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Upcoming Events

15 August: Computer Group

17 August: Photographic Interest Group

22 August: Retirement Village Ellenbrook and lunch

24 August: General Meeting Lindsay Taylor London to Brighton – “The Journey”

28 September: General Meeting Marlene Robins COTA Cyber Security

26 October: General Meeting” Mack McCormack

23 November: General Meeting Peter Kennedy “Premiers I have Known

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I am pleased to submit this report to the membership of Kalamunda Men's Shed. Another successful year has passed, and we have achieved some great results.



We finished the year with 141 members, this is a record, the previous year was 122 members. This significant increase in membership was not the result of any planned membership drive, I consider a major factor to be our membership is generally satisfied their activities within the shed and have conveyed this to friends and local community.

We have maintained our viable financial position with active participation by members in fund raising ventures. In addition, during the year we have received grant funding from five different providers, totaling a little over \$7,000.00. This generous support is a great addition to our fundraising.

A major initiative during the year has been the planning conducted by our Shed Development Sub- Committee for the proposed new shed. Much of the planning work has been completed by the Sub – Committee and they are now pursuing the challenge of meeting funding requirements. While this project is not progressing at the rate desired, there is a determination to pursue all avenues for a successful result.

I would like to extend my thanks to the assistance and co-operation provided by all members of the Kalamunda Men’s Shed Committee and during my term as Chair Person during the past 2 years. Whilst I will not be seeking re-nomination for the position of Chair Person this year, I will certainly remain as an active member.

It is important for all organizations that they can attract people to fill leadership roles and provide stimulus for fresh ideas.

I am confident that Kalamunda Men’s Shed will continue to be an important venue for men within the local community.

Graeme

At the end of the meeting Ian Allardyce led a unanimous vote of thanks to Graeme for his years as treasurer and chairman of the Kalamunda Mens Shed.



DEPUTY CHARMANS REPORT

Once again KMS has had a busy and fruitful year. Congratulations must go to our Chairman Graeme for his leadership and tireless efforts over the past twelve months.

Guest Speaker programme

Our monthly speaking programme was varied and interesting. Topics covered Health, Caring for Ourselves and General Interest, including Military History.

Local member Mathew Hughes kicked off the year with an address at our AGM.

Geoffrey Thomas and Eric McCrum were particularly interesting, telling us about Aviation and Birds respectively. Mark Teale, Iris Jones and Rebecca Prebble concentrated upon aged care. Elton Brown and Bill Tomlinson provided us with history about the Aftermath of WW1 and the Loss of the Sydney.

Dan Carney gave us a rendition on Lyall’s, Shed constructed “Lylallin”, and Cardiologist, Mark Ireland told us about the Heart.

All speakers spoke passionately and gave their valuable time free of charge, to which we are very thankful.



The next year is shaping up to be another good year with exceptional speakers already lined up.

My thanks also goes to John Shoen who stood in for me when I was absent.

Shed Development

Although progress appears to be slow, a lot has happened over the last 12 months and my thanks goes to Ian, Ross, Armin, John and Ray on the subcommittee who have worked very hard to get us to where we are today.

However there are still hurdles to overcome, not the least of which is funding.

During the year we finalised the Technical Specification and received bids from three builders.

Meetings have been held with the City of Kalamunda, Lotterywest, the Rotary Club of Kalamunda and the Forrestfield Community Bank. A request for support has been made to the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Forrestfield Community Bank. Information is still being collected before a formal submission is made to Lotterywest.

We have also approached our State and Federal members for assistance.

The Rotary Club of Kalamunda has kindly pledged a donation of \$30,000 and the City of Kalamunda has set aside \$26,000.

Our needs are being publicised and local businesses are actively being approached for donations.

KMS has applied for Planning Approval from the City of Kalamunda and hopefully this will be forthcoming soon.

We hope to formally submit our application to Lotterywest within the next two months.

