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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

24 August at 2pm: Next general meeting to be held in our new Shed in Lesmurdie. Guest Speaker Brett Pollock followed by the normal sausage sizzle and sundowner.

30 August: Perth Mint, departing at 0900 with Captain Mike at the wheel. Cost is \$10 entry. Names required on the booking sheet in the Shed.

September at 2pm: General meeting with Guest Speaker, Ted Wolfe talking about "Secret Men's Business".

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to KMS:

Bob Govan and

Jim Sharpe

The 2012 Annual General Meeting.

(Report by Eddie Van R.)

Our third AGM was an auspicious occasion for several reasons. We reflected on a very busy and fruitful year, we were on the cusp of the move to the old Lesmurdie Scout Hall and there were to be some new faces on the committee. 56 members and 6 visitors filled the CWA meeting room to capacity.

After opening the meeting and welcoming our special guests, the Chairman, Richard Gates presented his very comprehensive annual report which detailed the vast amount of work that had been achieved by KMS

members over the past year. An overview of Richard's report is given below:

a. The historical growth of the Kalamunda Men's Shed at the Kalamunda site

b. The challenges facing the shed during 2011/12 and as the Lesmurdie move is consolidated. These included:

- Maintaining good working relationships with key partners
- Ensuring that the new shed is accessible to all members.
- Finding funding sources for expected capital works - e.g. via LotteryWest.
- Enhancing the Youth and Training programmes.
- Developing a sound business plan.
- Continuing support for the Foothills shed.
- Effectively catering for member's needs through enhanced and extended programmes.
- Building on the existing reputation within the community.

c. Highlights of the 2011/12 year for the Kalamunda Men's Shed were:

- The Lesmurdie move
- Membership high of 110 members
- Active social programme and wide range of guest speakers.
- Preparation for DGR status.

- Participation in many community activities.
- Sound publicity for the shed.
- Stable and active committee of management
- Sound financial position
- Regular quality newsletters.
- A review of corporate governance
- Development of a business plan.

d. Future challenges include:

- Production of a Master Development Plan for the whole Lesmurdie site
- Use of social media to promote the shed
- Ensuring member's needs are met
- Funding capital works
- Maintaining a high profile in the local community.



The crowded CWA Hall.

Mr John Day MLA, the Member for Darling Range then addressed the meeting, congratulating KMS on its achievements over the year and acknowledged that KMS had over the last three years, grown into a very valuable community support organisation.



Our local member, John Day addressing the meeting.

Amongst the reports presented, Dave Buttress gave an overview of the tremendous amount of work that had already been carried out at the Lesmurdie site and what was still to be done before our new home would be usable. The principal matter preventing the commencement of full operations was the new power connection by Western Power.

After declaring all positions vacant, the chair was handed over to Shire President and Member No 1, Don McKechnie, who conducted the election of office bearers for 2012/13. Details are:

Chairman, Richard Gates re-elected
V/Chairman, Elton Brown re-elected
Secretary, Ray Maher re-elected
Treasurer, G Bradley.

Committee: Chris Muller, Dave Buttress, Mike Milne, Murray Carrick, Howard Stapleton, Ron Enright and Barry Spencer.

All were heartily congratulated on their appointment.

The Chairman then presented two certificates of appreciation to Arch Graham our outgoing and inaugural Treasurer for his three years of excellent service, and to Howard Stapleton and Associates for outstanding support in the provision of design services for the new electrical works at the Lesmurdie shed.

KMS member Ian Allardyce moved a special vote of appreciation for the Chairman's outstanding leadership and his "behind the scenes" work over the last three years.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Owen Catto from the Men's Health Initiative. Owen spoke about men's general reluctance to address important health issues and seek help. His talk was laced with many humorous quips, making serious matters much more "approachable". Owen referred to a very useful little book called "We are all in it" by WA men's health advocate Julian Krieg. A liberal quantity of Julian's book was left for members to take home.

At the conclusion of Owen's well received presentation, Chairman Richard presented Owen with a bottle of KMS Red wine.



At the conclusion of the AGM, members and some of the visitors adjourned to the old shed for a wake to mourn the official closure.

We are very grateful to the ladies at the CWA for allowing us to use their meeting room and also for providing the many trays of delicious sandwiches.



KMS members enjoying a farewell drink at the old shed.



