



Grant, Angie Dave and Merrick

Community Shed

Greenbushes Community Shed is a fully equipped workshop and is the right place to come for most projects you are wanting to tackle, or the right place to learn how to use power tools and improve your wood working skills.

No skills are required to join the team at the shed, you only need to come with ideas and a willingness to learn.

The shed is open on Fridays from 8.30am to 12.30pm and on an occasional Saturday 8.30am to 12.30pm.

The first lessons that are taught of course are on safety, but once safety procedures are understood the lessons are all hands-on training.

The available equipment is wide ranging and comprises drop saw, jigsaws, bench saw, planners, lathes, disc sander, bobbin sander drill press, routers and band saws. There is also a number of electric drills and drivers.

Dave, who is the Chair on the Shed Committee and one of the founding members, explains, “Grant McDonald and Merrick Paget are willing and capable instructors on all pieces of equipment and ensure even a novice is fully capable before using the tools.

“We have around 10 active members, there is a mix of 50/50 males and female members at the moment.

“I have personally found the Community Shed life changing, I came to Greenbushes not knowing anyone, I had PTSD and the life I was living was not a pleasant one. Getting involved with the Bridgetown Men’s Shed and the Greenbushes Community Shed have only had positive influences on my life.”

Merrick Paget tells of what the Shed is up to. “We have two projects under way, one is a bench which is being built to be placed outside the CWA building in Greenbushes and the other will be a Purple Bench project which we will place outside the CRC building.”

The Purple Benches movement started in Nova Scotia, Canada, where they are known as Barb’s Benches and were launched in 2015 to mark the 25th year anniversary of the murder of Barb Baillie by her husband. Purple Benches in public spaces are to honour all victims killed as a result of domestic and family violence.

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