



JOONDALUP MEN'S SHED

Bench Press

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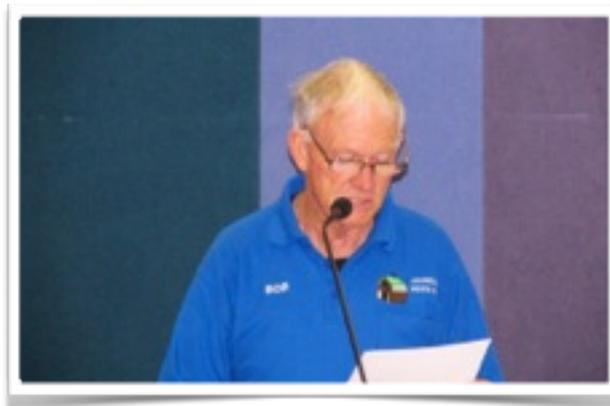
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Editorial

The AGM was well attended and the venue selection was appropriate for the occasion, with lots of room and some to spare.

The highlights were the reports by the committee members and the changing of the guards, at least for the positions that were made vacant by self withdrawal from the committee. This gives a chance for newer members to inject renewed thought process and lead the Shed to greater achievements; built on the foundation laid by previous office holders.

The success of the organisation is the accumulative effort of each member to contribute towards the efforts of the Committee members and assist in the progression of the well being of the ideals of the JMS. There are occasional disagreement in the process but not in the goal to succeed and the will to promote our unity.



President's Message

President's Report to AGM 21st August 2014

Thank you for being part of the Joondalup Men's Shed. Our membership continues to grow at a steady rate showing the need for our continued operation. Currently we have 240 financial members. This will drop a bit when we reach the final date for payment of subscription.

Your welcome and friendship to new members is one of the great things about our Men's Shed. The passing of Geoffrey Kukatai highlighted the immense value of the

Shed to our members. Raelene his wife couldn't express enough just how Geoffrey had enjoyed his time at the shed. It certainly was his main focus during the last months he was with us. I'm sure that Sam would agree with just how important friendships at the Shed help to live with the sorrow at the passing of a loved one.

Our Bench Press is a great way of letting our members know what is going on. Thanks Reg for the very professional way in which the Bench Press is edited. Similarly our new web page has finally developed to be more user friendly. Its taken a while to get where we are now but I'm sure it is well worth the hassles we had getting here. Thanks again Reg.



Vice President: Bob Davis

The behind the scene untiring efforts of Bob Davis need to be acknowledged for promoting the JMS in various public, governmental and semi-government quarters.

The quiet unassuming gentleman has tried to convince the concerned authorities for concessions towards our interests in securing our own place to call our OWN and not to overstay our temporary status in the present location.

Bob's report was well received by the membership and the awareness to our predicament did not go unnoticed by the membership.

Bob highlighted the various possibilities and scenarios that are a concern, especially in the recent financial and budgetary relocation of the resources that were available in the past from the government and associated ministries.

We can be assured of Bob's tireless efforts to mentor the committee and the general membership through this uncharted territory and conclude a worthwhile solution to our location dilemma.

Our shed benefits greatly from the input of Rob and Royce who seem to spend almost all their days here doing things behind the scenes that help the shed to be a better place. Remember they are volunteers like the rest of us doing their best to make the shed operate more efficiently.

Thanks again to Ron "The Draper" Slavin who does so many things for the shed.

It is important that we all pull our weight. If a bin is full then we should empty it, getting help if we need it. If you see something out of place then replace it. If the floor needs a sweep then have a go at it. Please don't leave your dishes and mugs for someone else to do.

We don't always see eye to eye so it is important that we have patience when dealing with other members. None of us are perfect so to make our shed a happy place to be, think how best to make that happen.

This year has been extremely busy helping both Master's and Bunnings settle into their new stores. Lots of barbecues, wheel barrows and outdoor furniture have

been assembled by great teams from the Shed. We have also been busy with sausage sizzles, again being supported with great volunteers. Thanks to all who have helped. It was great to see the teamwork.

Thank you to all those who have helped in so many ways over the last year, as well as the toymakers, the painters and the welders. You will know who I mean as I can't single you out. I will though make special mention of the Supervisors who make sure the shed operates from day to day.

