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Upcoming Events

5 May: Thicknesser and Planar workshop

16 May: Welding Workshop

17 May: Computer Group Meeting

18 May: Vietnamese Meal

26 May: General Meeting – Tony Turner Part 2

27 May: Plants for Residents Scott Reserve High Wycombe

6 June: Plants for Residents Ledger Rd Gooseberry Hill

21 June: Computer Group Meeting

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On 21st April, three members and myself attended a Kalamunda Shire Council CEO Breakfast at the Kalamunda Hall. The purpose of this breakfast was for the Shire CEO to address Shire staff on their corporate strategy for the coming 12 months and the emphasis was on volunteering.

With the current financial situation, there is a general reduction of funding for local government authorities and the need for greater reliance on volunteer groups to provide for general community activities was stressed. The reason for Kalamunda Men's Shed being one of four community groups attending the breakfast was to provide Shire staff an example of activities volunteer groups are involved in.

We were able to present a range of our products at the breakfast and respond to questions. I am confident we will continue to receive positive assistance from the Kalamunda Shire.

Our AGM will be held on 28th July and we still require members to indicate their interest in being appointed to Committee positions. People should come forward now to ensure they

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are aware of the importance of just what activities are involved in the various positions. This knowledge will provide for a smooth transfer of people to the Committee for the next term.

Recently the President of FOULF, Mike Robinson and myself provided the muscle to install an extension of water piping from our shed to the fence line for eventual connection to ridged poly pipe to the proposed seedling propagation area. Plumbing expertise was provided by Keith Vivian.

The currently vacant position of Deputy Chairperson will be left open until the next Committee is appointed at AGM.

We have had several training courses recently in the shed and these will continue as required, participation has been great and it indicates the depth of expertise we have amongst our members able to conduct these courses.

Treasurer Ron Enright deputised for me at the WAMSA Zone Meeting at Mundaring on 28th April and will report on this at the next General Meeting.

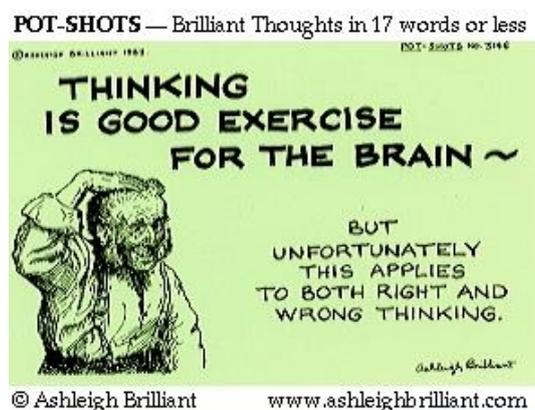
Currently we are building four billycarts with the Gooseberry Hill Cubs and the group attended the shed on 8th May for their first session. Project is being led by John Schoen, with technical advice and assistance from Jim, Norm and Lyall. Plans are being modified frequently. Local Scout & Cub groups are having a billycart race in September.

On 16th & 17th May we are having a busy bee at the Falls Road Primary School. Principal David, asked if we would be interested in removing their redundant cricket nets. This project will benefit the school and us, good to be involved with the local school.

Graeme

AVIATION IN WA PART 2

Tony Turner will fly through the second tranche of his life as an aviator. We should start with the big rockets in the next session and Tony will no doubt keep us well entertained with his stories.



RESTAURANT FELLOWSHIP OUTING

Vietnamese Restaurant Hoang Kim Guildford Thursday the 18th of May

It's Vietnamese cuisine at Hoang Kim; yet you'll recognise some of your favourite Chinese dishes on the menu.

In Tindale House, 207 James St. Guildford opposite the Railway Station, it's BYO, no corkage charges.

Good food (check out their [website](#)), good service, good prices (\$35/p.p. for their banquet menu, copy at the Shed)

Booked for 7.00 at the restaurant, the bus will leave the Shed at 6.30.

Put your name down now if you're thinking of going by ringing John Schoen on 92571424.

If there are insufficient numbers by Monday lunchtime, the group booking and the bus may need to be cancelled.

John Schoen

WINE CLUB AT KMS



There have been some expressions of interest Regarding the formation of a wine club in KMS. To move this idea forward, Eddie van R will be facilitating the interested members to determine the level of interest and what format wine club should take.

If interested talk to Eddie v R, more at General Meeting.

