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Upcoming Events

16 August: Computer Group

20 September: Computer Group

21 September: Pines Restaurant, Bus Trip

22 September: General Meeting -Geoffrey Thomas

23 September: Bush Skills for the Hills Community Workshops

26 September: Wine Club

2 October: A Walk in the Hills Exhibition Zig Zag Gallery

20 October: Visit to CIVMEC engineering, Henderson Bus Trip

21 & 22 October: Garage Sale Trail across the City

27 October: General Meeting – Hugh McDonald “Animal Forge”

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ray Maher and myself represented Kalamunda Men's Shed on September 1 at the official opening of the upgraded Bibbulmun Track Northern Terminus in Kalamunda, the event was attended by a large group of people from various groups involved in the project in addition to Special Guests.

In his opening presentation, Kalamunda City Mayor, Andrew Waddell, acknowledged the large group of organizations involved in this project, including Kalamunda men's Shed. Our involvement was work on two seats in the area. It is pleasing that we have been able to contribute to this important community project.

Members are reminded please that we will require sale items for our stall at the Kalamunda Rotary Markets in a few weeks. Please see if you can produce some items for the stall.

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We need to prepare the yard for the coming bush fire season, it is best if this can be done by the end of September while weather is cooler and we will not require burning permits, please provide assistance with this important matter.

It is great to see that work is progressing on re-organizing the machine shop and setting up of the refurbished lathe from Darling Range Sports College has been completed. We can now progress disposal of the surplus lathes.

Graeme

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING



Mark Teale, the CEO of the Council on the Ageing in WA ran through a number of activities undertaken by COTA including

- Connections to COTA National Policy
- Government Concessions
- Health & Aged Care
- Housing
- Social Isolation and Loneliness

Mark made the point that COTA was for all aged people not just members.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING



Leading international aviation journalist/ TV and radio broadcaster/ multi-awarded author/ Airline & government adviser.

Geoffrey Thomas is a talented writer and commentator who takes a holistic view of the aviation industry and has done so for more than 30 years. He has worked full time in the industry over the past 15 years and has won 27 international and national awards for his works including the highest accolade possible, the

Royal Aeronautical Society Aerospace Journalist of the Year for 2009.

He has earned an outstanding reputation with the media, the public, aviation personnel and government officials as the "go to" person on all matters related to aviation and airlines. He is an outspoken but fair critic of many aspects of airline management, technological issues related to aviation and those related to safety and the environment.

Geoffrey has spent many years inspiring and supporting aviation staff and management and has earned the respect from colleagues all over the world for his vast knowledge of the

dynamics of the aviation and travel industries. He is a sought-after public speaker with a commitment to improving the public's knowledge, understanding and encouragement with the commercial aviation and travel industries. He has been invited to many overseas conferences as the keynote speaker and received rave reviews from attendees and conference organisers.

An encyclopaedic knowledge of aviation history and an exceptional ability to give perspective to current events as they unfold make Geoffrey an engaging communicator who is comfortable speaking with management level audiences as well as members of the travelling public. His extensive travel experiences have produced some harrowing and amusing tales by which audiences are bound to be entertained and enthralled.

Currently Geoffrey works as Aviation Editor of The West Australian newspaper and as a contributor to Australian Aviation. He is former Chief Editor of US based Air Transport World and also work as SE-Editor of Aviation Week and Space Technology.

Geoffrey is Channel 7's Sunrise Breakfast show's aviation commentator and is the "go to person" in Australia and New Zealand for any aviation event. During the November 4, 2010 Qantas A380 incident he made over 50 radio and TV appearances in three days.

WALDRIDGE SHED VISIT

Visit to Waldridge community group shed Tuesday the 18th July

Only two members visited the Waldridge shed in Forrestfield, they were Tony Jacobs and Stuart Elliott.



We were well received by the members and given a cup of tea, sausages and a bun from their BBQ. We were then shown around the premises.

John a founding member there demonstrated wood turning on their lathe, he also showed how to use a vacuum chuck when turning bowls, this was most intriguing, and seemed easy to do.

The shed is open most days in the morning, with quite an elderly group of 20 men attending most days. They have limited metal working equipment preferring to concentrate on woodworking.

All in all an interesting visit to a small but well organised shed as seen by the photo.

