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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 22 August at 1400: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Our Guest Speaker will be WA Commissioner for Police, Karl O'Callaghan. Please note in your diaries the change of day to a Thursday!

15 August at 1300: Howard's Bull session. Topic for discussion is "Communication, especially with our partners". Bring your lunch.

21 August at 1300: Computer group meeting. Bring your lunch.

28 August at 0900 & 1100: Basic Router Table training, sign on sheet in the Shed

29 August at 0900: Excursion to WA Museum Shipwreck Galleries. \$5 entry fee. Lunch in Fremantle after. 18 only seats, get your name on the list in the Shed.

30 August at 1830: Sundowner and fellowship with the RSL in Canning Road, Kalamunda. All welcome.

5 September at 1300: Tom O'Donnel's Router demonstration. Cost \$8. Sign up sheet in the Shed.

25 October at 1400: General Meeting with Guest speaker Dr Aleks Vujovic,

Urologist, talking about Prostate Cancer.

27 October: Children's workshop at the Zig Zag festival

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to KMS:

-  *Charles MacKay*
-  *Ian Duckham*
-  *Duncan McConachy*

RETIRING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At this AGM we will see the retirement of a number of Committee members, some who have been with us since inception.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, Secretary Ray Maher and Chris Muller will be stepping down from the Committee.

We will also be losing our Deputy Chairman Elton Brown (refer to the article later in this Newsletter), Mike Milne and Ron Enright.

Mike undertook the difficult portfolio of Health and Safety and by audits and

awareness reports, he increased the overall safety of the workshop. Mike's



other role has been that of “Coach Captain” at the helm of the Shire Bus, taking us on the various excursions around Perth. Thanks very much Mike.

Ron Enright is also retiring this year after two years looking after the Social and Programme portfolio. Just in the last year he has organised seven speakers and nine excursions. AND remember he was the “Buns and Sausages man” for most of the



barbeques!
Well done
Ron.

NEXT MEETING: AGM with guest speaker, The Commissioner of Police, Dr Karl O’Callaghan.



Dr Karl J O’Callaghan
APM

Commissioner of Police

Office of the
Commissioner

Awards: Australian Police Medal, National Medal (1st Class)

Karl O’Callaghan was born in the United Kingdom and came to Western Australia with his parents in 1970. He attended Kalamunda Senior High School, completing Year 12 before commencing employment with the Western Australia Police Service, as a Police Cadet in 1974. He entered the Police Academy in 1975, graduating as Dux of Course 3/75 in January 1976.

Mr. O’Callaghan’s policing career has encompassed Police Communications,

Port Hedland Police Station, Accident Inquiry Section, Perth, Manjimup Traffic and General Duties, Community Education, and the Police Academy.

In 1996 he was promoted to Superintendent and served at Professional Standards, Northam (now Wheat belt) District and later at Cannington (now South East Metropolitan) District.

In 2001 he was appointed to the position of Assistant Commissioner, Strategic & Corporate Development (formerly Policy, Planning & Evaluation). This role included responsibility for the Strategic Plan and Annual Business Planning process and legislative reform.

He has performed the role of Acting Executive Director and Deputy Commissioner (Standards & Reform). Key roles in these areas included Capital and recurrent budget submissions to Government, developing and maintaining strategic asset management plan, continuous improvement in organisational development and oversight of the implementation of the Kennedy Royal Commission recommendations

Mr. O’Callaghan’s qualifications include a Ph.D, Bachelor of Education (1st Class Honours) and Bachelor of Arts (Education), from Curtin University of Technology. He is also an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Sellenger Centre for Police Research, Edith Cowan University (1997). Mr. O’Callaghan was awarded a Churchill Fellowship and completed an international study of the development of ethics and professional standards education in police services.

The Commissioner also has a fund called “Bright Blue” which supports sick children. Some of the funds are used to purchase specialised equipment for use in the

treatment of children suffering with Cancer.

Mr. O'Callaghan is married with four children and in his spare time enjoys the leisure pursuits of fishing and music. He has a keen interest in English history and is a motor cycle enthusiast.

KMS LEASE UPDATE

Chairman Richard and Dave B met with Shire representatives to discuss a number of issues including our Draft Lease. We were advised that a paper was being drafted to go to Council in August regarding our request for a 10 + 10 year tenancy. We understand further that a number of Councillors are in favour of our proposal, especially with Council amalgamations within the next two years. Hopefully we will have certainty in the near future.

