



The not so Wrinkly Rag

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What's on This Month?

Speakers Circle	10am on 5 th – deferred due to Covid-19 concerns
Nibbles'n'Natter	10am on 13 th – mystery eats!
Singalong	7:30pm on 6 th and 20 th – all welcome
Excursion	9:30am on 14 th – No 1 Pumping Station @ Mundaring Weir
Fundraising	8am – 3pm on 15 th – Firewood Raffle in Woolies Mall
General Meeting	2pm on 20 th – all welcome
Shed Open Saturday	9am-noon 29 th – driveway/garage sale

President's Patter

Hello Gentlemen and any other readers.

Many nesting boxes have been put together and some will be collected soon. Meanwhile, a small, dedicated group is continuing to clean the donated plywood, cutting it to size, drilling, assembling and, where necessary, painting exposed surfaces. Thank you, guys. Thankfully, the Hub bus shed next door is being used for storage. If you could find a couple of hours to help, it would be appreciated. There is always someone to guide you,

The Speaker's Circle has been postponed for May, due to the possibility of being caught up in any further Covid directions. While on the topic, I am disappointed about the poor attendance at the last session, which was directed to older people, regarding avoiding falls. Please try to be at the next session at 10.00am in the annex at the Hub on June the 2nd. There will be plenty of notice about the topic. As an incentive, refreshments will be available.

It seems to me that there are plenty of simple jobs which many of you can do, to help out the MCMS. Did you know that the garden is watered, leaves etc, are picked up, mowing is done by long-time members? These are jobs done by members who are very busy with other duties. Please, please, offer yourself for

April numbers:

263 total attendances

Best day **8th** and **20th** with **23** attendances

Most popular day of the week: **Thursday**

these and other simple tasks. You may not get an ‘elephant stamp’, but you will contribute to the well-being of our place.

A further negative. Since I joined few years ago, there have been notices, which basically say, “please clean, dry, and put away crockery and cutlery used. Your mother does not come here.” It is a simple task. The only slight difference is that we use paper towels these days.

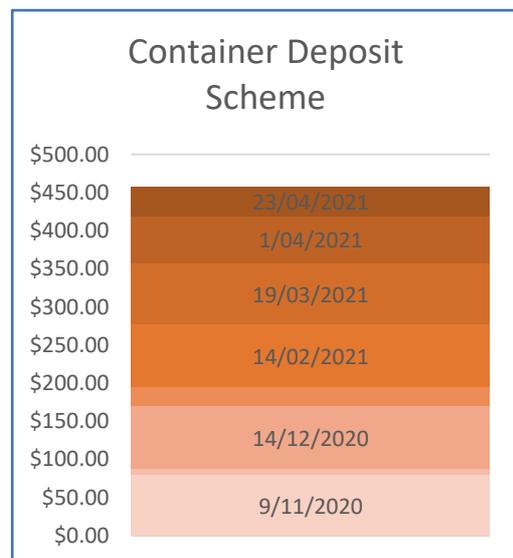
But it has been great to mix with so many of you, especially at morning tea. Some of you may have been wondering where Bill Hanks is! He is in hospital, following a stroke. Unfortunately, due to Covid he can’t be visited yet. His phone number is on your Members List. Consider giving Stella a ring, please.

Until next month, Brian Mathews

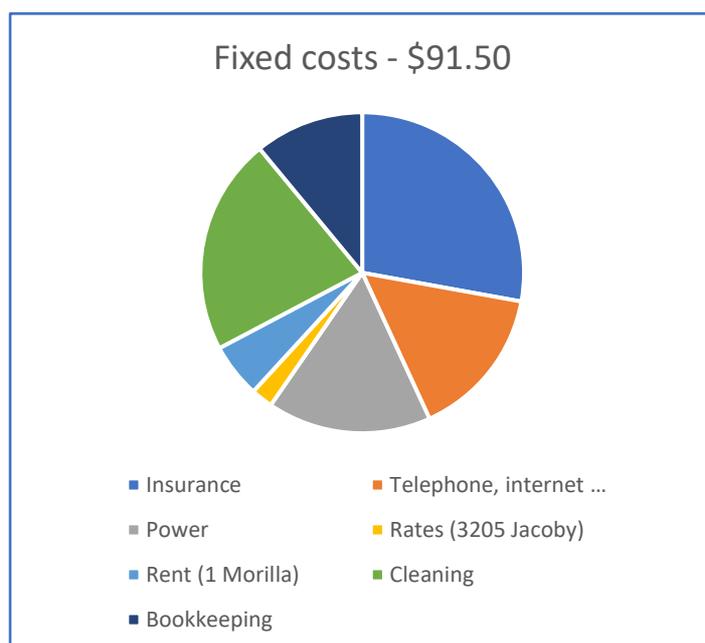
Fundraising

Max Hore, and others, have been delivering containers to Coppin Road for 10¢ per container. You can leave eligible containers in the purple ‘wheely bin’ in the amenities room, or just leave the bag by the bin. Well done drinkers – we have now banked \$457.80!

The firewood raffle on the 17th of April raised \$740.30. Thanks again to Max and his crew of helpers for loading the wood, selling the tickets and delivering the wood to the raffle winner, Bryan in Noblewood Estate. The next raffle will be on the 15th of May – please put your name on the roster at the Shed or contact Ross on 0433-211-949 so we share the joy around.