Stuart Elliott

RE-VISIT TO THE PINES RESTAURANT

It is on next week on the 21st September. Unfortunately it is probably too late to book unless John Schoen has a cancellation. To see what you missed look at Menu 2 here:

<http://www.southmetrotafe.wa.edu.au/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/menus/pines/SMT066-17%20Bentley%20General%20Menu%20final%20.pdf>

STIRLING (BALCATT) SHED VISIT

Our August excursion, to Stirling Community Mens Shed located in Balcatta was organized by John Schoen. We arrived mid-morning in the city bus driven by our ever reliable coach captain Mike Milne.



First impressions were good with a new shed around three times the size of ours with a full kitchen, training/computer room plus in house handicapped toilet and shower. It also featured an office with three computer terminals plus another five terminals in the training room. In addition to the main building is a transportable with one half dedicated to a shop selling their manufactured goods and the other half a games room or

additional training space. All of these areas apart from the workshop are air conditioned.

The shed is almost exclusively dedicated to woodwork with a garden and storage area out back, more of that later. The equipment layout was impressive with ample machinery, the only thing that appeared to be lacking was a CNC router although they have an ancient pantograph machine. An excellent initiative are members project storage boxes. Under each bench are four boxes on runners for members to store their current project.

The membership is around 120-30 dependent on who you speak to but their website states “when membership reached 140 they stopped accepting new members”, interesting position to be in. It costs \$50.00 per annum to be a member with a \$2.00 charge for tea or coffee and the operating hours are 8.30 to 4.00pm Monday to Friday. The shed charges an additional charge of \$7.50 per individual for each project started.

There is a garden area out back where planting beds are allocated to members, along the side of the building is both a hydroponics and aquaculture set up where fish provide the nutrition for the plants. In this case one of the members is breeding yabbies’ to provide minerals for the plant growth.

Aside from a small metal lathe there is no sign of a metalwork, were advised that the city intends to build yet another shed at the rear of the property which will apparently be called the artisan shed.

In spite of its size this shed does not have a committee nor is it incorporated. Everything is owned by or provided for by the City of Stirling. They provide coordinators and supervisors through service providers HACC. As mentioned the shed is very well equipped machine wise plus a central dust removal system which seems to run all day, not that the members worry as all utility bills are met by the city, way to go. It appears that the city picks up all of the expenditure including insurance and overheads, possibly as part of Stirling's aged care initiative.

After our morning tea (at \$2.00 ahead) and visit to the garden and shop we adjourned for an excellent pub lunch at the Odin tavern, for some members including myself this was a blast from the past. Thanks again to John, Mike and the Balcatta shed.

Rod Jones, Aug 2017

FAREWELL DARREN VON BORGHEIM

On Tuesday 5th September, '17 about 20 KMS members attended a farewell morning tea at the Shed for Darren Von Bergheim who has been our Liaison conduit between the Shire or Kalamunda & our Shed's management. Members expressed their appreciation to Darren for his continuing assistance & input particularly during the transition from the original "ex-licencing" small structure & more recently to the Lesmurdie location.



In addition, Darren was the direct link previously between our Shire employed "Shed Boss" [Jim Chantry] and the Shed's Committee of Management for a period of 5 years.

Chairman Graeme, more formally, wished him every success at his new post at the City of Wanneroo.

KMS OBJECTIVES

As we continue on our journey it is worth remembering the objectives of the Kalamunda Men's Shed, we are not just a hobby shop.

Our Objectives are to:

- *provide the opportunity for men to associate and support each other*
- *provide an environment where men can be creative and productive*
- *provide an environment where men's health issues can be raised and discussed*
- *give men an opportunity to be valued in their community*
- *promote wellbeing and understanding among men*

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- *expand men's educational and social networks*
- *promote intergenerational, familial and cultural bonding*

BIBBULMUN TERMINUS

Most members will have noticed the work being undertaken at terminus of the BibbulmunTrack, situated at the corner of Railway Rd and Mundaring Weir Rd in Kalamunda.

This site was originally Apex Park. A number of current shed members, who were former Apex members, contributed to its construction. It was officially handed over by Apex, to the Shire of Kalamunda in 1977.



The upgrade has resulted in an attractive feature worthy of being the northern terminus of the now world famous Bibbulmun Track.

A request was made for the Shed to contribute to this project. A team comprising of Graeme Bradley, John Harapeet, Rob Thompson and Ian Allardyce undertook the task of refurbishing of the original Bibbulmun Track signboard. This was to provide an historical aspect to the project. The lettering was repainted and supporting posts were added. Also, a park bench was constructed to be positioned in front of the sign. All timber used was derived from Shed stock.