A note from outgoing Vice Chairman Elton Brown

After being a member of the KMS Committee of Management from its inception to the present, it is with some regret that I am now stepping down but I am sure that with many newer members ready to join the COM that the Shed's ongoing success is assured. For those members who are not aware of our history, KMS came about from the ideas of a few of our existing members with encouragement from the Shire, who in turn



approached the Rotary Club of Kalamunda to manage the early beginnings. As a member of Rotary at the time, I was the Club's representative on what was to

become a steering committee to bring Kalamunda Men's Shed into fruition. Rotary were generous to us as well as the Bendigo Bank in providing the Shed with substantial capital to fund us through our earlier years. The Shire also were generous with their support. I have been proud to have played a small part in bringing the Shed along to be a well established and regarded asset to our members and the wider local community. It has been a privilege to have been part of this well run functioning committee. The Shed's major achievement has been to move from the very cramped shed previously the vehicle licensing centre in Kalamunda to the refurbished premises in Lesmurdie, largely due to the efforts of our membership. My role on the COM has been primarily fund raising but also looking after the Shed's merchandise, which I will continue to do in addition to organising the parking rosters for the Kalamunda Village market which has proved to be a useful and regular income stream.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Secretary Ray conducted a number of workshops with your Committee in order to develop a Risk Management Plan for KMS.

The principle risks identified were:

-  Fire
-  Shire matters
-  Health and Safety matters
-  Storm damage
-  Financial issues
-  Legal matters
-  Criminal activity
-  Power and utilities issues

🏠 Accidents to members

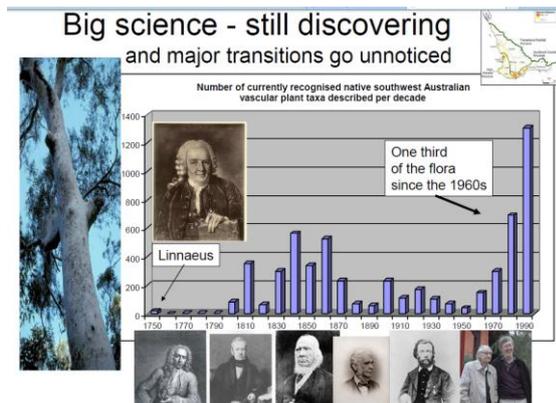
🏠 Management issues

Subsequent to the workshops, a further risk “Data Management” was identified.

Your Committee has now developed an Action Plan to respond to the most important risks.

LAST MEETING

At our last meeting, member John Baxter gave a well researched and illustrated talk on - “A Sense of Place” -as it applies to us all and especially to those of us living in Kalamunda. It was reflective of the earlier work of Professor George Seddon.



John concluded his presentation by saying:

- A Sense of Place shows most clearly in the way the community feels about and uses the landscape
- Kalamunda was a retreat from the sun, sand and sore eyes on the coastal plain but is now a place where people have a home in the forest hopefully with more native plants surrounding our homes

MOVEMENT AT KMS

At our last General Meeting a call was put out to relocate rocks and mulch stock piled in the rear parking area and in the way of

the new shed. Ian G came to the party with his Front End Loader and within a very short space of time had the site cleared. Thanks very much Ian.



LESMURDIE SURF CLUB

At the recent “All you need is right here” launch held in the Shed we were apprised of the existence of the Lesmurdie Surf Club. Eddie van R joined on the day and now sports one of their special Tee Shirts.

The Surf Club is looking for a site for their Headquarters which involves a plaque in a prominent position. At its last meeting, your Committee agreed to host the site adjacent to our front gate.

The Surf Club is well promoted as follows:



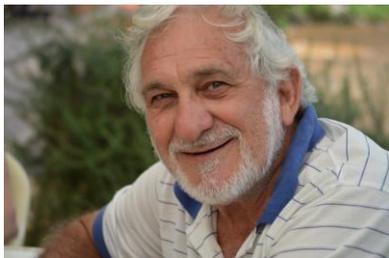
“You might have been as confused as we were to hear that there is a Surf Club in a town that is 600 feet above sea level! But predictions of global warming suggest that melting polar caps and rising sea levels will dramatically alter our coastlines.

Lesmurdie as a beachfront town is a powerful imagination. This imagination was created out of a deep passion for the environment with a twist of humour by Jim Smith and his work with Catholic EarthCare. Although the chances of Lesmurdie becoming a beachfront in the foreseeable future is slim it encourages like minded earth guardians to join in solidarity to raise awareness of the need for more sustainable living and to have some fun. There are now more than 100 members, from Australia, South Africa and the USA. In fact even the mayor of Miami Beach Florida is a member! If you would like to become a member, contact P J Smith at: patrickjs15@gmail.com or Mobile: 0419255113 and if you love the idea like their facebook page.”

A letter from Pav (Morris Pavlinovich)

Visiting our New Granddaughter was the primary reason to visit the UK. We decided to buy a Motor Home in the UK and travel around for 6 months. So off we set via Dubai with Emirates, arriving at Gatwick on a cold wet

miserable March day. The weather never really improved it



was snowing the Sunday of Georgina’s baptism at the end of March. Then we drove to Scotland to celebrate our friend Norman’s 70th Birthday in fine Scottish style (4 days) complete with haggis and bagpipes. We drove across Scotland via Glasgow, Edinburgh to visit Duns the birthplace of Jim Clark (World F1 champion 63/65). We slowly travelled through the Scottish Borders taking in the beautiful countryside though very stark, windy, and almost lifeless. Through the Lakes

District to visit Donald Campbell’s “Bluebird”, again lovely green countryside with lakes everywhere but still wet and cold.

