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Annual General Meeting

Next Wednesday 22nd July 2022 at the Woodshed. 9:30 am

All office positions have been filled and there won't be an election as no more nominations were received than were needed to fill all vacancies. **You won't be volunteered for a job** and it is important to attend. Subscriptions are set at the AGM



Saw Mill

Brian Muffet has been quietly angling for a slab saw for about 18 months. Luckily Brian was on hand to help a customer locate a saw mill at Murray Bridge Men's Shed. Consequently a person who does not want any publicity donated \$4,000 to the woodshed to purchase a Norwood saw mill cost \$4,019 delivered to Strathalbyn. Happy Days indeed!

Ken Knight has agreed to make space available in his shed until we are able to get Council approval to build weatherproof housing, connect electricity and build adequate footings.

Paid Jobs

Trevor Kuchel and Frank Chapman have now finished the Pantry for Equals International School in Adelaide. A big job not helped by Covid restrictions. A high quality job in the end, though.



Thanks to Colin Goodrich who has cut out the lamp stand replacement leg for Tim Carew. This was high quality work and members would do well to take instructions. It is a rewarding craft and can be done sitting down.

Brian Muffet and team are progressing apace with the Christmas trees for Council.

Brian Hawthorn a previous member wants to build a cupboard which he will pay for.

Trevor Kuchel & Frank Chapman with the pantry

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More Paid Jobs

Frank Chapman has also repaired a table support frame for Wylie (Willy) Wilson.

Trevor Haldane has done very good work restoring some chairs for Anne Wilson of Milang.

Colin Richardson has requested we build a one metre diameter wishing well with a detachable roof. It will cover a water pump.

Keith Schuster

Tuesday 11th June Keith was in Strathalbyn and dropped around to say hello. Keith has bought a new carving chisel and so we will see if he can finish off the (faux) teak lamp stand leg cut out by Colin Goodrich.



Trevor Haldane

Benefit of Paid Jobs

Paid jobs are very good advertising for the shed. Gets people talking about in favourable terms. **Word of mouth is the best form of advertising**

Corona Virus

There is concern that we are not social distancing adequately. Masks are available and we encourage members to wear them, even if only for protection from dust.

We have disinfectant wipes which will be available at various machines and near small tools cupboards.

Christmas Dinner

The new committee will have to decide the question of where. We will stay with the last Friday in November but the unknown factor is Covid-19 restrictions, especially if South Australia gets a second wave.



Publicity

1,019 visits to our web page

<http://strathwoodshed.org.au/>

239 Friends on Face Book

Facebook is maintained by Colin Townley (Left) one of our new members.

Street Sign

Colin also suggested we put an A frame sign out on the front street. Peter Broadbridge probably has access to free core flute, we need Council approval if it is going to left out, but not is we put it out when the shed is open.

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BonFire

Friday 12th and Thursday 18th June. A small group (16 people) gathered around all rugged up. Allen Anderson cooked sausages, Colleen March provided vegetable soup, Tony Anderson cooked? Spuds in the coals. Very enjoyable evening and Jill Watson certainly enjoyed as the above note attests.

Social Events

Tony Carenzo is organising an afternoon late August. It will be at Michael & Diana McGregor's property at Watendlath, Hillview Road. Michael cannot come to the shed as often as he would like because he still works, but members may have met him working at the last clean up day.



Diana runs a rescue hospital for joey kangaroos while Michael uses any spare time improving the property. Leonie Broadbridge says that the place is very impressive. Michael has promised not to play the bagpipes and will provide a cup of tea or coffee. Weather should be on the improve and so it should be a pleasant afternoon. Tony will provide more details later.

Container

Last week Allan McGrice from G & J East on Milnes Road arranged for two forklifts to shift the Container. One forklift got bogged and I have visited Allan, thanked him and he refused my offer of a payment. Council approval requires that the container be bolted down to concrete footing. The footings will be installed and Allan has agreed to replace the container when we are ready.

Members **please spread the word** that G&J East are good community citizens and their support for the shed is greatly appreciated.

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Special Birthdays

Vic Bonnet (91) and Eric Watson (92) cutting their cakes at Morning Tea on Wednesday 8th July



New Members

Charles (Charlie) Greig

With some of his work

Charlie Greig recently joined our woodshed and is a member of Western Woodworkers and Murraylands Wood Turners group. Charlie is a Cabinet Maker by trade and worked as a carpenter in the building industry. When he retired from his berry farm, wife Margaret said 'You're bored, get a hobby!', so he did a 2 year course at Marlesteon College.

Charlie has made some fine pieces of work, which are sold and sought after at the Hahndorf Academy.

There have been a few new people, lately. We intend to include photos and some brief notes of things they intend to do, in newsletters.