act as a ‘food-sharing base’ came up during client conversations as a great way to allow more of the neighbourhood to get involved in utilising home grown produce.”

“Come Spring when the gardens start blooming, we are hoping that the carts will allow for a reduction in overall food wastage, initiate new neighbourhood connections and promote sustainably-minded communities”, she said.

Amy observed that it is truly rewarding to see an idea like the Grow Free Carts come to life. Although it may seem like a small thing, turning an idea from a passing conversation into a project that is led by the community for the community, comes with so many benefits – the best part being a sense of pride, connection and belonging for those involved.

And also a great community project for the Woodshed to be involved in!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Jayne Nancarrow

Jayne was born and raised in Murray Bridge, where she also did all her schooling. She became a member of the Woodshed earlier this year.

Jayne has worked in a variety of fields, ranging from secretarial duties with a motor company, a stock agent and a legal practice, and also as practice manager at a medical clinic in Murray Bridge.

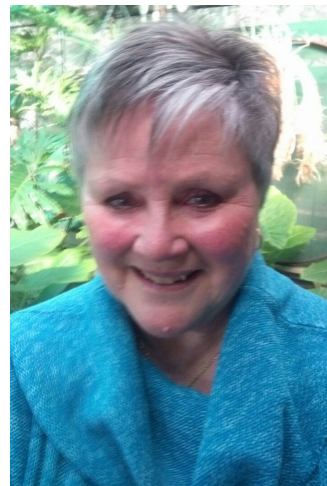
In 1974, aged 23, Jayne went to New Zealand for six months, travelling around the South Island after buying a car. Jayne says that the highlights of her time in NZ included the amazing scenery, meeting many lovely people, and a special experience was a helicopter flight with a crop duster. Jayne stayed on the South Island the majority of the time although she did a three week tour of the North Island before returning to South Australia.

She returned to her job at the medical clinic but after a couple of years the wanderlust struck again and in 1977 Jayne headed off to England and Europe for six months with her cousin. She did two Contiki bus type camping trips. The first was for five weeks taking in France, Spain, Portugal and Morocco. The second was for nine weeks traversing France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Switzerland, Austria, Yugoslavia, Germany. The pair then drove around England, Wales and Scotland, staying in youth hostels and B&B's. Jayne particularly loved Britain, Italy, the Greek islands, Switzerland and Austria, but she found all places offered something interesting and special.

On Jayne's return to Australia, she worked as receptionist/secretary in Adelaide with an orthopaedic surgeon for 12 years, and then with an Adelaide Hills radiology service. During this time she also did a trip to the USA, taking in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas and Tijuana.

In 1991 she moved to Yeppoon in Queensland for 12 months and worked for another radiology firm in Rockhampton but the humidity was too much for her and she came back to SA.

Jayne then worked as a property manager in Mt Barker for 22 years before retiring in 2015. Even then, Jayne kept busy doing part time work for a conveyancer for a couple of years.



Jayne working on a project in the Woodshed

Jayne married Greg in 1979 and they have now been married for 43 years.

From the age of 10, Jayne had a pen pal in Ohio and they would write often while growing up, but then lost contact. It wasn't until Jayne got her first home laptop and discovered "Mr Google" that Jayne located her friend again and after a lot of correspondence, decided she would go and finally meet her friend in person before she got "old". So in 2011 Jayne jetted off to the US to finally meet her friend. The adventure included visits to Niagara Falls, Washington and Baltimore and surrounds. New York had always fascinated Jayne, so she took the opportunity to visit that city too, which she delighted in exploring for a week.

In addition to overseas travel, Jayne enjoys quilting, knitting, reading, puzzles, mosaics, furniture restoration, worm farming, and a bit of gardening including trying to master the art of bonsai and topiary.

Her latest interest is, of course, woodworking. In joining the Woodshed, Jayne says she initially just wanted to get some slats made for a garden bench, but now she is hooked and says the possibilities are endless!

In addition to all her interests and hobbies, Jayne's aims in life now are to be healthy and happy and to keep learning new things.





Exciting arrival at the Woodshed

Here is a photo of Anthony Rice, Brian Muffet and Glen Sadler unloading logs of walnut recently collected from Lenswood.

The larger pieces will be cut into slabs and the smaller ones will be processed for use by wood turners, box makers etc.

The timber will be available to Members once it is fully seasoned.

SUMMARY OF AGM REPORTS

President Eric March delivered his report to the AGM on 13 July 2022 and financial statements were also presented. Here is a summary of key points.

