

# Plane Torque



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## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

**1 June:** Western Australia Day Holiday  
Shed Closed

**17 June:** Computer Group Get Together

**26 June:** General Meeting

**16 July:** Bull Session "Peer Group  
Pressure"

**31 July:** Annual General Meeting

**18 August:** All We Need is Right Here  
breakfast

## MURRAY'S MUMBLINGS

Given that Chairperson Dave is "Swanning" on the Murray River this June, I thought that I'd better pen a couple brief lines to members. It's been a busy month with a broad range of member activity both within the Shed & assisting the Kalamunda local community. In general, I'll but mention some of the activities as I know that Editor, John Baxter, has more detailed report on a number of these happenings.

The first Saturday in June saw KMS providing parking assistance to Kalamunda Rotary with six members providing this support. Then, the very next day, Captain Mike Milne orchestrating a very smooth parking

operation with a total of 27 members on the Sunday.

Our student, Alex, is now a full member of our Shed for a brief time [*insurance needs*] & under the care of Shedboss, Jim, & some other helpers, has regularly attended each Thursday afternoon. He has already mastered a number of woodworking skills, completed several projects, including a possum box which he has proudly delivered to his grandfather.

On the Workshop 4 building project, the builder has now made significant progress to the extent that the outside wall is complete, floor for this Multi-Purpose Area completed, windows & doors fitted and today Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, the Tearoom floor has been prepped, concrete poured so that there is a smooth transition, without checker plates, different levels throughout the total Shed.

Elsewhere in Plane Torques the arrangements for the upcoming Annual General Meeting – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July are given. Yes, I know that's a month away, but there is much that members need to consider. Every Men's Shed needs a strong, vibrant Committee Of Management team. Some may think that a Men's Shed running just happens. They couldn't be more wrong. Like any other organisation

management is required otherwise chaos occurs & everyone is the poorer. Please think hard & long to see how you can help to have the very best 2015-2016 COM team. Elsewhere in this "Plane Torque" you'll find details on the nomination process for your ongoing Committee Of Management.

Lastly, I want to list several other developments. Please understand that although I have only listed these activities, they are significant, but already this 'Chairperson's report' is getting too long.

- Defibrillator on site with training prior to actual installation planned.
- Compressed Airlines being installed.
- Preliminary progress on the establishment of a Master Site Planning KMS Sub-Committee.
- Ticket Booth for Kalamunda Show Committee commenced.
- Proto type "Green Army" possum box completed & supplies for assembly arranged.

Murray as a substitute in Dave's holiday absence, Acting Chairperson mid-June.



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ARE NOW DUE**

Membership subscriptions are due on 1 July 2015 and are \$65.00.

Payments can be made as follows :-  
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### **GUEST SPEAKER MAY**

Mick Davies from the Kalamunda Shire was the guest speaker in May. Mick came to talk about the aims and objectives of the Green Army Project where young people are encouraged to get out in the open and work on an environmental project. The project KMS is assisting the Green Army with is the preparation of nesting boxes for possums, birds and



bats. Each species has specific desirable nesting boxes and Mick took us through a range of types with examples.

Mick rolled through a range of issues with monitoring the use of boxes using remote cameras with an enjoyable interactive

talk. Afterwards Chris Muller suggested we make some of these boxes for the KMS stalls.

## COM ACTIVITY

### Safety Tagging in the Shed

We have been in contact with DOCEP with respect to tagging and inspection of electrical equipment in the Shed to determine the frequency of equipment inspection required. It is clear we require to ensure there is an inspection of all equipment every five years. This inspection does not require a licensed electrician. As a consequence of this enquiry the following report is brought to the attention of all members.

#### Report regarding the use of portable electrical tools (240 volts).

The purpose of this report is to establish KMS responsibilities to its members with regard to their use of power tools<sup>1</sup>.

A member expressed concern that items of electrical equipment which were tagged<sup>2</sup> were either out of date, or not tagged.

In response this the COM contacted DOCEP (Worksafe) for clarification.

Their response attached, advises that as a "Men's Shed" there is no requirement for tagging equipment. However if the shed has a paid employee, which KMS does we then fall under Table 4 of AS 3760. And under item (a) 3 which does not require tagging but an equipment inspection every 5 years.

The person carrying out this inspection does not have to be a licensed electrician but deemed to be a competent person.

In summary our responsibilities are:

- For normal power tools, to inspect every 5 years.
- For portable RCD's, push button test every 3months.
- For fixed RCD's every 6 months<sup>3</sup>.

#### Recommendations

- If members have an issue with equipment report it to the Shed Supervisor.
- If a member believes that a tool or piece of equipment is unsafe they should unplug it and relocate it to the Shed Supervisors office.
- If a member believes any equipment to be unsafe it is their responsibility (in the first instance) to remove any hazards to other members.
- Recommendation any older tools that are not double insulated such as metallic body drills etc should be removed from shed service.

