



# Joondalup Mens Shed Bench Press December 2017

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## *President Bob's Report*



Last week Michael, John and I met with Albert Jacob the new City Mayor to see where we are at with the planning for our new shed. So far we haven't been given a definite site for a new Men's Shed but it looks like there are still three sites that are possible. The planning group at the City are still looking at the

options. We were impressed at the support there appears to be within the Councillors for our project to go ahead. We thank them for their support for this very worthwhile cause. We will monitor carefully how this planning is progressing.

Our returns from the markets we have attended have dropped off over time. Our last sale returned \$320. Previous sales have been over \$500. We will need to see if there is any reason for this. Markets have still been a steady earner for the Shed.

The Bobbin Sander and the Oscillating Belt Sander have been in steady use since their installation. Thanks to John Martin for making up two new brackets for the Drum Sander. Norm is working on getting the rollers back in place. We have some very clever members who are willing to help us to get projects under way. If you get to visit the Kingsley Tavern you will soon see a "Chase the Ace" board/cupboard that has been made by the Shed. Blue kids picnic tables arte all the go at the moment. These are being made for the local Primary School.

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The Joondalup Christmas Lunch group have collected toys to be distributed at the Christmas Lunch.

We had our first pickup of Bicycles for Humanity. About thirty bikes were sent off. These are delivered to a site in Swan where they are tidied up and loaded in a container which is then sent to Africa . The container is then converted into a shop with a local person starting a bike repair business. Some bikes go up North to supply some of the isolated communities.

As this year draws to a close can I thank all those people who have helped the Shed in any way. Most of you have been great in giving your support some more than others but every little bit helps.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Bob Allen

## Birthday wishes to the following Sheddors

### December

Frank Antulov	Barry Fitzsimmons
Roger Bayzand	Neil Janson
Garry De Piazzi	David Lockett
Cameron Derma	David Morris
John Fell	Milan Uskokovic
Dave Fiorini	

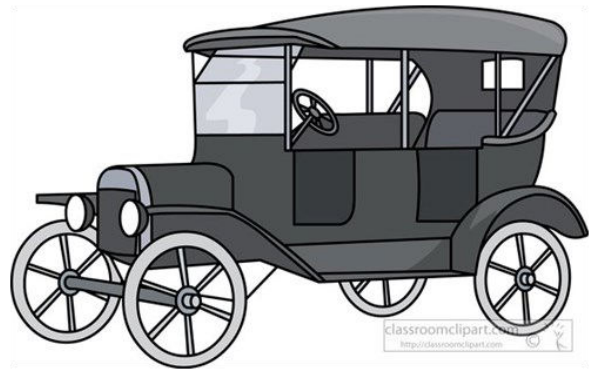
*Many Happy Returns to you all  
And may you have many more  
Birthdays to celebrate.*





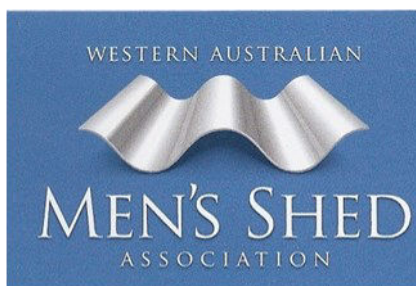
# Parking Matters

As most members would be aware parking or lack of parking is a big problem. Recently two more bays have been converted to Acrod parking which has exacerbated the lack of normal bays. Should any members who possess an Acrod pass please use the allotted bays as this would help relieve the lack of space. There are more Acrod bays in the main parking area, please park in those bays.



The gardener has asked that members do not park on the lawn which is in front of the Mens'Shed car park No.3, he has had to repair irrigation sprinklers due to damage caused by vehicles running over them.