Weekly attendance fees will remain at \$5 for as all sessions between Sunday and the following Saturday. Currently sessions are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

Subscriptions: The AGM approved an increase in subscriptions from \$40 to \$50 per year (there was no increase last year). The Membership year is 1 October - 30 September.

Budget: Membership has grown and our reserves have been stable for the last five years, with the Shed's balance sheet reflecting a strong financial position.

Some significant unexpected costs include the \$2000 to recharge our fire extinguishers (a mandatory requirement) and an additional \$1000 in electricity costs in 2022.

The Committee is seeking to build a small buffer of around \$2000 this year to meet any other unexpected costs or cost increases, to be funded from our usual fundraising projects and small jobs. If the shed extension proceeds in future, we are likely to need around \$154,000 so there will be a need a continue to build a solid financial reserve.

Profit and Loss Statement Summary as at 30 June 2022

Receipts	\$28,529
Less assoc'd expenses	5,866 (functions & grants)
Nett result	22,663
Less cash outgoing	14,977
Turnover surplus	7,686

Balance Sheet Summary as at 30 June 2022

Assets/Liabilities

Assets	\$32,479
Liabilities (creditors)	18
Nett Assets	32,461

Equity

Retained surplus from 2021	\$24,775
Current year surplus	7,686
Total Equity	32,461

Test your South Aussie knowledge

1. The Adelaide Central Market, one of the largest undercover fresh food markets in the southern hemisphere, commenced operations in which year? 1869, 1879 or 1889?
2. In Australia, Adelaide is the only UNESCO City of what?
3. South Australia was home to a bushranger known as the Birdman of the Coorong who reputedly would rob travellers while brandishing his ornamental pistols from the back of an ostrich. What was his name and where can you find a memorial to him?
4. Where did RM Williams start making his famous boots?
5. What is special about South Australia's time zone?

See page 7 for answers

Diary notes



Shed Garage Sale

Saturday 6 August

9am-12 noon

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Social Day lunch

Hamburgers and hot dogs

12-2pm

Monday 29 August

Social Days are held on the fifth Monday of the month (whenever occurring) and are an opportunity for members to get together for a yarn and a bite to eat (no charge).



Woodshed Christmas Party

Friday, 25 November

More details to come later

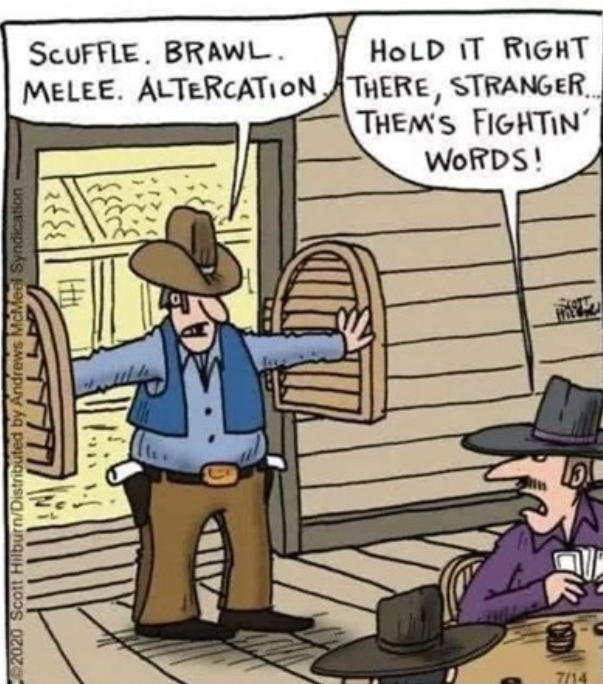
THE PRICE OF PETROL IS SO BAD AT THE MOMENT I ENDED UP PUTTING VODKA IN THE LAWMOWER. NOW THE GRASS IS HALF CUT.



A LITTLE TRIVIA

The Nobel Prize resulted from a late change in the will of Alfred Nobel, who did not want to be remembered after his death as a propagator of violence. He invented dynamite.

A seagull can drink salt water because it has special glands that filter out the salt.



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The Central Market commenced operation in 1869.
2. A UNESCO City of Music.
3. John Francis Peggotty. The memorial to him is at Meningie.
4. In his father's shed in the Adelaide suburb of Prospect. It is now the site of the RM Williams Outback Heritage Museum.
5. It is one of just a few locations in the world that has a half-hour time zone.