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Some Photos from Paul Whiting.



3 Wise Men??



Mayor Brett is at it again!!



Visit to a recycling plant. Looks like the waste DOES go somewhere!!

MY ELECTRIC CAR – a talk presented by Leo Kerr to the November meeting.



For the roughly 77% of members who missed the monthly talk which precedes the November Monthly Meeting, you missed a wonderful talk. The very erudite Leo Kerr, in his witty Irish American accent presented a great peek into the future with the emergence after more than a century, of the electric vehicle [EV] as the disruptor of the internal combustion engine [ICE] and its fuel source, oil. Outside The Shed were two very beautiful Tesla cars kindly displayed ahead of the meeting by owners Clem Addis and Matt Kemner [with his Dad Jan]. The funny thing is that these cars would probably not be acceptable today unless they resembled the ICE powered vehicles they are expected to replace. Maybe, in ten years, the shape of these electric powered cars will evolve to make better use of the road space provided by the electric motors and the battery bank. It should not take long.

Leos talk started with a few facts most of us would not have appreciated. In the 1890s, the amount of horse excrement accumulating in the streets of big cities such as London and New York amounted to 800 and 1600 tons per day respectively. Imagine the job of cleaning that up. It had to be put somewhere. The smell, the flies, and it had to be walked through! In the

1940s, I recall the housewives in our street picking up the horse droppings from the ice, milk and bakers cart and putting them on the roses. Yes, but we didn't live in a big metropolis.

Electric cars emerged in the 1890s and have remained with us since, but completely dominated by the ICE to the point where the pollution caused by oil and gas powered ICE is being progressively legislated out of existence. Leo showed us the enormous range of EVs currently being developed. With batteries becoming far more efficient, smaller, cheaper and lighter, the inflexion point where EVs are becoming viable both in terms of cost and range is imminent. Leo showed slides of the growth of charging stations worldwide suggesting Australia is left far behind. And how the charging time can be reduced to the point where charging the batteries of an EV should take no longer than refuelling a tank with petrol.

There is no doubt that the legislative changes to preclude the ICE will result in a huge need for more electric power to recharge the EVs. He suggested that there will be a need for additional power stations to be built, but that these will be far more efficient than the present stations and the pollution generated by them will be more confined to the environs of the power station.

Leo showed us the current scope of EV manufacturers and the range of solar powered and electric buses, trucks, and aeroplanes currently being trialled and or operated. He suggested that hybrids may not be the way to go although in a country as large as ours and devoid of charging stations, it may be a temporary solution until more charging stations are built. The ICE super car brigade who spend inordinate sums of money – in the range starting from a quarter of a million dollars and upwards get a car that might be able to accelerate to 100km per hour in sub 3.5 seconds with the sub 3 second ICE cars costing above one million dollars. Some of the Teslas currently available have a 2.5 second acceleration time to the same speed.

Leo also introduced a number of concepts of safety that the autonomous vehicle are expected to bring as well as a ten-fold decrease in road accidents and deaths.

As for me, I can't wait for parallel developments to the range of gofers currently available. It was a great talk and most members present felt it was sad that the hour and ten minutes we had could not be extended. Judging by the number of questions, there is a lot of interest in this subject for the future traveller. It was very thought provoking.

Thanks to the people who brought their Teslas along for members to check out and thanks to Vic Power for arranging this very good talk.

For more on Leo Kerr, check out his website on www.MyElectricCar.com.au

David Kelsall

Cicero of the Roman empire wrote this about the situation during his lifetime:*

1. The poor - work & work. 2. The rich - exploit the poor. 3. The soldier - protects both. 4. The taxpayer - pays for all three. 5. The wanderer - rests for all four. 6. The drunk - drinks for all five. 7. The banker - robs all six. 8. The lawyer - misleads all seven. 9. The doctor - bills all eight. 10. The undertaker - buries all nine. 11. The Politician - lives happily on account of all ten.

*Written in 43 B.C.

Games Days

I've had a couple of enquiries about Chess so you can add that to the list of games able to be played each Wednesday.

Bruce West, my neighbour has donated a number of his books called Rockview to the Shed. A number have been sold but there are still a few left.

Bruce was born back in 1926 and the book cover his life growing up in the Wheatbelt. He managed and owned several farms over the years and the book mentions the various tractors and equipment they used on the farm in those days. It also mentions the yields for the various crops. Bruce also ran a live stock over the years.

Bruce wrote the book in long hand and then had it transcribed and professionally edited. There are numerous photographs of the day. It is a very interesting book for both the ex farmer and the City dweller as it shows just how tough live was back then.

The book is \$10 and ALL proceeds go to the Shed.

Dave Rusell

Perhaps the Present You Would Like For Christmas???

The ShedBoys

After much rehearsal, the lads returned to the RAAF Home in Bull Creek late in November and put on a one hour "concert" for the residents. The music was well received and they have been asked to go and do another show in 2018. Star of the show as John Ryding who did some rock and roll with one of the staff clearly one well informed about his dancing prowess!!

At the Shed Xmas function the lads played in difficult circumstances - windy, problems with the sound system, audience scattered to various sections of the site and all with "food and wine" being on offer very soon after!! Though not their best performance it still provided many with some entertainment. More time needed next time to get set up properly.



Test Your Knowledge!! Answers next month!!

- 1) 16 O in a P =
- 2) 10 C =
- 3) 9 P in the S S =
- 4) 4 H of the A =
- 5) 2000 L U the S =

From Tony Brown.

Some videos that are worth watching

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRj34o4hN4I> let this roll on to further videos

<https://www.wired.com/story/tesla-truck-revealed/> need to click on the speaker to get sound

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2017

What a year!! My reflections on the past year and into the future. Despite hold-ups with beauracy, we as a Committee have delivered on the wishes of those proposing additions from a big shed to an even bigger one. As has already been said, we now have a men's shed all can be proud to be part of and, also, the community of Mosman Park. We have delivered. I think, on all the requests that have come our way – culminating in the alternative activities room. We are hoping it will be used for more activities, particularly on Wednesday afternoons where various activities are available. The ShedBoys (Band) use the upstairs area for practice every Thursday evening.

The fence – at last we can make our place secure. It is a pity the Council, knowing full well their policy of no barbed wire in public places did not say to us early on – no barbed wire. Now we have to finance lattice panels to fill the 300mm gap or cut the posts off to leave the fence at 1.8 metres.

The Shed going forward – We now have the biggest Men's Shed in the Sate operating 5.5 days a week, big membership, but few shedders working with their hands on their own projects, let alone projects for the Shed to generate much needed income. What's the problem? Certainly not a lack of facilities – so what is the reason for low numbers of shedders doing core activities? Perhaps we are involved in too many other activities. I think there is some truth in that.

You have all heard my concerns regarding maintaining a healthy monthly financial surplus. Thank you to all, we are travelling well at present, but we must be on the ball, re income generation. E.g. Cottesloe school wants us to make an outdoor garden table bench combo – something simple to make. They were hoping we could deliver by school's end. I told them we could deliver before the 2018 school year starts. Projects such as this brings in more money that replaces 75 -year old rubbish. My apologies for not being able to speak to this report. I thank you all for your efforts regarding Shed extensions, a successful Craft Market and much enjoyable and appreciated Christmas function.

A merry Christmas and a happy new year to all.

George Klug Chairman

And Everyone Had a great Time at the Shed Xmas Function!!



The Shedder who made it all happen, organiser in chief Bob Peterson



Members and guests relax after a few drinks and some appetising food - the beef, ham and salads were delicious!



Smiles all round and chocolates to finish off!!



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