



Strathalbyn Wood Craft Group Inc.  
**Sawdust & Shavings**  
 November 2022 Newsletter

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**Christmas  
Party**

6.30 for 7pm  
Friday 25 November

**Next Social  
Day lunch**

12 noon  
Monday 30 January

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 Narindjerri and Peramank people as the traditional custodians of the Strathalbyn area, and pay our respects to the Elders past and present.

**President's report**

Only one month until summer but it still feels like winter as the cloudy, rainy weather keeps on coming. Our thoughts go out to those communities affected by the flood waters further up the Murray River.

**Grant Applications**

Vice President Richard Carter and I prepared a revised submission to Masonic Charities Trust for the shed extension last month, and met with the Chair of the Trust on Tuesday 25 October 2022. Our relationship with Masonic Charities continues to be positive.

**Governance**

It is so good to see Advisory Committees are now meeting. These Committees provide information to the Management Committee about options for various initiatives including analysing the pros and cons of ideas. This helps the Management Committee arrive at better informed decisions.

The *Governance Advisory Committee* comprising Frank Chapman, Ken Knight, Neil Pokoney, Richard Carter and myself met on 17 October and considered a report on clarifying some minor issues in our documents. The committee will continue to meet on the third Monday of each month and will work on establishing by-laws. A report from the *Finance and Membership Advisory Committee* is at page 3 of this newsletter.

**Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission (ACNC)**

Members will recall that Janet Wilson prepared our successful application for Deductible Gift Recipient status some time back. There are ongoing ACNC governance responsibilities, and consideration is currently being given to how these are best managed. Further detail is provided at page 4 of this newsletter.

**Member info Whiteboard**

The whiteboard is not yet installed but hopefully this will occur in the coming weeks.

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**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

# President's report (continued from page 1)

## NBN Connection

As advised in the last newsletter, the NBN had arranged to connect the cables to the Shed on 6 October. They arrived at 9am on that date, only to discover that they had not been told the telephone pit was on the other side of the road. They had no trenching machinery or time allowance to trench across the road. The trench will also require permission from Alexandrina Council. The connection will now be done in two stages. The first round of work will be done sometime after 14 November when all approvals are in place, followed by installation as soon as possible after that time.

## Membership

Anne Noble has been sorting out who has paid their subscriptions as some unforeseen glitches meant not all payments were correctly recorded. The procedures for this are now agreed and should mean smooth processing in future. Sound membership records provide essential information for designing Shed policies and programmes, budgeting receipts and payments, and to support applications for grants and donations.

Best wishes to all,

*Eric March*



## Vale Mark Longden

We were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of member Mark Longden last month. This photo of Mark is typical of his happy personality.

Mark joined the Woodshed on 17 May 2017 following a diagnosis of Alzheimer's, having been referred by his doctor.

Mark was quite the character and he will be missed by his colleagues at the Woodshed.

Sincere condolences to Mark's wife, Sharon.

## Sending best wishes to those on the sick list

We extend our best wishes to those who have been unwell. In particular:

- Glen Sadler had children needing treatment at Royal Adelaide Hospital this past month.
- Treasurer Bob Pritchard is still quite unwell.
- Mary Golden has been ill with a virus (not Covid). It takes a bit to stop this young lady, but the virus really had her under the weather for a number of weeks.



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



**AUSTRALIAN  
MEN'S SHED  
ASSOCIATION**  
Shoulder to Shoulder



## New at the Shed: Seated work area

We are currently providing a temporary seated work area for those who find standing difficult, while the committee investigates a long-term facility. This includes:

- Providing a lower bench with leg room and appropriate seating
- The safe mounting of smaller pieces of equipment at bench level
- Providing extra dust extraction
- Relocating the existing equipment from that area
- Providing extra seating in general work area.

The objective is to provide greater opportunities for future members and for existing members to continue with the Woodshed longer.



Welcome to  
new member  
**Arron Hender**  
(25 October 2022)

## *Committee meetings*

*The Woodshed Committee meets on the second 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.*

*Also, 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.*

## **Finance and Membership Advisory Committee report**

The Finance and Membership Advisory Committee, comprising Eric March, Frank Chapman, Ken Knight, Neil Pokoney and Richard Carter, has been looking at business policies, our constitution and business plan.

The group met on 18 October and made the following decisions:

- Volunteers will be sought to promote the sale of our Christmas products on the internet.
- Remind members of the need to record receipts for all money received and that that entries on the card terminal must include the customer's name.
- All quotes for paid jobs to be forwarded to Bill Kent as well as Grant Chandler. Bill Kent will maintain these sales records on Xero.
- Recommend to Management Committee that a contact person be appointed for each session, on the basis that:
  - ◇ it appears Duty Officers are stretched and therefore less available, and this could increase our insurance liability
  - ◇ day-to-day safety should be the responsibility of all members
  - ◇ Duty Officers cannot know everything happening in a busy workplace
  - ◇ these members can act as a point of contact for visitors, availability of material (glue, wood etc) and any ad hoc questions.





## **BLAST VADER FACE MASKS FOR SALE**

We have three high impact protection, ventilated Blast Vader Face Masks still available for sale at \$50 each.

This is cost price and saves a trip to town.

No fogging up and excellent protection.

## **Charitable status update**

Members may recall that in May last year, local Chartered Accountant Janet Wilson prepared a report for the Woodshed on what we needed to do for the shed to become a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) so that donations to the Shed would be tax deductible for the donors.

