

# Plane Torque



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## Upcoming Events

**15 November:** Computer Group Meeting

**23 November:** Visit to Whiteman Park Motor Museum

**24 November:** General Meeting

**28 November:** Wine Club EOY Meeting

**2 December:** Village Market – Parking and Stall

**15 December:** Christmas Lunch

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Our fire mitigation responsibilities have been achieved, with the last heavy trailer load of leaf matter being taken to Transfer Station recently. Unfortunately, during unloading we buried our garden rake, no doubt it will turn up in some one's mulch soon.

During our yard clean up it became apparent that the FOULF shade house is very a high fire risk and we need to be very careful when burning during the next fire allowed season.

The market stall on November 4 was very successful, this year we were allocated space in a vacant shop in Central Mall, along with about 16 other stall holders, it certainly beat the task of setting up our tent, the top earner at our stall was Eddie's raffle. Members are reminded that we will again have a stall in the same location on December 3, so come along and enjoy the airconditioned comfort of the facilities provided by the Market Committee whilst you sell our products and meet the local community.

During the next couple of weeks, we have again been invited by local pharmacies to conduct sausage sizzles at local shopping centres. The first being Nightingales Pharmacy and second at Lesmurdie Pharmacy. The businesses provide all food and drinks, we provide BBQ etc and with our charitable status, collect any donations. Please assist as required.

Graeme

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## Ken Wyatt Visit

“ In the October Newsletter we reported on the visit of the Hon. Ken Wyatt, Member for Hasluk , unfortunately photos taken of Ken’s were not available until now.



Photo 1 depicts KMS Chairman Graeme presenting Ken with one of our CNC name boards, and, photo 2 Rod Jones giving the Minister a technical description of our CNC products”

## SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

There is always someone to step up. Unfortunately Hugh MacDonald was not able to present his talk due to an engagement with hospital, but much to our delight Captain Bill Tomlinson stepped up with a talk entitled – “Loss of the Sydney.” How appropriate for this talk to be given to allow members to warm up for the anniversary of the half hour battle between the light cruiser “HMAS Sydney” and the German raider “HSK Kormoran” on the 19<sup>th</sup> November when both vessels were sunk. The battle took place about 200km off Dirk Hartog Island.

The talk went through the history of the battle with an explanation of why Sydney lost its full war complement of 645 men while 317 of the Kormoran crew survived from a complement of 397. Much of the story was cloaked in secrecy from the time of the sinking until firstly a parliamentary inquiry (1997-2000) and then a commission of inquiry prompted by discovery of the wrecks of the Sydney and Kormoran in 2008.

Bill was able to describe some of the issues that led to a disguised German raider being able to broadside the Sydney causing serious damage with both heavy weapons and small arms.

He also discussed how and why a purpose built warship was defeated by a modified merchant vessel using good descriptions sourced from books he had at the talk.

Bill also showed members some coins that he had from Dutch wrecks including a 1623 Silver Dutch Rijksdaalder recovered from the wreck of the BATAVIA along the WA coast.

## **NOVEMBER SPEAKER**

### **“The Lyallolin”**

Retired Accountant and retired Principal Violinist from the Western Australian Symphony Orchestra, **Dan Carney** will be our November Guest Speaker. He will talk about the history of violins and provide anecdotes of his time with the WASO. Dan will play the violin for us, but most importantly he will demonstrate the superb musical qualities of the “**Lyallolin**”, that handcrafted instrument produced by Lyall, in the Shed.

## **WELL BEING SURVEY**

As promised at the General Meeting in this edition of the Newsletter is the 2017 Well-Being Survey being set up in digital form.

We hope you had a great year at the Kalamunda Men’s Shed in 2017 and we look forward to us all enjoying the activities in 2018.

To measure the effectiveness of our Shed and to see if it is meeting our objectives we are requesting that Members use the following link to answer 10 questions. There are a couple of opportunities for you to write in an answer but most are multiple choice.

So here we go, have a go the link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LRGV3CS> -----just Control-click on the link and in five minutes you will have completed the survey.

Be aware this survey is anonymous and we would like to have the responses before Christmas so we can report the findings in the New Year.

