



"THE BRIDGE SHEDDER"

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OUR DETAILS.....

Murraylands Community Men's Shed Inc.

Murray Bridge Showgrounds
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Our Committee...

Patron—Tony Pasin MP

President—Terry Brown
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Open Times....

We are open Monday to Friday
from 8 am till 12 noon.

Meeting times....

**Committee Meetings on the
second Tuesday of each month**

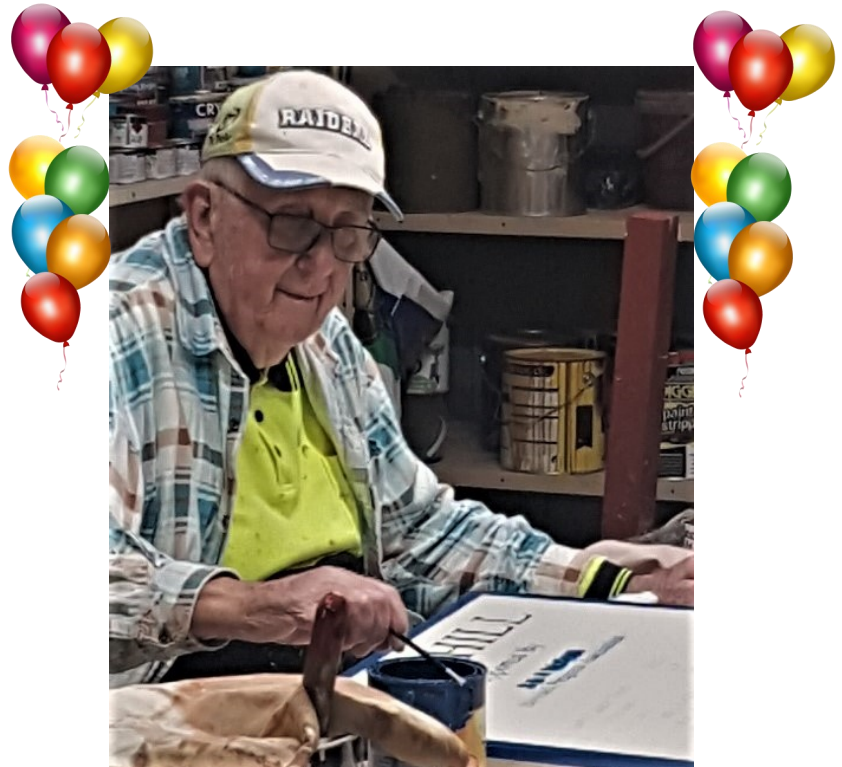
**General Meetings on the
second Tuesday in December,
March, and June.**

**Annual General Meeting on the
second Tuesday in September**

**All meetings commence at 10 am
sharp.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY REMBRANDT



Noel Hackett our highly esteemed painter turned 83 on January the 16th. Noel has been part of our shed since it's beginning in 2012, when he was still a young fella.

Noel gets the job of finishing off every project that is made in the shed by either varnishing or painting and of course the fine finishing sanding job is always a must for Noel. Noel is extremely fussy about his product and everything that comes out of his domain is finished off perfectly.

Not only does Noel do all the project finishing he has also held the position of Secretary for a total of four years and has been a Committee member for 11 years. Presently Noel still holds the position of Membership Officer.

Noel is one of those people who make the shed the wonderful place that it is. His dry jokes and yarns of years gone past are a part of our shed folk lore. We hope to have you around for many more years Noel, congratulations on all your achievements.



**PAINTED BY
NOEL**





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From The Treasurer

January has been a month of highs and lows. It started slowly and has gradually built up to something like normal. We have ordered nearly \$3700 worth of timber to continue making memorial ashes boxes for our local funeral company and more wicking beds. This has proven to be a very successful means of generating income for the Shed. The dog and cat planter boxes are also proving to be worthwhile projects and we can access the plastic inserts for a local coffee/ice cream business in the marketplace. Friday lunches are slowly gathering more members attending and the reaction of those attending has been very positive. Mick has cooked some great roasts which have been well accepted. Our finances have maintained a steady level given some the unexpected activities – a new sewerage pump (\$2800) and the kapur timber (as mentioned above) for the funeral boxes making a noted difference.

