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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25 August, Dowerin Field Day, 0830 departure, returning 1730.

26 August, General Meeting, commencing at 1330
Robyn Baker "Enduring Power of Attorney"
Sausage Sizzle and Sundowner to follow.

2 September, Vintage Machinery Rally, Fairbridge.
Contact Ron Enright for details.

23 September, General Meeting at 1400, Talk and demonstration by Jenny Galin, "Bone Density and Osteoporosis". Sausage Sizzle and Sundowner to follow.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to KMS:

Rodney Jones

Russell Barclay

David Norric

Gerry Garbellini

Dennis Deacon-Jones

NEW SHED UPDATE

Your sub committee has been working behind the scenes developing the LSH proposal. Dave and Howard have been working on Electrical supply issues and we have organised quotes for the drainage and access works.

Discussions are also proceeding with the Shire regarding a "Letter of Comfort" to enable us to access the facility for preliminary works.

We recently collected our "new" 7' buzzer from Rockingham Shed and were able to store it in the new Shed.

Hopefully we will have approval within the next couple of weeks to enable us to commence the next stage of the project.



Barry and Mike loading the new buzzer onto Mike's trailer at Rockingham Men's Shed

NEXT MEETING 26 August

Please note the earlier commencement time of 1330 for our next meeting. Robyn Baker from the **Office of the Public Advocate** will give us a comprehensive talk on Enduring Power of Attorney.

The usual Sausage sizzle and Sundowner will follow Robyn's talk.

JOONDALUP MEN'S SHED VISIT, Tuesday 26 July, 2011

(Article by Murray M)

The scheduled visit was well attended for the 18 members made all the more enjoyable as

we had the Shire's Community Bus for transport. There's no doubt about it a group bus transport enhances the social aspect.

Bus Journey:

Our Social Events Committee man, Alan [sausages & buns] Beaton had arranged for the Community Bus with Captain Mike Milne at the helm. Unfortunately, Mike had a family funeral and so it was that Dave Buttress was duly called upon to drive the bus. Each had been fully informed as to the location and scheduled timing for the transport.

It all looked like a "well oiled machine" and so it was until the day before the visit when poor old Dave visited his GP and was told that for health reasons, he couldn't drive the bus.

Not to be daunted, through the offices of the Kalamunda Shire, a willing alternative local driver in Garth Bird volunteered to give up his day and to take the group of aging 'Shed Blokes' to Joondalup. Garth was up at the KMS with the bus ready to go with plenty of time to spare. He did mention that he didn't know where the Joondalup Men's Shed was located but I assured him that as both Alan Beaton and our new Social Events Committee Man in Ron Enright would be on the bus and that they'd be able to provide details.

And so it was that the bus left Kalamunda, our driver excellent, and the usual friendly banter in full swing as we proceeded along Roe Hwy. That's when the "fan hit the ship" as neither Alan nor Ron had the faintest idea where the Joondalup Men's Shed met.

A hasty telephone call to the KMS resulted in hearing a voice message providing callers of the KMS location, hours of operation but absolutely no information about Joondalup. The voice message failed to warn callers that extensive training in Metropolitan Perth travel

locations was not one of the skills taught at the KMS.

An equally hasty call was then made to Chairman Richard who was summoned from his "death bed", and this did somewhat restore our driver's sanity as we now had an address, not in Joondalup, but in Padbury. Thank goodness that the Padbury address was provided before we reached Joondalup. One bright spark on the bus thought that Padbury was somewhere near Fremantle but fortunately our driver couldn't hear such a helpful comment and Chris had some inside info that would at least get us to Padbury. You may well ask "why not look up the street address using a road directory?" This is the Shire's Community Bus and of course there would be a road directory on board. And having sourced an address for the Joondalup Men's Shed our problems would be over. Wrong again. The bloody bus didn't have one. Not even an "out of date" copy.

To cut this saga, after visiting a gas station, and borrowing a Street Directory our driver could complete this eventful journey and discharge a group of incompetent senior chaps, all this with about 15 minutes to spare.