Thank you to the Committee helping with the administration of the shed. Special thanks to our Secretary Arthur, our Treasurer Jem and Vice President Bob Davis.

Arthur is standing down this year after 3 years in the job. He's not leaving the shed but hoping to introduce more social happenings for those who would prefer to do something other than Wood Work or Metal Work. Thanks Arthur for your efforts. You've been a great help to me.

Thank you for allowing me to be your President. I have had a challenging year with lots more to learn. No doubt I've made some mistakes. We hopefully learn from our mistakes so we'll see what the next year brings.



**Treasurer:
Jem Shorland**

The treasurer's concise report was well received. The numbers that he presented were simplified for the benefit of members

and left little room to wander through the quagmire of mathematical equations. In the end the numbers all added up and awaits the auditor's authentication for the sign of approval and acceptance by the Tax Authorities.



Secretary: Arthur Yates

Our outgoing Secretary presented the various positions open for JMS Committee and the candidates vying for those positions. Voting was conducted by show of hands. Most positions were for re-electing of office bearers, who had shown willingness to continue in their present capacities. Arthur had willingly opted to stand down after three years of excellent service for our community. We thank him for his efforts in furthering our cause and exposing the JMS to the community



Past Shed Manager

Ron Hansen

Rob Hansen, the outgoing Shed manager, presented his report on the state of the Shed and the need for practicing good, safe habits in preserving the safe culture of the shed. The need for re-educating the members in the proper use of machinery and equipment was essential to prevent any accidents and reduce the cost of replacing various components.



Some pictures of the members at the EGM, relaxed and content with the outcome of the proceedings.





One of the recent projects undertaken by the Shed was the construction of this beautiful, colourful fire engine. The recipients were the children of the Padbury Community Kindergarten. The staff sent in these photographs of the children enjoying playing with this latest edition to their many toys and

expressing their gratitude to all the contributors who had volunteered their time and effort to bring a smile on the faces of these beautiful children.



Last newsletter had a mention of the refurbished castle which was up for a raffle draw. There was a lot of interest from various quarters who were prepared to take possession without having to wait for the draw. Eventually, the Child Protection Agency were the worthy recipients of the completed project. According to the reports, the Castle is being used for getting traumatised children, under the care of the agency, to interact with their carers and improve their communication skills. There is further demand for

more interactive toys and the Shed is presently in the process of facilitating that request.

The Masters wheel barrow exercise continues to be a monthly affair, often on short notice. Our expertise in assembly gains momentum and the tandem assembly teams have become a novel way of expediting the process. However, there is still room for more volunteers to help increase the number of wheel barrows and reduce the workload on a selective few. This venture assures the Shed of continuous income. So please answer the call when required.





Our social wednesdays, which is on the last wednesday of each month, is a popular day with the members, socialising in the familiar surroundings of the club hall and being served with some culinary delicacies by the New Shed manager, Royce Woodhouse.

The Roast beef was done to perfection and the accompanying gravy was par excellence.

Served with sautéed onions on a roll made repeat servings an essential. The fraternity of the Education department also enjoyed the



service and the long queues were proof of the inviting aromas that drifted down the corridors of the buildings. **WELL DONE ROYCE**



Our best wishes for speedy recovery of Perter Macander who underwent a recent operation .

Congratulations Trevor and Esther Thackray on reaching a milestone of 65 years of wedded Bliss on the 20th August

Our belated Birthday wishes to Royce Woodhouse for the 23rd August. Age withheld on Celebrants request.

Calendar Events

Talk on WA Farming given by Bob Allen on the **16th September** will be held in conference room 1 at 10.00am.

The Joondalup Men's Shed (JMS) is the local representative and a registered member of the Australian Men's Shed Association. The JMS Patron is Mr Ian Goodenough, MBA, BComm and Federal Member for Moore.

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

All articles and comments for inclusion in the Bench Press are welcome. Please submit by the third week of the month for publication, to Reg.. rluther48@gmail.com

James has requested for members contribution of all their old plant pots including discarded punnets, for a project that he is currently involved in. Please place them in the corner next to the sign in desk, near the main entrance.

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