

KALAMUNDA MEN'S SHED INC.

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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

26 April at 1400: General Meeting with guest speaker J. Boyd from the Thyroid Support Group. The usual BBQ with BYO drinks will follow.

30 April at 1000: Visit from the Shire President, Sue Bilich.

Next Excursion: Date to be confirmed

30 May: Kings Park Tour

Thanks to Eddie

Thanks go to Eddie Van R for the sterling job he did in producing the Newsletter while the Editor was away.

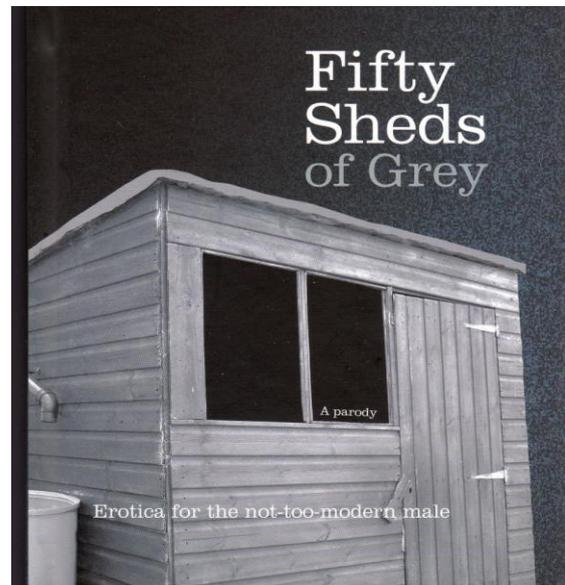
Welfare

Please remember to contact Dennis if you or a mate are doing it tough. Dennis can be contacted on 9291 6794 or dorden@bigfoot.com.au

Book Review

A book for the more discerning elder male! Fortunately your Editor managed to obtain a copy which is available for perusal for a limited period of time in the amenities area. Please note that the Editor takes no

responsibility for any health issues which may arise from reading this book!



“Full of remorse and innuendo”...NYT (New York)

“Courageous and forbidding” ...WP (Washington)

“Titillating and tenacious. A must read for anyone who lusts after a shed” .. TS (London)

Kalamunda Men's Shed is a registered charity and all donations are fully tax deductible.

Kalamunda Show

Once again KMS had a stall and helped with security at the Kalamunda Show. We were fortunate in making \$470 from the stall and we expect a generous donation from Kalamunda Lions for our security duties.

It was also the opportunity to publicise the work we do and a number of KMS brochures were handed out.



Congratulations also go to Chris M who received a second prize for his Bird House and Feeder and to Eddie Van R who received a special commendation for his intricate Chopping Board.

Farm Aid

Members will be aware that farmers in our wheatbelt are doing it tough. The Western Australian Men's Shed Association (WAMSA) has initiated an appeal to collect non perishable food from WA Sheds for distribution. Your Committee will conduct a super raffle at the next General Meeting. Proceeds from the raffle will be sent to WAMSA in support of their initiative. Be prepared to buy plenty of raffle tickets from Elton at our next meeting on 26 April!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to KMS:

- Norm Shanhun
- John Cave
- Nicholas Fletcher
- Ron Coster
- Trevor Russell

Shire President



Please note that our Shire President, Sue Bilich, will be visiting the Shed at 1000 on Tuesday 30 April. All members are encouraged to attend this special occasion as it will give Sue the opportunity to understand the good things KMS is achieving. It will also enable members to quiz Sue on contemporary Shire issues.