Where Does Your Membership Fee Go?



Currently our membership fee is set at \$70 for ordinary members, with concessions for associates, and ... 100% concession for Honorary Life Members.

The chart on the left shows the fixed costs to run the Shed based on 100 ordinary members. You might notice that there is a discrepancy between costs and income!

This data is shown to foreshadow the increase in membership fees for the 2021-22 financial year to be submitted for members’ approval at the monthly meeting of the 20th of May. Join the discussion!

Wheels Turning Slowly at Morilla Road

Things **are** proceeding at 1 Morilla Road. The Building Permit Application for the “clubrooms” is still with the Shire for approval, and the site has been pegged for earthworks. After 6 months of liaising with the Shire about stormwater and drainage, and many thousands of dollars in civil engineering fees, there are still questions being asked.

The permit for the woodworking shop is with the Shire also but should be stamped soon.

There is a challenge with the metalworking shop as the personnel access door is, against regulations, more than 20m from the far corner and the roller door 3m away is not considered an emergency exit – hopefully, we can shuffle things around.

The brown tape has been cleared at the WA Department of Health and we now have an approved wastewater treatment plant.

3018 CNC Engraving Machine – Stephen Fox

Our 3018 CNC Engraving machine was purchased in Aug 2018 as the result of forward-thinking decisions by the membership at a general meeting. With the intention of making members name badges, the machine became something of a work in progress and by the time I joined the shed in March 2019 it was listed in meeting minutes as a work in progress month after month.

It seemed to be a good project to get involved with and I teamed up with former shed President Barry Crossley to figure out how to make it work correctly. We tackled this as a series of research tasks exploring types of software, correct tooling and materials capability. The machine started as a modestly priced eBay purchase and then acquired an updated ER11 collet chuck or cutting tool holder, some small diameter end mills and engraving points. Our research for suitable software included several low-cost solutions all with limitations and eventually “Vetric Carver” a relatively expensive software package was chosen, and Barry and I were very appreciative of the Kalamunda Men’s Shed and their willingness to demonstrate it for us before committing to purchase.

By late in July 2020, when our first members name badge was engraved, we had learnt enough to tackle name badges and the “Stop Spray Sanitise” sign at the top of the entry ramp. Other suggestions from members have included Blue engraved labels for renovated and manufactured items from our workshops and Barry Wright’s request for a Script type font on a brass strip was amazingly effective visually.

Most recently we have produced a number of name engraved style badges for John Burgos to attach to the Departed Members honour board. With 22-member name badges produced to date we have amortised the original cost of



machine and are eating into the cost of materials and the software. The unusual use of Lego base plate slotted bricks and M3 nylon screws as the clamping system for the name badges is shown along with the Hand Sanitise station sign.

If the membership continues to identify possible uses for this machine, I can see a case for a bigger machine coming to a general meeting at some time in the future.



Introducing our New Welfare Officer – John Burgos



Since joining a few months back it's been great to meet many of you at the Shed and get my hands dirty on some projects. For those who haven't met my ugly mug I thought I'd introduce myself as the new welfare/wellbeing officer. I'm looking forward to touching base with members over the coming months but please feel free to call for a chat at any time.

Nesting Boxes

The first 35 nesting boxes have been delivered to Simon Cherriman for placing in trees to provide habitat for birds and animals after the disastrous February bushfire.



Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund

According to our bank statement we raised \$1030 for the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief fund for that bushfire which raged from Wooroloo which raged from Wooroloo to Brigadoon.

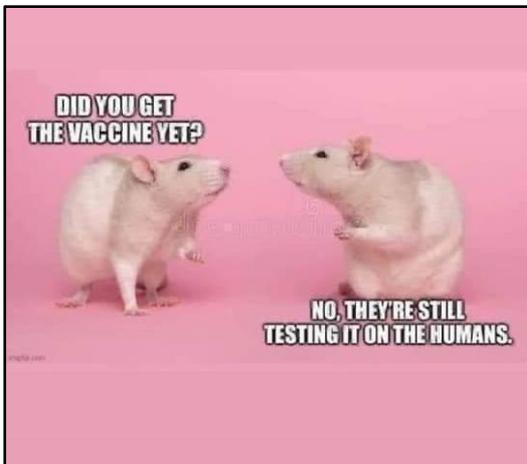
More Project Work

Brian has been busy making a ramp to help a friend's small dog get into the back of its owner's vehicle.



Funnies

Thanks to Sunil for the mice and counting:



And to Max for:

The teacher asked little Johnny if he knew his numbers.

"Yes," he said. "I do. My father taught me."

"Good. What comes after three."

"Four," answers the boy.

"What comes after six?"

"Seven."

"Very good," says the teacher. "Your dad did a good job. What comes after ten?"

"A jack"

What is Celibacy?

Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by circumstances.

While attending a Marriage Weekend, my wife and I listened to the instructor declare: "It is essential that husbands and wives know that things are important to each other ..."

He then addressed the men: "Can you name your wife's favourite flower?"

I leaned over, touched my wife's hand gently, and whispered "Self-raising, isn't it?"

And thus began my life of celibacy ...

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