

Member of



SUBIACO COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED (INC)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Shed Partnership with Subiaco City**
- **Visits from Mayor and Minister**
- We are On the Web
- **Substantial Grants Received**
- **Shed Security much improved**
- **Shed Safety focus retraining**
- **Staying busy**

SHED PARTNERSHIP WITH SUBIACO CITY

This Partnership was renewed and benefits the shed in being exposed on the City's website a well as receiving grants from the city which also provides us with our shed, power and parking. In turn we provide services for the citizens of the City of Subiaco – fixing furniture, making items and keeping their citizens active in the shed.

VISITS FROM MAYOR AND GOVERNMENT MINISTER

Hon. Don Punch, the Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors, Ageing; and Volunteering, visited with Mayor David McMullen to learn what or shed does for its members and the community.

SUBI SHED IS ON THE WEB!

Have a peek at THIS (https://www.subished.org.au)



GRANTS RECEIVED

We have received \$20,000 from Lotteries West and \$10,000 from the City of Subiaco. This has enabled us to provide new and better equipment and security and First Aid training.

SHED SAFETY

Detailed Safe Work Procedures are available for all of our equipment. These are on a thumb drive, on the Web and in the Clean Room in hard copy. Please read them.

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We are getting around to re-training all members. This is part of our desire to keep safe. It will be reflected in a simpler badge and a list of those who have completed training.

Any members who would like first aid training (a 1-day course) will be sponsored by the Shed – no cost to the member but a huge benefit to shed, the member and his family.

SHED SECURITY

We have installed a sophisticated monitored security System which records activity inside and outside the shed. Your Shed and it's \$150,000 inventory is now protected and secure.

STAYING BUSY

Projects done

Making Coffin bar. Repairing tables, chairs, targets, cupboards, drawers, roadside 'collectables', picture and mirror frames, art hangers, wooden crosses, clock faces, bedframes, workbench, rugged Golfers' bench, ...

Projects on hand

Jewellery workbench, antique chair, old garden bench, child's swing, more target frames and golf range markers...

Our equipment

This year we have used grants to add 2 modern lathes, a larger bandsaw for better ripping capability, and kept up maintenance on our older gear. The metalwork lathe has been repaired and we have added automatic blast gates to most large pieces of equipment. These automatically open the gates to the dust extractor and close them after the machine is switched off. It's a much-improved efficiency in dust collection.

We have a new spray gun, professional workbench, and revived computer (thanks, to the Wanneroo Mens Shed).

Several new laptops and iPads are available for member's training.

How Busy have we been?

The shed has a total of [42] members and on a busy day we may have 20 at the shed. Quieter days have 5 to 10 members.

In the last financial year, we've had 245 attendances per month on average. That's around 12,000 man-hours or 1,000 man-hours spent every month in the shed on projects for schools, hospitals, charities, Subiaco citizens and members' families. Subtract a couple of hundred man-hours for our compulsory Morning Tea and talkabout break.

Projects done

Making Coffin-shaped bar, hall tables, side tables. Repairing and resurfacing tables, fixing chairs, cupboards, drawers, roadside 'collectables', picture and mirror frames, art hangers, wooden crosses, clock faces, bedframes, workbench, rugged Golfers' bench and course markers, shooters' target frames...

Projects on hand

Jewellery workbench, antique chair, old garden bench, child's swing, bed headboard, sand boxes, golf markers, target frames....

Busy? Yes



Some Reminiscences – work for others and the Shed



Fixing wood parts on an old banger



Pot stands



It's a Bar!



Making Stuff



Childrens' Street Library





An old hand on a new lathe



Gary and mayor McMullen admiring Ian's house build





A Sacred 30 minutes

Lowering the average age of the shed



Doug running an induction session

We were visited by a group from Subicare. They were fascinated by the demonstrations. Unfortunately, we couldn't let them loose on the machinery.