In conclusion, the return journey presented no irregularities [dare I say, not as much fun] with quite a few passengers having their daily "nanny nap" on the way.

The Visit Itself

This visit was a real "eye opener" for many of our members. As opposed to Kalamunda, with our limited area & crowded equipment, Joondalup Men's Shed had "rooms to burn".



Various pictures of the workshop



In addition to our Kalamunda members, Rockingham Men's Shed had also been invited and this made for a greater sharing of information & ideas not only during a more formal welcome but also during lunch and an informal discussion later on. Joondalup Men's Shed Chairman, Alan, pointed out their current concerns associated with their uncertain accommodation tenure at Padbury Senior High School but also the fact that almost all of the tools and equipment were

the property of the Education Department and that items might be sent to other schools.

In contrast to our "broom cupboard" office come tea area, they had a separate meeting room that easily accommodated all three groups and still had plenty of space available.



Lunch in the amenities area



Adequate accommodation space is great, however many of our members wondered if this excessively spread out area, with separate rooms might not inhibit members exchange of ideas & sharing of skills. Our small area dictates that members literally "rub shoulders" in cramped conditions & so friendly banter is just part of working together.

One topic of group discussion centred on safe handing of tools/equipment and member skills appraisal. All three Sheds acknowledged that this is an important OH&S area we need to concentrate on.

Shortly before our visit concluded, one of the Joondalup members demonstrated his “homemade” Thien Cyclone” dust extractor/collector which was powered by a domestic vacuum cleaner. Rather than attempt to explain how it works, for those who may be interested, Google “Thien Cyclone Separator” or look on our office notice board for details.



Thien Cyclone Separator being demonstrated at JMS

Joondalup Men’s Shed has only been operating for a little over 12months. What they have achieved in this short time is very impressive.

HAVE A CHAT

As members will be aware, we at KMS promote a *Welcoming Culture*. This has been successful and we warmly welcome visitors and new members into the Shed. However from time to time we need to pause and reflect on our own performance. We often get involved in Shed projects at the expense of other matters. One fundamental objective of the Shed is not only to educate, inform and produce, but to communicate! So remember to have a chat. Spend time and get to know your fellow shedders. They may want unburden themselves and share something with you. You may also find out something interesting about them .

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE Murray Carrick

Introducing Murray Carrick. Murray continues on Committee this year and is responsible for Sales and Manufacturing.

Murray grew up in Guildford before moving to South Perth. He was educated at Como Primary and thence onto Kent Street High schools. A teaching scholarship came his way and he became a teacher at Perth, Geraldton and finally he was headmaster at Wiluna. It was at Wiluna that he became involved with the Health Department and was Chairman of the local hospital. At this time he made a career change moving into administration of country hospitals. Another scholarship found him in NSW for twelve months after which he was appointed to head up Bentley Hospital.

After this time, Murray was employed within the Health Department on special projects as a trouble shooter involved with hospitals in the North West. This special projects role also involved him as the Health Department representative in Emergency Management.

Apart from the Shed, Murray’s interests are yachting and he regularly sails with his son in law.

Murray is married to Jenny.



Murray Carrick

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE Rob Wiltshire

Rob is a new member to the Committee this year and has accepted the role of Special Projects.

Rob was born in Kalgoorlie and lived in a small settlement called Kurrawang out of Kalgoorlie. This village was established for the purpose of cutting and milling timber for the mines. Woodcutters would travel from the settlement along the wood line up to 100 km to collect wood for processing for the Kalgoorlie mines. The timber was used for both fuel and construction in the mines. In the 1950's diesel fuel took the place of timber as a fuel and the settlement was essentially not required. At its peak it did reach 3000 persons.

Rob's Dad was in the Airforce and the family moved to Perth as a result of WWII, where Rob received his education.

He studied Pharmacy at Perth Technical School in St Georges Terrace and upon graduation he bought a Pharmacy in St James which he managed until his retirement 43 years later. For 18 years he had two other Pharmacies in Floreat and Forrestfield.

