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Workshop Manager: -----; Shed Administrator:

The Shed Phone number: **08 9398 4064**; Shed email – secretary.gcms@gmail.com

Shed's website address is https://gosnellsmensshed.org/

MISSION STATEMENT

The Gosnells Community Men's Shed promotes and fosters men's health and well-being in a friendly and safe environment.

VISION

To be recognised as a progressive community-based organisation working in the community. To be a place where men of all ages and backgrounds meet in friendship.

VALUES

A respectful and caring environment where participation in activities and contribution to the efficient and harmonious operation of the Shed are recognised as being of equal value.

<u>Diary Dates – Coming Events!</u>

(See details further on in NL)

30th June End of Month BBQ at the Shed.

18th July Christmas in July – Social event – Gosnells Bowling Club;

August AGM

End of Month Social BBQ Thursday 30 June

Come for a burger in a bun plus and some good fellowship at the Social BBQ lunch being held at Lewis House on Thursday 30th June commencing at 11:30am.

There the usual small fee of \$5 for the burger to defray the costs.

For catering purposes please let Geoff Bowra know if you are attending.

It is important to note that **COVID 19 rules** will need to be followed, including maintaining physical distancing and practicing good hygiene procedures.

CHAIRMAN'S Notes June 2022

The Management Committee has elected to retain the current level of Covid vaccination requirements for entry to the shed premises.

To provide a safe environment for members, this means that *anyone* visiting the shed must be able to provide evidence of Covid vaccination on request.

The Gosnells Community Women's Shed are now in their second month and the group has seen continued interest from prospective members with around 27 meeting each week on Saturday mornings. This week will see the first Wednesday afternoon social meeting and also the first small group receiving induction and training in the wood shop.

The 2022 olive oil production is complete and although the season was not as bountiful as last year and the oil yield was also lower, a delightfully fruity olive oil was produced and bottled and is now available from the office.

250mL bottles are \$6.00 each and 500mL bottles are \$12.00 each.



The weekly meals provided on Thursdays are progressing well, but there is a need for a few more volunteers to assist with preparation and cooking – if you are able to help, please talk to any committee member.

The electronic sign-in trial has hit a temporary snag due to an automatic app update failing to proceed as planned, we hope to be back on-line shortly.

Allen Holloway Chairman

SHED MANAGEMENT:

Committees

Members are urged to become involved in at least one of the many committee established to help manage our organisation. The purpose of having these committees is to involve the general membership in various aspects of the management process. At present most committee members are also on the Management Committee, which almost defeats the purpose of having sub committees in the first place.

Details of the Committee meetings are placed on the whiteboard outside the Lewis House kitchen. Members are encouraged to consider becoming involved and arrange to attend a meeting to find out more about how they work and what they are required to consider.

At the coming AGM, in August, you too can throw your hat in the ring to become a member of the Management Committee!

Ted Evans the new Treasurer in waiting is having productive handover sessions with Arpad Pratzky and is settling in well.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

All the chaps involved in the facilities have been busy in the gardens which are really taking shape. The gutters on the house have been cleaned as the water was flowing back into the toilet block. The Dow pipes will need to be replaced very soon as they are rusting out.

Facilities coordinator.

Al Gordon

GARDENING - HELP NEEDED:

The Shed has many garden beds along fences and walls which need pruning, edging and weeding.

Please contact John Bowler, Buster or Graham if you can help with maintenance of one of these areas.

Graham Bartley-Smith



Health & Wellbeing

Over the past month there has been several members come down with Covid and have had to isolate for at least seven days which is a fair indication to make people aware that Covid has not gone away - we must all be proactive in doing the right thing.

It was pleasing to see Mike Devereux at the shed for a couple of the Thursday lunches. Mike is going through an extremely difficult time at the moment with major medical issues and from myself and all the members at the shed would like to let him know we are thinking of him and his family.



Chris Beckett is also going through very serious medical issues and once again our thoughts are with Chris and his family at this time.

Welfare

On 17 May a presentation by Regional Men's Health was conducted in the Wiltshire Room. Tom drove from Northam to present this talk and I was pleased to see about 20 members and partners attended and 14 of these members had the pit stop health check done which measured blood pressure and waist measurement etc.







At the zone meeting held on Monday 30th May there was a presentation done by COTA. COTA has a booklet called The Goodbye Guide and I have arranged to have 50-60 of these available to members at the shed over the next couple of weeks, this is also available on line. These booklets are extremely informative for preparations for your departure from the planet on how to get paperwork prepared to make that time a bit easier on the ones left behind.