Then we grabbed a ½ price cruise to the Norwegian fjords on board the MS Marco Polo, a very wintery trip with deep fjords, high mountains, glaciers along with snow, sleet, rain, and the cold, but beautiful in its starkness and just the fact of seeing snow everywhere.

May saw us in France chasing the sunshine; firstly travelling eastwards thru the ‘western front’. A very sombre and thoughtful few days seeing graveyards and memorials of WW1 everywhere amongst the beautiful French countryside. Eventually we arrived at Molsheim (home of the Bugatti cars), then down thru the Alsace “Vin Route” and several medieval walled towns, then across to the Arde’che to see the French ‘Grand Canyon’ and the Pont d’ Arch. (A natural arch over the river). Travelling further south we passed thru Montpellier till we reached the Mediterranean coastal town of Adge where we enjoyed some sunshine for 4 days. Then skirting the Pyrenees we travelled west to Lourdes.

Back in the UK we visited friends in Berkshire then up to Liverpool to do some family research for Margaret, then across to Chester to visit the “Anderton Boat lift”, What a brilliant piece of engineering! It staggered me! Across to Tideswell in Derbyshire to celebrate “the dressing of the wells” with Norman & Maureen. On the way home we stopped off at Arkwright’s cotton mills, very fascinating indeed! But more was to come when we visited Bletchley Park and learnt all about the Enigma machine, Wartime spies, and homing pigeons. Absolutely fabulous and a MUST see.

Arriving back in Essex we refuelled and took off for Cornwell because the weather had

improved and I wanted to visit Camelford the birthplace of my Maternal Grandfather. We had 5 sunny days visiting Bude, Port Isaac (Port Wenn..Doc Martin TV series) and Padstow (Rick Stein territory). Then back to Gaydon to visit the Aston Martin factory, across to the University City of Cambridge, to see all the old colleges of learning. Travelling into Norfolk we visited Sandringham House & Gardens (Queen's summer residence), and Wells Next the Sea (home of the longest 10 1/4inch gauge steam railway in UK) stayed overnight in the Thetford forest and then home to Essex. We have had a fabulous trip and a great experience.

Morris & Margaret Pavlinovich

See u all in September.

Clutter chaos. (by Eddie van R)

Over time, many a shed becomes cluttered and sometimes even unusable. Here are some tips that may help you to restore order to your sacred refuge.

1. Use the rule of 10. Every time you enter your workshop for any reason, first put 10 items back where they belong. In messy sheds this will only take a few moments but the improvement will be obvious in a short time.

2. Organise commonly used tools. Wall mounted tool boards are nice and absolutely essential. Place related tools in strong cardboard or plastic boxes which have been clearly labelled. Keep the boxes off the floor by installing some shelves at head height, above the bench or work area.

3. Relocate commonly used items. Most shedders amass a wealth of stuff that may come in handy sometime but when we need something, finding it becomes a major and frustrating issue. Buy or make some compartmentalised containers to hold the screws, nails and bits you use most often. Keep them in an accessible location. Less frequently used items should be sorted into labelled containers and stored on higher shelves. All other stuff should be given away

to those with a greater need than you, or it should be recycled.

4. Manage junk. Get some bins for the shed. One for pure rubbish and empty this into the wheely bin for weekly collection.

Other bins for recyclables and scrap metal will help. Our Shed collects scrap metal to raise funds which helps with our finances.

A wood bin is a must for all woodies. Try not to save every offcut. Small bits can be given to those folk who still have a wood fire. Remember, MDF certain plywoods and treated timber emit toxic fumes when burned and must be binned.

Timber shorter than say 500mm can be stored in a box and narrow strips and dowels in a length of plastic pipe.

5. Reduce your tool collection. Many a shed contains duplicated tools. You can only use so many screw drivers etc. Pick out your favourites and be brave and select the ones that are never used or surplus and offer them to others or sell or trade them.

Tools that have true heritage value can be properly displayed or placed on the mantle piece or donated to the Hand Tool Preservation Society.

6. Organise power tools. Corded power tools almost always form a tangled clutter. Obtain or make some boxes (they don't have to be of jewellery box standard) and place each item into a box including its accessories and things like chuck keys. The rolled up power cord can be restrained with an off cut piece of electrical wire. Label the boxes.

7. Label perishables. Show the date of purchase and if applicable, the expiry date. Throw out old paints, glues, solvents and other chemicals. Be sure to dispose of them appropriately.

8. Let go of surplus. Regularly cull through your tools and materials. If an item has not been used for say the last two years or you cannot possibly see a use for it in the next year, get rid of it. Maybe a super garage sale is in the making?

Apply some of these tips and make the shed a productive and pleasant place to be in. You may be surprised!