

KALAMUNDA MEN'S SHED INC.

NEWSLETTER

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Introduction

Welcome to our second newsletter. Since the first edition in March '09 the KMS interim committee of management has continued its relentless work and considerable progress has been made since then. Before we bring you up to date with recent developments, an important announcement about our first AGM.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The inaugural Annual General Meeting of the Kalamunda Men's Shed Inc. Is to be held on Wednesday, 20 May 2009 at 10.30 am.

Location: The shed, Lot 56 Canning Road, Kalamunda. (Next to the Police Station).

Parking behind the Jack Healey Centre.

Agenda:

- Reports from the interim committee of management.
- Election of office bearers. (Nomination forms are available from the Secretary and from the webs site).
- Other Business.

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Progress to date

During the last few weeks the Shire of Kalamunda has completed its work making the electrics safe and following the handing over of the keys last week, a basic clean up session was held on 28 April 2009.



Some of the clean up team ready for work.



A partial impression of the task ahead.

At the same time, some basic servicing of door tracks and other such items was carried out.

While the cleaning was in progress, the interim Chairperson, Richard Gates commenced the measuring up and design of the proposed mezzanine floor.



“Free measure and quote in progress”.

Funding

During the first public meeting held in March, we were most gratified to receive \$10,000 from the Rotary Club of Kalamunda and a letter of intent to donate \$10,000 from the Forrestfield Community Bank.



Rotary Club of Kalamunda President, Mr Eddie Lee presenting Richard Gates with the \$10,000 cheque.



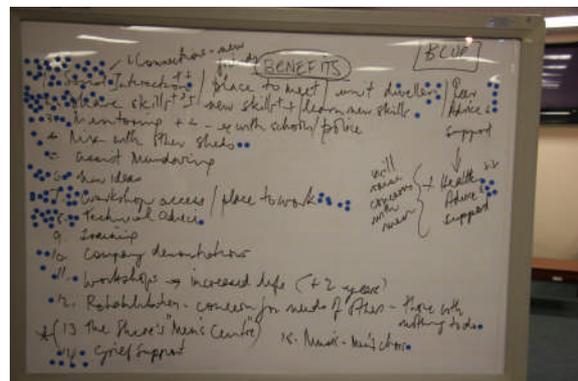
Forrestfield Community Bank Chairman, Bob Govan presenting Richard with the letter of intent for \$10,000.

Membership update

Following the public meeting held on the 30th March 09, KMS now has 22 paid up members as well as a significant number of enquiries which are expected to develop into membership. Based on these early encouraging figures, we anticipate that the membership numbers will continue to grow in the near future.

Survey results

During the first public meeting, those in attendance were divided into a number of groups with the view of determining on a first cut basis the possible needs of the KMS membership. This workshop was facilitated by Fred Deshon and Ray Maher, both very experienced senior high school teachers and managers. The outputs from the various groups were collated and analysed by Ian Allardyce.

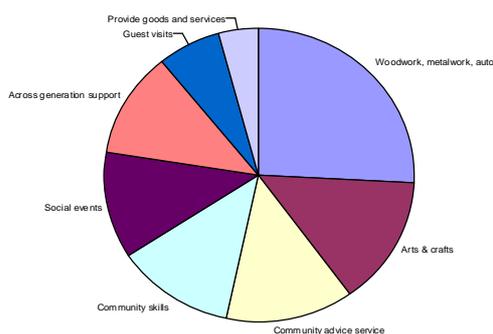


Some of the data collected on the day.

The results of Ian's analysis is given below.

Activities

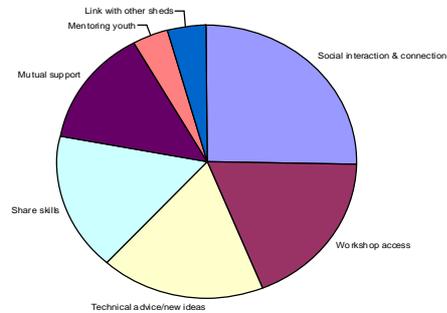
Woodwork, metalwork, auto	31
Arts and crafts	17
Community advice service	16
Community skills: eg computing writing	15
permaculture	
Social events	14
Across generation support	14
eg disaffected youth, school holiodayactivities.	
Guest visits	8
Provide goods and services	5



Benefits

Social interaction and connection	31
Workshop access	23
Technical advice/ new ideas	22
Share skills	20
Mutual support eg advice, health	

rehabilitation, grief.	17
Mentoring youth	5
Link with other sheds	5

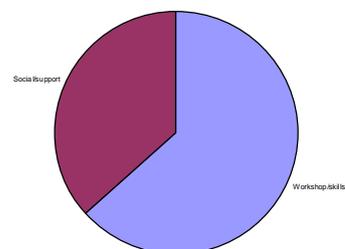


Broad Groupings

For the benefit of analysis, the above listed items can be grouped as [workshop/skills](#) and [social/support](#) resulting in the following outcomes.

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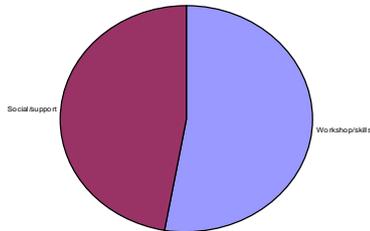
Workshop/skills	76 (blue)
Social/support	44 (maroon)



Benefits

Workshop/skills 65 (maroon)

Social/support 58 (blue)



These results will form the foundation for the planning of the initial activities and direction of KMS.

Some of the material given here looks a bit complex, but we trust that it will give you a general idea of the thoughts collected on the day.

Closure

This concludes the second edition of your newsletter and we look forward to seeing you all at the inaugural Annual General meeting.

To date the producer of the newsletters, Eddie van Rijnswood, has been flying solo, this rather daunting task being made a little easier due to the assistance given by the members of the interim management committee for which grateful thanks is given. Hopefully, future editions will carry some contributions from the wider membership.

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