Please continue to be Covid safe at the shed.

Kind regards, **Graham Hughes** Welfare Officer **0419 514 631**

Information and Technology:

Hi Everyone

The Members area of the shed website is almost finished.!

After a lot of work behind the scenes you will soon receive an email inviting you to register in the member's area of the Gosnells Community Men's Shed website.

This area of the website is exclusively for members only and is secure.

Entry to this area must be approved by webmasters from the members email list.

You will need to provide a secure password to allow you to login.

Our sheds website address is:- https://gosnellsmensshed.org/

Within the Members area you will find details of current Committee members, Financial Statements from last AGM, Fire Safety and Evacuation Procedures, Health and Welfare information, Rules of Association, Social Events page and other matters. If you have any enquiries please contact me.

Phillip Measday - Secretary
Gosnells Community Men's Shed Inc.
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(at rear of Gosnells Railway Markets)
email. secretary.gcms@gmail.com

LIBRARY:

From the Librarian to the blokes who continue to dump old and unsuitable books in the library for me to clear away. **Please Stop!**

Bruce Coleman

If you have surplus books please donate them to Save the Children East Victoria Park Book Depot

Unit 8/18 Milford St, East Victoria Park WA 6101

Workshop Managers Report:

Bill Hughes, Workshop Manager attended the meeting and presented his report. He advised that there were no Health and Safety incidents to report in the current period. He indicated the following: -

Preparing items to be delivered to Wirrabirra Primary School – Three Tee Pees plus two wet kitchens.

Kenwick Primary school -Five large picnic tables (painted royal blue) and three small picnic tables (painted yellow).

Twenty pizza platters – reduce the diameter on CNC.

Manufacture various garden ornaments (birds) on CNC.

Repair office desk bureau for resale.



Completed Jobs

18 Trophies for Dog West.

Three large plus two small picnic benches to be delivered to Wirrabirra Primary School, Two wet kitchens delivered to Bletchley Park Primary School.





Workshop Maintenance

Modify saw dust ducting on radial arm saw.

Manufacture and fit new extension table to new table saw.

Laser machine still to be commissioned.

Miscellaneous

Triton work station sold. Shelving sold.

Inquiry from Gosnells Council to manufacture re-cycle bins with a reference to Fremantle Mens Shed. Spoke with Fremantle Mens Shed as they have made these re-cycle bins for other councils. Contact passed back to the Gosnells Council.

We have had a request for Children's toys. Presently we are not making any toys at this time. Also trying to source old fruit packing boxes for Chris Beckett (History Group.).

SOCIAL SCENE Social Events

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
MONDAY 18THJULY - GOSNELLS BOWLING CLUB
ARRIVE at 12noon – LUNCH at 1pm
PARTNERS ARE WELCOME
TICKETS ARE LIMITED TO 90
TICKETS AT THE OFFICE (from 17th June)
Bookings Close Wednesday 13thJuly.

MEALS AT THE SHED:



THURSDAY LUNCHES

All lunches will commence at 11.30am and will cost \$5. A booking sheet will be placed in the shed hallway to register for the lunch and payment will be required at that time.

Bookings will close on the Monday prior to lunch on Thursday. During the month of May the following lunch dates and menu will be:-

Thursday 16th June – Special Spaghetti Bolognese;

At each lunch members will be able to book and pay for the lunch in the following week.

FUND RAISING:

"CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE" This is ongoing so please continue to bring in your recyclable drink containers.

ACTIVITIES

TABLE TENNIS:

Mondays, games start around 9.00 am in the Wiltshire Room and go until we are exhausted, usually around 10.30 am. No great skill or stamina involved. We are strictly a fun group!

CYCLING GROUPS:

GOS GARBAGE CYCLING GROUP

No news is good news!



Our happy dry cyclists!

Not too much to report this time, which I daresay some will think....'thank god! As you see by the picture of us this time, instead of us 'sloggin' it out, cycling to our favourite places, for anything up to three hours, including our essential stop for a coffee, maybe some cake or a biscuit, and definitely a blether (Scottish for a friendly chat!), we all met up at our local 'Dome' cafe here in Gosnells, for an hour or so. The following Thursday was damp as well....with a shortened outing, with the pleasant cafe at Beckenham's Mills Park our sheltering spot from the rain, although four of us had an interesting ride home, on roads none of us had cycled....through Wattle and Orange Groves, passing Gosnells' own winery....'Jadran' on Reservoir Road. (the other four went home the 'short way'!)

