

Plane Torque



The Kalamunda Men's shed Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

13 August: Wine Group (Port tasting)

7 August: Bus trip to York & Mundaring Men's Sheds Put your names down for the trip
Computer class on hold until Richard Young returns.

20 August: Mens shed Breakfast

23 August: annual General Meeting –Speaker Craig Challen, the caves rescue talk
Electronic class meetings on hold until a new instructor is found
Photographic class on hold until December when Ray Thompson returns

EDITORS LEAD

Finally Plane Torque is back in print with a new editor myself Stuart Elliott.

I will endeavor to make it error free, but as this is my first attempt don't be surprised by some bloopers.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CHAIRMAN CHATTER JULY 2019

The first cab off the rank has to be to thank Stuart Elliott for taking over as editor of Plane Torque. This is his first edition and may there be many more. Stuart will be delighted to have contributions from members sent to his email stuart_e@bigpond.com. Don't forget the underscore between Stuart and e

How well is the shed progressing? Isn't it fantastic I am pleased to say we are on schedule and very close to budget for the build? The original cost estimate for construction of the new shed was \$450,000. The original building quote was \$349,706.50. Lotterywest have paid us a total of \$306,907.64. Note that Kalamunda City have installed our septic system at a cost of about \$26,000. The remainder of the cost will be drawn from the grant of \$30,000 from the Rotary Club of Kalamunda, \$24,300 from DVA, some donations from the community and members funds. The only



variations we have had to add to the original plan have been included to satisfy the City regulations, replacing the floor of the patio area and installing the projector screen. It is likely that a further cost will be fixing of the dust extractors (the originally planned extractors did not perform to specification). The remaining items to complete the planned finished shed will cost about \$30,000. Clearly with no further variations we need further funds. I have been in discussions with Ken Wyatt to see if some funding can be arranged, but no success as yet. We WILL finish the shed and be in occupancy in September!

Mick Davis from the City of Kalamunda requested that we construct 20 "bee hotels" and 10 parrot boxes. Murray Carrick and the team including Eddie van R and James M have completed the bee hotels and will shortly complete the parrot boxes. These projects are a great contribution to the community and earn us credit with the City. Well done guys.

As you have been advised by Ray, the AGM is to be held in the new shed on August 23rd when annual reports will be presented and a new committee of management will be elected. We are very privileged that Craig Challen will address the meeting on "The Thai Cave Rescue" at the meeting

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which should be interesting to all members. Craig is a veterinarian and has a shed based in the northern suburbs but is better known as a cave diver and a member of the “Wet Mules”. Craig and his diving partner Richard Harris are the current Australians of the Year awarded after their part in the rescue of a soccer team and coach in Thailand. Craig is also an ambassador for the Smith Family.

On October 14th we have the opportunity to show our skills and the shed to the Metro Foothills Zone Meeting when we could be visited by members from up to 10 sheds from the hills who will be here for the day.

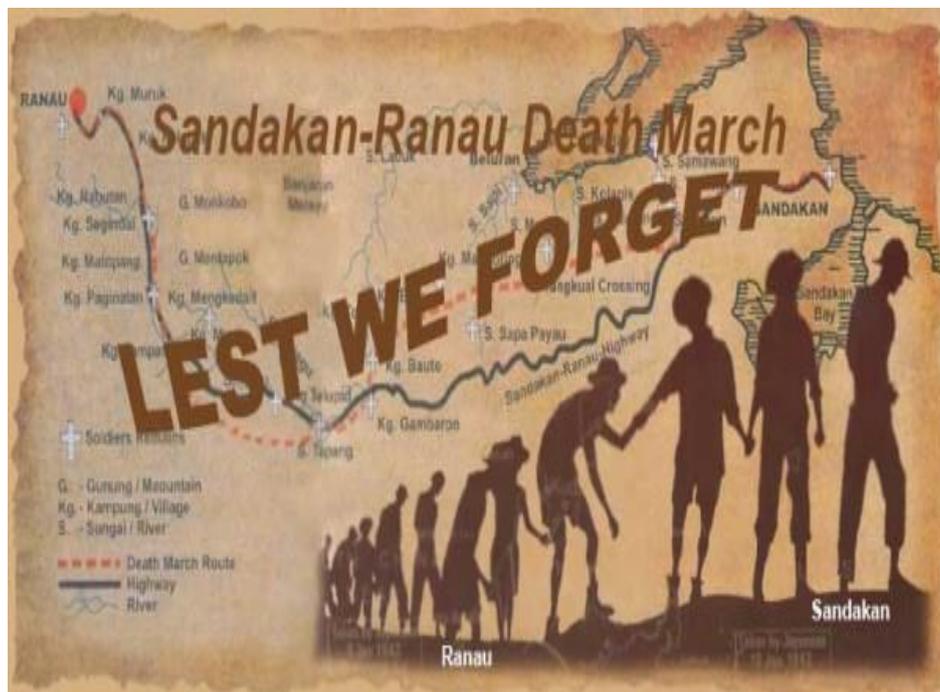
Plans are in place for a lunch in December and a variety of venues are been researched to get a good deal for members. More next month.