Janet has wide experience in corporate management in the eastern states as well as in SA and generously volunteered her time and expertise for this project.

Janet's report was accepted by the Woodshed Committee, and a meeting of members in September 2021 subsequently approved our amended constitution to provide for DGR status. The constitution was then submitted to the Australian Tax Office and approved in December 2021.

However, the advantage of offering tax deductibility for donations comes with responsibilities. There are strict rules re transparency of decisions, financial reporting, and avoidance of partisan activities.

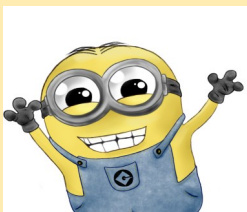
While the rules and requirements are understood, the Woodshed's Advisory Committee on Governance intends to develop formal guidelines to underpin our compliance going forward.

As a first step, Janet has kindly agreed to scope out the detail of the legislative obligations for us and will provide these to the Committee in the next week or so.

## **WORKSHOP COURTESIES**

*Please take care of the shed tools and machines and use them only for the appropriate purpose to avoid damage and costly repairs/replacement.*

*Also, help us maintain a great shed environment by doing your bit to clean up the workshop and kitchen, turn off appliances, turn on the alarm when closing up etc.*



## **Paying & Signing in**



**Just a reminder to sign in EVERY time you attend the Shed using the new 7 Day format "Signing in" sheets now in the folder on the kitchen table.**

On your first visit of the week please write in "\$5" after you have paid (just a tick is fine for other visits during that week).

It is primarily for Work Health & Safety that we require you to always sign in when visiting the Shed.

Accurate attendance records also help when we apply for grant funding, for resourcing and planning, and in meeting regulatory requirements such as Insurance.

**THANK YOU!**

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

### Terry Galwey

I was born on 27 December 1946 at Millicent. I attended primary school at Rendlesham and Millicent followed by Mount Gambier High School. I left school at the age of 15 and moved to Melbourne to undertake a Chef apprenticeship.

I married Fay Lucas in Mount Gambier in 1970 and we moved back to South Australia from Melbourne in 1973.

Fay is a 'go getter' which has been important to us as a family as I was born with a deformed left hand. When I was a child, Dad used to make plaster splints to help straighten my arm.

When I was about 15 a very clever surgeon in Mount Gambier told me that he could straighten my arm, and he did. I can now get my arm and hand lower and don't need splints.

Fay and I ran a Café/Coffee Shop at Mount Gambier for twelve years.

For a few years, I was a member of the Y's Mens Club, which was a service club affiliated with the YMCA, and also a member of the Mount Gambier Men's Shed. I used to cook scones for the members on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This gave me a purpose at the shed, even though I got plenty of complaints about expanding waistlines from the jam and cream on the scones. Great fun.

We had three children: Phillip, now at Willyaroo, Paula, now at Goolwa and Bronwyn who is still living in Mount Gambier. We have six grandchildren. I know there are a number of other people at the Woodshed who moved to Strathalbyn to be near their grandchildren. That was the incentive for us as well.

We moved to Strathalbyn this year and I didn't want to be sitting around at home without much to do. Knowing the benefits of a shed, I looked around for a similar facility here in Strathalbyn. I simply walked into the Woodshed on 6 July and received a warm welcome. The rest is history as they say.

My motivation to join the Strathalbyn Shed is more social than anything else. Something to do, meet new people and generally socialise. I am very lucky really, there are a number of people my age who were born with various physical issues like mine. Makes me wonder if there was something in the water. I don't dwell on it but just get on with life.

As for the future, we are well settled in Strathalbyn and I look forward to continued enjoyment of friends at the shed, being positive and helping where I can.

My future goals and aspirations are simple: to grow older with my wife and children and to live a meaningful life.



### AMSA's Shed podcasts with John Paul Young

The Shed Wireless is a podcast produced by the Australian Men's Shed Association and hosted by John Paul Young. Tune into current and past episodes of The Shed



Diary  
notes  
and  
reminders



## Woodshed Christmas Party

Friday, 25 November  
Bridge Hotel, Langhorne Creek  
6.30 for 7pm

A la carte menu. \$25 pp booking deposit,  
redeemable when you order your meal.

Please pay your deposit asap to the Strathalbyn Wood  
Craft Group Account No. 085-921 705 088 655.

Add your surname and "Christmas" as a reference  
& email [events@strathwoodshed.org.au](mailto:events@strathwoodshed.org.au) to advise of  
payment and names of attendees.

## Social Day lunch

**Monday**  
**30 January**

These casual lunches  
are held at the  
Woodshed and start  
at 12 noon.

Gold coin donation.



**If you haven't paid your Annual Subscription of \$50, it is now (over)due!**



Payment can be made by EFT to BSB 085-921 Acc No: 705 088 655

(Account Name Strathalbyn Wood Craft Group Inc)

Please add your surname + initials as a reference.

## Animal magic

Roosters prevent themselves going deaf from their own loud crowing, by tilting their head backs when they crow, which covers their ear canal completely, serving as an ear-plug.

Hummingbirds are the only known birds that can fly backwards. They often do this when retreating away from flowers.

Dolphins use toxic pufferfish to 'get high'. They deliberately handle pufferfish causing them to release toxins as a defence mechanism. These toxins can be deadly in high doses, but also have a narcotic effect – and are a powerful hallucinogenic, which dolphins appear to enjoy.