Richard

SOCIAL PROGRAM REPORT

Firstly, thank you to John Schoen for organising the social program in the first half of the year. In taking over from John in January, I appreciated the support and advice he gave me to take up the role for 2018.

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

The social events have generally been well supported by members. The regular bus trips to a range of places, followed by lunch, aimed to provide variety. We have been fortunate and appreciative of having the City of Kalamunda's Community Bus available for us to use at no cost for these events. The bus capacity of 16, plus the driver, limited the number able to participate, although where numbers exceeded this for the Optus Stadium and Gravity Discovery Centre tours, additional transport was provided by



members. For other events, such as to the Jack de Vos exhibition in Armadale and the Swan Valley wine tour, the numbers attending were near to the bus capacity.

The cost of the bus and lunch events were able to be kept to a minimum with the use of the Community Bus, the selection of reasonably priced lunch venues and support from the fee-charging organisations visited by discounting entry and tour prices.

Lunches at the Shed were well received and supported, as were the dinners out for members and wives. Inviting the wives to functions such as the Christmas lunch was, as well as a chance to socialise, also a way to show our appreciation to them for supporting our involvement with the Shed.

Promoting upcoming events on the Shed's notice board in the tea area, at General Meetings, at morning tea times, in the newsletter, on the Shed's web page calendar, as well as email reminders to members has to reach everyone. The next step of getting names on a list on the notice board, posted well in advance of the event, seems to work. The names sometime go up slowly, but in the end we get the numbers.

The Shed has members with a wide range of interests and backgrounds to consider when arranging social events, particularly the bus trips. Finding interesting places to visit is important, but equally important is the opportunity they provide to socialise where we can get to know one another better and enjoy each other's company.

I thank members for their support of the social program.

Fred

METAL WORK REPORT

Area 2 has seen improvement in storage of tools and consumables along with some disposal of unwanted items which were consuming space.

Workable space remains a major issue. The sheet metal bender is a welcome addition. The cold saw is great as it makes a neat cut and is a lot quieter than the abrasive disk drop saw. The addition of a finer blade to the cold saw has made it more versatile.

Area 3 is very progressive with an extra lathe, more useable storage and an enthusiastic group.

This area is now being put to good use.

An insulated ceiling and wall lining has now been fitted by a team of Shed members lead by Ian Allardyce, this has made it a more pleasant work environment.

Mike

SHED SUPERVISION

Personnel: All OK shed bosses are working well. I was called out to unlock the gate after a training session as the shed boss of the day had snapped the lock after opening.

Machines: Machines, all OK apart from the second cold saw blade going missing (again) and the troubled drum sander developing further issues. Dave H appears to have fixed the sanding drum issue. I have performed a manometer test on the dust extractor and there is no suction at all, just air movement, increasing the duct size would have no effect. Further to this the DC motor or circuit board is playing up. I have returned the motor to HAFCO for testing and am currently awaiting the result. If the motor is defective replacement is around \$450.00 I'm suggesting that if that is the case and given the machines history we dispose of it.

The welding screen (curtain) has been installed and in use around a month and has freed up floor space. It appears that most users do not draw the curtain back when they have finished welding but leave in situ.

Thanks to Ian A and his assistants area 3 is now finished with the insulation completed. Also a new 240v dropper has been installed. Other electrical work has been done in area 1 plus a new outlet in the kitchen.

Bunnings issue: A member recently went to Bunnings Kalamunda to purchase personal merchandise, he asked if there was a discount for KMS members. Somehow Haley, Bunnings PR, got involved and donated his personal items to KMS plus a gift voucher and a letter addressed to said member. This needs to be discussed at COM.

Grants:

KMS has one outstanding grant application with “community hub” via DVA. This is for new welding equipment training for two personnel for tagging and testing.

The grant application from Kevin O’ Connor needs to be clarified, is it the usual twice yearly grant app or something different?

Training:

Training is ongoing with computers, wine and electronics, although the electronics instructor was a no show and did not notify anyone. My TV streaming workshop was well attended with 12 people. Chris Muller has advised that he is available for another table saw workshop.