The following week, our 'bad-luck' continued, with another dampener, with our weekly outing completely cancelled, and we're all wondering what have we done to upset the 'Weather Bureau'?.....great sunny days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, then Thursday,a 'damp squib'! **David Gardiner** 0417 174 893 Photo **Graeme Gurney**

Photography Group:

We had an interesting afternoon taking photos at Mary Carroll Park which was followed by coffee at the Gosnells Hotel. It shows a good diversity of topics and styles.



















Photos by row from top:

John Bowler, Grahame Cooper, Scott Henderson, André Hoareau and Ray Novill

When: Tuesday 5 July 2022, 2 pm. This will be dependent on when I'm going bush.

Where: Geoff Wiltshire Room.

What on: I will let know you closer to the meeting. Suggestions welcome.

Discuss the Mary Carrol Park photos.

André Hoareau 0457 680 489 computing.gcms@gmail.com

Technology Help Desk Friday 9:30 – 12pm

Help in any area of technology including PC's, laptops, tablets, iPads, phone, camera, TV's, photography and any software package (Windows, IOS or Android).

Book a session on the whiteboard in the computer room.

Windows 10 Classes Mondays at 9:30 – 12pm

The Windows 10 classes for beginners are continuing covering the use of Google Maps on both your computer and phone. I also did a problem solving session on WiFi dropouts in the home.

Free to all shed members.

André Hoareau

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GOLF NEWS April / May 2022.

Over the past four week's we have played at Hillview with 11 players attending. We then played at Armadale with 11 players, it was cold and overcast with a light shower early. Our next game was at Hillview with 12 players on a fine and clear day. The following week we played at Armadale with 15 players on a cold and clear day.

Overall winners have been Bill Harris, Bill Hughes, Rob S and Lloyd. Closest to the pin winners have been Lloyd, Rob S, Taffy and Ron. Longest putt winners have been Phil, Bill Hughes, Chris B and Ron.

Ron, Phil, Bill Harris and Rob S have had turns at taking care of the club dog over the past four weeks.

Taffy birdied Hole No 4, Par 3 at Armadale and then birdied Hole No 5, Par 4 at Hillview on the Lakeside 9. Ross birdied Hole No 4, Par 3 at our last game at Armadale.

It was pleasing to see Ross back playing golf following a long break due to illness. Until next month, happy golfing.

.Kevin Cragan.

Recipe Simple French onion potato bake

With only four ingredients to turn the humble spud into something truly delicious, this potato bake recipe has to be a winner. Layers of potato, onion and creamy make this hearty side which can easily be a main meal with the addition of a crisp, green salad.

Ingredients

2kg potatoes, peeled and sliced thinly; 4 brown onions, peeled and sliced into rings;

1 pkt French onion soup mix; 600ml pouring cream

Method

In a large baking dish layer onions, potatoes and soup mix in that order until all ingredients are used ending with potatoes as the last layer.

Pour cream evenly across the dish.

Cover with foil and bake for 50 mins at 180°C.

Do you have a recipe to share??

MEMBERS:

The Secretary reported there were 181 members of the shed as at 3rd June, 2022. He also advised the membership clerk had providing average attendance figures for 2021 and 2022. Overall average is 30 a day. Highest average attendance day is Thursday being 39.

Welcome to the following Shedders who have recently joined GCMS:-

Ben Mitchell

Can any new members, who have not been photographed, please stop by the Office / computer room so we can arrange to take their photograph for their Name badges.

Members below all recently had their photographs taken – Thank you!



Michael Flavel



Ben Mitchell







HOUSE CLEANING:

Cleaning Roster

We are in need of more members to join our merry band on the cleaning roster.

There are 17 of us on the roster working in pairs once a week on Mondays. That leaves one member orphaned. At present, we are roster on once every nine weeks.

The cleaning is not onerous and takes no more than one hour to complete.

We clean Lewis House and the office of the Workshop Manager. Tasks include, vacuum/mop floors, clean toilets, empty bins, and replenish toilet consumables (if necessary). Cleaning products are provided. These are only light duties and definitely NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. As an organisation run by solely by volunteers, we rely on the support of all members to help keep the operations going. Don't sit back and leave it to someone else, otherwise, it will be left to the few to carry the burden. Participation is rewarding and you will be helping make the Shed more enjoyable for your fellow Shedders.

If you can spare the time and are physically able, please come forward and I will add you to the roster.

Thanks

Mick (Alan's cleaning buddy)

Please volunteer at the front Office.

