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18 February: Biscuit Joiner and wood finishing workshop

22 February: Grigoryan Brothers KPAC

26 February: General Meeting at the Shed – Guest Speaker George Nelson

5 March: Rotary Parking

16 March: Computer Group meeting

8 June: Bus Trip TBA

12 October: Bus Trip TBA

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As always, there are many actions taking place at KMS, despite the very hot conditions for most of this period. Again, rather than have a lengthy written report I'd like to again provide an up-date listing of happenings /events.

A particularly important, if time consuming item is to consider our supervision/ safe operations that will need to be in place after our long serving Shed Boss, Jim, will no longer be employed through the generosity of Kalamunda Shire. We have been extremely fortunate to have an outside employed skilled person as "Shed Boss". Something that very few Men's Sheds have enjoyed.

The KMS Committee of Management has canvassed somewhat similar Men's Sheds, & is compiling a summary of their current & past experiences.

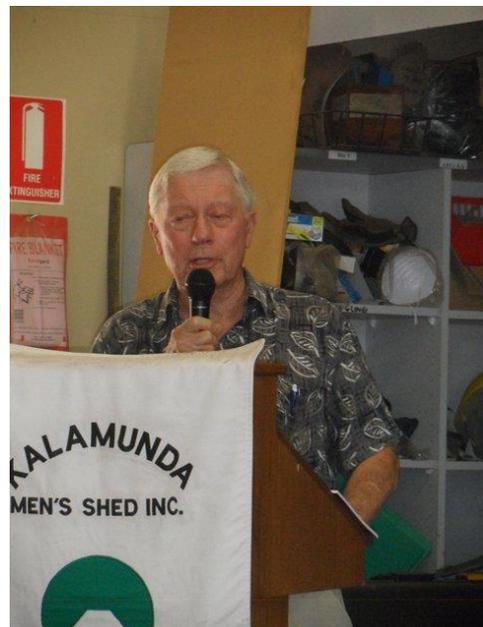
The conclusion is that we would all like to keep the level of activity/access at the same level, but that it would be quite impossible to so do using a part-time paid Shed Boss paid for out of normal funds / operations. Most Sheds use volunteer members, & that's the way that we will be forced to operate after Jim leaves.

Other Recent Activities:

- The “clean/ quiet“ Workshop 4 Project as it was titled for the securing of a building lottery grant, but more commonly referred to as “Area 4”, continues to be developed at a fast pace.
 - Insulated ceiling progressing
 - Wall & Doors in position
 - Lighting modifications all but completed.
 - TV, Chairs, & a possible enhanced computer capability [donated] is all being progressed.
 - Grant application for air conditioning submitted. Sorry, it hasn’t yet been approved, but we are hopeful of a positive response.
- Some 450 paving slabs donated by John Baxter at now on site with the strong likelihood that an additional 1,000 slabs may be provided at almost no cost to KMS.
- Some security issues being addressed.
- Preliminary thoughts being discussed as we progress towards that all important KMS Annual General Meeting, probably in late July.
- Hosting, at very short notice the formal handing over of \$20,000 from the WA Freemasons to WAMSA on Wednesday 17th Feb. This is covered in a separate newsletter item.

CYRIL AYRIS GUEST SPEAKER

Cyril Ayris was a police reporter with the West Australian for 25 years before becoming a senior feature writer. Cyril is a first class story teller and the members thoroughly enjoyed his light hearted discussion through the scoop of a lifetime recording the detonation of the atomic bomb on the Monte Bello Islands when the “West” released the story in London prior to the announcement in the British Parliament. During his time he has spent time abroad and has collected some widely acclaimed stories including a trek through the Libyan desert to see the huge pipeline that takes water from the desert into Tripoli and beyond and was suspected as a possible route of attack by Gaddafi during the uprising. The description of his excursion in a Mirage jet outside the speed limit and landing with a shortly to be despatch breakfast intrigued the members. Creating a front page story for the arrival of the Queen and Prince Phillip arrived in Fremantle after the deadline for the paper gave Cyril the opportunity to fish for film in Perth water and clip his catch to a bulldog clip making the deadline in time after a photographer has snapped the “Gotham” entering the moles at Fremantle, flying to Perth and dropping the film to be caught. Cyril has written 20 or so books including two on the intricacies of the Fremantle gaol (a gaol uniquely built by the prisoners), a discourse on C.Y. O’Connor (a very courageous man) and his own autobiography Chameleon. This was a great talk from a fantastic storyteller.



COM EVENTS

Freemasons present cheque to WAMSA at the Shed



For several years, WA Freemasons has provided financial assistance enabling many WA Men's Sheds to both have 1st Aid Certified Training & providing 1st Aid kits to be on their respective sites.

This year the WA Freemasons donated a most generous cheque for \$20,000 to be used exclusively within the WAMSA Sheds as a health safety initiative.

Dr Bill Babe, the WA Grand Master, Freemasons, presented to the Mike Wiggin, Chairman, WAMSA hosted at our Kalamunda Men's Shed on Wednesday 17th February, 2016.