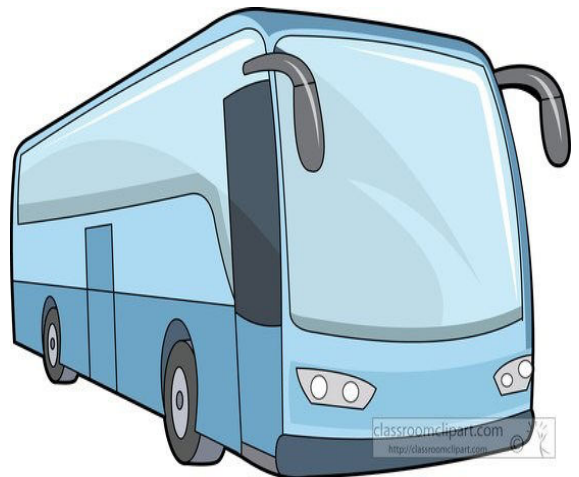
Stickers as illustrated below should be attached to your vehicle so that it can be identified that you are a member and entitled to park in the No. 3. We do get some non members parking in our area. Stickers are available from the JMS office at any time. If you don't like the idea of having a large sticker on your vehicle, cut it down to a smaller size also illustrated below and attach to your rear window or place on your dash board when parking.



Groups of Americans were traveling by tour bus through Switzerland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used. She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing.

"These," she explained, "are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce." She then asked, "What do you do in America with your old goats?"

A spry old gentleman answered, "They send us on bus tours!"



## **An interesting talk by the Head of Daimler Benz Automobile Company**

**a bit mind blowing to say the least! He predicted an interesting  
concept of what could lay ahead.**

In a recent interview, the Head of Daimler Benz (Mercedes Benz) said their competitors are no longer other car companies, but Tesla (obviously), and now, Google, Apple, Amazon 'et al' are.....

Software will disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5-10 years.

Uber is just a software tool, they don't own any cars, and are now the biggest taxi company in the world.

Airbnb is now the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties.

Artificial Intelligence: Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. This year, a computer beat the best Go player in the world, 10 years earlier than expected.

In the U.S., young lawyers already can't get jobs. Because of IBM Watson, you can get legal advice (so far for more or less basic stuff) within seconds, with 90% accuracy compared with 70% accuracy when done by humans.

So, if you study law, stop immediately. There will be 90% less lawyers in the future, only specialists will remain.

Watson already helps nurses diagnosing cancer, 4 times more accurate than human nurses. Facebook now has a pattern recognition software that can recognize faces better than humans. In 2030, computers will become more intelligent than humans.

Autonomous cars: In 2018 the first self-driving cars will appear for the public. Around 2020, the complete industry will start to be disrupted. You don't want to own a car anymore. You will call a car with your phone, it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination. You will not need to park it, you only pay for the driven distance and you can be productive while driving. Our kids will never get a driver's license and will never own a car.

It will change the cities, because we will need 90-95% less cars for that. We can transform former parking spaces into parks.

1.2 million people die each year in car accidents worldwide. We now have one accident every 60,000 miles (100,000 km), with autonomous driving that will drop to one accident in 6 million miles (10 million km). That will save a million lives each year.

Most car companies will probably go bankrupt. Traditional car companies will try the traditional approach and try to build a better car, while tech companies (Tesla, Apple, Google) will take the revolutionary approach and build a computer on wheels.

Many engineers from Volkswagen and Audi are completely terrified of Tesla.

Auto Insurance companies will have massive trouble because without accidents, car insurance will become much cheaper. Their car insurance business model will slowly disappear.

Real estate will change. Because if you can work while you commute, people will move further away to live in a more beautiful neighbourhood.

Electric cars will become mainstream about 2020. Cities will be less noisy because all new cars will run on electricity. Electricity will become incredibly cheap and clean: Solar production has been on an exponential curve for 30 years, and now you can now see the burgeoning impact.

Last year, more solar energy was installed worldwide than fossil. Energy companies are desperately trying to limit access to the grid to prevent competition from home solar installations, but that can't last. Technology will take care of that strategy.

