

Plane Torque



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Upcoming Events

- 19 July: Computer Group
- 20 July: Windows Training 3
- 25 July: Wine Club meet 2.00pm
- 27 July: Windows Training 4
- 28 July: Annual General Meeting – Matthew Hughes
- 29-30 July: LASA Expo (see below)
- 2 August: Plunge Router Training
- 3 August: Windows Training 5
- 16 August: Computer Group
- 17 August: Windows Training 6
- 25 August: General Meeting
- 29 August: Wine Club

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

With our AGM approaching on July 28, I am disappointed that we have not been able to obtain enough nominations for all impending vacancies on the Committee of Management. Members must appreciate that this places undue pressure on those few that are prepared to participate in this important function.

Kalamunda Men's Shed is a very effective community group and for this to continue we must retain a strong Committee of Management to ensure that corporate governance is maintained. Currently, we will go to the AGM with a minimum of another two- people required on the Committee and it will be necessary to determine allocation of further nominees between the positions of Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Committee person.

Legally we must have these positions filled to continue to operate as an incorporated body. If we cannot fill them the ongoing future of the Shed may be jeopardised.

Under the new constitution we are unable to have members filling more than one position on the committee.

We have a range of very capable people in our membership and I urge those people to attend the AGM and step forward to take on a Committee position, the very future of Kalamunda Men's Shed depends on this.

Committee nominations have been received from: Graeme Bradley, Ray Maher, Richard Gates, Rod Jones, Mike Milne and Jeff Varcoe.

Dave Buttress and Murray Carrick have committed themselves for non- committee responsibilities, this will greatly assist the Committee of Management.

We recently contemplated making an application for grant funding being offered from AMSA to paint the outside of the shed. After making application to Kalamunda Shire to obtain approval for this improvement and seeking the required quotes from two registered contractors, the second contractor declined from submitting a quote as he did not have the equipment for the task. We were unable to obtain a second quote in time for the grant deadline and had to defer this project until another avenue for funding presents.

At the end of 2016/2017 year, we had 122 Members and as usual, at this time of the year, there has been several new membership applications and there will be some Members not renewing for various reasons. Welcome to those new Members and best wishes are extended to retiring Members.

Graeme

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting is fast approaching. This is your chance to be part of the COM at an exciting time when the new shed will be progressing.

The speaker for the AGM will be Mathew Hughes and he will speaker to "the First 100 days".

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Elton Brown gave a talk on "The Great Irish Famine" which occurred between 1845 and 1848 as a result of the potato blight disease which devastated crops that up to a third of the Irish population depended upon as a staple food. The potato crop failure left one million dead and two million emigrating to England, Scotland, the United States, Canada and Australia over the following two decades.

Not long after Western Australia was settled by Europeans in 1829, shiploads of young Irish women left destitute by the Great Irish Famine were transported to the Swan River colonies where men outnumbered women by 10 to 1. During the Great Famine over 4,000 young orphan girls were carefully selected and transported as free migrants on what became known as the ***Famine Bride Ships***. These girls and women became mothers and matriarchs to generations of Western Australian families. Elton's talk was appropriate at this time because The Irish community in WA are arranging for a memorial to be erected to acknowledge these women who made a significant contribution to the the development of WA. It will be located in Subiaco & partly funded by the City Of Subiaco, to be unveiled in early October

SPECIAL END OF MONTH MEETING

On Friday the 30th June Ned Summerhayes a Master Brewer, Geologist and Microbiologist gave the Kalamunda Men's shed a beer brewing lecture

Introductions were done by John Schoen who pointed out that Ned was the Son in-law of Richard Gates

13 shed members attended the lecture which was well received by the group.

Ned started the lecture with a history of Beers and beer brewing since 3000 BC. Some of this historic information was obtained from early Samarian clay tablets that were used to record information.

Beer was initially brewed at low alcohol levels for drinking purposes, as the water in early times was usually contaminated.

The lecture went on to discuss the different beer Styles from Lager to Best Bitter's. The part played by Malt (Germinated cereal grain) in the Brewing process was explained.

The more the Malt is roasted the darker and sweeter the beer. Ned stressed the importance of using good water, like rain water in the brewing process.

The part played by Yeast in the process as it converts sugars into alcohol and how Hops (the flowers of the hop plant) add bitterness to the brewed beer.