This is another project that provides good PR for the Shed, as well as additional funds.

FATHERS DAY GIFT FROM BUNNINGS

KMS received an early father's day gift. We were recently contacted by Bunnings Kalamunda who decided to award a "father's day present" to a deserving local organisation. We fit the bill in our role as a community support group.



I was invited to their store to select items that would be of use to the shed, and with the assistance of staff member Haley the following items were selected.

Bunnings were generous in donating an 18 volt Bosch palm sander with a supply of papers plus a top of the line K'archer wet and dry vacuum. Both items that will see a lot of use.

On behalf of the committee and membership we thank Bunnings for their generous donation.

Rod Jones September 2017

BUSH SKILLS FOR THE HILLS.

Identification

Location: Stratton Community Hall
17 Jecks Place, Stratton

Date: Saturday, 23 September 2017

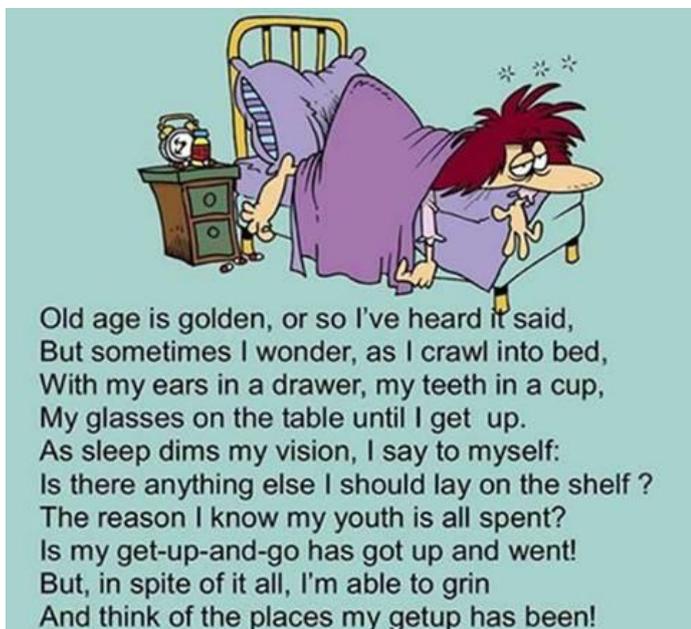
Time: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Due to popular demand, the Plant Identification workshop is back again in 2017 to help you improve your plant ID skills. The workshop will be a great introduction to Western Australia's native plants and common weeds.

Bring along your local plant books, hand lenses if you have them, hat and comfortable shoes, and your enthusiasm! Morning tea will be provided.



Department of Biodiversity,
Conservation and Attractions



atmosphere, chilling the planet.

SCIENCE SPOT

There seems to be some interest in the six extinctions the earth has seen. Here is a brief summary of events since the Phanerozoic:

End Ordovician, 444 million years ago, 86% of species lost

Graptolites, like most Ordovician life, were sea creatures. They were filter-feeding animals and colony builders. Their demise over about a million years was probably caused by a short, severe ice age that lowered sea levels, possibly triggered by the uplift of the Appalachians. The newly exposed silicate rock sucked CO₂ out of the

Late Devonian, 375 million years ago, 75% of species lost

Trilobites were the most diverse and abundant of the animals that appeared in the Cambrian explosion 550 million years ago. Their great success was helped by their spiky armour and multifaceted eyes. They survived the first great extinction but were nearly wiped out in the second. The likely culprit was the newly evolved land plants that emerged, covering the planet during the Devonian period. Their deep roots stirred up the earth, releasing nutrients into the ocean. This might have triggered algal blooms which sucked oxygen out of the water, suffocating bottom dwellers like the trilobites.

End Permian, 251 million years ago, 96% of species lost

Known as “the great dying”, this was by far the worst extinction event ever seen; it nearly ended life on Earth. The tabulate corals were lost in this period – today’s corals are an entirely different group. What caused it? A perfect storm of natural catastrophes. A cataclysmic eruption near Siberia blasted CO₂ into the atmosphere. Methanogenic bacteria responded by belching out methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Global temperatures surged while oceans acidified and stagnated, belching poisonous hydrogen sulfide. “It set life back 300 million years,” says Schmidt. Rocks after this period record no coral reefs or large coal deposits.