Rod

THE NEW CHAIRMAN

Thanks for endorsing me as Chairman of the Kalamunda Mens Shed I hope I can live up to the contribution to members that the previous 5 Chair’s have. We also should thank the previous COM for last years activities particularly Graeme.

As you know there are 8 members of the Committee of Management and it is their role to keep the ship afloat operationally and financially and what a good team we have with a blend of experience and new blood.

However, it is not just this group that give the shed its heart and well-being there are another 35 or so members that bog in with shed supervision, social functions, special interest groups, support in the community and fundraising. The shed is owned by the members as a whole and hopefully all members feel they can contribute to the best of their ability to keep it going. I heard a great observation from Gill Hicks recently “ Remember the person standing next to you can be your lifeline” Lets all stand together.

We have the goal of making the shed a place where blokes can meet, share stories, support one another and do stuff. All of this will be done in an environment where members can have fun.

We will have some serious challenges in 2018-19 as we need to find about \$450,000 to get this new shed that has been talked about for 8-10 years and in detailed planning for 3 years. It is a close as it has been and with help from our friends in government and other funding bodies I would like to see us get there but it will need support from members all the way with product to sell, money to raise and a lot of help in the back yard.

Let us all look forward to an enjoyable year in which we all take care of one another, have some productive time and enjoy the company of our cohort of blokes.

John

OASIS GIFT FOR SHED

As an indication of the ongoing relationship between the Kalamunda Mens Shed and Old Apexians Still In Service or OASIS Elton presented the Chairman with a cheque for \$500 at the AGM. These funds are gratefully received and support the fundraising effort of the Shed.



AGM SPEAKER



Justice Kevin Parker did not disappoint with a far-ranging talk, including the construction of the international courts in the Hague before discussing the activity associated with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Justice Parker drew parallels of the inhumanity of man in Yugoslavia to those of the

Second World War and to actions in the Middle East right now. He has clearly wrapped up the possibility of racial, religious and group self-righteous belief and ability to inflict terrible crimes on large populations with little recourse. He pointed out that the International Court of Justice only now has 144 members of the possible 193 countries and that the populous countries of China, the United States of America and India are missing. During questions Justice Parker reflected on the difficulty of escaping the reflected trauma of the events brought before the court. Members were engrossed by his address and presented him with a gecko trivet, superbly crafted by Ian A, together with a quality bottle of wine. It was also pleasing to see him join members afterwards for refreshments.

FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS

In August we will have Lindsay Taylor giving us the end of the Renault Story with a spin on the Brighton to London; In September the topic will be Cybersecurity and in October Mac McCormack will be in for an interesting chat from his wide experience

ESTHER HOUSE

As part of a community introduction the Esther Foundation held an Open Day on the 28th July. This gave members of the Kalamunda Community the opportunity to see the facility that has been made by renovating the old St Emilies Convent. With other members of the community the Men's Shed was invited to afternoon tea and a guided tour.

The Esther Foundation facilitates an extensive and award winning residential young women's health, development and leadership program that was based in South Perth, but has now moved to Kalamunda, housing more than forty five women and their children.

The broadly structured program facilitates specific group and individual counselling for the following issues and concerns faced by young women:

- substance abuse
- sexual and emotional abuse
- domestic violence
- mental health
- teenage pregnancy
- self harming
- eating disorders
- family breakdown
- depression

The Foundation will establish a coffee shop and op shop in Haynes St which will provide a venue for the ongoing training of the girls.

GRAVITY WAVES CONTINUE

As reported last month a group of members has been constructing a gravity waves demonstrator that will be used by the Gravity Centre when it visits schools etc.

This project is near completion and will be given to the Centre during the coming month.