Lastly it is time to renew your membership. If you are interested in either metalwork or woodwork this is a great time to become a member as there are going to be some exciting activity in the Shed. I hope to see all members in the Shed in the weeks to come.

Guest Speaker

General Meeting 26 July

Bob Coventry was our Guest Speaker and talked to us about the Sandakan-Ranau Death March, and his work leading into the MSWA Veteran’s Programme.



Bob has had a distinguished career as described in the following bio.



He was born and educated in Adelaide SA. He joined the Army at age 15 as an Apprentice studying Electronic Engineering, then served for 20 years in various postings around Aus. and overseas (including deployment to Vietnam 1971 – 1972), tasked with planning, installing & maintaining Army Communications systems and equipment.

- He now works 7 days a week at Retirement, but is involved with the following Clubs/organizations:
 - Royal Australian Signals Association – WA:
 - Secretary/Treasurer: 2017-19
 - Fremantle Rotary Club:
 - Director Community Service: 2012 – 13
 - President: 2013 – 14 & 14-15,
 - Director Vocational Service: 2018-19
 - Men’s Sheds of Western Australia
 - Veterans Project Officer for WA: 2019
 - Bicton Men’s Shed:
 - Chairman: 2012 – 14
 - Safety Coordinator: 2014-19
 - Army Museum WA:
 - Foundation Board member: 2012 - 13
 - Volunteer Gallery Guide: 2012 - 2019
 - Australian Army Apprentices Association
 - Board Member and WA State coordinator

The Sandakan Death March talk

When Singapore surrendered in February 1942, about 1,500 Australians and 800 British POW’s were brought by the Japanese to a small town called Jesselton. These POW’s were forced to work on the construction of an airfield at Jesselton. The POW’s suffered badly, being forced to work in the hot sun on meagre rations. When the work finished the prisoners were transferred to Sandakan where a POW camp was built. As the war neared its end the POW’s were moved overland on foot from Sandakan to Ranau, as the Japanese feared a rescue might be mounted by General MacArthur’s troops in the Philippines. The terrible march was conducted over jungle tracks in mountainous terrain. The POW’s weakened by their imprisonment, poor conditions, limited food and medical supplies. Only six men survived out of the original 2,400.

KMS NEW WOODWORK SHED

The Shed reached “Lock up Stage” on the 26th June 2019 following the installation of the Powered Roller doors and Glazing of the front and rear doors.

Crim-Safe security screens have been installed to both front and rear doors and also to all the lower level windows.

The electrical installation has been completed with the exception of transferring the 3phase sockets for the large band saw and planer. This will occur with the machinery move. The LED lighting is exceptional with each unit producing 19,200 lumens and they come with a five year warranty.

The disabled toilet/shower has now been completed with non-slip floor tiles and wall tiles to the ceiling. The facility is also equipped with a duress alarm.

The Material/Project Store and Tool Store are fully equipped with Metal Shelving.

Galvanised Hand Rails are fitted to the Ramp and Northern Veranda.

The Shed’s concrete floor was sealed over the weekend with

Two applications of a clear coating containing an anti-slip compound have been applied to seal the Shed’s floor. A third coat is still to be applied.

Three (3) Alfarimini Euro 2-4 hp Increased (performance) Dust Collector are on order with the factory in Italy courtesy of Beyond Tools, with delivery expected mid to late August.

We anticipate that handover of the Shed will occur before the end of August.

Our builder Jason Winterbottom is to be commended on the quality and finish of workmanship.

Special thanks to Armin for his site management skills.



SOCIAL PROGRAM

Some 18 Kalamunda Shed members visited the Mandurah Men's shed on Thursday the 11th July



The Mandurah Men's shed is contained in an old school car maintenance workshop, which has two very large work spaces, it has only 40 Shed members yet they restrict their member's attendance to just 3 days a week to avoid a waiting list for the wood work equipment, they have no metalwork facilities. The Mandurah men's shed can only obtain a 1 year lease on the school facilities which are owned by the Education department. The Mandurah shed members also supplied us with morning tea, despite not having a formal kitchen.



As well as making wooden artefacts for themselves, they also make wooden toys to a very high standard that are sold or given away to children's charities.

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.

The range of stock available is:-

Long sleeve shirt, price \$28.00 size XXXL, XXL, XL, L, M, and SM

Short sleeve shirt " \$25.00 as above

Wide brim hats, price \$14.00 size 61CM, 59CM, 57CM

Caps (adjustable size), price \$8.00

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

Shed Supervisor will issue initial receipt for cash or cheque; all payments will follow with formal receipt from Treasurer.

