

# KALAMUNDA MEN'S SHED INC.

## NEWSLETTER



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Hello members and friends. Things are getting back to normal following the return of those members of the Committee of Management who have been on vacation in a variety of exotic destinations.

### **May General Meeting.**

23 members attended this meeting. It was acknowledged that two visits had been received to the shed from other "Shedders".

Mike Murphy from the City of Stirling spent a Friday morning checking us out and chatting to our members who were present on that morning while we had morning tea. Mike kindly provided the biscuits. He has been appointed as the shed boss at Stirling but his shed has still to be constructed. He must be the only shed boss in Australia without a shed! It was however pleasing to learn that the City of Stirling is very supportive of the proposed shed and that something in the order of \$900,000 has been allocated for the project. The plans for the new shed were most impressive and we understand that construction will commence soon.

The Town of Vincent is also planning to start a shed and a representative from the Town has paid us a visit.

Items detailed in Shed Boss Jim Chantry's report are given elsewhere in this edition.

At the conclusion of the business part of the meeting, our guest speaker, Garry Walden gave a passionate presentation entitled "Simple steps for a Bright Future". Details of Garry's talk are on page 4.

We thank Terry Lees for his expert cooking of the snags for the Sundowner that concluded the afternoon. We would also very much like to thank Kalamunda IGA for supplying the snags and bread rolls at cost price. Thank you Bruce!

### **Dates to Remember.**

**Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>.** General Meeting followed by a talk presented by Don Bates of the Forrestfield (Bendigo) Bank on Banking for the Senior Citizen-"If You Are Asset Rich But Cash Poor".

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. WAMSA inaugural AGM.** At 11.00 am in the Sullivan Hall, next to the Fremanshed, Nannine St. White Gum Valley.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00am.** Men's Shed Seminar at the Forrestfield Bowling Club, Morrison Rd. Nominations will be taken to form a steering committee with the view of starting a shed in the foothills.

**Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup>.** General Meeting. Details of presentation to be advised.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August.** KMS AGM and first birthday celebrations.

### **Committee of Management Change.**

It is with much regret that we have to advise that Morris Pavlinovich has resigned from the CoM as its Social and Program Director. Morris and his wife Margaret are spending the next year or so travelling extensively.

In his inaugural role, Morris arranged guest speakers to give presentations after our general meetings. The speakers he selected came from a wide range of backgrounds with their topics including steam engines, wood turning, writing your life's story, age fitness, wooden boats, wine tasting and sustainability. We are very much indebted to Morris for arranging such an eclectic range of interesting speakers and demonstrators.

We are most appreciative of KMS member Alan Beaton's agreement to take on Morris' place for the remainder of the term.

### **Quiz Night.**

This will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and is being organised by Elton Brown. A copy of the flyer is included in this article.

We are now looking for prizes either as donations or from our own manufactured items so any help in these areas would be gratefully appreciated. Items that can be included into the main quiz prizes or for the raffle prize table are especially needed and bottles of wine are always a useful contribution. Please start bringing your contribution into the Shed for collection. Don't forget to put the date on your calendar and come along for an evening of entertainment and bring your friends. If you are unable to make up a complete table but if you would like to join with others then contact Elton Brown, who will arrange. Tickets will be available at our next General Meeting.



# **QUIZ NIGHT**

**Friday 30th July**

**Lesmurdie Club**  
**Boronia Rd Lesmurdie**

Door Prize Raffle Prizes Novelty Prizes  
Competition Prizes & more

**Tickets \$10 each. Tables Maximum of 8**

Doors Open 7-00pm for 7-30pm prompt Start

Reserve your Table by phone 9291-7279  
or email [atley07@bigpond.com](mailto:atley07@bigpond.com)

*Proceeds in support of Kalamunda Men's Shed*



Members of other sheds and their families will be most welcome to attend.

### **Elton Brown's Corner.**

Kalamunda Rotary Market. We are very grateful to those members who provided car park marshalling at the recent Rotary markets. The members included: Mike Milne, Ross Annetts, Rob Thompson, Terry Lees & Eddie van Rijnsoud. We will need a team again for the next market on July 3rd.

Club Polo Shirts are being organised, dark green with logo at a cost of \$25. Orders will close at the next General Meeting June 25th so if you would like one please contact shed Boss Jim to add your name & chest size in cm. to the list.

**Tip:** Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance like no one is looking.

### **It's Time.**

Just like the Federal Government, the time has come again for an election of the Committee of the KMS for the next twelve months. The annual General Meeting will be held on 20 August at a venue to be confirmed. This will also be a time of celebration, as it will be the first birthday of the KMS.

