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17 June: Jim's Retirement Lunch

24 June: General Meeting at Shed- "Fall Prevention for Over 65s"

28 June: Free Workshop – Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney etc Library 10.30am

30 June: Band Saw Workshop

1 July: Subscriptions Due

6 July: Morning Music at KPAC

9 July: Bush Poets at Pickering Brook Sports Club

20 July: Computer Group

22 July: Final Date for Committee Nominations

29 July: Annual General Meeting at the Shed – Graham McEwan – "History of the Australian Light Horse"

12 October: Bus Trip TBA

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There's plenty to report this month, & that's not unusual. Some pleasant developments/happenings whilst others not great & concerning.

Here's a summary:-

- End of the 2015/16 year & preparations for the AGM in July.
 - KMS needs to attract both new & some returning COM members to be nominated for the 4 designated office-bearers & 5 Committee members.
 - Nomination forms are available in the Tea Room.
- Progress of grant applications and/or thoughts for upcoming new grants.
- The changing role from a permanent Shed Boss to member volunteer Shed Supervisors & member sharing of specific duties
- The most disturbing burglary of shed metalwork equipment & review of security & property surveillance.
- Storm-water flooding of water from Falls Road, parking areas & into our Shed. The Shire have acknowledged that they have a problem, & we a consequential problem which they have now planned to make changes of that external water flow.

Murray Carrick

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

STUART ELLIOTT GUEST SPEAKER

Stuart Elliott gave a most interesting presentation, which he entitled “Working in the Nuclear Energy Industry”.

He demonstrated the use of various aged monitoring devices to detect radiation levels emitted in the air, rock samples & other exhibits – some setting-off the recording device rather frantically. He also covered the importance of regular checks of persons using radioactive materials both in laboratory & workplace environments.

Of significance, members were provided with an indication of how & why nuclear fusion reaction takes place in what I’d refer to as “layman’s language”.

Thank you Stuart for a most impressive presentation.



COM ACTIVITY

2016/17 Subscriptions

Committee of Management have endorsed an increase of membership subscriptions for the coming financial year (2016 /2017)

Subscriptions will increase by \$5.00 to \$70.00. Fees are due from July 1st 2016 but can be paid from now if convenient. Payment can be paid by cash or cheque to Treasurer Graeme or Shed Boss / Shed Supervisor. Alternatively, payment can be by direct credit to **Kalamunda Men’s Shed, BSB 633000, Account No. 136575198.**

This small increase will assist to defray increased costs of consumable items resulting from increased attendance and price increases. Those new Members that have recently paid subscriptions for 2016 /2017 will not be required to pay additional cost.

Big Flood At The Shed

Late April, after a major 2 hour rain storm in the Lesmurdie / Kalamunda area storm water mainly from the Falls Road, parking area in front & behind SKAMP flowed across our external boundary, through our leased area. The result – a major volume of water that banked up along the southern wall of the Shed, with much finishing inside our shed.

Despite our best efforts to ensure that our southern “spoon drain”, any leaf accumulation and rear gutter had already been cleared, we had a major flood across the floor, into the Office, flowed into the Tea Room & some into the new Area 4.

Thanks to Jim & a host of early morning attending members, water had been swept out of the building, floors sponged clean & almost back to normality by morning-tea time.

KMS Report To Shire:-

- We immediately contacted the Shire pointing out:-
 - Stormwater from their area had inundated our Shed.
 - Requested their Building/ Engineering Staff attend the Shed ASAP
 - Shire to determine remedial storm water drainage to prevent a repetition of the problem for our Shed.

Outcome:-

- Shire Building& Drainage Engineer visited the Shed Wednesday 4th May.
- Conceded that stormwater was coming from the Falls Road & land prior to our southern boundary fence line.
- Recognised that the natural slope of the land drops from the extreme South-Eastern corner [Falls Road] towards the South-Western corner of our leased area.
- Promised to have a contour determination to ascertain how best to divert water external to our leased area.

Shire Engineer's Ideas:-

- A significant 'spoon drain' may be required to run behind the Public Toilets allowing stormwater to flow towards the Tennis Club corner & along the western boundary to the nature reserve rear of the Tennis Club. A Shire project.
- Jim also made additional remedial drainage suggestions for the drain at the front of our Shed which the Engineer felt might be practical to prevent water seepage under the iron external shed cladding. However, the Engineer also conceded that without reduction of the main stormwater flow from external area to our leased area, our remedial suggestions might have little practical impact to safeguard against repeated internal flooding of our Shed.

