

# KALAMUNDA MEN'S SHED INC.

## NEWSLETTER

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### Introduction

Work is continuing to make the shed ready for operations and we hope that only a few more weeks of preparations will be needed to make the shed fully operational.

The Committee of Management (CoM) is meeting every two weeks in order to ensure that not an ounce of momentum is lost with the aim of completing the establishment of the shed as soon as possible. On page two of this edition, details of the first two members' meetings and proposed guest speakers are given.

The Sundowner was well attended, confirming that our membership is strong and growing.

### Tenancy Agreement

The Kalamunda Shire CEO, Mr James Trail signed the Tenancy Agreement for the shed on 26 June 2009 making our use of the old vehicle inspection bay official and legal. Not only will this give us security of tenure, it will also enable Elton Brown to complete the arrangements with the Forrestfield Community Bank regarding the promised sponsorship of \$10,000.

Last March, Council agreed in principle to fund the employment of a part-time Shed Boss. This position is essential for the safe and effective operation of the shed. We were disappointed to learn when Council's 09/10 Budget was released for comment on 29 June 09 that the provision for this item had been omitted. Since then we have been in contact with Council and are

confident that this oversight will be remedied and we look forward to the filling of this important position. In the meantime, the CoM will be completing the job description for the Shed Boss in readiness for the commencement of the recruitment process.

### Sundowner

KMS' first social event, a sundowner held on Friday 26 June 09 despite the cold and wet weather, was well attended with about 35 members and friends joining in the socialising. Over tea, coffee or something a little stronger, those present inspected the progress being made, examined the tools and equipment that has been donated as well as swapping a few yarns about their respective backgrounds and experiences. It soon became apparent that the membership holds a very diverse range of skills and interests which could well be the topic of future talks.



The sausage sizzle being ably cooked by Ray Maher, KMS Secretary (at the right of the bbq) provided some warming comfort on a very cold afternoon.

During the afternoon, a number of new members joined KMS. Members also committed to a roster for three working bees to be held on the following week.

## Meeting schedules

At the last CoM it was decided to hold its regular committee meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month commencing at 2.00pm. In addition, a general meeting, open to all members will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1.00 pm with the objective of having a guest speaker.

To that end, KMS member Morris Pavlinovich has agreed to speak at the 28 July 09 meeting about his experience as a member of two expeditions to the Antarctic. On 25 August 09 we will have a speaker from the "Beyond Blue" organisation. This topic is sure to be of interest to many KMS members.

## Working bees

Three working bees were held during the first week of July with the aim of completing more of the jobs that require to be done before the commencement of operations. Monday's session concentrated on the assembly of two more work benches. Wednesday saw the finishing of the painting of the walls and floor and the final placement and organisation of storage units while during Friday an initial sorting and cleaning of donated tools and equipment was conducted.

More such working bees will be arranged in the very near future. Details will follow.

## Logo design

A small number of good logo design ideas have been received by the Secretary but some more would be very much appreciated. Don't forget, a small prize will be awarded to the person who submits the design that is finally selected.

## From the Minutes

This will be a new section of the new sletter and it will give a brief overview of the issues considered at recent CoM meetings.

Reports:

Secretary- a current copy of the CoM minutes to be displayed on the notice board.

Treasurer- an account has been opened at Walker's Hardware.

Publicity- Four newsletters out so far, distribution lists need to be created, future donors to be acknowledged

Membership- stands at 51, more interested and an asset register commenced.

Outreach- Framed copy of Objectives to be placed on the office wall, a proposed service clubs equipment shelter may assist in the future establishment of a Shed in Forrestfield. Need to make a list of possible guest speakers.

Fundraising- grant from Forrestfield Community Bank awaiting the signing of Tenancy agreement. Lotterywest grant appn. needs letters of support. Signage – need logo and quotes for sign making. Tee shirt sponsorship.