During the lecture Ned distributed different Beer samples to the members for tasting, he also passed around different roasted Malts for tasting.

In summary the Lecture was excellent with a lot of useful brewing tips, and Ned will also answer any queries we might have about our own brewing attempts.

Stuart Elliott

WINE CLUB AT KMS

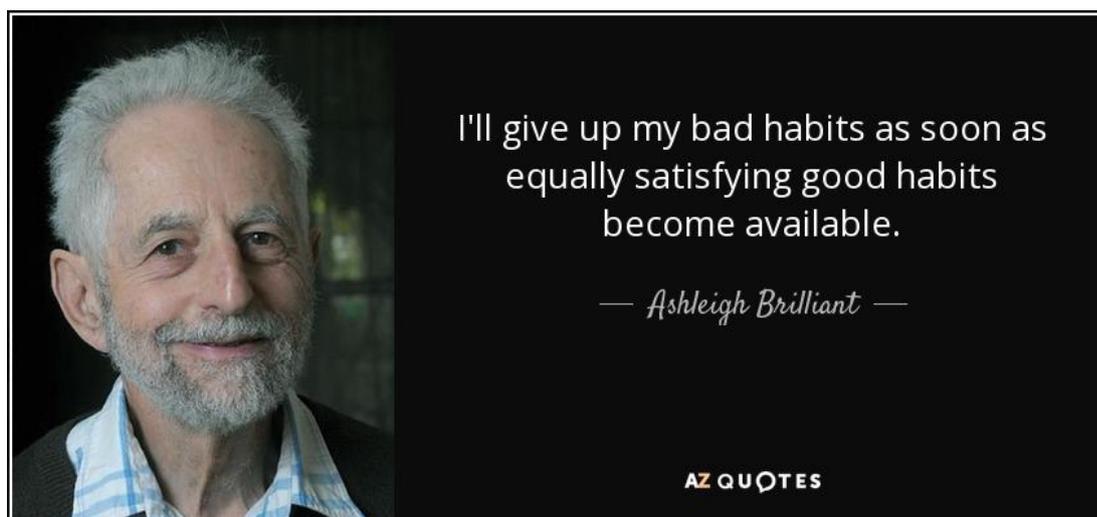
The next meeting of the Wine Club will be on an earlier date of 25th July.

In August the usual pattern of Tuesday after the General Meeting will return.



COMPUTER GROUP

If you have any specific question you would like discussed at the Computer Group there is a sheet in the tea room that you can bring it up.



An inspiring thought from Ashleigh Brilliant

VISIT TO WALRIDGE MENS SHED

Members have been invited to visit the Walridge Shed on 18th July to see what is going on and join in a sausage sizzle.

There is a sheet in the tea room.

VISIT TO STIRLING MENS SHED

The City bus will take a group of members to visit the Stirling Men's Shed on Wednesday 16th August.

Lunch will follow at a venue they recommend.

If you want to go use the booking sheet in the tea room from 2nd August.

PLUNGER ROUTING

The plunge router training session will return on 2nd of August. Unfortunately for some this course is full. However if there are enough members interested I am sure Murray will re-run this popular session.

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

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"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do." —Walter Bagehot

SHED DEVELOPMENT

Your sub-committee continues to move toward approval and establishment of the new woodworking shed.

The large trees in the yard were pruned by the City of Kalamunda to satisfy requirements.

Plans have now been passed to a consultant to establish costing and approval for the building.

I am reminded of a quote from Winston Churchill "Continuous effort, not strength or intelligence is the key to unlocking our potential" as a wrap of the effort going on.

AGED CARE

Not having succeeded (yet) in persuading a Guest Speaker to come and talk to us about Aged Care, it looks like the Care and Ageing Expo. on the weekend of the 29th and 30th of July could answer – comprehensively-any questions you might have on this subject. Exhibitors will include Residential Care, Home Care, Retirement Living, Equipment, Service Providers, Health Care, Legal and Financial, Medical, Consultants, Technology, Support Groups and Government Agencies. Run by Leading Aged Services Australia, the national peak body representing providers of aged services, it has the Australian Government Department of Health as one of its Sponsors

Check out their website: careandageingexpo.com.au

John Schoen