End Triassic, 200 million years ago, 80% of species lost

Palaeontologists were baffled about the origin of these toothy fragments, mistaking them for bits of clams or sponges. But the discovery of an intact fossil in Scotland in the 1980s finally revealed their owner – a jawless eel-like vertebrate named the conodont which boasted this remarkable set of teeth lining its mouth and throat. They were one of the first structures built from hydroxyapatite, a calcium-rich mineral that remains a key component of our own bones and teeth today. Of all the great extinctions, the one that ended the Triassic is the most enigmatic. No clear cause has been found.

End Cretaceous, 66 million years ago, 76% of all species lost

The delicate leafy sutures decorating the shell of the ammonites represent some advanced engineering, providing the fortification the squid-like animal required to withstand the pressure of deep dives in pursuit of its prey. Dinosaurs may have ruled the land during the Cretaceous period but the oceans belonged to the ammonites. But volcanic activity and climate change already placed the ammonites under stress. The asteroid impact that ended the dinosaurs’ reign provided the final blow. Only a few dwindling species of ammonites survived. Today, the ammonites’ oldest surviving relative is the nautilus. Will it survive the sixth great extinction?

Right Now, about 50% of species lost

The number of wild animals on Earth has halved in the past 40 years, according to a new analysis. Creatures across land, rivers and the seas are being decimated as humans kill them for food in unsustainable numbers, while polluting or destroying their habitats, the research by scientists at [WWF](#) and the Zoological Society of London found.

“If half the animals died in London zoo next week it would be front page news,” said Professor Ken Norris, ZSL’s director of science. “But that is happening in the great outdoors. This damage is not inevitable but a consequence of the way we choose to live.” He said nature, which provides food and clean water and air, was essential for human wellbeing.

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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“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more you are a leader” John Quincy Adams

MINI LATHE FOR SALE.

Kalamunda shed has a mini lathe for sale. It is surplus to our requirements and has been refurbished.

It has its own stand with a 240 volt motor, approx. 260mm between centres with a chuck capacity around 30mm. Offers \$150.00 ONO.



If interested contact Kalamunda shed boss or Rod Jones.

SHED DEVELOPMENT

Drawings are in and the brief has been sent to two builders to obtain quotes for the construction of the new shed. It is expected we will have the quote in the next couple of weeks. At that stage the SDC will make a recommendation to COM to begin the process of applying for grant applications.

My Living Will

*Last night, my kids and I were sitting
in the living room and I said to them,*

*'I never want to live in a
vegetative state, dependent on some
machine and fluids from a bottle.
If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'*

*They got up, unplugged the
computer and threw out my wine!!*

The little bastards.

**Geezer
Planet**

WINE CLUB AT KMS

The August meeting's topic was port. The six loyal enthusiasts all brought along various tawney ports due to the inherent practical issues associated with vintage port, no examples of this were tried. Vintage port is quite different from its tawney relative in that once opened, it must be consumed in one sitting, a problem when we have to consider the drive home. So, sipping small quantities of tawney was the order of the afternoon.

At this meeting, we did very well in that eight ports were sampled, very small samples. The ports were: A Windy Creek old tawney from WA, a "Socspot Alice Springs" special bottling by G. Gramp and Sons SA for the bureau of Statistics which was brought along by John Schoen, Rockford Old Barossa Valley tawney, Cockburn Special Reserve from Portugal, Coorinja Special blend from Toodyay in WA, Penfolds Father Grand Tawney 10yo from SA and Brown Brothers 41 yo Victorian tawney from Eddie's own barrel. Out of this eclectic range of ports, the Brown Brothers was unanimously voted to be the top wine of the day. It was pleasing to experience such a range of interesting wines brought along by members. Ray Sparks finished the afternoon by allowing us to sample a Coward and Black Vineyard (Swan Valley WA) Old Vine Liqueur Tokay which was a lighter style but very smooth "sticky". Thanks to all who generously contributed such an interesting variety of ports.

Next meeting: The will be held at the usual Tuesday after the September General Meeting.

Tuesday 26 September 2017

2.30 pm in the shed tea room

Please bring along a bottle of SSB or Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc and some nibbles.

All welcome.



BIOSECURITY BLITZ

It is time for the biosecurity blitz again. This is an important 'health Check' on our environment and everyone is encouraged to participate. It happens from 18-30 September. For more information go to

<http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/biosecurityblitz>