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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28 October at 2.00pm. General meeting with a mystery guest speaker. The usual sundowner to follow. **THE SHED NOT OPEN IN MORNING.**

1 November. Besides this being the normal Tuesday (and muffin day), Shed Boss Jim will be conducting a Melbourne Cup sweep. Some of our wives may be elsewhere at a cup function wearing funny hats. Maybe we can have a competition for the funniest hard hat!

7 November, Monday. Excursion to the Forest Heritage Centre at Dwellingup. Details in the Shed. Transport will be by private vehicles as the Shire bus will not be available. 2 or 3 more cars are required.

16 December, Christmas lunch at the CWA, 12.00.

THE NEW SHED

KMS vice President has provided this update on the progress regarding our move to the old Lesmurdie scout Hall.

KMS Committee Members, Elton Brown Deputy Chairman with Dave Buttress & Mike Milne met with Darren von Bergheim & Braydon Thornton met on Tuesday morning at the scout shed for a more detailed appraisal of the work necessary to bring the premises up to an acceptable standard. Our member Howard Stapleton was also in attendance to advise on the electrical supply issues and in addition the meeting was joined by Shire Councillor Carol Everett, who has also kept a keen interest on our progress.

We now officially have access to the shed for storage only purposes at this stage but plans can now be put in place for the overall clean-up. Shire Officer Braydon in conjunction with Dave Buttress will draw up a program of priorities and where applicable tenders can be called from Contractors. There is still a way to go but we should now begin to see things moving towards our relocation to Lesmurdie.

DIY HEALTH TOOLBOX.



Like every other Men's Shed in Australia, KMS has received a DIY Health Toolbox from the Federal Government containing some useful stuff for the shed along with loads of men's health info.

The letter that came with the toolbox reminded us that men often need a bit of a nudge when it comes to seeking help for their health and it is hoped that the kit will encourage men to access health information in their own time and in their own way.

KMS members are encouraged to look at the information contained in the toolkit and maybe even discuss some of their concerns with other shedders over a cuppa. Some of us may have already experienced and recovered from a bit of a health worry and sharing our experiences could well help to smooth the journey to another's recovery.

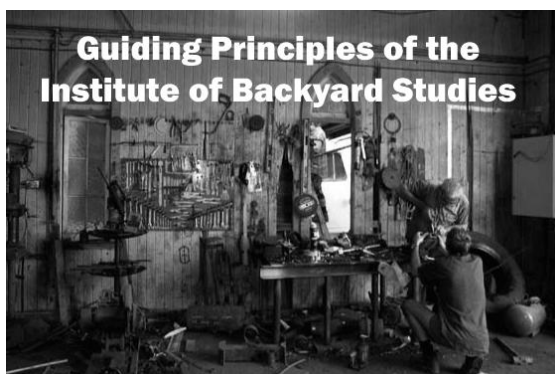
More male health information is available at:

www.health.gov.au/malehealth

AN INTERESTING WEB SITE

While looking at a recent edition of Australian Wood Review, the editor came across an interesting article regarding the Institute of Backyard Studies, (IBYS). A look at the IBYS website revealed that this possibly whacky organisation has ideals that align with most shedders. Be warned though, they can sometimes be a bit irreverent and coarse.

The website contains a number of video clips devoted to the preservation of trades that are at risk of being lost. Some of these include: shoemaking, coach building, millinery, scroll painting (the art used to put the decorative swirls on trucks etc), saw making, dry stone walling, book binding and tin smithing. The site also contains some humour, shed pictures and an article about Bert Munro who once rode the fastest Indian motorcycle in the world.



- **Never throw anything out-** you'll need it one day, Sonny Jim.
- Being a practical and useful person is a worthwhile achievement
- Encourage curiosity, wonder and other cheap thrills as the origins of imaginative problem solving.
- Useful and everyday things contain their own beauty.
- Without a grasp of the principles of mechanical advantage – the lever, the pulley, the screw, the inclined plane and wedge and the wheel and axle – we're stuffed.
- You can never have too many tools.
- I said put that down!
- A big mess in the shed or the backyard is only a problem for those without a clue...
- Reticence, mumbling and disorganisation are the signs of a deep and enquiring mind.
- Good ideas are precious beyond rubies but if not shared freely are as useless as tits on a bull.
- And leave something for the next bloke.

