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Operations to start this month!

Issues 1 to 5 of our newsletter have been recording the progress being made by the Committee of Management (CoM) in finalising the administrative arrangements required for the shed and the progress being made by Dave Buttress and his team in completing the interior works of the building, constructing work benches and collecting and cleaning tools.

The CoM at its last meeting decided that preparations were now sufficiently advanced to allow members to start workshop activities on Tuesday 18 August 2009. It was also decided that because some members often have "long weekends" and go away, that in the beginning at least, our open days would be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week from 9am to 12 noon.

Short induction sessions will be undertaken by members attending a workshop session for the first time. Matters such as safety, health and experience will be covered. Some small "warm-up" projects will be available after the induction. We will be taking it slowly in the first few days so that teething problems can be resolved.

To ensure that we can accommodate members safely for the first few sessions, members can book their preferred session

at the next Sunday which will be held on Friday 14th August 2009.

The programme for the initial sessions is as follows:

- * Induction
- * Morning tea
- * Workshop activities during which members can choose from the following:
 - bring materials for their own projects.
 - make items for the workshop.
 - projects such as toys made for the toy library.

Dates to remember.

Sausage sizzle/sunday.

Friday 14 August, between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. BYO. This will be a social meeting for all members and bookings can be made for the commencement of operations for the following two weeks.

18, 19 & 20 August, between 9.00 am and 12.00 noon. Members' workshop activities.

Tuesday 25th August 2009, 1.00 to 2.00pm. General Meeting at which there will be a guest speaker, Malcolm Ginn, the

topic being "Beyond Maturity blues-depression and older people".

Our first general meeting.

This was held on Tuesday 28th July 2009 and CoM member Morriss Pavlinovich told us about his experiences as a Meteorological Observer during two stints at the Antarctic. His talk and spectacular picture presentation was very well received by the 30 or so folk present. As most of us will never be able to go there, the talk was greatly appreciated.

CoM meeting 28/7/09 overview.

Chairman – Donation of \$10,000 has been received from the Forrestfield Community Bank. The Shire of Kalamunda has approved the funding of \$30,000 to employ a part time Shed Boss. We have applied for grants to enable the construction of fencing. Expenditure policy determined. Dave Buttress will hold the Orders Book with Walkers until the Shed Boss is appointed. Amounts of over \$200 to be approved by the CoM first. General design criteria for future metal working shed discussed.

Secretary – CoM Minutes will be made available on the notice board and General Meeting Minutes will be emailed to all members.

Publicity – Group Address lists have been made for Members, CoM, potential members and Others (councillors and members of parliament etc).

Membership – membership now 62 and names have been transferred to a spread sheet enabling easy printing of name tags and address labels.

Outreach – Programme and policy discussed and shed opening days determined. May need to limit numbers to about 10 in the first instance.

Fund raising – Acquittal of Shire funds has been completed and submitted. Application for ACC funds submitted. Lotteries Commission application on hold for the time being.

Property and Equipment – Agreed that Richard is to approach Bill Berry to act as watchman/security officer for the shed as he lives nearby. Office table completed and sink bench completed, thanks to Ian A. A truck load of equipment still to be collected from Colin Groves at Greenmount. Pit covers to be made flush by Frank Selley.

Data management – No progress on web establishment as yet. Richard Y and Eddie to set up the computers donated by the Lions Club.

Health and Safety – Ian presented a detailed report on shed safety, workshop use, induction, electric tool checks.

Social and Programme – Morris to arrange sausage sizzle for the 14th August. Eddie and Morris will be attending the conference to be held at Mukinbudin this month. Some of the suggested topics for future general meetings are wood turning (Bob Nichols), sustainability issues, tool and equipment demonstrations.

Shed conferences.

Chairman Richard will attend the AMSA conference to be held in Tasmania this month and Morris and Eddie will attend the first state conference to be held in Mukinbudin on 3/4 September 2009.

Kalamunda Lions donation.

The Kalamunda Lions Club has very kindly donated a Metabo 305 compound-slide mitre saw and they plan to present it to KMS at the sundowner to be held on the 14th August 2009 at about 4.00 pm.

Office equipment.

We are pleased to report that our two office computers generously donated by the Forrestfield – High Wycombe Lions are now installed, configured and running. This will give those members who do not have a PC to use these facilities enabling them to develop their computer skills.

Unfortunately, we do not have email or internet access at this time but we hope to have these connected in about two month's time.



Dave Buttress and Morris Pavlinovich putting the new PCs through their paces and seemingly enjoying it too!

Shed Boss.

We have had discussions with the Kalamunda Shire CEO, Mr James Trail regarding this matter and he has agreed to meet with KMS to discuss the filling of the Shed Boss position. Ian Allardyce and Ray Maher are currently finalising the Shed Boss Job Description in readiness for the recruitment process.

Members' address details.

Some of the addresses collected at the initial gatherings were not entirely legible and as a result, newsletters being emailed "bounce" back and posted letters are returned. Despite some forensic work by the editor and the membership person, a few issues remain unresolved. Should readers become aware of some of their friends or associates not receiving our notices or newsletters, we would appreciate any advice regarding this and giving KMS the correct address.

A bit of humour.

As there is a bit of space left in this edition, a bit of light reading is included.

Smart Thinking.

John, age 92 and Rosemary, age 89 are excited about their decision to get married... They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding and on the way they pass a chemist. John suggests that they go in and he asks the man behind the counter, "are you the owner?" To which the Chemist replies "Yes".

John: "We are about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

Chemist: "Of course we do".

John: "How about medicine for the circulation?"

Chemist: "All kinds".

John: "Medicine for rheumatism, scoliosis?"

Chemist: "Definitely".

John: "Pills for memory problems, arthritis and jaundice?"

Chemist: "Yes, a large variety...the works".

John: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills and antidotes for Parkinson's Disease?"

Chemist: "Absolutely".

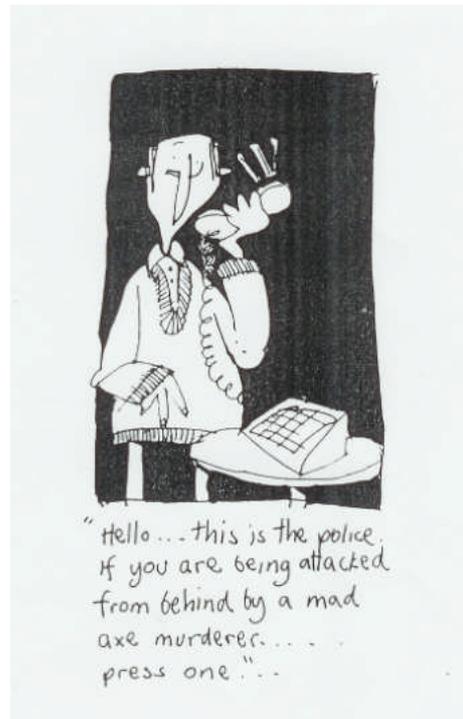
John: "Do you sell wheel chairs and Zimmer Frames?"

Chemist: "All speeds and sizes, why do you ask, is there something I can help you with?"

John says to the Chemist: "Well, we would like to nominate your store as our Bridal Gift Registry".

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