### Compressed Air Lines

COM has agreed with a proposal from Ian Allardyce and Tony Jacobs to install the air lines in the Shed. This will mean that at last the compressor will be useful to members. Thanks to Ian, Tony and Ross Annetts for this effort.

Members are reminded that use of air as a cleaning method will occur only after vacuuming to avoid fine dust throughout the Shed.

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is coming on the 31<sup>st</sup> July and this is a time when the members are empowered to choose the management team for next year. It is worth a thought as to how you want to see the shed managed over the next year.

Nomination forms are in the Tea Room.  
We need a good committee for 2015-2016.

**POT-SHOTS** — Brilliant Thoughts in 17 words or less



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COM has recommended that in 2015-2016 that the committee consists of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and five committee members.

*“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.” Henry Ford*

Nominations for the Committee of Management will close at 12.30pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Nominations can be sent to the secretary via email [secretary@kalamundamensshed.org.au](mailto:secretary@kalamundamensshed.org.au) or given to the Shed Boss. All nominees are invited to provide a brief comment on their main interest in the shed that will be published in a supplement for members prior to the AGM.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CUT OFF DATE FOR NOMINATIONS SET BY COM – 10<sup>th</sup> JULY.**

Should any member wish to propose a resolution which would be considered as a special resolution at the Annual General Meeting notice of that resolution must be received by the Secretary before 10<sup>th</sup> July

2015 when the Notice of Meeting will be issued.



The speaker at the AGM will be Nick Bruining a well respected financial planner and commentator on financial matters. This

will be good.

## DEFIBRILLATOR



At long last we have the defibrillator that was promised by Bendigo Bank. At the last General Meeting the defibrillator was presented to Chairman Dave and Rod Jones on behalf of Bendigo Bank by Elizabeth Taylor representing the Bendigo Bank.

We wish to thank Bendigo Bank for this device which if we have to use it will save lives. The Shed also thanks Rod for his perseverance in this acquisition.



Training on the use of the defibrillator will commence soon.

## **MADE IN THE SHED**

### **Pilot Program**

The Shed has been playing host to a pilot program being undertaken by Curtin University and the University of Western Sydney designed to help students in a transition from school to work.

We have one student who has already completed the first three of a total eight sessions at the time of writing this brief report. Alex appears keen to learn, listens well & asks what I think are sensible, relevant questions.

The photo was taken during his second training session under the careful supervision of our Shed Boss, Jim. Our aim is to develop Alex's confidence & responsibility which is progressing well at this early stage of the pilot programme.



The KMS mentors have completed a training session prior to the project's commencement, thereby ensuring our Shed mentors understand both the purpose & specific requirements of the project.

Curtin University, University of West Sydney & Alex's mother have already expressed their collective appreciation to KMS members for making their time available each Thursday afternoon during the 2<sup>nd</sup> school term, 2015.

### **Rocking Horses**



The rocking horses are back. Rocking horses have been one of the best-selling items for the shed in the past and there is a new flush of horses coming about due to the work of John Cave and Ron Henderson.

### **Joke Corner**

*Frank Edwards, 74 years of age, was stopped by the police around 2am and was asked where he was going at that time of night.*

*Frank replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has*



*on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."*

*The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"*

*Frank replied, "That would be my wife."*

From Tom Holloway

## MEMBER PROFILE



Barry Spencer, "The Master", is another POM born in Sheffield and brought up in Derbyshire to keep him away from the bombing in Sheffield.

Left school at 15 and took up a Privileged Apprentice in the Railway where he was still being schooled and learning a trade. Barry left before finishing his apprenticeship to join the Regular Army Life Guard, Household Cavalry. He served in Egypt for two years in the Suez Canal Zone and then on to Cyprus. In 1954 he was shipped back to England to join the pentathlon team which was full time training. He returned to Cyprus in 1955 into the Greek Turkish clashes.

Soon after he swapped the Army for the Police joining Sheffield Police and after two years' probation transferred to Lincolnshire, then Scunthorpe and then to Luton. In his second year in the police force Barry received permission from his superiors to marry Kathleen on his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday, a requirement of the job. At Luton Barry trained and became a Sargent

1<sup>st</sup> Class Advanced Driving Instructor. Barry left the police force after 13 years and headed for the penal colonies, ostensibly on a secret mission to improve the gene pool, but looking around the shed he thinks he failed.

In Australia Barry spent most of his time in sales and security. This job included designing and installing the security system for the Booragoon shopping centre.