WHAT HAVE OUR MEMBERS BEEN UP TO!



Just a little thing made at home using a router only and without Templates

Brian Beech

Did you know that forks cause obesity and keyboards are the reason for misspelled words?

LEGO CONSTRUCTORS:

Mike Devereux has suggested that there is interest in setting up, in the Library room, a Lego Group for bloke's interested building up Lego kits also for the loan / borrowing of kits. This will need somebody to run the Group. Please let the Secretary know if you are interested in this activity and or running the group. *You could probably borrow the Grand kids Lego!*

GCMS Local and Family History Group

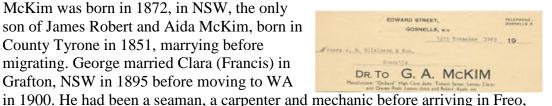
Did You know? Pt 9a

McKim's "Orchard" brand jam and peel Factory

George Arthur McKim was born in 1872, in NSW, the only



son of James Robert and Aida McKim, born in County Tyrone in 1851, marrying before migrating. George married Clara (Francis) in Grafton, NSW in 1895 before moving to WA



where he set up a successful confectionary business in Scott Street before selling to the well know Mills and Warner business 1918.

He then moved to Gosnells in 1920 (if you walk along the river bank, you can still see the original

packing shed). Neighbours of course included our Lewis family and the Green, Viscovic Buckley and Carbone families, over time.

Originally, he built just a shed with two boiling coppers, and stored lemon peel under a mulberry tree! Later, he devised a boiler using old steam pipes and devices for cutting peel and juicing lemons. Deft use was made of second-hand fish canning machinery, and he had his own tin-smithy.



Wanted to Buy FIGS

His specialities, apart from Apricot, Fig and Plum Jams and Peel included tomato sauce, baked beans and other canned veg. The business soon prospered. The family did not take a wage until WW2, but after living expenses, ploughed all the profits back in to the business. Pre-war, the annual total output had already been pre-ordered the previous year. Much

was sold to the UK, and at its' height, 300 tons of lemons were processed every day. George must have been doing well, as he was able to upgrade from his Austin 7 in 1938.

A further boost came during WW2 with contracts to the Defence Department. GIs reckoned that Gosnells' fruit was better than Californian, and he was buying in figs from as far away as Harvey and Granny Smiths from Kalamunda.



His first employee, other than family, was Ester Lauterbach (more on her family in a later article), growing to 8 full time and up to twenty seasonal workers. Boys were hired at the age of 15, and girls 16. Because of many of the staff being First Day Adventists, hiring Saturday labour was not always easy – but Sundays were! One perk

of the jobs was the offer of "Free wireless".

An expansion venture to grow fruit on 13 acres in Chamberlain Street during WW2 was destroyed by a plague of locusts. The land was eventually sold off in

the 1950s as part of the winding down of the company. Adverts for selling off hundreds of wooden fruit boxes appeared regularly in the 1950s.

Fruit was in short supply after the war – George was sued over 3000 pounds for failing to provide only 5 tons of a 110 ton 'verbal' contract. Due to rising wage costs and competition from bigger Eastern Companies, the firm finally closed in 1958. George was always aggrieved that he never received the recognition for employing so many local people and pumping money into the Gosnells economy.

Next month: Part 9b: More about the McKim family.



WANTED TO BUY OMATO SAUCE

BOTTLES

Unbranded

CLASSIFIED

ADVERTS

YOUNG GIRLS WANTED

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Please contact: beckettc226@gmail.com or telephone afternoons on 9398 1572 if you are interested in local, and/or family history or feel free to drop in to the Lewis House, 1-3, every Wednesday afternoon.

Zoom in on the pictures for greater detail.

WANTED

FIGS WANTED-ANY QUANT.

As we are unable to send our Representative throughout the district this season, growers are asked to rail figs direct to Gosnells. Price being paid 9/ewt at Gosnells Railway Sta ion.

G. A. McKlM

Jam Factory, Gosnells.







Ratepayers' Meetings.

It was decided that ratepayers meetngs should be held at Gosnells on the following Friday, and at East Canington on September 29.

On the motion of Mr. Richardson, it was resolved that minutes of meetings hould be typed and a copy sent to ach member, to obviate the necessity or reading minutes prior to the comnencement of business.

Mr. Barratt moved, and Mr. Mackie econded, that written authority be iven to Mr. McKim to prevent any serson removing soil from Edwardtreet, Gosnells, Carried.

The chairman was authorised to call special meeting to deal with tenders losing before the date of the next Board meeting.