## **WAMSA ZONE MEETING**

An Invitation to the WAMSA Metro Foothills Zone meeting was issued to 3 Members of each of the 15 Men’s Sheds in the Zone (an area from Serpentine-Jarrahdale to Mundaring )

Sheds were allocated three minutes for a quick summary on their Shed. As I was the only KMS representative attending I availed myself of 9 minutes yet there was not a single murmur about exceeding my allocated time!

The meeting, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, was at the Midland Men's Shed, the "Shed without a Shed" for the past 5 years. (They still have a few issues to be sorted out such as placing a big range of machines and equipment and installing dust extraction etc. before they are fully operational).

We were invited to comment as well as share experiences with the other Sheds, for example, the reason why KMS has more people turning up on Tuesdays-a carryover from the days when Terry Lees brought scones for morning tea got a bit of a laugh.

Notes were provided and discussed in some detail on:

- Insurance
- Funding Sources
- WAMSA benefits to members
- Shed on a stick documents (a data source covering a range of topics to do with the management of sheds)

All of which will find their way into our filing system to refer to in future.

A generous lunch sourced from Subway rounded out a friendly, informative meeting of people, all with a common interest.

John Schoen

## **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH THE RACE THAT STOPPED THE SHED**

Yes, the Melbourne Cup stopped work at KMS on a very pleasant Tuesday. It was a social occasion on the first Tuesday of November 2017 when Stewart and Rod honed their culinary skills to produce fine salads, sausages and steak. These were consumed with fine wines and craft beer, all followed up with fresh cream sponge cake. Many thanks to Stuart and Rod for their initiative and hard work.

Around 30 – 40 members and some wives and female friends attended and watched this historic event from the comfort of the "Quiet Room". The picture depicts John Schoen with a handful of sausage and very popular French baguette. Fred and Stuart man the Barbie with a potential new member who wondered in during the festivities, one of member's was heard to tell this fellow that this was a normal morning tea! I think he'll be back.



Murray organized the sweep and special thanks to winner, Darryl Buckett who donated his winnings of \$70.00 back to the shed. Thanks to all the helpers, one who deserves an award, Elroy who took the initiative to clean our brand new BBQ after the festivities!

Copy from Rod Jones and Richard Gates

## WHITEMAN PARK MOTOR MUSEUM

Rev up your engine, dust off the duco and take a look at some motoring magnificence! The bus will take you to the Motor Museum of WA in Whiteman Park.

Operated by the Council of Motoring Clubs of Western Australia (CMCWA) the Motor Museum of WA is a purpose-built, split-level building displaying more than 130 vehicles.

From the horse drawn era to the present day, their display covers a vast time span and is changed continuously, making the museum an interesting place to visit time and time again!

Almost every marque is represented in some form and the majority of the vehicles on display are fully licensed and roadworthy. The more permanent collection includes a 1974 Leyland Force 7 Coupe (one of only eight left in the world!), a 1912 Model T Ford, a Phantom 6 Rolls Royce and a Torana A9X, the sort of car that Peter Brock used to race. There is also a large display of motor bikes for the two-wheel inclined!

A special treat will be to see up close Daniel Ricciardo's first Formula 1 Red Bull racer and a replica 1886 Benz Motorwagen.

Lunch will follow at Elmar's in the Valley – beer and German style food.

The Kalamunda Community Bus will leave KMS at 9.30. There's an option for morning tea on arrival at the café around the corner before visiting the museum.

You may prefer to skip the morning tea however as a generous lunch is on offer at Elmar's, a brewery venue specializing in German style food.

Entry for the museum is \$10.00

Final numbers are needed by Tuesday the 21st.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year the Christmas Dinner will return to Hartfield Country Club on 15<sup>th</sup> December. Last year all that went had an enjoyable time and the food was great. This function that brings together members and their wives and partners is the highlight of the social year.

**POT-SHOTS** — Brilliant Thoughts in 17 words or less



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Music this year will be by Perfect Storm with a repertoire to suit out demographic.

So mark your diary and prepare for some fun.

## WINE CLUB NEWS

The Editor was awarded a cracked cork award for failing to include last month's news of the Wine Club so in redemption there are two editions this month from September and October. Enjoy the read.