Property and Equipment- Overwhelmed with offers of equipment and tools. One bench complete and two more ready to assemble. Canning Shed has 2 trestles for us plus access to (dip in?) some 20,000 tins of assorted paints (! ●) Working bees reqd and electrical tools need checking and tagging. Fridge still needed.

Data management- Telephone options discussed, web and email arrangements approved.

Health & Safety- OH&S training options, first aid kit complete, signing in book needed.

Social- General meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month to have a guest speaker.

Chairman- Federal member Sharryn Jackson briefed-very supportive and offered to assist with printing & mailing.

General Business- National Conference to be attended by Chairman, Mukinbuddin conference 3<sup>rd</sup> September, inquire about Royalties for Regions offer of support to regional sheds. Portfolio holders to try and arrange deputies to cover for them when away for CoMs.

Please let us know if this new section is of interest to you.

## CoM Member Profile

Last month we gave a brief overview of Dave Buttress' background. This edition profiles our Chairman.

### Richard Gates



Richard grew up in Ryde, NSW. He graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering from the University of New South Wales in 1968. He then worked as an engineer in construction and later mining until 1972 when he was appointed as an Airport Engineer in Perth.

He held several positions in Perth finally reaching the position of State Manager, Aviation, for the then Department of Transport and Communications.

In 1991 Richard moved to Victoria where he took the position of Civil Engineering Manager for Melbourne Airport. He was promoted to Manager Operations at Melbourne Airport before accepting a position and returning to Perth in 1999.

Prior to retirement in July 2007, Richard's position was General Manager Airport, responsible for Safety, Security, Terminal and Airfield Operations, together with Airport Facility Maintenance and Planning, Commercial Operations and Aviation

Property. In association with the Western Australian Government, he was also responsible for development of both domestic and international air services into Perth. At the time of finishing work, he was also joint-acting CEO, Perth Airport.

He is a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, Australia and a life member of the Kalamunda Apex club. He was also involved in the Scouting movement in both WA and Victoria. He has also held positions on two University Advisory Boards.

Richard's other interests include playing with his MG car, remodelling his house, gardening and straightening nails,

### Letter to the editor

Ivan Glover hails from Dongara and is a member of the Shed there. He saw a reference to KMS in a local paper while staying with his daughter who lives in Forrestfield. An extract of his email to Chairman Richard is given below.

Hi there Richard,

I was glad to receive your Email, it is good to hear about people our age that get off their backsides and do something worthwhile.

I retired from my trade about 6 years ago, I went back to my trade of Refrigeration, Airconditioning and Heating when I left the Armed Forces.

We came to Australia in 1970 and worked in the Kimberleys until retirement.

My shed is at the Back of our garden, 6.8m x 6.8m Colourbond, in the shed I have: 12 inch

Thickneser, 10inch Bandsaw, 10inch Tablesaw, 2 Router benches, 6inch Panel making surface Plain,1x 10inch Sliding/compound Radial Saw, 2 Wood Work Benches, and about every Hand Tool for Woodworking you would need, plus all my tools from the Refrig Trade.

I Love WoodWork and spend most of my time amking things for my Grandchildren and anything anybody around our street askes me to make.

I am very proud about what I am going to tell you now:

All the Timber I use to make things is Re-Cycled Timber, My Son in Law is a Truckie and he collects timber from the Packing cases, ect, that is on the items he takes to the Iron Ore and Gas company's in Dampier and Karratha.



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He drops it off to me on his way back to Perth, If he leaves it there they just make a Fire and Burn the lot up, Such a waste because I get some very useful Timber that way.

I am attaching Photo's of some of the things I have made for People so far.

Well I guess thats enough chatter for now, Once again it is wonderful to hear from other people our age who get off their bottoms and do something.

Kindest Regards and Best Wishes

Ivan R Glover.

**Some pictures of projects made completely out of recycled timber by Ivan Glover.**

the newsletter. Members are NOT required to do this.



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