Upon retirement in 1998, Rob took on locum work and even worked for a period of time in Alice Springs.

Rob has always been interested in sports, including swimming, golf and bowls.

He is also interested in wood working and made his own furniture during his early years of marriage.

Rob is married to Faye.



Rob Wiltshire

CONGRATULATIONS Gordon Roberts

Our congratulations go to one of our Founder Members, Gordon Roberts. The Red Cross Blood Service held a function recently in Winthrop Hall at UWA to celebrate Blood Donor Week. Gordon received an award for making a mighty **350** donations to the Red Cross Blood Service. Well done Gordon!

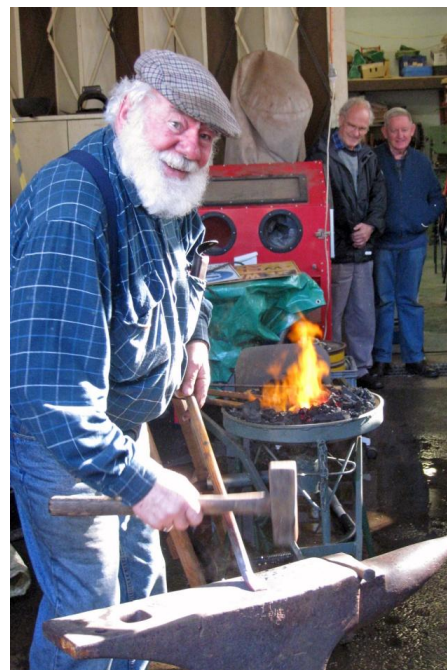
Congratulations also go to Mike M and Richard G who also reached significant milestones.

FORGING AHEAD

(Article by Eddie Van R)

KMS members hankering for metalwork were in for a real treat after the July General Meeting when three members of the Blacksmiths Association of WA (BAWA) gave a demonstration of basic forge work.

Sometime ago, KMS member Terry L, who is also a blacksmithing enthusiast and BAWA member, invited BAWA member John Hurley to visit our shed for a gander at our operations, which until now has been mainly aligned to woody matters. Following John's visit, Terry was able to arrange for John and fellow blacksmiths Frank Robinson and Brian Keenan to put on a demonstration at the GM.



Frank doing his stuff at the anvil.

Frank's demo included a brief discussion on the various steel types and heating steel bars in the forge prior to shaping them into crowbars. The forge, incidentally, was made by Terry and has been given to KMS on the basis that it is made available for occasional blacksmithing demonstrations at the Kalamunda History Village.

Frank's demo concluded with him showing members how to cut a clean, straight edge on the crowbars and how to fabricate various types of ornamental spear points.

Our thanks go to WABA for the interesting demonstration.

VALE EAN AND JOHN

It is with sadness that we advise that two of our members, Ean McDonald and John Way passed away recently. Ean was a former architect and assisted Dave B with the preliminary drawings for our new shed. John was a keen gardener and provided both members and the Shed with plants from his garden. Our sincere condolences go to his family at this difficult time.

FORGING AHEAD PART TWO.

The photo shown below, taken at the blacksmithing demo gives an appreciation of how cramped the space at shed has become.



Since the donation by Great Aussie Patios of the patio/outdoor work area, KMS members keen to get cracking with some metal work have been acquiring/scrounging all sorts of useful gear. This includes several arc welders (but a MIG welder is still very much needed),

cut-off saw and the huge anvil shown in the photos. These members are keenly looking forward to the commissioning of our proposed new and much larger premises located at the old Lesmurdie Scout hall. This move will hopefully bring back those ex KMS members who have not renewed their membership due to the lack of metalworking facilities.



The three Blacksmiths, John, Frank and Brian with organiser Terry

ROCKY'S FAREWELL BREAKFAST

About 20 members attended a farewell breakfast at the Shed for Rocky on Saturday 20 August. The tin was rattled and \$152 raised from the morning to go to Rocky's ride for the Black Dog Institute. This is in addition to the \$60 raised from the raffle at our last GM. Well done KMS!



Rocky, ready for the road ahead