NON-DELIVERY

Damages totalling £2861/3/9 were awarded in Perth Supreme Court today to Victorian export company R. Wallace-Mitchell, Pty., Ltd., from Cecil Francis Glad-win-Grove and Francis Ignatius Flynn, trading as British Agencies, of King-st., Perth.

The amount of damages was by consent. British Agencies admitted liability because of breach of contract.
R. Wallace-Mitchell, Pty.
Ltd., claimed that on May 6, Ltd., claimed that on May 6, 1948, British Agencies contracted to supply 110 tons of mixed citrus peel packed by G. A. McKim, of Gosnells. The peel McKim, of Gosnells. was to be delivered to Freman-tle by October 31, 1948. Wallace-Mitchell then ar-

ranged to sell the peel to an English firm. Final delivery date was to be October 31,

British Agencies had delivered only 11 tons by that date.
Because of this Wallace-Mitchell had had to pay the English buyer £1744 for settlement of a claim for non-delivery. Loss of profit and other losses incurred made the total loss £2861/3/9

loss £2861/3/9.

[Before Mr. Justice Virtue, Mr. O. Negus for R. Wallace-Mitchell, Fry., Edd. Mr. B. G. Marshall for British Agencies.]

He's Owner Of Island

UCKLAND, Wed (AAP-Reuter): An elder of a Maori tribe, who elaimed he owned Mokola Island in with having thrown gelig-nite at a tourist launch in

an attempt to blow it up.

He is Abraham Riko Te
Kiri (53), who pleaded not
guilty and was committed
to the Supreme Court for

thur Eden Patterson of Rotorua Lake Services Limited said that Te Kiri had warned him that he Patterson of

USELESS INFORMATION

I do not know where I picked these up but I do know some of the individuals described!

Nicknames for the apprentice or TA:

Wicket Keeper: Puts on gloves and stands back;

Harvey Norman: 3 years no interest;

Grenade: Waiting for him to pull the pin out;
Sensor light: Only works if somebody walks past;
Blister: Appears when the hard work is done;

Show bag: Full of shit;

Seaweed: Floats around all day and stinks; Lantern: Not very bright and has to be carried;

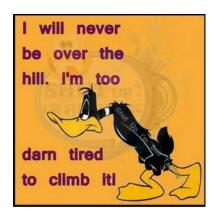
Penguin: Always on the ice;

Deckchair: Always folds under pressure; G-spot: You can never find him;

2-stroke: Hard to get started and always smokes;

Morphine: Slow working dope: Bushranger: Holds everyone up:

A YOUNG MISSIONARY ON HIS FIRST
TERM IN AFRICA WAS READING HIS
BIBLE IN A CLEARING WHEN A LION CAME
UP AND LAID DOWN BESIDE HIM. AS HE
QUIETLY PRAYED FOR DELIVERANCE,
ANOTHER LION CAME OUT OF THE BUSH
AND LAID DOWN BY HIS OTHER SIDE.
CONVINCED THAT THIS WAS A TEST OF
HIS FAITH, HE RETURNED TO READING HIS
BIBLE. AS SOON AS HE DID, THE TWO
LIONS POUNCED ON HIM AND DEVOURED
HIM. MORAL: DON'T TRY TO READ
BETWEEN THE LIONS.
UNKNOWN PUNSTER @2018



MY WIFE JUST STOPPED
AND SAID,
"YOU WEREN'T EVEN
LISTENING WERE YOU?"

I THOUGHT...
"THAT'S PRETTY WEIRD WAY
TO START A CONVERSATION."

WANTED

Looking for small pot belly stove, new or 2nd hand, for small art studio in Denmark.

Area to be heated, 24 sq. Metres (very small area). Max. height, 800mm. or less. Flu. Towards or at back (room for small kettle on top). See picture.

Alternative! A little squarish wood burner, again max. height 800mm. or less. Again with flu out the back, or at back of top plate.

If anyone has a suitable one for sale, or knows where small heaters can be found, please respond. Email – quoknblue@iinet.net.au, or phone 9452 8990 (leave a message on the answer machine, bad hearing), Or SMS on mobile 0423 053 072.

Any assistance offered will be very much appreciated. Cheers, Rob Cairns.



WANTED

Space to rent for 4-6 months

Julie needs to rent suitable covered area with access to power

Entrance needs to be minimum 2.2 metres high

For conversion of Toyota SLWB Commuter van into campervan

Juliers62@gmail.com

0417816808



Contact Julie if you can help out.



Why is this bloke so happy?