With cheap electricity comes cheap and abundant water. Desalination of salt water now only needs 2kwh per cubic meter (@ 0.25 cents). We don't have scarce water in most places, we only have scarce drinking water. Imagine what will be possible if anyone can have as much clean water as he wants, for nearly no cost.

Health innovations: The Tricorder X price will be announced this year. There are companies who will build a medical device (called the "Tricorder" from Star Trek) that works with your phone, which takes your retina scan, your blood sample, and you can breath into it.

It then analyses 54 biomarkers that will identify nearly any disease. It will be cheap, so in a few years everyone on this planet will have access to world class medical analysis, nearly for free. Goodbye, medical establishment.

3D printing: The price of the cheapest 3D printer came down from \$18,000 to \$400 within 10 years. In the same time, it became 100 times faster. All major shoe companies have already started 3D printing shoes.

Some common spare airplane parts are already 3D printed in remote airports. The space station now has a printer that eliminates the need for the large amount of spare parts they used to keep in the past.

At the end of this year, new smart phones will have 3D scanning possibilities. You can then 3D scan your feet and print your perfect shoes at home.

In China, they already 3D printed and built a complete 6-storey office building. By 2027, 10% of everything that's being produced will be 3D printed.

Business opportunities: If you think of a niche you want to go in, ask yourself: "In the future, do you think we will have that?", and if the answer is yes, how can you make that happen sooner?

If it doesn't work with your phone, forget the idea. And any idea designed for success in the 20th century is doomed to failure in the 21st century.

Work: 70-80% of jobs will disappear in the next 20 years. There will be a lot of new jobs, but it is not clear if there will be enough new jobs in such a small time.

Agriculture: There will be a \$100 agricultural robot in the future. Farmers in 3rd world countries can then become managers of their field instead of working

Aeroponics will need much less water. The first Petri dish that produced veal is now available and will be cheaper than cow produced veal in 2018. Right now, 30% of all agricultural surfaces is used for cows. Imagine if we don't need that space anymore.

There are several startups who will bring insect protein to the market shortly. It contains more protein than meat. It will be labelled as "alternative protein source" (because most people still reject the idea of eating insects).

There is an app called "moodies" which can already tell in which mood you're in. By 2020 there will be apps that can tell by your facial expressions, if you are lying. Imagine a political debate where it's being displayed when they're telling the truth and when they're not.

Bitcoin may even become the default reserve currency ... Of the world!

Longevity: Right now, the average life span increases by 3 months per year. Four years ago, the life span used to be 79 years, now it's 80 years. The increase itself is increasing and by 2036, there will be more than one year increase per year. So, we all might live for a long time, probably way more than 100.



Education: The cheapest smart phones are already at \$10 in Africa and Asia. By 2020, 70% of all humans will own a smart phone. That means, everyone has the same access to world class education.

Every child can use Khan academy for everything a child needs to learn at school in First World countries. There have already been releases of software in Indonesia and soon there will be releases in Arabic, Swahili, and Chinese this summer. I can see enormous potential if we give the English app for free, so that children in Africa and everywhere else can become fluent in English. And that could happen within half a year.

Are you ready for all this?!?!?.

*Well so that may be the future, some good some maybe not so good. I would like to take this opportunity as Editor of the Bench Press to wish you all and your families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous safe and Happy New Year.*

*Merv Pearce*



## Joondalup Night Markets

Ron Slavin and his team conducted a stall at the Joondalup Night Markets over four Friday nights. \$1287.00 was raised. It was a big effort organizing, setting up, selling, packing up etc and Ron and his team are to be commended for their hard effort.



Arthur and Clair Yates celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversary recently. Congratulations to Arthur and Clair. This picture shows the happy couple cutting the celebratory cake.



