

**June
2025**

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Shedders News



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Guest speakers will be in attendance on the third Wednesday each month starting at 10.00am for 20-30 minutes with questions considered during a morning tea that will be provided by the shed.

Bendigo outing on Tuesday 5th August

AGM WEDNESDAY 16TH JHULY 10AM

Using Shed Material and Equipment for personal use?

Don't forget to make a donation



Presidents Report June 2025

The new CNC Router has been picked up and located next to the Laser Machine with modifications to that bench carried out to accommodate it including a dust extraction system. Our thanks to Kevin and a small team of helpers.

On the others side of the wall the benches have been modified to accommodate extra computers and operators and provide visiting presenters better access the overhead monitor/tv screen as part of a wider redevelopment of the computer and office workspaces. We look forward to Foahala, new member Naphtali and Dale selecting and loading the software and making this new resource operational. Barry and Dale has taken the lead with a small group of helpers. Thank you all.

During the month Peter C. arranged for Country Care to visit and bring with them a wide range of equipment designed to assist those members and their families struggling with mobility and other issues. Thanks, Peter for your ongoing work in arranging these presentations.

On Sunday 8th, we held a successful Bunnings Sausage Sizzle which despite the horrible weather was a moderately successful contribution to our income. To see people standing in the rain to support our hardy members who manned the tent and then complementing us on providing the service was most gratifying. Those Bunnings sausages have become an Aussie tradition for so many people no matter which country they have come from.

Finally, a very large vote of appreciation for member Doug House for his significant donation to the Hume Men's Shed Sunbury this week. I know Doug moved to Sunbury to be closer to family from the Bellarine Peninsular area where he was a long-standing member of the local Men's Shed and since joining our group has not been able to attend very often due to declining health but nonetheless has decided to become a notable benefactor. Our sincere thanks Doug.

Ian Phillips

President

Doctor calling with bad news

Doc: "Hi – I am sorry but I have bad news, and I have very bad news. Which one do you want first?"

Patient: "ok, give me the very bad news first"

Doc "We have received the latest test results and you have been diagnosed with Ligma. You only have 1 day to live"

Patient: "Just 1 day?! ... what's the bad news then???"

Doc: "I tried to call you yesterday, but you didn't pick up your phone"

If you make a mess CLEAN IT UP.

Don't wait until some one else does it for you

How to Dry Wood in a Microwave: A Quick

I love working with wood, whether it's building furniture or crafting small decorative items. And as any woodworker knows, one of the most important steps in any project is properly drying the wood. Properly dried wood ensures stability, reduces the risk of warping or cracking, and allows for better adherence of finishes.

Usually, the traditional method of drying wood involves air-drying it for weeks or even months. But what if you need to work with wood in a hurry? What if you've just purchased a beautiful piece of lumber but it's not dry enough to start working with? Well, fear not! I'm here to tell you about a quick and efficient method of drying wood right in your microwave.

Why Use a Microwave to Dry Wood?

Now, you might be wondering why on earth you would want to stick a piece of wood in a microwave instead of air-drying it. Well, there are a few reasons why this method can be beneficial:

1. Speed

Drying wood in a microwave is incredibly fast. Instead of waiting weeks or months for the wood to dry naturally, you can have a piece of wood dried and ready to work with in just a matter of hours.

Microwaving wood is an efficient method because it drives out moisture quickly and directly. The microwaves penetrate the wood, heating it from the inside out and evaporating the moisture trapped within the fibers.

Now that we understand why microwaving wood can be beneficial, let's dive into the step-by-step process of drying wood in a microwave.

Step 1: Choose the Right Wood

Not all types of wood are suitable for microwaving, so it's important to choose the right type of wood. Dense hardwoods, such as oak or maple, work best because they have a lower moisture content. Softwoods, like pine or cedar, contain higher amounts of moisture and are not ideal for this method.

Step 2: Prepare the Wood

Before putting the wood in the microwave, it's important to prepare it properly. Here's what you need to do:

1. Cut the Wood into Thin Pieces

To allow for faster and more even drying, cut the wood into thin pieces. The thinner the wood, the more effectively the microwaves can penetrate it and remove the moisture.

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

2. Seal the Ends

Wood loses moisture faster through the ends, leading to uneven drying and potential cracking. To prevent this, seal the ends of the wood with a wood sealer or even regular white glue. This will slow down the moisture loss through the ends and encourage more even drying.

3. Weigh the Wood

Weighing the wood before and after microwaving will help you determine how much moisture has been removed. Simply weigh the wood using a kitchen scale and note down the starting weight.

Step 3: Microwave the Wood

Now comes the exciting part – microwaving the wood! Follow these steps to ensure safe and effective drying:

1. Use a Microwave-Safe Container

Find a container that is safe to use in a microwave and large enough to accommodate the pieces of wood. Glass or ceramic dishes work well, but avoid using any metal containers as they can cause sparks.

2. Add Water

Before placing the wood in the microwave, add a small amount of water to the bottom of the container. This water will help to prevent the wood from drying out too quickly and potentially catching fire.

3. Arrange the Wood

Place the wood pieces in the container, making sure they are not touching each other or the sides of the container. This ensures that the microwaves can penetrate the wood evenly.

1. Store the Wood

Place the dried wood in a well-ventilated area, preferably on a drying rack or a shelf, to allow for proper airflow. Avoid storing it in a damp or humid environment, as this can cause the wood to reabsorb moisture.

2. Monitor the Wood

Check the moisture content of the wood periodically using a moisture meter. This will ensure that it has reached its desired moisture level before using it for your woodworking project.

