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Our last sundowner.

Sunshine at last! Unlike all of the previous sundowners, the last, which was held on Friday 23rd October was a very enjoyable event with warm weather prevailing. Prior to the wood turning demonstration a brief general meeting was held.

Chairman Richard noted with sadness that member Mike Sexton had passed away during September. Our condolences have been sent to his family. Our Property and Equipment Director, Dave Buttress has resigned and the outstanding workshop preparation work carried out by Dave during the formative phases of the shed was gratefully acknowledged. (Since the general meeting, Ian Allardyce has agreed to take the P&E role). Internet and email facilities will be available to all members as soon as the line connections have been made. Each member will have their own operating account. In Dave Fisher's absence, Richard gave an update on the progress being made with the planning of the proposed 12 X 6 metre metal working shed. A wide variety of projects are now being carried out in the shed, including the construction of a wheel chair ramp for the Kalamunda Amateur Dramatic Society hall, various wooden toys, bird feeders and several packing cases were dismantled, yielding some high quality pine timber. A new 15' thicknesser has been purchased for members to use.

Dates to remember.

Friday 27 November: General meeting at 2.00pm followed by Gerry Brown's presentation about writing family histories. A happy hour and sausage sizzle will conclude the afternoon. (BYO).

Saturday 5 December: Assist with Kalamunda Markets over flow parking at Stirk Park. Members who can assist can select time a slot on the roster in the KMS office. (the markets are organised by the Rotary Club of Kalamunda which is a generous supporter of KMS).

Friday 18 December:



Christmas Lunch at the CWA Centre at 12..00 noon. Partners are most welcome and the cost is \$15.00 pp. BYO drinks.

Details were recently sent out on a specific message and are also on the shed notice board. Numbers are limited so please register on the list in the KMS office. **Reservations are to be paid for by Friday 20 November 2009.**

Tool donations.

We are pleased to acknowledge the recent donation of some sash clamps. Thank you to the kind donor. As every shedder will tell you, there can never be enough clamps, so if there are more spare clamps that can be spared, these would also be very much appreciated. We have also received a donation of a ½" router from a member and it was immediately installed in the recently purchased router table.

Wood turning by Bob Nichols.

Following the October general meeting, member Bob Nichols gave a brief overview of turning fundamentals after which, as if by magic, he started with a piece of green Cyprus timber which until recently was growing on a School Street property and turned it into a shapely bowl stand.



Starting out.



Morris admiring the finished product.

Bob, an enthusiastic teacher, also exhibits finely turned bowls at a national level. His demo was appreciated by all present.

Recent shed activities.

The photos given below give an idea of the type of things that have recently been carried out at the shed.



At last, a sunny sundowner.



Tom Edwards admiring our new 15 inch thicknessener. All we need to get it going is a 15 Amp power outlet.



Many members are now making Antonio's bird feeder from recycled timber.



Barry Spencer and Chris Muller helping Carl set up the production of his cutting boards.



Mike Milne assisting Carl cut the handles into his cutting boards.

Shed Boss appointment.

Ian Allardyce and Ray Maher, together with representatives from the Shire are interviewing applicants from a short list of four people for the above position on Monday 9th November. Hopefully we can soon announce the name of the successful applicant.

Shed Objectives.

Ron Waddy is undertaking a mid year review of our objectives to determine if we are on the right track. We will publish the results of this review in the December issue of the newsletter and seek your feedback on our performance to date.

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