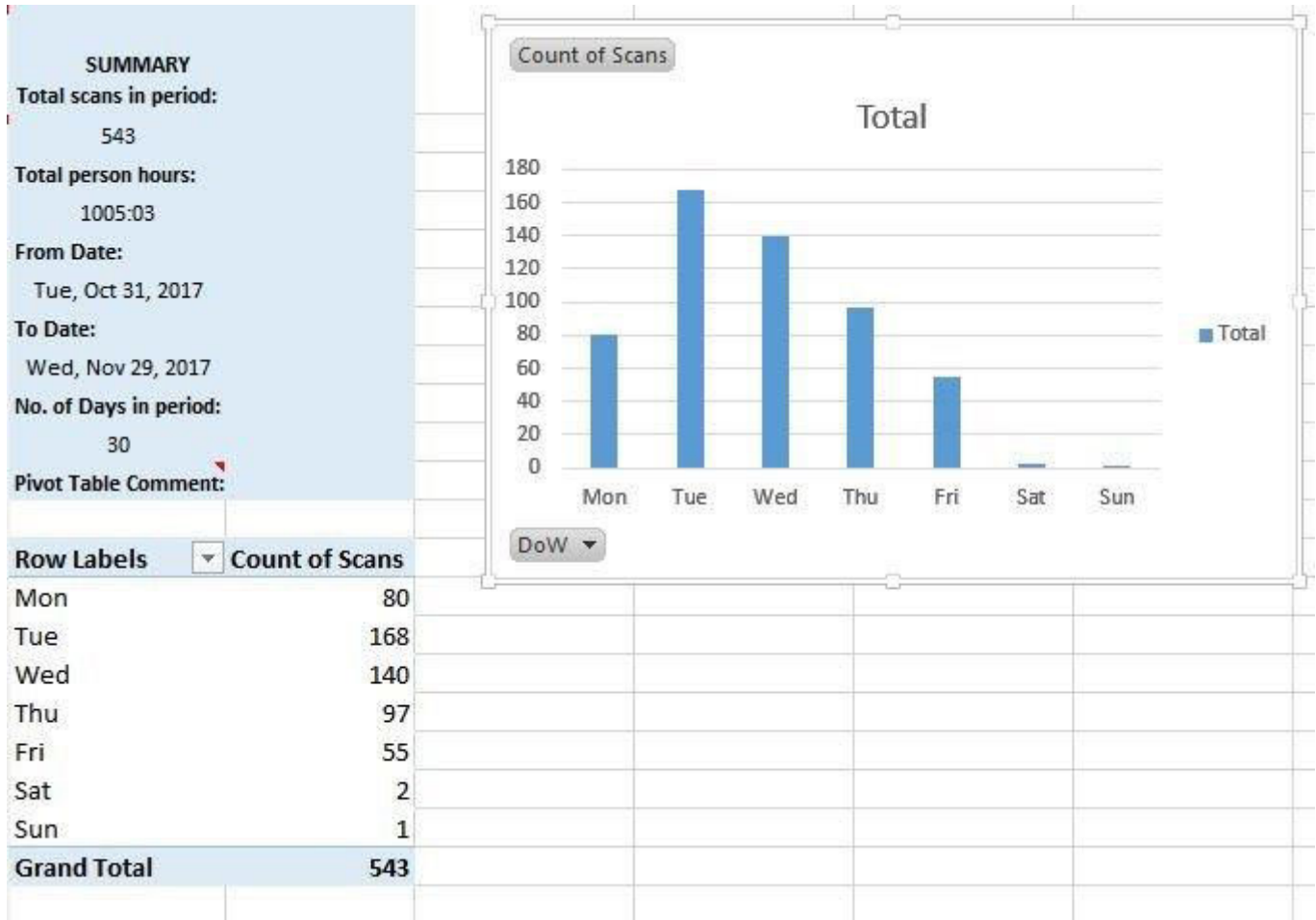
The stall at the night markets



A family of four children admiring our products.