When you reflect on the journey over the past year there have been many achievements and hopefully the Shed is pointed in the right direction for the future.

Now is the time for you as the members of KMS to get involved. Under the Constitution, all positions on the Committee of Management will be declared vacant and an election will be held to form a new Executive going forward for 2010/2011.

Nomination forms are available from Secretary Ray so don't hesitate in nominating yourself or someone else to serve next year. With a Shed as dynamic as Kalamunda, working on the Committee is both rewarding and enjoyable.

Remember the following positions will be declared vacant and "up for grabs":

- Chairman
- Deputy Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committeemen

Do your bit for KMS and get involved!

Your Committee is also proposing a change to the KMS Rules of Association (Constitution) and this will be presented for decision at the AGM. However all members will be circulated with a copy of the proposed changes in plenty of time prior to the AGM.

### **Caravanning in Style**

Chairman Richard and his wife Carol recently returned from a trip to Europe. Whilst in Provence at the Gorge du Verdon they spied some intrepid caravanners. As the picture shows, this little car (a Citroen deux chevaux) towed the caravan up to the top of the gorge carrying three adults. Evidently these French travellers had also travelled through Scandinavia and Eastern Europe and were planning a trip to Africa. Such a modest rig puts most of ours to shame as we join the Grey Nomads heading north! However, apart from the steep hills of the European Alps, this is better suited to the narrow and winding roads of Europe. Note the sticker on the rear of the caravan, testament to the power of the engine.



### **Report from Shed Boss, Jim.**

Contractors from the Shire of Kalamunda have removed the asbestos from the office roof and replaced it with metal sheeting. The office guttering has also been renewed. We can now

complete the covering of the timber storage area adjacent to the shed office.

Thank you to all KMS members who have assisted in the cleaning up of the "Corner Shed" and the relocation of the clutter from the rear of the main shed. This has now freed up valuable working space in the work area.

New equipment in the shed includes the long awaited Triton router purchase from Carbatec, a 10 inch planer/jointer and 2hp dust extractor purchased from a local resident- a good buy as both machines are in new condition. Also recently purchased were two new Lithium cordless drills. A new rail has been purchased for the table saw as spare parts were too difficult to obtain.

#### **Garry Warren on Sustainability.**

Garry's presentation titled "Simple Steps for a Bright Future" followed the May general meeting and was presented with breathtaking enthusiasm and detail.

Garry commenced his talk by outlining his previous work as a geologist and a business development executive who spent most of his life at "The pointy end of aircraft" on frequent international trips. The relentless pressure of executive life caused Garry to become very ill. The time he spent in the doctor's waiting room was extended to 45 minutes due to some emergency but this time was to completely change his life. The picture of the receding polar icecap on the cover of Time magazine caught his eye and the available time enabled him to completely read the featured article. From that time on he resolved to change his life.

Realising that the environmental footprint of his family's lifestyle was completely unsustainable and that a large two-storey house with all of the gizmos and two cars, one of which was a fuel guzzling 4WD which had never seen a dirt road had to go. The family home was to become a modest one bathroom house on a bit of space in Piesse Brook. (Not

far from KMS). The plan includes provision for collecting rainwater, the installation of solar voltaic panels, water recycling, growing vegetables and the use of public transport.

With the aid of a vivid slide show, Gary explained that the temperature of planet earth had oscillated between ice ages and temperate periods many times. The problem that is facing us all now is that the "normal" variations had stopped and because of human activities, temperatures were now continuing to increase at an alarming rate. The slide show continued to detail the great environmental cost of modern transport systems, particularly air travel and how the projected life of our mineral wealth of such commodities such as bauxite and iron ore was as short as only 70 years. What then?

Gary went on to outline his involvement in the Days of Change movement which is committed to turning around the wasteful and unsustainable ways in which we currently live, explaining that the change to a sustainable future can be pleasant as well as being good for your health.

The KMS members present listened to Gary with jaws dropped in response to the graphic scientific evidence presented but recovered to engage in the liveliest discussion and most engaging question time never before experienced at a KMS general meeting.

A truly inspirational talk.

All readers are encouraged to visit

[www.daysofchange.org](http://www.daysofchange.org)

**Last month's mystery item photo** was supplied by KMS member Mike Milne. It was a device made to square off the ends of glass tubing. The device was found by KMS member, Ross Annetts when clearing out a shed.

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