The Institute's web address is:

www.ibys.org

Well worth a look.

MEMBER REQUEST

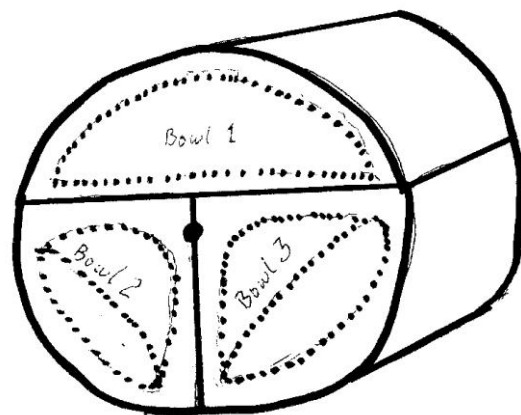
We have received the following request from KMS member Barry Drew.

Wanted – Timber for Wood Turning.

Have you chopped down a tree recently? We need sections of large diameter trees cut to lengths just slightly greater than the diameter. All types of trees from your garden or property are possible subjects for turning though pine is the least useful. Sections through tree forks are also very useful. Burrs or burls would also be very much appreciated.

It would be helpful if you could paint the ends for us, any type of paint or colour will do. The paint seals the ends to stop the timber drying out and cracking. Cracked timber is of no use since it is likely to shatter during turning.

Timber for bowl turning is normally cut in a "T" shape section since the pith has to be discarded.



If anyone can assist Barry with some timber, he can be contacted on 9293 2981 or bdrew@holoarc.net

ROCKY'S BIKE RIDE FOR THE BLACK DOG

In September KMS member Rocky set off on a fund raising mission by riding his BMW motor bike to Alice Springs. He was part of a Western Australian contingent that met up with a national group at the Alice.

Rocky has returned safely and we can now report that he raised \$1,100 and the overall amount raised by the combined group was in excess of \$140,000 !

Congratulations to Rocky for a sterling effort.



PRE CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Murray Carrick is co-ordinating the arrangements for the KMS stall to be at the Rotary Club of Kalamunda Markets to be held on Saturday 5th November and Saturday 3rd December. Murray would like to draw member's attention to two matters:

1. Items for sale. More are needed members contributions would be very much appreciated. If you would like to make some items for the stalls, please see Murray as soon as possible.
2. Personnel to assist at the stalls. A few more people are required to assist in manning the stalls so that the load can be spread more equitably. A roster is on the shed tea room table for any volunteers to select a time slot and nominate themselves.

A SIGN SEEN IN A BLOKE'S SHED

*I'm just catching up
with yesterday*

*By tomorrow
I should be
Ready for today.*



SOME OF THE GOING'S ON AT THE SHED



Harold with the chopping block he has made for his son.



Model of canon being replicated.



Rob and his bird feeder.



Wooden truck maker Ron.

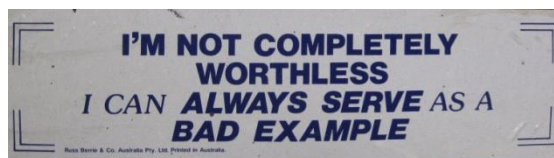
AND SOME SHED PICS. FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA



A bit too tidy?



This is better, the trailer is in the annexe at the back of the photo. It takes a day to get the trailer out!



Shedder's philosophy?

AND FINALLY, SOMETHING FOR LESMURDIE?



LATE NOTICE. The shed will not be open on Friday morning, 28th November but the General Meeting WILL take place that afternoon at 2.00pm. (It is a public holiday).

Details of the Christmas lunch (December 16th) will be given later but the cost per person should be \$15.