EXERCISE AT THE SHED

So far there has been a very disappointing response to the challenge Jason threw out in March.

If you would like to part of just a little bit of exercise that will keep you healthier then sign up on the form in the tea room. My last advice was that there were only three, that is a weak response to a simple challenge.

MERCHANDISE IN THE SHED

A range of KMS shirts, hats and caps, all sizes will be maintained in the Shed Supervisor's office and Duty Shed Supervisor will collect payment for items purchased.

Payment can be cash or cheque to Shed Supervisor (cheque payable to Kalamunda Men's Shed) or, alternatively by EFT to Kalamunda Men's Shed, BSB 633000.Account 136575198

BILLYCARTS A GO

Starting with an enquiry at the Kalamunda Show, several emails and a Committee meeting later, action on the request for help from the 1st Gooseberry Hill Scout Group to build 5 billycarts is in full swing.

It's not so much a matter of us helping them, as in looking over their shoulder while they put the billycarts together, it's more about trying to decide how we can involve the young guys in the building process while we do the metal work, turning up axles, wood machining etc.

Within specifications, like max.width/length/wheelbase/wheel size and steering (by rope as in the old days like in Ginger Meggs and his Deadman's Hill billycart) we've got some leeway to improve on the basic plan. We've got a couple of examples at the Shed to pick on like: replace the handbrake by a footbrake which can be operated by left foot, right foot or both feet (rather than letting go of the rope with one hand while trying to prevent the billycart heading for the shrubbery with the other hand).

New, bright red, spoke wheels with pneumatic tyres (slightly oversize by special permission) sourced from "somewhere" by Morris P. will replace solid rubber, ex. wheelie bin tyres we were going to use originally (KMS has a sizeable quantity of these- for future projects)

Norm Constable and Jim Maslin are machining axles to fit the bearings which will reduce rolling resistance and are likely to make the carts faster than those to be entered by the competition –the 4 other scout groups in the Shire of Kalamunda. Jim's also produced a set of drawings which mostly take the guesswork and trial and error out of the construction exercise plus a materials estimates list which, surprisingly, leaves very little to be brought in.

Lyal Mitchell's providing valuable input on brakes and steering geometry.

Not that we're going completely high tech.as the specs. don't envisage fitting engines, turbocharging, hydraulic disc brakes, shock absorbers and the like!

Calling for volunteers to test drive the prototype on a specially selected stretch of road in Bickley (not the course to be used by the scouts in the Downhill Derby in September) Size restrictions apply. Also recruiting: pit crew for the event.No experience required, training provided.

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"The third-rate mind is only happy when it is thinking with the majority. The second-rate mind is only happy when it is thinking with the minority. The first-rate mind is only happy when it is thinking." —A. A. Milne (1940)

MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY

KMS members again assisted with early morning Stall Holders' parking with the aim that their vehicles be removed from the close proximity to the market thereby providing more parking spaces for customers.



The alternative store-holders' parking at the RC Church nearby was staffed by

- Gerry Chesson, Alan Beaton & Pete Whitbread, with
- Ian Allardyce, Robert Briggs & Murray Carrick at the Market's unloading locations.

The return for Stall Holders' Parking at the R C Church was a most welcome change, & all went well.

A number of stall holders thanked us for promoting better parking arrangements recognising that unless customers have parking customers "give-up" and go elsewhere for their purchases.

It's a "win- win" outcome for all, not forgetting that KMS benefits substantially for their assistance at the Rotary Market.

Next Parking date 3rd June.

Murray

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ON AGED CARE

There is a conversation taking place in Kalamunda with a theme of “Seniors Helping Seniors”. Perhaps you would like to join the conversation. Underlying the scheme is a concept of “Homeshare” where a homeowner provides the sharer a bedroom and shared facilities in exchange for a few hours of practical help, company and added security. It looks good, it sounds good and it may be of interest to some members.. If you are interested email your details to kala.shire@kalamunda.wa.gov.au or drop into the Shire and give them your details.

THE TIME HAS COME

Apologies if I have missed something in this edition as I have been away for some of the month.

A further reminder I am looking for a new editor by the end of the year.

Someone needs to volunteer to keep this newsletter going!!

I suggest possible volunteers for the job look at previous editor’s style to provide guidance.

You can look at them direct by clicking on the link here

<https://newsletters.kalamundamensshed.com.au/august-2009/> and

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