### September

The September meeting of our wine club was devoted to exploring various SSB's or Semillon-Sauvignon Blanc and its variations, such as SBS. The wines tasted were mainly from Margaret River with one from the forests of Pemberton and another from the Great Southern region. We were fortunate that not one of the wines assessed was a dud.

One interesting one was Ian Mackie's D and J Pannell "Couture" 2007 SSB from Pemberton. Unexpectedly, this one came up as a surprise as this white had aged well which is unusual for the variety. Despite a broadish palate it showed a good citrus flavour and was well received by all. The wine of the month however was that brought along by John Baxter. It was a 2015 Fermoy Estate SSB from Margaret River. Again, it exhibited good citrus notes and was very crisp and lively.

As usual, the tasting was accompanied by some lively discussions on various topics, the details of which shall remain in the shed's tea room. A brief discussion arose however regarding the Australian First Families of Wine or AFFW during our tasting of Ray Spark's MadFish SBS from Burch Family Wines in Margaret River. Eddie agreed to give a more detailed explanation of the origins and purpose of the AFFW during the October meeting. This meeting will be again held at its normal date, being the Tuesday after the October General Meeting.

This meeting saw the inauguration of a new award for the wine club. Other organisations have the "Wood Duck" award which is given for some harmless but never the less humorous gaff. Towards the end of this meeting Ian M accidentally disposed of the unwanted remaining wine in his glass into the water jug on the table instead of the slops bucket. All present can confirm that Ian was not unduly under the influence, probably just pre-occupied with more important issues. In future we shall refer to this award as the "Cracked Cork Award".

## October

The **October** meeting of our wine club was as predicted a most interesting meeting in several respects. Firstly, a record number of 9 members and one visitor attended and tasted 12 red wines made from a wide spectrum of grapes which *excluded* the common Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grape varieties. Amazingly, the unanimous opinion of the group was that there was not bad wine amongst the twelve tasted. Sure, there were some that were not to one's particular preference but all were of a good standard and they gave a small insight into the marvellous range of excellent red wines that we have access to in Australia.

Two *Cracked Cork* Awards were warranted on the day. One was awarded to the member who brought along a Merlot contrary to the prior brief.. The second award went to the person who was supposed to include the September meeting report in the KMS October newsletter. As usual, no names and no pack drill.

The wines: Three Pinot Noirs-from the Yarra Valley, the Adelaide Hills and the South Island of New Zealand. Then there was a Margaret River Gamay (Beaujolais style), a Brown Bothers of Victoria Carménère and a Graciano, a Petit Verdot and Malbec from Margaret River, a Swan Valley Durif and the red that finished the session was a 2005 Barbera made by Barrecas in Donnybrook WA. Only a very small tasting was permitted of this one due to its whacking 17.3% alcohol content. Its age however resulted in a good clean full-bodied red. Probably best drunk with bacon and eggs! That leaves about 176 other red grape varieties to explore at future meetings.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 November, starting at the earlier time of 1.00pm enabling lunch to be enjoyed. General catering arrangements have been agreed to at the October meeting. All to bring along a sparkling white. Transport arrangements will be sorted closer to the time.

## IN THE COMMUNITY



On Melbourne Cup day we had a visit from Barbara, a volunteer at Kanyana, the Wildlife Recovery Centre. Kanyana require additional Magpie Release cages to assist with their rehabilitation programme.

With the assistance of Mike with the metalwork element, Richard agreed to make ten cages from KMS scrap material. Richard would appreciate support from anyone who has the time to help with this very

important project.

## **Cop This (two to chew)**

*"The worst thing I can be is the same as everybody else. I hate that". – Arnold Schwarzenegger*

*"Common sense is like deodorant, those who need it the most never use it." -Anonymous*

## **HEADLINES TO AMUSE**

PROSTITUTES APPEAL TO POPE

PANDA MATING FAILS: VETERINARIAN TAKES OVER

MAN IS FATALLY SLAIN

DEFENDANT'S SPEECH ENDS IN LONG SENTENCE

POLICE DISCOVER CRACK IN AUSTRALIA