

KALAMUNDA MEN'S SHED INC.

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Introduction

Since the publication of our last newsletter in April, there has been no let up in the very steady progress in preparing our shed in readiness for full operations. Some of the notable milestones include a very successful inaugural Annual General Meeting at which our very first Committee of Management (COM) was elected, the COM's first working meeting and a visit to some operating sheds around Perth to gain further insight on how others are running their sheds. Concurrent with the above administrative activities, Ian Allardyce and Dave Buttress and the team have been continuing their work renovating the premises as well as carrying general fitting out works at the shed.

The inaugural annual general meeting

More than 50 people attended the IAGM which was held on Wednesday 20 May 2009. The attendees included Councillor Don McKechnie (Shire President) and Councillors Elizabeth Taylor, Pauline Tonkin and Carol Everett.

Following the presentation of progress reports from the Interim Committee, Cr McKechnie presided over the election of members of the inaugural Committee of management. Following the elections, the newly elected Chairman, Richard Gates thanked the shire of Kalamunda for its support. He also thanked the members of the Feasibility Committee for all of the

work they have completed and making KMS a reality in a very short period of time.

The Chairman made special mention of the practical support given by Crs Taylor and Tonkin and presented them both with a gift as token a of our sincere appreciation. Richard then presented Cr McKechnie with his KMS member number 1 membership card.



Cr Don McKechnie receiving his membership card from Richard Gates.



Crs Elizabeth Taylor (right) and Pauline Tonkin receiving their gifts of appreciation from Richard Gates.

The Committee of Management



Chairman: Richard Gates.

Secretary: Raymond Maher.

Treasurer: Archie Graham.

V/Chairman., Newsletter Editor

and Publicity:

Eddie van Rijnsoud.

Property and Equipment:

Dave Buttress.

Health and Safety:

Ian Allardyce.

Outreach:

Ron Waddy.

Data Management:

Richard Young.

Membership:

Geoff Price.

Social and Programme:

Morris Pavlinovich.

Fundraising:

Elton Brown.



We need a logo

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As we are a very new organisation without a logo, members are invited to submit designs for a KMS logo. The logo design should be simple and easily recognisable. The logo will be used on KMS stationery, signage and as a part of the banner for this newsletter.

Designs may be submitted in electronic format or on paper to the Secretary via the address given in the Contacts details in this newsletter by 30 June 2009. The COM will be the judge of the selected entry and the lucky recipient will receive a small prize.

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Members have become Stratco Super Savers

Committee member Elton Brown has secured a special deal whereby KMS members can receive special discounts on purchases made at all Stratco stores. All that members are required to do is ask for and complete a Supersaver form and show their KMS membership card.

The amount of discount will vary and depend on the type of goods purchased. Power tools may not receive very large discounts due to the small mark up on these products but hardware items will be sold to members at trade price. To receive the discount, the purchase will need to be paid for in cash or by credit card.

Thanks to Elton for organising the deal with Stratco.

Call for donations of tools and Equipment

With the assistance of the Shire of Kalamunda, a press release has been issued to all of the local newspapers seeking donations of unwanted tools and equipment. Although we have been very fortunate to receive some equipment that will benefit the establishment of the shed, more donations will assist in making the shed more functional and efficient.

Typical sources of donations would be deceased estates and households where interests have changed and tools are no longer needed.

AMSA conference

The Australian Men's Shed Association will be holding this year's conference in Tasmania during August. Chairman Richard Gates and his wife Carol have planned a vacation in Tasmania so that he can attend the conference. The conference should prove to be a premier event and we look forward to receiving his report on how things are developing on the national scene.

Mukinbudin conference

A while ago we received advice that Western Australia's first Men's Shed Conference is to be held in Mukinbudin during 3 and 4 September 2009. We have advised the organisers that KMS would like to send a delegation to this event.

Professor Barry Golding will be a speaker and topics to be discussed will include establishing a shed, types of shed, running the shed, funding options, workshop requirements, OH&S, volunteers and the formation of a WA Men's Shed Association. Should be good.

Planned date for KMS operations

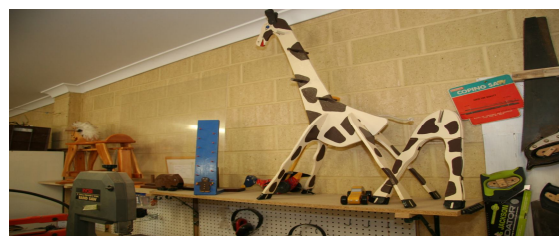
The Property and Equipment team is striving to complete the painting and renovation of the shed in Canning Road along with the tool and equipment acquisition programme so as to have the shed ready for working bees by members during early July 09.

Hopefully the next issue of this newsletter will be able to give more specific details on the operating date.

Briefing our members of parliament

The Chairman will be meeting with our Federal Member, Sharon Jackson MP to brief her on the progress being made with the establishment of KMS. We will also be endeavouring to arrange briefings for our local member John Day MLA and federal Senator Chris Back who is aware of the KMS plans and has asked to be kept informed on our establishment progress.

We believe that it is important that the relevant members of state and federal parliaments are kept informed about our work as the men's shed movement is rapidly becoming an important and significant part of Australia's social culture. The sheds are already proving to be a vital voluntary resource in the senior health domain. As the movement matures we hope that the various arms of government will be able to justify the allocation of funds to us.



Some of the toys made at the Canning shed.

Tenancy Agreement

We have received a draft tenancy agreement from the Shire of Kalamunda which when finalised will formalise the legal arrangement between the shire and KMS.

We hope to have the final document signed in the very near future.

As well as securing our tenure of the buildings, we will also be in a position to finalise the receipt of some of the significant promised donations of funds.

Visits to other men's sheds.

On Friday 16 May 09 some of the Feasibility Committee visited the Canning Men's Shed in Shelley and the Como Men's Shed with the view of gaining an insight on how some existing sheds operate.

The Canning Men's Shed operates under the auspices of the Baptist Church and supervised by Shed Boss Eddie Holmes. Despite the premises being modest, (previously being used by the church as a store), we observed a most congenial group of men mainly producing wooden toys which are sold for modest sums to help defray expenses.



A general view of the Canning Men's Shed.

The Como Men's Shed operates under the auspices of the South Perth Church of Christ and its Shed Boss is Bob Barnard. This shed focuses on providing opportunities for people with varying degrees of intellectual and physical handicap to engage in different forms of crafts. We learned during the visit that it's members had shown some remarkable levels of improvement after taking up projects at the shed. We are most appreciative of Eddie and Bob for hosting our visit to their sheds.



Turning up a wooden pencil kit at South Perth.

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