Safety in the Workshop

1. Do not use any equipment that you have not been shown how to use by an experienced Shedder
2. When learning how to use a machine, listen very carefully to all the instructions given. Ask questions, especially if you do not fully understand.
3. Always wear appropriate clothes, avoid loose fitting clothing that can be caught in machines
Wear good strong covered in shoes.
4. Keep hands away from moving/rotating machinery.
5. Use hand tools carefully, keeping both hands behind the cutting edge.
6. Report any damage to machines/equipment to the Shed Supervisor

The game is about to change with the retirement of Jim, the Shed Boss. We will have supervisors in the Shed whenever it is open and more than ever safety in the Shed will depend on members.

Jim's Retirement

Well we sent him off in style last Friday with a crowd of more than 35 members settled in to lunch and some stories from Murray, Graeme, Richard and Tony. There was of course the cake. Jim didn't go home empty handed as members has rattled in with a great bottle of whisky, a model jag and a Kalamunda rock. It was a great send off to a star of the KMS over the past 5^{1/2} years.



Thanks to Jim for his help, enthusiasm and real will to make it happen even when there is a problem at hand. We all wish Jim and Carol all the best in their retirement which sounds like a mix of Kiwanis, travel and thespian roles. All the best to Jim on their trip to Canada next week.



KMS Draft Master Plan

At the KMS General Meeting in February, it was agreed that a focus group facilitated by Ray Maher, Ian Allardyce and Richard Gates be formed to seek member's input to the Master Plan developed by Eddie van Rijnswood, John Baxter and Graeme Young and to provide a report in writing following these discussions, to the COM.

It was pleasing to see that 32 submissions were received, representing about 27% of our membership. However, when considered in the light of "active" members, this would be closer to 70%.

Overall findings

1. The Master Plan does not provide sufficient space for woodwork or for metalwork to expand to blacksmithing, auto and general fabrication. Feedback favours construction of a new

shed for metalwork allowing the expansion of woodwork within the existing shed. There was very minor support for extending the existing shed.

2. The suggested location of a new shed varies, but the main focus is that it be located parallel to the eastern boundary or parallel to and north of the existing shed (to minimise earthworks).
3. As per the Master Plan, materials storage in one shed is supported. The preference for location varies.
4. There is little support for the BBQ area being relocated to the area between the existing shed and the eastern boundary.
5. Comments support good vehicular access to the rear of the site, including access to the rear gates. Maintaining access and “openness” of the area will also enable unimpeded longer term development of the property if required.
6. Improved vehicle parking was also mentioned, as was the provision of toilets.
7. There was little support for the horticultural area.

COM has reviewed the submission & whilst in principle agreed to all of the listed recommendations we seek more clarification on the overall findings before a more definitive COM response can be made to either the KMS membership & ultimately to the Shire for a desired “Sign-off”. The plan will clearly be an item of consideration for the new committee of management.

Fremantle Maritime Museum Bus Trip

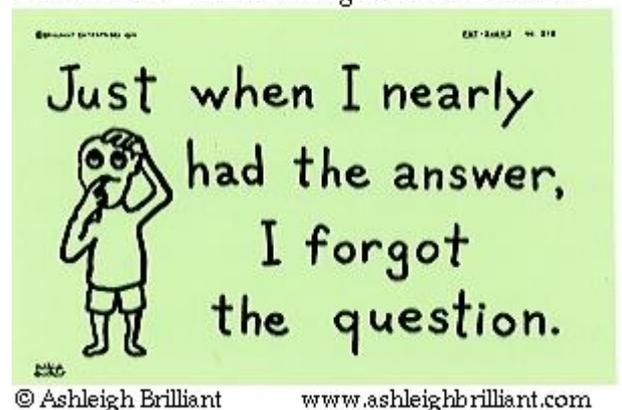
Members will be aware that an unfortunate very late cancellation on a scheduled earlier May visit occurred due to what was termed an “unscheduled maintenance Shut-Down” probably caused by an excessive rain storm.

We were able to secure an alternative planned visit, including the opportunity to tour the submarine on site. A rear bonus was that our most informative guide had spent many years on this class of submarine, & in fact had actually participated in a number of tours on this particular naval vessel when fully operational.

These submarines were built in Scotland, primarily designed for the Baltic waters operational “Cold War” period, with but minor variations for the Australian Defence Force.

Naturally, space is extremely limited so living quarters is cramped to say the least and tours of duty ranged from days / weeks or even months before a shore base reprieve.

POT-SHOTS — Brilliant Thoughts in 17 words or less



Two large diesel engines located aft of the vessel are used to generate electricity charging a huge bank of batteries. Everything is powered from these battery cells.

It may surprise many that the standard crew numbered 65 but on occasions could swell to about 80 odd – including trainees, foreign linguistic experts, or even an occasional “spook passenger”. Each crew member had their own “bed” limited storage locker, but most of us were well pleased to know that we’d be returning to our own “spacious” bedding.

