

Welcome & Reflection

Welcome to 2026 at the Subiaco Women's Shed! Somehow, we already find ourselves in March, and the year is moving quickly; no doubt a feeling many of you share. That sense of momentum is reflected in the Shed itself, where activity, conversation, and ideas continue to flow and evolve week by week.

The beginning of the year is often a time for reflection. It feels like a natural moment to pause and take stock of how far we've come together. What began in 2024 as an idea grounded in connection, curiosity, and courage has grown into a living, breathing community shaped by the women who walk through our doors. Over the past 18 months, we've seen friendships form, confidence build, and skills emerge; often in unexpected and deeply meaningful ways.



Thank you for being part of this journey so far. Whether you've been with us since the beginning or have only just joined, you are helping shape what the Shed is becoming. We look forward to building the next chapter together.



Our Goals for 2026

Our ambition is not to rush growth, but to grow with intention, ensuring that the values we started with—safety, inclusion, generosity, and respect—remain at the heart of everything we do.

Some of our key goals for the year include:

- Expanding skill-building opportunities — offering a wider range of practical workshops, from introductory tool use and home DIY to creative and art & craft-based projects.
- Encouraging peer learning — creating more space for members to teach, mentor, and share their skills with others in the community.
- Securing & moving into a new home — providing a base for our events and opening up with an established cadence. We hope to announce something very soon and will need all the help to set ourselves up.
- Supporting wellbeing and belonging — continuing to prioritise social connection through regular catch-ups, conversations, and inclusive events where members feel comfortable and supported.

At its heart, the Shed is shaped by the women who take part in it. As we move through 2026, we look forward to seeing new ideas emerge, new friendships form, and many more shared experiences that make this community so special.



2026 so far...

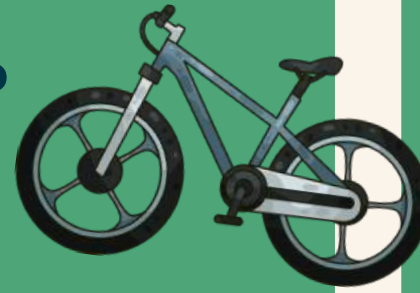
January

- The Blooming Collective - Setting Intentions for Wellbeing
- 2 x Coffee Catch-ups
- Introduction to Woodworking
- 'The Scroll Saw' for beginners
- Building Digi Skills



February

- The Blooming Collective - The Stress Cascade
- 1 x Coffee Catch-up
- Building Digi Skills
- Community Expo
- Introduction to Woodworking



March

- 2x Coffee Catch-up
- Open workshop
- Building Digi skills
- Bike Maintenance (21st)
- Furniture restoration talk (25th)
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser (28th)



Member Spotlight!

Our community continues to grow because of the generosity, encouragement, and willingness of so many people to get involved. Whether you attend workshops, volunteer your time, share your skills, support the committee, or simply show up with curiosity and a smile, you help make the Subiaco Women's Shed the welcoming and supportive place it is.

The member spotlights in this newsletter are just a small glimpse of the many ways women in our community step up, challenge themselves, and support one another. Every contribution—big or small—helps build the confidence, connection, and sense of belonging that makes the Shed so special.

To all our members, volunteers, committee members, and supporters: thank you for being part of the journey. Your enthusiasm, encouragement, and willingness to share your time and talents are what keep the Shed thriving.



Alice

After participating in the Intro to Woodworking, Alice stepped up as a helper, sharing her skills and enthusiasm with other members and will also lead the bike maintenance workshop!



Connie

Initially apprehensive about using the scroll saw, Connie persisted & amazed herself by mastering the tool with confidence and also helped with electrical tagging of equipment. Check out her awesome creation!



Su-Lin

Su-Lin embraced the role of Treasurer on the committee, taking on the responsibility despite her initial apprehensions, and with that infectious smile, who could doubt she's capable of anything?

Coming up...

- March 25th - Furniture Restoration
- April 15th - Staying Safe Online
- April 22nd/24th - Intro woodworking
- May 6th - Nutrition for Brain Health
- May 11th - Recycling Centre visit
- May 13th - Managing Your Inner Critic
(The Blooming Collective)
- May 18th-24th - Volunteer week

We are fundraising for a laser printer!

How you can help:

- Bunnings Sausage sizzle helpers: 28th March 7am-4pm
- Containers for change: Donate your 10cc to our account: C11702804 & free collection bag available @ our events.

Memberships

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Have an idea or skill you'd like to share? Let us know!

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