A timely reminder to be home on time.

OUR NEXT GUEST SPEAKER



We are fortunate in being able to have an interesting guest speaker in the form of Brett Pollock at our next General Meeting. Brett will talk to us about "Wooleen" and the Wajarri people of the Yammaji lands. Brett is a grazier and owns a large pastoral lease in the Murchison area of WA.

Earlier this year, Brett, his son David and his son's partner Francis Jones, appeared on two episodes of the ABC's Australian Story. The first was titled "**Half a million acres**" and screened on 5 March. The story centred on the way David and Francis had destocked the property and were managing the Station in an environmentally friendly manner.

Brett is a Rotarian, Mosman Park Councillor, and the inaugural Chairman of the Mosman Park Men's Shed. Construction of his Shed is near completion.

Brett recently drove his 1930 Model A Ford (called Glad) from Perth to Ipswich via the Kimberly, returning across the Nullarbor, raising money for the Royal Flying Doctor.

NEW COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Once again we have a committed and energetic Committee of Management. For the 2012/13 year we have the following KMS Team:

Chairman	Richard Gates
(and Publicity)	
Deputy Chair	Elton Brown
(and Fundraising)	
Secretary	Ray Maher
Treasurer	Graeme Bradley

Committee:

Dave Buttress	Shed Development
Barry Spencer	Sales & Manufacturing
Chris Muller	Sales & Manufacturing
Ron Enright	Social & Programme
Murray Carrick	Training & Youth
Mike Milne	Health & Safety
Howard Stapleton	Performance

Although non Committee members, we are also are privileged to have Rob Wiltshire, Ron Waddy, Richard Young and Geoff Price take on the following respective responsibilities:

- Asset Register
- Foothills Shed Liaison
- Data Management
- Membership Registration

We thank them for their continued support.

HEARING AWARENESS WEEK

This is a timely reminder that hearing loss is irreversible. You will never regain your hearing. It is imperative that in our workshop environment, proper and readily accessible hearing protection is worn. Refer to the West Australian insert, published on 17 August for valuable information.



Progress with our new Shed

As many members will be aware, the new Shed is getting close to reaching production stage. Western Power completed their works and the Shire electricians connected up the three phase elements. The amenities area, Shed Boss's office and small storeroom await final connection. Chris M and his team have been working hard to set up the woodworking area while Ian and Rob are working on lining the amenities area. Jim and his offsiders continue with fitout works while the outside team, led by John H cleaned up the area. Fortunately the Shire came to the party on Friday 17 August and removed all the excess materials from the old Scout Hall.

Hopefully woodwork production will commence soon and the metal work boys will be able to set up their section of the workshop.



Alan B working with the clean up team



Rob and Ian lining the amenities area



Tony checking out the metal work lathes



Graeme and Chris putting up the KMS sign



John and Chris organising the ducting



Glaziers Jim and Dennis at work



The Library has commenced



The Shire team disposing of the left over rubbish

The Metal work Boys and their temporary premises

With thanks to Ian G, the metal work team found a temporary home to continue their operations while the new Shed was being fitted out. Ian invited the team up to his property and they were able to use his large workshop for their activities. They are currently making steel frames for a staircase for one of our equipment donors.

We thank Ian for his generosity.

The good news is that Terry and Jean continue to supply Tuesday muffins at both sites!



The metalwork team at Ian's shed



Foothills Shed AGM

The Foothills Shed AGM is to be held at 5pm on Wednesday 5 September at the Community Centre, 24 Anderson Road Forrestfield. All KMS members are invited to attend.

Community directory delivery

Eddie Van R suggested at our last meeting that we deliver the local Community Directory to the areas of Bickley and Pickering Brook. Eddie, with the help of Jean Van R, Ron Waddy, Murray and John H, delivered 550 directories.

We thank them all for their excellent work.

The upside of the delivery is that KMS will receive a free half page advertisement in the next local directory. This is a great initiative which will enhance our profile in the Kalamunda community.



Ron W delivering the local directory in the Bickley area.

Free tins of stain

Shed Boss, Jim, picked up various tins of stain recently. This was a gift to the Australian Men's Shed organisation from Cabots. We received 144 cans of stain (36l) and Jim estimates the value to be \$2448. We are very grateful to the generosity of Cabots.



The stack of free tins of stain