Afterwards, a pleasant social luncheon at Kailis Fish Restaurant & a leisurely return under the ever capable driver, ‘Captain Mike’.

Successful AMSA Grant

Ken Wyatt, our local Federal Member of Parliament made a brief visit to KMS on Wednesday, 8th June to confirm that our application for a grant of nearly \$950 had been successful.

This grant is to provide the following items of equipment:

- Wet & dry vacuum cleaner;
- Quality 18 volt portable drill kit;
- Orbital & flat sheet sanders.

Funds will flow during the 2016/17 fiscal year.

I think that we were successful partly because we kept the total costed request under the \$1,000 level & the fact that the items were readily usable/safety units rather than a desirable “wish-list”.

Community Development Grant

COM is delighted to report that KMS has successfully applied for Shed funding from the Community Development Grants.

As is the case with these “Community” grants, we as the applicant must contribute an equal amount to Shire allocated funds.

Our successful request was divided into two specific areas.

- Provision of specific equipment that will enable the volunteer Shed Supervisors & helpers to carry out shed maintenance.
- Provision of grounds equipment replacing or adding to existing old items, an example of this is to purchase a quality commercial wheelbarrow.

Shire funds amounting to their share, \$993.50, has already been electronically forwarded into the KMS working account.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Trees for Residents

Not one but two parking duties for KMS during the Trees for Residents this year. The first at Forrestfield and then at Gooseberry Hill. Thanks for the participation by members.

HEALTH TOPICS

Men diagnosed with dementia or who care for someone with dementia are being urged to seek help. The National Dementia Helpline receives only one in five calls from men.

The helpline is aimed at people with dementia, carers, family and friends and health professionals. It provides information and support by phone, email and a web-based voice call service. The National Dementia Helpline, 1800 100 500, can be contacted Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

LET'S BAN SCAMS

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) analysis of data reported to Scamwatch and the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN), together with losses detected through scam disruption work, estimates scam losses in excess of \$229 million in 2015.

Losses reported to ACCC's Scamwatch alone climbed to almost \$85 million, \$3 million more than last year. Much of this was reported by older members of the community. Of the 49,500 reports to the ACCC with an age provided, almost 20 000 were provided by Australians over the age of 55, with over 21 million dollars lost by this group.

This year, the Australasian Consumer Fraud Taskforce (ACFT) is asking everyone to 'wise up to scams' and the focus of Fraud Week is on scams targeting over 55s. In 2015, these include investment scams and dating and romance scams. There are many other scams which affect older members of the community, but reports to the ACCC show that these two account for half of the money lost by over 55's in 2015.

Investment scams almost doubled in terms of the total amounts lost to just over \$25.4 million. These scams pose a significant risk for Australians looking for investment opportunities, especially those looking to grow their retirement funds.

Dating and romance scams slipped to second in terms of reported loss but still accounted for almost \$23 million in losses. These scams are successful because the scammer invests a great deal of time into building a trusting relationship which they ultimately use to defraud their victims.

Reducing scam victimisation is the shared responsibility of all Australians. During Fraud week, the ACFT, together with its partners in government, industry and community groups, will be asking individuals to 'wise up to scams' and follow some simple advice to avoid becoming a victim.

- **Do not let anyone pressure you into making decisions, THERE IS NO HURRY.**
- **Get a second opinion on all requests for money.**
- **Investment opportunities.** Do not respond to emails and phone calls from strangers.
- **Dating online.** Know who you're dealing with.
- **Cold call offering help with your computer.** If you receive a call claiming to be from Microsoft, Telstra or anyone else telling you your computer has a problem, it is likely to be a scam.
- **Government agency calling.** Government agencies will generally write to you if you are entitled to money. Check the legitimacy of what you have been told.

Obtaining information from reliable and trustworthy sources is the best way to protect yourself from scams. For tips on how to avoid scams visit the Scamwatch website. For information on how to protect yourself from investment scams, visit ASIC's MoneySmart website. Visit the Department of Communications and the Arts' Stay Smart Online website for more information on internet security.

STORIES OR JOKES

Dead Chook

Scientists at NASA have developed a gun built specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all travelling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and when the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurtled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, crashed through the control console, snapped the engineer's backrest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin.

Horrified, the Brits sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the U.S. scientists for suggestions. NASA's response was just one sentence, "Thaw the chicken!"

Cop This

"These conversations where we allow the old to die and the new to be reborn are essential, but they aren't easy. We are human, we have attachments, and showing up fully for these difficult conversations means being willing to let everything die in service of what wants to be born." Dave Booda 2016