He left security and started selling new houses ending up as Sales Manager for Orlit Homes. Shortly after turning 50 Barry had a major heart operation and gave up work. Barry saw a bloke turning a bit of wood and thought this is for me so he spent the next 15 years improving his skills. Gents this gives us all some goal to get our skills up during our retirement.

Barry was a foundation member of the Shed and continues to be a major contributor on the woodwork team spending time passing on his knowledge. It is at the Shed that Barry was christened "The Master" by Richard Gates at a previous General Meeting and "The Master" he remains to KMS.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

### Trees for Residents

Mike Milne, you have done it again, what fantastic leadership of the 27 man team doing parking at Plants for Residents on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Without the guidance it would have been chaos, the park was virtually full by 10.00am with members hunting for parking spots for the still coming residents. The exercise was a great success appreciated by both the Shire and the residents. No park ins, no dings and lots of thanks.

Thanks to all who participated.

### Lions Ticket Sheds

Lions have requested the Shed make another ticket box for the Show. Preparations for their completions are in hand in the metal work shed, more next month.

Richard Gates has the design and Terry Lees, Ian Granger and Mike Milne were preparing the material on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Eating Out as a Senior

Bill and Ben have been a little slack this month, not sampling any of the local cuisine.

However, being dragged to Pinaroo for a funeral it was noted that **bay 33 café** on West Coast Drive, Watermans Bay (turn right off North Beach Rd which is the beach end of Reid Highway) had excellent over 70's fare listed in the kids stuff at the back of the menu. We had Calamari and Salad and Fish and Chips which were good value at \$15.00 per dish. An ideal spot for a visit to the aquarium at AQWA or Pinaroo.

### Cop This

*"All that is valuable in human society depends upon the opportunity for development accorded the individual."*

Albert Einstein

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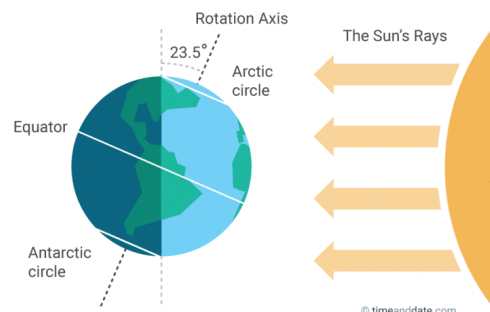


### SCIENCE SPOT



The "Blue Marble Earth" is a composite taken for the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day 2015. The image is a composite from the Suomi probe from an altitude of 824 kilometres. Note the cyclone, TC Joalene, in the Indian Ocean.

Winter Solstice Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
12:39am here.



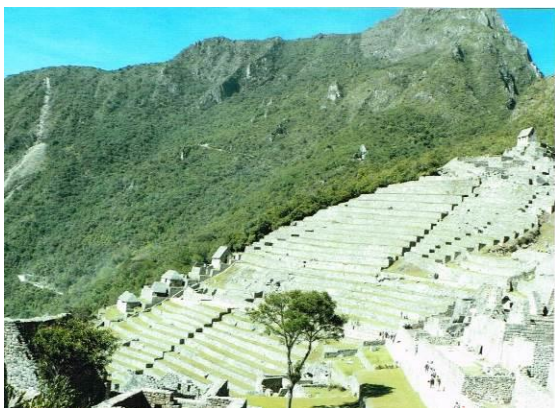
The last solstice on the 22<sup>nd</sup> was in 1971 and the next will be 2203.

## Winter Solstice at Machu Pichhu

There are many ceremonial temples and sites at Machu Pichhu. The Temple of the Sun was used to honor and celebrate Inti, the Sun, an important Incan deity. When the sun of the winter solstice enters through the central window, it falls directly on the large ceremonial stone. The round building protects the stone.



Machu Picchu was probably a royal agriculture research point of religious significance to the Incas and with significant interest in the climate and setting time for planting. It appears that some direction was made for planting on the terraces of the site. A truly wonderful place to visit early in the morning before the crowds turn up.



## THESPIAN SPOT

Terry Patchett was an English author of fantasy novels, especially comical works. He is best known for his Discworld series of about 40 volumes.

*Johnny and the Dead* and 14 *Discworld* novels have been adapted as plays by Stephen Briggs and published in book form. They were first produced by the Studio Theatre Club in Abingdon, Oxfordshire. They include adaptations of *The Truth*, *Maskerade*, *Mort*, *Wyrd Sisters* and *Guards! Guards!* Stage adaptations of Discworld novels have been performed on every continent in the world, including Antarctica.

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim will be playing in a Comedy Theatre production of *Maskerade* which is a comic parody of the *Phantom of the Opera*.

The Shed is organising a party to enjoy this presentation. If you are interested talk with Jim for tickets.

