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## **Karrinyup Men's Shed Bulletin 15 August 2021**

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**To: Karrinyup Community Men's Shed members**

### **Machines Down**

We currently have two machines down.

**Thicknesser:** waiting on parts from Carbatec.

**Bench Saw:** waiting on parts from USA. The saw is locked in the vertical cut position being about 20mm-24mm and can be used but without adjustments to the height settings. Please ensure that you discuss any operating issues with the duty supervisor.

Anyone needing to "rip" cut timber or thicker timber than 25mm it should be done on the big band-saw using the "fence" and the plastic feather guides. Long timbers will need someone to tail to avoid twisting the blade. Speed is not the essence when cutting on the band saws.

If you are trying to get a finished cut be sure to allow an excess of 3mm-5mm on the cut so the cut face of the timber can be taken to a smooth finish on the "jointer".

### **Report Breakages**

We are faced with a continuing occurrence of unreported breakages of shed tools and equipment. This is a source of nuisance and inconvenience when the next person comes along.

Now guys, we are not kids any more and no one is going to chastise you (well not much) if you break something, so if you do, just tell the duty supervisor – simple! That way we can fix the problem in a timely manner in order to minimise the inconvenience to others.

### **Correct Use of Machines Within Limits**

Much of the damage caused to machines and saw blades in particular arises from impatience and unrealistic expectations. The use of excessive force, or expecting the machine or blade to work beyond optimum capacity will cause damage to the material and to the machine.

When cutting or machining timber allow the machine to do the work and avoid undue pressure or haste to get the job through quickly. Forcing the work puts pressure on the machine or blade causing unnecessary distortion and heat producing friction – both of which may cause breakages.

Similarly, when using machines like the thicknesser, use small incremental adjustments (no more than a 1/4 turn) allowing smaller cuts so the

machine works within design tolerances. One other related point to remember is that the flat bed sander is for fine finishing only, again using small incremental adjustments.

### **Check Old Timber for Nails**

Again, members are reminded that before putting old timber through the machines, check for nails using the metal detector. When doing so make sure this is done on a wooden bench and not while the timber is laying across the metal machine bed. Otherwise you will not get an accurate reading.

### **Dust Reduction**

We have invested considerable time and funds into dust reduction in an effort to improve the air quality inside the shed. Members are reminded that if carrying out tasks using portable sanders, routers or the like, where possible these should be done outside the shed.

There is now a power outlet in the paved undercroft and the sanding table has been relocated to that area providing an alternative location for dusty work outside of the main building.

### **KCMS Annual General Meeting 16th September**

A formal notice of meeting will be issued shortly by the secretary, but this is a 'heads-up' for your diaries. The business of the meeting will be to receive end of year reports and elect a committee going forward.

The AGM will commence at 11:00 am followed by the traditional sausage sizzle. A notice calling for catering numbers will be posted at the shed.

### **KCMS Shirts**

An order is to be placed shortly for polo shirts for our new members. Our supplier operates on a minimum order of 10 units, so this is an opportunity for any existing member requiring a replacement shirt to get an order in now. Shirts are priced at \$35. Contact Jeff on [jeffcrookes@iinet.net.au](mailto:jeffcrookes@iinet.net.au)

### **KCMS Caps**

We have a number of KCMS caps remaining in stock for anyone requiring one. Cost is \$18. [jeffcrookes@iinet.net.au](mailto:jeffcrookes@iinet.net.au)

### **Men's Shed WA Long Lunch @ RAAFA Bullcreek**

This is the last call for members who would like to attend this lunch on 2nd September and meet up with men from other sheds.

Hear about ageing from David Beard. David is a Fulbright Scholar with post-graduate qualifications from UWA, Edith Cowan University and The University of Arizona. Over a 30-year career working with people from 25 to 100+ years he has learnt the keys to living a long, healthy and exciting life filled with adventure, passion and purpose.

Cost of lunch is \$20 which includes entry to the RAAFA aviation museum. Contact [jeffcrookes@iinet.net.au](mailto:jeffcrookes@iinet.net.au) if you would like to come along. Car pooling from the shed is available.

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - Saturday 23rd October**

Last year's Bunnings sausage sizzle was a major fund raising success providing a boost of almost \$1500 to shed revenues. We plan to do better this year, but need volunteers to make it work and to minimise the effort for the few.

The commitment on the day extends to about 2 hours of your time between 07:00 and 16:30 to help cook, serve, take money, etc. Please get in touch with Terry Sheard [terryliz1@icloud.com](mailto:terryliz1@icloud.com) and let him know of your availability for the roster.

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**Earlier KCMS newsletters**

If you have missed any, earlier newsletters/bulletins are on the KCMS website at <http://karrinyup.mensshedswa.org.au/newsletters.htm>

Recent newsletters are in both PDF format for printing on A4 paper and HTML format which is easier to read on smaller screens.

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