



NEWSLETTER

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Upgraded Website

Check out our upgraded website it has plenty of information about coming events and also copies of the minutes of meetings, annual report and financial reports.

The Documents page is password protected to limit access to members.

The password will be stamped on the back of your membership card with the web address and emergency contact information (provided by you) A sample of the stamp is shown below.



This is being done so that in the case of emergency the supervisor can immediately contact your “significant other” rather than try to access personal records.

The stamp includes the website address and the password to the documents page.

Supervisor’s Course

This will be held in our eastern workshop on Friday 22nd May 2026 from 9am – 3pm. Vern Weiss and Geoff Blechynden have been nominated to attend.

Robert St Duke will be managing morning teas, accommodation and lunch.

Members are requested to avoid using this area on Friday morning if possible.

Please make any guests welcome.

Supervision

One of our major weaknesses is the number of day supervisors we have available. This is an important role and while the duties are not onerous, they are important. If you are approached to take on this role, please give it serious consideration as the shed should not be operating without a day supervisor present. We currently need two more supervisors.

L-ION Batteries

Due to the risk of fire, no lithium-ion batteries are to be placed in the battery disposal box at the shed. Please make sure you check batteries being disposed of to ensure this does not occur. We do not wish to risk a fire in the workshop.

E Waste Collection

Unfortunately, some members of the public are dropping off items that are not approved for collection. This means we are burdened with the cost of their disposal. This is unacceptable.

If you see a member of the public dropping off goods, please assist them to understand what is acceptable. The details are clearly labelled on the bin. Do not hesitate to reject electric white goods and non-electronic items, and if in doubt contact Peter Fairall, a supervisor or committee member.

Change of President

As a result of the loss of Paul Fonk as President the Vice president Robert St Duke has taken the role until the next AGM. Paul has agreed to accept the role of internal auditor and will monitor our financial and purchasing arrangements in conjunction with the committee members. We wish them both well in their new roles.

Plico Battery

Problems have occurred with Western Power approving our new battery. The following is an explanation of the problem.

LMS have ordered a 20kW battery from Plico to receive power. Generated by solar panels.

Western Power have declined the application for an embedded generation appliance based on the assumed additional 5kW inverter requirement exceeds the 30kVa limit. The 5kW inverter is to change the AC power from the micro inverters on the panels to DC power that charges the battery. There will be no increase in demand above the 30kVa limit. The Shire of Harvey will undertake negotiations with Western Power on our behalf for which we are greatly appreciative.

Purchasing

When needing to purchase good please leave a note on the clipboard in the office marked purchases on Don's or Eliot's desk. If there is a need to purchase urgent supplies/material please fill out an order in the order book and have it authorised.

Donated Jarrah

A large quantity of Jarrah will shortly arrive at the LMS donated by Simcoa. The committee see this as an investment for the future generations of shed members. Members may purchase timber at an agreed price.

LMS Adhesive labels

Mason Signs have been contracted to supply suitable labels for products made and sold by the shed. These will be available in the office.

Sawdust Bins

Work progresses on a hoisting system for the bins to reduce the labour required when emptying these receptacles. This is being done by Gerry and with the recent purchase of a remote-controlled electric winch we hope to resolve this problem in the near future.

Council Waste Bins

These are collected on Tuesday mornings at 6am.

It is essential that members attending on a Monday assist in putting the bins on the kerb so they are not missed. Please bear this in mind if you are present on a Monday.

Trailer

Following modification of the trailer we have been advised approval and inspection is required by Dept. of Transport. The trailer is not to be used outside our site until this is completed.

Bimonthly Meeting

26 members attended. A number of complaints were raised about the conduct of some members. Charlotte Brown from Tender Funerals, a not-for-profit low-cost funeral provider advised the members of the progress to establishing this organisation and asked for assistance

Complaints raised by members

Cherry picking of eggs – it was alleged that a member was selecting the large eggs from the cartons for himself leaving the smaller eggs for others. This is unacceptable conduct.

Also please limit purchases to 1 carton per person so that everyone has a chance.

Cheese – That some members are taking multiple cheese samples thus depriving other members of the opportunity to enjoy the donated items.

Skip Bin – Members to note no private rubbish is to be placed in the skip bin it is for LMS items only – every time it is emptied it costs over \$400.

Please remember we have a code of conduct which states:

RESPECT – treat everyone with respect

INTEGRITY – Act with honesty and integrity

RESPONSIBILITY – take responsibility for your actions – if you break it tell someone so it can be fixed

COMPLIANCE – follow the rules

SAFETY – give priority to safe operations – comply with operating instructions for machines

CONFIDENTIALITY – protect confidential information

ACCOUNTABILITY – hold yourself accountable for your actions

COLLABORATION – work collaboratively and help others

Get Well Soon

We wish Ray Schlueter and Peter Fairall a speedy recovery from their medical issues and a return to the shed. Any member knowing of another member who is unwell please let our Welfare Officer Phil Smith know so support can be provided.

Pallet Disassembler

Gerry has constructed a pallet disassembling machine to reduce the effort needed to break down pallets. This has been achieved at minimal cost and is a valuable addition to our machinery. Thank you Gerry for a job well done.

Greening The Nature Strip

Rob Gordon has planted a row of peppermint trees on the adjoining land. This is a project to green up the area and develop a green corridor adjoining the shed. Many thanks Rob for doing this.

Finally

Thanks to all those members carrying out projects that support the operations of the shed. It is greatly appreciated.