Happy New Year to all members



Who Is This Young Man ??

This is a young Dennis Newell, the man responsible for the building of the Murray Bridge Bunyip situated at Sturt reserve. Dennis is a long standing member of our Men's shed, and makes the effort to visit us most weeks

FROM THE PRESIDENT

G'Day To All Our Members,

Farewell to 2022 and welcome to 2023, last year was an over-all busy year for the shed, with special orders and special events, 2023 will hopefully become a year of growth for our team.

With lunches back on Friday's it is good to see, the new and old members mixing together, enjoying those delicious meals and chocolate wheel spins.

Our model boats are still proving very popular for the many tourists that visit our region, many of our members are enjoying the time working on the kits. Personally I would like to thank the committee and members for soldiering on in my absence, it has been hard not being able to leave my home due to the flooding and I have missed the team enormously, but luckily I can say Pat and I have not yet succumbed to the frustrations of living 24/7, with little or no time away from each other....yet.

A huge thank you goes to Andy and the crew for their assistance in doing some welding work on the clamps that were needed to secure 67 houseboats to their moorings here in Mannum Waters. The Volunteer Group here have had to deal with a few boats thinking they would like to float away, but none of the boats secured with this clamping system caused any concern.

The river is now on its way back down and although this will take a while to return everything to normal, it will allow the security for me to start to spend some more time back at the shed soon. After having that forced time away from the shed I am definitely looking forward to what 2023 can bring us, one n all.

Cheers

Terry





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TOYS GALORE

Rex Morgan now has the title of "Official toy Maker" in our shed. Rex has designed and made a variety of tough wooden toys including trucks, tractors and African animals. Rex also makes planter boxes in the shape of dogs (any breeds) and cats. He has also occasionally made sheep and horse planters. The picture shows Rex and Roger handing over a range of toys which we supplied to Tony Pasin MP member for Barker to donate to needy children

Our Memorial ashes boxes business continues to grow, thanks to the quality of our boxes which is a reflection of Roger's wood working skills. We now have a dedicated area of the shed where all the work is carried out. Because of the amount of boxes we make we need to have a stockpile of boxes ready to go..



Jim Macnab busy building our fleet of laser cut paddle steamers. These beautiful little units designed by Terry Brown are made to sell at local visitor centres and any markets that we attend.

They are a far cry from our original boats which were large and clunky and hard to sell





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OUR OCTOGENARIANS, THE STALWARTS OF OUR SHED



Barry Laubsch 80

Jim Macnab 85

Ray chandler 82

Robert Cock 81

Noel Hackett 83

Dudley Frahn 82

The pictures of six of our older members of our shed are not the only 80 year old members, but they are six of our octogenarians who are at the shed most days of the week. Between them they have a total 493 years of life experience and a total of approximately 1200 hours of shed participation. Well done guys and thank you for what you have done for us

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY PROJECT



Just keep stirring

Members of the SACWA Country Café Committee came together on June 9 and 10 to cook a staggering 104 kilos of apricots and 108 kilos of plums to make jam for the Royal Show.

The huge job was made slightly easier and safer this year thanks to the custom-made paddle stirrers, made by the Murray Bridge Men's Shed.

"Jam is easy to make but deadly to the uninitiated stirrer," said committee member Wendy Martin.

"Once it gets to a rolling boil, continual stirring with patience and persistence is imperative. Dodging volcanic eruptions of boiling jam was made a little safer this year with our long-handled paddles that have a flat bottom edge, meaning that burning was eliminated.

"Many thanks to Anika Loechel for organising for our 'paddle design' to be made at the Men's Shed in Murray Bridge and to Jenny Holland who kindly collected them for us."

Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal, and someone always answers