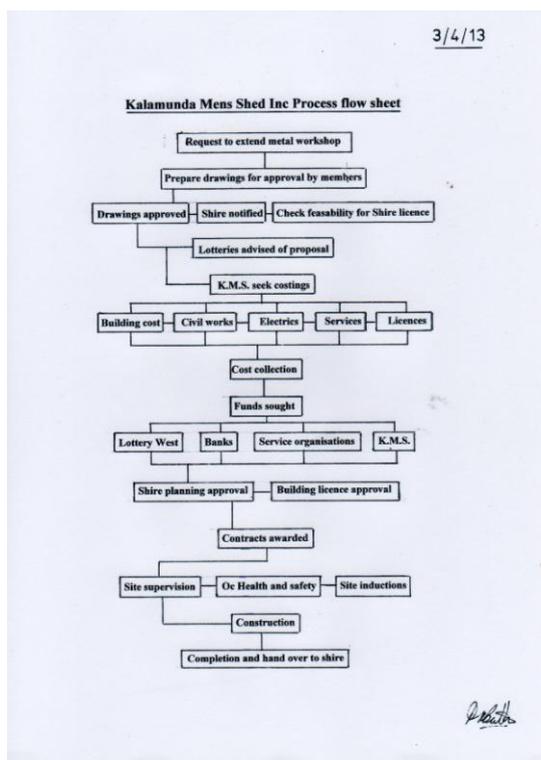
The Best Drop

Some members will be aware that we were nominated as one of three organisations to benefit from the Best Drop Community Chest. Last Sunday the Best Drop Manager counted out the tokens and it was announced that KMS was the winner. As a result we will receive a cheque for \$300. Thanks to all those members who supported this initiative by attending the KMS dinner at the Best Drop, and to Elton for organising same.

We expect to be presented with the cheque at our next General Meeting.

Shed Development

Dave continues to work hard with planning and design of the new Metal Work Shed. He awaits further estimates and feedback from members on preferred layouts. In the meantime he has produced a flow chart which sets out the steps in the process as follows:



Facebook

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Jim C and Richard Y have developed a blog on Facebook. If you or a friend have access to Facebook, go on line and read the blog. If you are happy ,

please give us a thumbs up.



Performance

Howard S recently conducted a survey of members and a pleasing 30% responded to the survey. Members were asked to rate KMS performance against our key objectives as encapsulated in the questions prepared by Howard. Members were also asked to provide comments on shed operations in general.

It was disappointing however that there was a minor protest vote, with three sheets completed with zero scores only. This of course influenced the overall results.

The results of the survey will be used by your Committee to modify and plan, where required, our way forward.

The survey results out of 10 are as follows. Scores in brackets have been modified by removing the three "protest" scores.

- (i) Is the Shed environment conducive to members being creative and productive? **6.6 (7.3)**
- (ii) Do you feel that there is the opportunity for men to associate and support each other? **7.5 (8.3)**
- (iii) Can you comfortably raise your own health issues and/or discuss them with others? **6.8 (7.5)**
- (iv) How would you rate your overall self-esteem? **7.1 (7.8)**
- (v) How do you score the Shed's sense of

encouragement towards activities outside normally perceived hobby limits. **5.0 (5.4)**

(vi) How good are we at mentoring youth? **3.9 (4.3)**

As this is the first survey of this type we will conduct a further one late in the year to quantify our improvement or otherwise, in these very important categories.

Members' comments to section 7 of the survey will be published in the next Newsletter.



Subscriptions for 2013/14

At the last Committee of Management meeting, it was resolved to increase the annual subscriptions for members from \$50 to \$60 for the financial year 2013/14. It was further resolved that there would be a similar increase in the following year.

This increase is unfortunate, however it has been introduced to offset the increase in costs of insurance and utilities. Members are reminded that our subs have remained static for the last four years, ie since inception of KMS. The subs also include morning tea and ancillary costs.

If any member has difficulty paying their subs please contact either Treasurer Graeme, Shed Boss Jim, or Chairman Richard. Any discussions will be strictly confidential.

LOTTERY WEST

A meeting was held on Friday 19 April in the Shed with Kate Grosso who is the Grants

Manager for Lotterywest. Kate was very impressed with the shed and the operation of KMS. She provided valuable advice to us for applying for a grant for the Metal Work Shed.

One significant item which needs resolution is to have a 5+5 year lease in place with the Shire. Secretary Ray, Vice Chair Elton and Chairman Richard are negotiating this with the Shire.

Lunch-Time Talk Friday 19th April at 1pm



ON TRIAL

Charged with multiple murders



The discovery of the remains of King Richard III has re-ignited debate as to whether he was the evil deformed monster and serial murderer usurping the English throne or a victim of Shakespeare's vicious propaganda.

Elton Brown, our own historian, will give a power point presentation at the Shed to explore the questions surrounding this controversial king

On 19 April, Elton gave a very interesting talk to approximately 20 members about King Richard the Third. Elton covered the period of the War of the Roses and all the manoeuvrings by Royalty thereafter. He also drew a parallel with the plays written by Shakespeare. The recent discovery of bones purporting to be from Richard the Third also provided interest and meaning.



The skeleton was described as that of a slender male, in his late 20s or early 30s. Richard was 32 when he died

"Leicester City Car Parks would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused whilst running a skeleton service."

"R" marked the spot

We thank Elton for his very professional presentation.