Sausage Sizzles

Members have volunteered and successfully run two sausage sizzles in the community recently. One at Lesmurdie shopping centre on Lesmurdie Rd and the other outside Nightingales. The events not only raised money for the shed, but also increased our public profile. Thanks to all involved.



Pavers for the Patio

Thanks must go to the team led by Mal Roberts who collected a bunch of pavers from John Baxter's place during the month. The team of Mal, Jim, Stuart, Rob and John did the job quickly and efficiently.

More pavers are needed so if you have a secret stash of 25 by 15 pavers let Mal know (9293 2697) and collection will follow.

Swan Valley Excursion

Report from Rod

Our Social Director and tour leader Ray Sparks organised an entertaining day exploring the fleshpots of the Swan Valley. This would not have been possible without our dependable and popular Coach Captain Mike Milne piloting the shire bus.

We had a good turnout despite the heat, which had to be around 43^o. The first call was The Margaret River Chocolate Factory (Swan Valley) where the air-con was cranked up to the max to stop the chocolate from melting. The range of product there is impressive, unfortunately the outside temperature stopped me from buying any of their products,

although one smart member brought an Esky full of ice and supplied members with cool water, thanks Stuart. Morning coffee, tea and pastries were consumed and one COM member purchased a \$15.00 presentation box of Rocky Road, when asked if he was currying favour with the missus, he responded “nah”.



The photo shows Chairman Murray, John Schoen and Mike Milne at the Chocolate Factory.

From there we moved to Oakover which specialises in their own Fiori brand coffee, plus wine and beer. One of the features is a lake surrounded by lawns, fishing rods are available and Rainbow Trout and Barramundi can be caught and charged at \$16.00 per fish.

Then on to Houghton’s a brand that everybody knows. Although WA’s third oldest vineyard, today it presents as a very modern winery set in beautiful grounds with an outdoor performing area that has been home to many shows and events.

Around midday with the mercury still rising we arrived at Mandoon winery, brewery and function centre. A tourist river boat was docked at the jetty with many visitors joining us for lunch. This is an impressive venue where you can get married, hold a conference or function. It has a wine tasting area separate from the restaurant and brewery plus a beer garden and other functions.

Mandoon is conveniently located across the highway from Bandyup ladies prison, so any offenders who over indulge at Mandoon don’t have far to travel.

Thanks to Ray and Mike.

Training in Biscuit Cutter and Wood Finishes



Rod Jones conducted a training session on biscuit cutters and wood finishes at the Shed last week. Thirteen members took advantage of the workshop that covered great ways to use a biscuit



cutter and the more common methods of finishing wood projects. Thanks Rod for the time and effort presenting the workshop.

Kookaburra Outdoor Cinema

There is a new owner at the Kookaburra Cinema and that means if you want to book the KMS table you need to ring 9397 7945 or email kookainfo@dodo.com.au before 3.00pm on the day as Lindsay Morris has now retired and Peter and Agnes Foyster have taken over. At least we can continue to enjoy the outdoors at Mundaring and see a great range of films.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Rotary Parking

Richard Gates is captain for the parking on Saturday 5th. If you are free, talk to Richard.

MARCH HAPPENINGS

Jazz in the Park (Summer)

Get into the swing every Thursday from 6pm-8pm between February and April (weather permitting), with free jazz concerts by Kalamunda Youth Swing Band in Stirk Park. Take along a picnic, soak up the cool vibe of a balmy Hills evening and just relax.

Cop This

"[...] common sense is actually nothing more than a deposit of prejudices laid down in the mind prior to the age of eighteen." Albert Einstein

SPORT SPOT

An explanation of cricket

You have two sides, one out in the field, the other in. The one that's out off the field is in. Each man on the in side goes out and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he is out. When the in side is all out, the side that's out in the field comes in and the side that's been in goes out. The idea of the game is to get those coming in out. Of course, sometimes there's a player who is still in when the rest of his side are out so he's not out but can't stay in. When both sides have been in and got out, the game is over. All clear now?

EDITORS COMMENT

I would like to thank all of the members who have shown some concern for the hearing aid that fell out while moving pavers. Luck would have it that despite everyone's searching and raking over the ground where we were working the hearing aid actually fell off a bucket of sand dug by a dingo in the area we were moving the pavers. Now that is really luck, Thanks.

SCIENCE SPOT

CSIRO has discovered the heaviest element yet known to science.

The new element is Governmentium (Gv). It has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons and 198 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312. These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lefton-like particles called peons.

Since Governmentium has no electrons or protons, it is inert. However, it can be detected, because it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact. A tiny amount of Governmentium can cause a reaction normally taking less than a second to take from four days to four years to complete.

Governmentium has a normal half-life of 2- 6 years. It does not decay but instead undergoes a reorganisation in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places. In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganisation will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes.

This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to believe that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a critical concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as critical morass.

When catalysed with money, Governmentium becomes Administratium, an element that radiates just as much energy as Governmentium since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons. All of the money is consumed in the exchange, and no other by-products are produced.

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