## Attendance Statistics for November



**Kerry Sinclair**

9 members attended Kerry's memorial service on Saturday 2nd December. Kerry's wife Kae presented this eulogy.

My husband Kerry will always be remembered as a softly –spoken, tactful man.

Now we all know that is a load of codswallop, but in an admittedly rare, moment of insight and self-deprecatory humour, Kerry said that he wanted this said at his funeral. There you are, Kerry. I've said it. Nobody believes it, but I've said it.

In fact, in any gathering, large or small, Kerry's big, booming voice could be heard way above all others. If I ever lost sight of him, I only had to stand still and listen and I would be able to locate him, chatting to someone. Kerry loved to chat to anyone about anything and everything, and he COULD talk about everything. He had a prodigious general knowledge and was an asset on quiz nights.

As to the tactful bit: as I occasionally told him: "Kerry, you have many fine qualities, but diplomacy isn't among them"

Kerry did have many fine qualities. He was always ready to help anyone, and would put in that extra mile. In spite of the rough, tough, exterior he worked so hard to portray, Kerry had a soft, marshmallow side, I, and many others, discovered over the years. He loved children, and most children were attracted to him.

Although he could have a short fuse, he never sulked, and was quick to apologise if he thought he had hurt someone's feelings. With me, he was always generous with his kisses and hugs and often brought home flowers if he thought I needed cheering up, or for no reason at all.

During our years together, we went on many happy holidays, including a trip around Australia – done in two stints – in our old "64 bus,, Bessie Bedford , chatting to all and sundry, all over Australia.

I never once doubted that he loved me and I certainly loved him. A complex man, at times he was a grumpy pain-in-the neck, but he was my grumpy, pain-in-the-neck. He was my world and I will miss him always.

## Shed Closure

Please note that the shed will be closing on 23rd December,  
 re opening on Wednesday 27th December.



## Meet the Member

It is hoped to have a "Meet the Member" article each month in the new year. **Look out you could be next.** If you would like to tell your fellow shedders about yourself please let me know. It is amazing the amount of talent and skills that our members possess so we would like to hear all about it.

The first shedder to be honoured in this column is David Hutton. This is his story.

### *David W. Hutton*



Born in northern England in 1935 I attended a village school in the Eden Valley in Cumberland.

Following this I went to Penrith Grammar School through to the sixth form, representing the school at cricket, rugby and athletics.

I joined a surveying practice in Carlisle in 1953.

I did national service in the Royal Artillery, posted to a proof and experimental establishment in the north of England.

Qualified as a Chartered Quantity Surveyor and elected a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Mildred and I were married in 1959 and have two sons and three grandchildren.

I became a Senior Partner in private practice and had a diverse work load in Building and Civil Engineering. I Also acted as a consultant to the public sector. I was an expert witness in several building disputes. An interesting part of my employment was in the preservation and restoration of ancient monuments for English Heritage and similar bodies.

My final employment in the UK was a part time lay member of the Pensions Appeal Tribunal which dealt with entitlement and assessment of pensions for ex servicemen and women throughout England and Wales.

I joined Rotary in 1985 and became Club President. I continued as a member for ten years when we moved to Australia in 2004.

David joined the Men's Shed in February 2010 and you will find him mainly in the paint shop, he is well known and identified by his artistic palette (his trousers). Maybe some time when he no longer needs them he will donate them to the shed to be framed for Ron to sell at one of our market stalls, we could possibly get a good price for them.





## Christmas Luncheon

*On Thursday 30th November members and their partners enjoyed a delightful Christmas lunch at the Avoca Café. The food and service was superb and the company warm and jolly. Below is a compilation of all enjoying themselves.*





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**Our motto is short way of saying what JMS is all about:  
"Blokes Building Better Communities!"**

**We are all about fostering better overall health and well being for all men. This has an obvious beneficial ripple effect for our members' families, the wider community and the members themselves**