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*To know the world, first know yourself. To change the world first change yourself ~
Anonymous*

DESTINESIA



Destinesia is the term for when you walk into a room and forget why you went there ---- Some responses from readers of the West Australian Newspaper in 2015 --- Colin Coulthard said “The word for this conundrum: is hereafter as in walking into aa room and then saying “what am I here after”---- Peter Robb wrote: “It seems age related so it could be known as “roomatism” ---- However Gerry Singloeton quipped “The answer is so simple, old age! Trust me I know!”after

SOCIAL DINNER FOR MEMBERS AND WIVES

Bentley Pines Restaurant

The dinner at the Pines lived up to its reputation with a wonderful group of members enjoying a great meal served by the students of the Bentley TAFE.

This is becoming an regular event that is enjoyed by members every time.

Ellenbrook Pines Retirement Village visit, followed by lunch

Wednesday 22 August

We have been invited to visit this village for a talk about the retirement village, a Devonshire morning tea and a look around the facilities by those living there. 10am – 12 noon.

It is an opportunity to find out more about this type of facility. This knowledge may or may not be of use to you, but it is information that you might have a need to share with others at some time.

The visit is on for all to enjoy and learn.

A restaurant in the Swan Valley will be arranged for lunch after the visit.

Please put your names on the list on the Board Room in the tea room at the Shed.

WINE CLUB. – FIELD WORK IN THE BICKLEY VALLEY- SMALL BUT FABULOUS

For the July 2018 meeting the KMS Wine Club carried out some practical field work. Nine members visited the newest and probably the smallest winery in the Perth Hills Wine Region. Tonon’s Vineyard and Winery which is owned and operated in Carmel by Daniel Tonon and his wife Daniella. Despite its compactness and youth, the winery which only

opened its cellar door this year has made a big impression on the Perth wine set with its range of wines and superb quality.



The winery located in Carmel Road.



Some food to support the tasting.

In his introduction, Daniel said that his vineyard of approximately 2½ acres was about five years old and that he carried all of the required work such as viticulture, picking, wine making and marketing himself. He is also a deft hand at making some of the equipment such as his sparkling wine riddling machine. This machine shakes the wine wine bottles so that the sediment settles in the neck of the bottle, ready for disgorgement, replacing the job that used to be done by hand and in France required a five year apprentice.

Daniel winemaking focuses mainly on the Italian varieties such as Presecco, Vermentino, Fiano, Tempranillo and Sangiovese. The other varieties were Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon.

The tasting commenced with a sparkling Prosecco and Vermentino, the former being an immediate hit. The cuttings for this wine were especially imported from Daniel's home region in far north Italy. The next white was the still Fiano which is a variety not common in Australia but Daniel's expression of this one has already made a great impact on the wine experts in Perth. The Malbec and Cab-Sav were equally of a of high high standard but the wows and mutterings of "gorgeous and fantastic" were universal amongst the mob. If such great wines can be produced from young vines, one can hardly wait to try them in the years to come.



Rob, John, Richard, Craig, Ian, Daniel, Eddie, Lyle, Murray and John



Eddie presenting a KMS cheese board to Daniella and Daniel as a thank you for their hospitality.

The meeting will be remembered as a very successful and pleasant afternoon.

GUESTS FOR MORNING TEA

Peter Kenyon a long time Kalamunda resident and now a member of the Shed visited on Thursday. Peter is always ready with a bunch of ideas and spent some time talking with members over morning tea.

We were also joined by Matthew Hughes who used the opportunity to discuss aspects of Kalamunda life with Peter.



Thanks for the chats Peter and we hope you enjoy the footy coasters you bought.

EVERYONE CAN SING

Paul Chong is planning to have a Karaoke group in the quiet room on October 10 starting at 2.00pm.

It is true anyone can sing, some sing better than others, but who cares. Singing is good clean fun.

If you are interested join the list in the tea room.

THE END

You can't do everything for ever and this is the time to know that.

Hopefully someone will take over the compilation of the newsletter next month for this is last one for me.

However, be rest assured a new volunteer will get as much guidance from me as they require so I will be very happy to welcome the fourth newsletter editor.

John