



NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2026

Welcome to the Bunbury Men's Shed August Newsletter.

SOCIAL DAY FRIDAY 7th August

Guest Speaker

This month's guest speaker is Urologist Dr Sue Chapman. Sue has spoken to the Shed Members before about prostate cancer. This time she will talk about Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD), a form of euthanasia that has been available in WA for about five years.

Asking for medical help to end a life may be morally contentious for some members, but either way, it's worth knowing about it.

Dr Chapman has agreed to focus on understanding the WA system rather than encouraging people to use it. Sue will probably cover things like eligibility criteria and the request process that someone needs to go through to access VAD.

Thanks to Ian Rotheram for organising Dr Chapman to present to the BMS.

This talk will be followed by a sausage and bacon sizzle ably organised by Kim Rudd with help from others.

Ian Rotheram is still chasing two more speakers for 2026. If you have an idea for an interesting guest speaker, give Ian a call on 0477 229822.

FRANKEL STREET SALE on SATURDAY 8th August 2026.

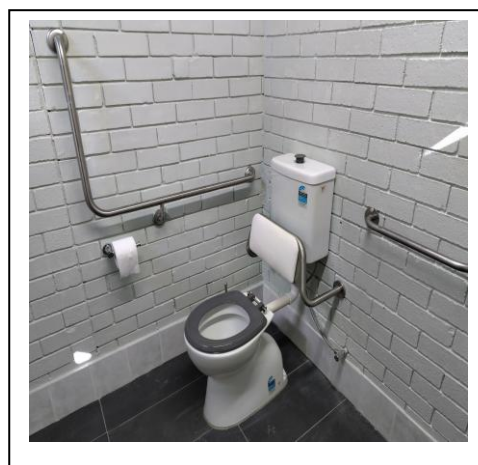
Come along and give the hard-working team at the Frankel Street Annex, a hand to move the goods on sale. Last month sales from Frankel Street contributed more than \$1,300 to the Shed coffers. These funds help to pay for the Shed Social Day, and the Morning Tea every Tuesday, in addition to other day to day expenses for the benefits of all Shed Members.

Working Bee this Wednesday 5th August

Join the Frankel Street Team on Wednesday to help make the Sale Day this Saturday a success.

BMS COMMUNITY PROJECTS

1. Peter Blowfield, John Brigden, and Clark Ward, as well as other Shed Members have completed the renovation and upgrade of the Disabled Riding School toilet block.



A big **THANK YOU** to all those involved.

2. The Woodwork blokes are more than halfway through building a cubby house for the Morrissey Homestead. The completed Cubby House will be displayed at the Forum Shopping Centre when completed.



2. The Shed is making three Busy Boards. The boards have been cut out and painted and volunteers, led by Pat Kane, are finishing them off by installing everyday hardware items.

A busy board (also known as a sensory board or Montessori busy board) is a hands-on activity board designed for babies and toddlers to explore safely. Using everyday hardware items mounted onto a solid board, it provides interactive elements that encourage fine motor skills and independent play.

3. Community Aged Care Expo

Several BMS Members took part in the Aged Care Expo on Friday 10th July at the Italian Club.



We received this note from the Expo Organisers.

Thank you again for joining us at the Southwest Community Aged Care Expo today. It was an incredible day with 31 stallholders and 261 attendees coming together to connect, learn, and support the community. We truly appreciate the involvement of the Bunbury Men's Shed as stallholders in making this event such a success.

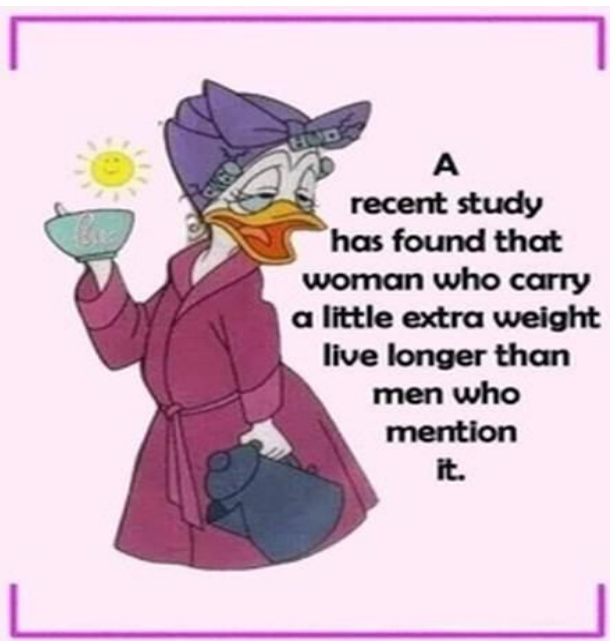
AMSA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

AMSA grants are open until 21 August for the following 4 categories (Health & Wellbeing Events, Shed Improvements, Tools & Equipment and Mental Health events). If you think the BMS could benefit from any of the above, put your hand up.

Containers For Change

From this month, wine bottles and alloy bottle tops will be included in the 10-cent refund scheme rolled out in WA. Bring all your refundable containers to the BMS or the nearest C for C depot and use the BMS refund number (#10628209) to enable the return funds to be deposited into the BMS C for C account.

Funnies from Chris Parr



It's another hot day, so I've taken all my clothes off and opened every window...

I feel so much better, although the other people on the bus don't seem so pleased!



The Aims of this Newsletter

The aim is to produce a monthly Newsletter which will attempt to summarise the significant immediate past events that have occurred at both the Shed and Frankel Street and hopefully, the planned events for the upcoming month that will take place at both sites.

To achieve this goal, the occasional editor of the Newsletter will rely on information provided by the Shed Committee and the members of the Shed. So, if you aware of a project that is underway or planned that deserves a mention, please let one of the editorial team know.

At present the editorial team comprises the Secretary, John Brigden, and Committee members, Murray Hawker, Kim Rudd, and Chris Parr.

If you have any comments or would like to contribute to the Newsletter, please let one of the above know.

VALE ALAN GIORGI

Alan was farewelled by a small crowd including thirteen members of the BMS. Chairman Ray Williams outlined Alan's time at the Shed.

Alan grew up in Donnybrook and was a Life Member and represented the State at the Bunbury Rowing Club. Life Member and head trainer of the Donnybrook Football Club. Alan did his butchering apprenticeship at the Dardanup Butchering Company and finished his working life as a Council meat inspector.

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