

KALAMUNDA MEN'S SHED INC.

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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 25 May at 2pm: General Meeting followed by BBQ and Sundowner. Mystery guest speaker on the subject of "Survival – but only just!"

Saturday and Sunday 26,27 May: Stall at the Kalamunda Arts and Crafts.

Thursday 31 May at 0900: Visit to the ABC Studios. Leaving Kalamunda via the Local Bus at 0910. Cost \$5 per head. Space is limited so register your interest at the Shed.

Sunday 10 June: Shire Plants for Residents programme.

Monday 18 June: Excursion to the Perth Mint. Details to follow.

Friday 22 June at 2pm: General Meeting followed by BBQ and Sundowner. Guest Speaker with an animal theme.

Friday 27 July at 2pm: Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers for 2012/2013.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome new member **David Edwards** to KMS and trust he enjoys his time with us. Our membership has now reached 108!

LAST MEETING

Our last guest speaker Barry Urquhart, gave a stimulating and provocative insight into the current world, and Australian financial state. He offered some guidelines for a financially safe and stress free retirement. He emphasised that the financial world has changed and that we cannot predict the future using linear projections as we have done in the past. His mantra was "PLAN LONG, MANAGE SHORT". Sage advice for those who cannot accurately forecast is that one should be financially prudent, malleable in business planning, responsive to evolving events, respectful of cash-flow and, above all, be opportunistic and entrepreneurial.

Two books Barry Referred to were:

"Jindalee Factor" and "From Black Hole to Blue Sky".



Barry Urquhart being thanked by Ron



Just a reminder your chances of early detection of cancer- and simple, effective treatment – improve the more regularly you screen yourself.

That's why Rotary Bowelscan happens every May – so that Western Australians like you get into the healthy habit of screening every year.

This May, \$8 Rotary Bowelscan test kits will be available at pharmacies around Western Australia, making it that much easier for people to take part.

Please, if you haven't yet do get yourself another kit, and make sure you use it and return it to your pharmacy by

June 14.

If you have any questions, visit the website at

www.catchcancer.org.au, or call 1300 779 694

FAREWELL

It is sad news but we wish Bill Berry all the best with his move to Busselton. Bill has been an active member of KMS since its commencement and in the early days volunteered as our "Keyman" and Shed caretaker. Before our Shed Boss joined us, Bill kept an eye on the Shed and looked after the bins etc for us.

Bill is a very well liked senior member of the Shed and would always present interesting mystery objects to us to solve.

We wish Bill and his wife Tess all the best with their move to Busselton.

Western Australian Men's Shed Association (WAMSA)

As some of you will be aware, Chairman Richard is on the State WAMSA Committee. WAMSA was formed as the peak body for Men's Sheds in WA. The purpose of WAMSA is to assist WA Men's Sheds to establish, foster growth of the WA Men's Shed movement and to provide support to operating sheds.

Our Governor, Malcolm McCusker AO CVO QC recently accepted the position of Patron for WAMSA. A meeting was held with the Governor, attended by Gary Bryant, Executive Officer of WAMSA, John McDougall, Chairman and Deputy Chairman Richard Gates.

The meeting was very productive and we were able explain the purpose and objectives of our organisation. The Governor agreed to open the next State

Men's Shed Conference to be held in Bridgetown in October.



Gary, John, the Governor His Excellency Malcolm McCusker AO, CVO, QCC and Richard at Government House.

REPAIR CAFE

Those of you who have travelled to Amsterdam will be well aware of the various cafes and coffee shops within their bustling city. Some of these establishments can provide more than just a cup of coffee! However a new innovation is the Repair Cafe. At these places community volunteers come together to repair various bits and pieces. Jeff Hutchison from the ABC's morning programme recently interviewed the Executive Office of WAMSA, suggesting it would be a good task for Men's Sheds.

Details of the Dutch initiative can be accessed by the link below:

<http://www.theage.com.au/world/dutch-cafes-aim-to-repair-throwaway-society-20120509-1yczg.html>

LESMURDIE SHED PROGRESS

Dave and his team continue to work at our new Shed. Substantial cleaning, removal of rubbish and storage work has been accomplished. Ron organised a working bee to clean out the back shed at the existing site and a large turnout of members arrived with trailers and utes on Saturday 19 May.

The Shire is still in the process of finalising estimates for the electrical work prior to submitting same to Lotterywest for funding.

Your Committee has prepared a Business/Operating plan for the next three years which will accompany the Lotterywest application for funding. A copy of the Plan will be available to all members to read at the Shed Office.

Ole is the Pastor of the local Norwegian Lutheran Church and Pastor Sven is the minister of the Swedish Covenant Church across the road.

One day they are seen pounding a sign into the ground, which says:

DA END ISS NEAR!
TURN YERSELF AROUND NOW
BAFOR IT ISS TOO LATE!

As a car speeds past them, the driver leans out his window and yells, "Leave people alone, you Skandihooovian religious nuts!"

From the curve they hear screeching

tires and a big splash.

Shakin' his head, Rev. Ole says "Dat's da terd one dis mornin'."

"Yaa," Pastor Sven agrees, then asks, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should yust say, 'Bridge Out?'"



PLANTS FOR RESIDENTS

Once again the Shire is providing free plants for residents on Sunday 10 June from the Ledger Road reserve in Gooseberry Hill.

Again this year KMS has been invited to organise the parking of cars for those residents collecting their allotted plants. Last year the Shire was complimentary of the efforts made by KMS and gave us a generous donation for providing this service.

Mike M is organising this project and we require volunteers at various times during the collection period. Please put your name on the list in the Shed Office.

LEATHER WORK

Are you interested in making products from leather? If so KMS will have the answer for you. We plan to run leatherwork classes in the future and are currently negotiating with a volunteer teacher. Watch this space or the Shed Notice Board for further information.

KMS ELECTIONS

The end of the KMS year is approaching and our AGM will be held on 27 July. It is important to continue to have an active Committee of Management and all members are encouraged to nominate for the COM. We always need "fresh blood" to invigorate the Committee. You will find it a rewarding experience to be part of the management of such a successful enterprise, especially with our shift to Lesmurdie. Get your nominations into Secretary Ray as soon as possible.

AUSTRALIAN MEN'S SHED AUSTRALIA (AMSA) GRANT

Round four of the Australian Government Shed Development Programme has opened. This programme provides financial grants to sheds for various purposes. Your Committee has submitted a request for a grant for the purchase of a much needed MIG welder. If successful, Terry and the metalwork team will be able to build storage racks and other pieces of equipment for our new shed.