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2024**

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Shedders News



Our kitchen has had a face lift

Important Dates to Remember

- 29th. August Fathers Day stall at Bunnings**
- 17th. September Committee Meeting**
- 9th. October Shed Open Day**
- 30th. November Clearance Sale**
- 25th December Xmas Day**

Using Shed Material and Equipment for personal use? Don't forget to make a donation

President Report

August 2024



First, a sincere apology to Ross for omitting him from the list of contributors to Millets Rest, thanks Ross, your sign was just what was needed for the location.

During the month four members travelled to Pearcedale to explore the viability of purchasing a laser cutter/engraver in discussion with Ken Woolard and his grandson Luke, Ken is a longtime user of this type of equipment in his engraving business without the conflict of interest of being a salesman. This equipment will provide the ability to produce a range of lower value items for sale to complement our existing fundraising range. The committee decided to proceed with this purchase at the August meeting utilizing most of the unspent value of the Millett grant.

The canteen area received its long-awaited upgrade this month with the installation of stainless-steel benchtops which will help us conform with food handling regulations. A big thankyou to Ted and the installation team.

The sign on the windmill which is our billboard to train commuters was looking very shabby, so it has been updated with fresh paintwork thanks to Peter Bloem.

Ian Phillips
President

Meeting 173

Tuesday 17th August 2024 9.30am

General Business

1/ Laser Cutter Selection

On Friday 2nd August a carload of members, Stephen King, Andrew Tait, Peter Canning, and Ian Phillips travelled to Pearcedale to visit

Ken Woolard to gain his insight into a laser cutter/engraver, if it would be a viable addition to our capability and the selection of suitable machine.

Ken's grandson Luke was also present as he had recently purchased a similar machine to the model suggested. Ken has been using these laser engravers in his engraving business for many years albeit a larger commercial unit so was able to provide advice without the conflict of interest of being a salesman. Ken is a member of the local men's shed and donated the pantograph that Ken Garth uses.

We were able to see not only a range of engraved badges and decorative items, but pieces cut to size to simply glue together to form boxes, tablet holders' dioramas etc. Some boxes had square corners, others rounded and even completely round sides. This would add a product range of more economical and able to be cut multiple times items for our displays and sales however it needs to be considered this type of item would not be exclusive to our Men's shed due to imported products and the availability of the equipment.

The materials worked with was primarily thin wooden ply but also acrylic, suitable plastic laminate for badges etc.

Ken was able to demonstrate the suggested Lightburn software which appears to be quite user friendly coupled to a Riuda controller. We understand the software can be loaded onto three computers and so, if approved by the IT department, this would allow three members to take a laptop home to allow them to develop their project at their leisure as this can be quite time consuming especially while gaining experience.

The suggested distributor is MW Laser due to the excellent Melbourne based backup as experienced by Ken and Luke

The suggested model is MWL-J750 a CO2 90w machine Priced at \$7,662.00 Plus, Lightburn software and controller

There appears to be minimal consumables however there is an annual update fee on the software.

Update – Steve has confirmed the controller mentioned is already built into the J750 machine. The DSP version of the software that the J750 machine requires costs \$186 including tax per annum, it will still work if you don't repay the fee, but you won't get updates. I can confirm that the software will go onto three computers.

Moved to purchase

2/ Coffee Machine

Auto powder machine to be trialed for one month. Cost to buy \$3,500

Consider using their consumables to get free maintenance etc

3/ Disposal of the surplus Sherwood table saw.

On the 8th July I posted the Sherwood saw on Australian Woodwork Forums marketplace for \$1350, after very few views, on 16th July I posted again at a reduced price of \$1000 ono. Accept offer of \$750

4/ Suggest purchase of a spiral head cutter for the jointer or adding it to the 5 year plan. Current cost from Hare & Forbes Machinery House is \$520 + GST

Case for and suggested reasons for this purchase:

This type of cutter head is designed to greatly reduce the cutting resistance so it's easier on the machine and, spiral cutters generally produce smaller wood chips and much quieter cutting action compared to the straight cutters. Purchase from proceeds of table saw

5/ Hand cleaner for toilets.

Fast Orange is a high quality citrus pumice hand cleaner that comes in a 3.75 litre pump container. I have used

it for many years and it removes grease, and dirt with just a small amount.

Cost is \$73 from Repco.

6/ Request to have hand dryers in toilet area updated. Possible have one in position between the two doors.

Approx cost \$600. Potentially cut down hand towel costs.

Replace the hand dryer in the disable toilet with this new one

Purchase with a limit of \$700

7/ Offsite meeting and lunch after the September meeting funded by committee members,

8/ Apply for grant First Aid Day training and Victor Chan Heart Health Check

9/ We received a new order from SES

10/ Welfare – Andrew Tait has volunteered to assist Peter Hobbs with the role

11/ One of the machines is interfering with the TV. Machines to be located and fixed.



Visit to Melton Mens Shed

8 members of the shed went to Melton Men's Shed to celebrate their 15 year anniversary. The Rotary Club supplied us with the courtesy bus. We presented the club with a framed certificate to mark their milestone.

It was great fun on the bus as we did a cooks tour of Melton to finally wind up at the shed. We were all welcomed and enjoyed a sausage sizzle and cake





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Paddy is in court,
and after an 8 hour trial
he pleads guilty.

Judge says,
why didn't you plead
guilty at first and
save the court all this time?"

Paddy says,
I thought I was
Innocent until I heard
All the evidence"

***Good news men we have a
new Welfare Officer. There
names***

Peter Hobbs

Andrew Tait

Repainted by Peter Bloem



Does this look like a group of council workers, one working & two looking on



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A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped inches from a shop window. For a second, everything was quiet in the cab. Then the driver said, "Look, mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the living daylights out of me!" The passenger apologized and said, "I didn't realize that a little tap would scare you so much." The driver replied, "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver — I've been driving a funeral van for the last 25 years."

Yesterday, I was cooking dinner, and my son came up to me and said, "One day I will work and help you with the bills, the groceries, and the house expenses." My eyes started to tear up. My baby will be 32 next month.

Birthday's for the month of August

Roderick Jackson
Anthony Creed

New Sheddy for the month of August

David Hutton



The Massachusetts D.O.T found over 200 dead crows on highways recently. There was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu. A Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be from vehicular impacts. However, during analysis it was noted that varying colors of paints appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analyzing these paint residues it was found that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with motorcycles, while only 2% were killed by cars. The Agency then hired an Ornithological Behaviorist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of motorcycle kills versus car kills. The Ornithological Behaviorist quickly concluded that when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow to warn of danger. They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah", not a single one could shout "motorcycle"

Who is Who at the Shed

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Woodwork Coordinator	Barry Kelly
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IT Equipment register	Dale Wilkes
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Answer to the riddle.... Dimensions