3. Allow Sufficient Time

Depending on the thickness and type of wood, it may take several days or even weeks for the moisture content to stabilize. Be patient and allow the wood to fully acclimate before using it.

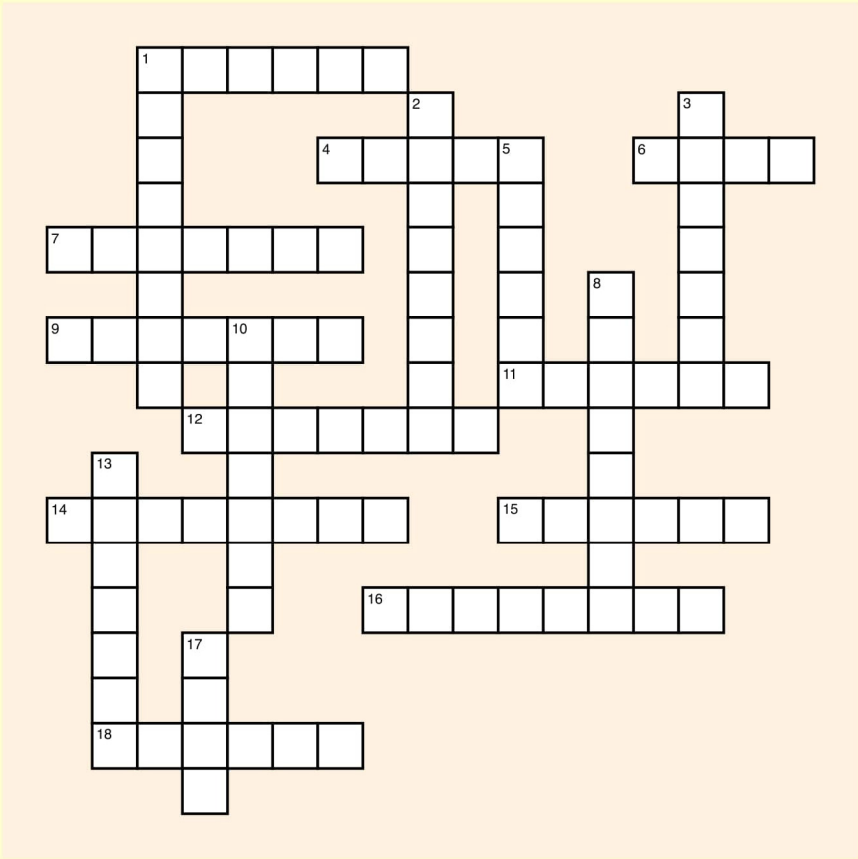
Conclusion

Drying wood in a microwave is a quick and efficient method that can save you a lot of time compared to traditional air-drying methods. Remember, it's important to choose the right type of wood, prepare it properly, and carefully monitor the process to avoid any mishaps. With a little practice and caution, you'll be able to dry wood in your microwave and get started on your woodworking projects in no time!

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Summer Crossword



ACROSS

- 1) Beachgoer's pride
- 4) Surfer's hangout
- 6) Dog days month
- 7) Rod & reel sport
- 9) Disk you whisk
- 11) Make a bed?
- 12) Roughing it, perhaps
- 14) Treat on a stick
- 15) Alfresco meal
- 16) Parlor treat
- 18) Bermuda _____

DOWN

- 1) Beach attire
- 2) Worker's respite
- 3) Not indoors
- 5) Tramping on the trail
- 8) Outdoor cookout
- 10) Lake activity
- 13) Ballpark fare
- 17) Summer cooler

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Condensed Minutes of Meeting 181 Tuesday 17th June 9.30am

Business arising from previous minutes

Hume Council solar Panel cleaning ongoing

Shrine Visit – interest received from Bill Lingham, Dieter, Peter Canning, Peter Hobbs, Ian Phillips, Charlie Borg, Ken Garth

Shed Lighting. Been in contact 10/06/2025 to remind them. Said will come when work is in the area. Not giving any compensation for tool shop lighting.

OHS Video for all shedders in June

15 Year Anniversary Mugs to cost approx. \$8 each. They will be given to members at the anniversary celebration as well as to our sponsors. Remaining stock could be used for guest speakers

Correspondence

11 pieces of correspondence were dealt with

Treasurer Report

We are in a reasonable, financial position at this stage.

The new equipment we have recently purchased has been covered by grants received, the only expense I am concerned about is the computer program needed to operate the new CNC machine, as yet I have not received any request to purchase a further program.

In the next month we will start to receive membership renewals and income from a Bunnings BBQ to help improve our income leading up to the end of the Financial year.

A short term (4 month) deposit has come up for renewal and has now been renewed for 6 months as I could get a better rate.

1/ Garage Sale: October or November Decided on November

2/ Applied for Grant to replace RYOBI Drills with AEG through Sunbury Connected Communities

3/ Membership renewals. Ratify meeting 4/6/2025 All applicants accepted

4/ Gravel to fill holes in driveways and between garden beds \$142.50

Order 2 meters get more if needed

5/ \$5000 received from Doug House. Consensus was to keep the funds separate. Suggestions included purchasing wood lathe as Doug loves working with lathes.

7/ Bendigo outing on Tuesday 5th August.. To date Pete has organized the tram workshop and is working on the Thales Bushmaster Army equipment tour. Members will be taking the train to Bendigo approx. 8am. Walking will be involved. The cost to cover entry etc will be approx. \$30 per member plus train fare. Members interested to prepay before the excursion.

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Barry Burbridge

Chris Matijevic

Trevor Dunn

Barry Steer



New Sheddies for the Month of June

Charles Robertson



Naphtali Faulkner



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