MENS HEALTH

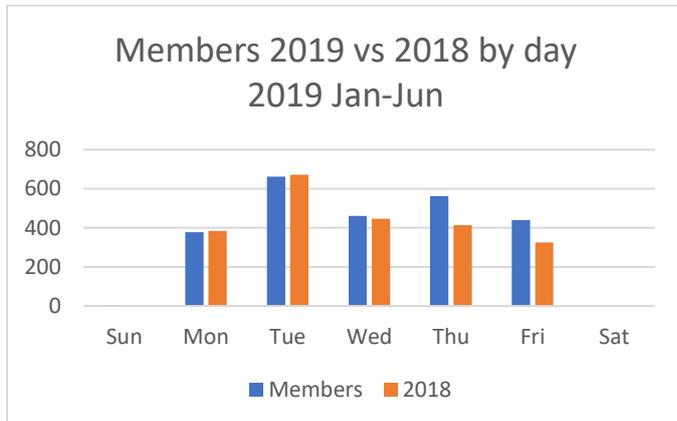
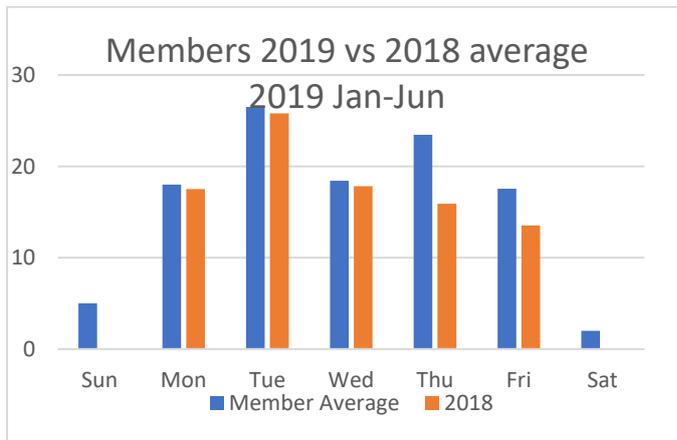
Back pain

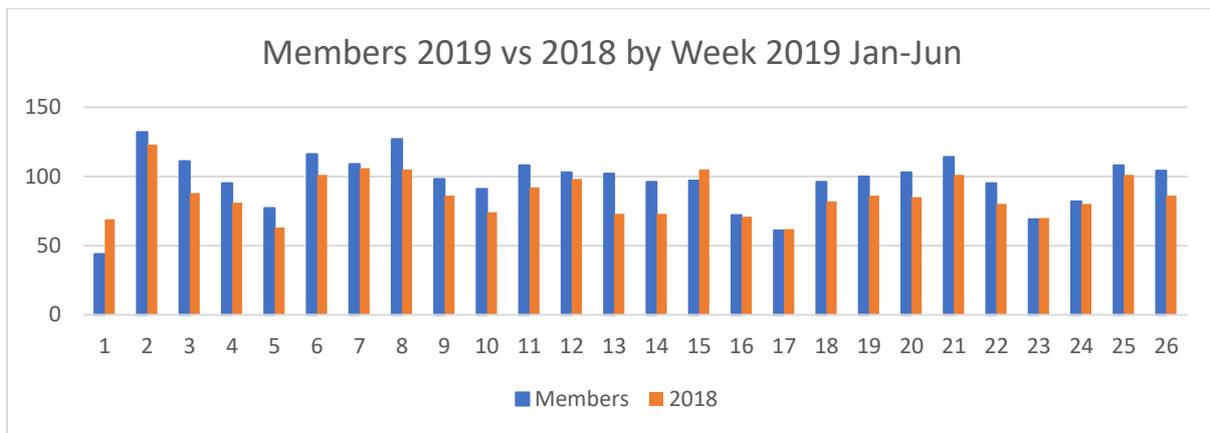
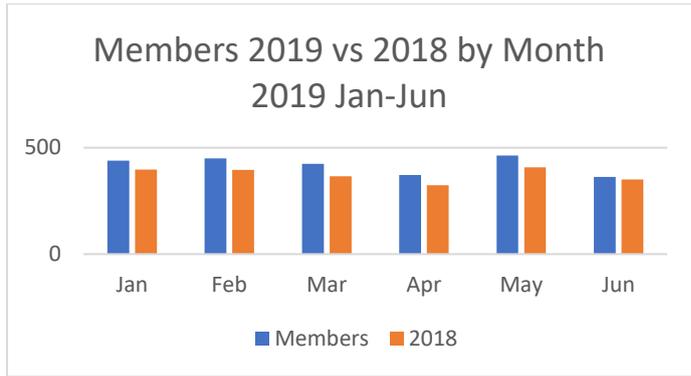
For more information and treatment go to "mybackpain.org.au" This enables you to access a questionnaire on your back pain and advice on what to do about it.

The back health program is done in conjunction with Arthritis Australia and Queensland University. The program is free and you can become part of a survey on back pain.

Six monthly workshop attendance summary and comparison 2018 vs 2019

We had an increase in workshop visitations by 269 to 2510, representing an increase of 10.7% over 2018. Tuesday continues to be the strongest day. However average attendance has increased for all days with Thursday a standout by increasing 35%. May continues to be the most popular month, but not by much.





Richard Gates

The Kalamunda Torque magazine presentation will improve as I develop my word processing skills.

Every shed member can contribute to the magazine by sending their piece to [Stuart_e@bigpond .com](mailto:Stuart_e@bigpond.com)

Stuart Elliott

