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VIRTUAL REALITY COMES TO KIMBA

Kimba residents will soon be able to experience virtual reality at the atomic scale and witness the wonders of science. A virtual reality booth will be installed in the Kimba office for the proposed National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

The new experience, created by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO), shows viewers how neutrons work inside Australia's multi-purpose Opal Reactor. The neutrons help produce nuclear medicine, irradiate silicon for industry or be part of a research experiment. You can also use the technology to watch the ANSTO staff at work inside the reactor floor.

Rod Dowler from ANSTO's Discovery Centre said "the technology gives residents in Kimba an insight into how tiny neutrons can benefit all Australians.

"From health, to researching our environment, supporting industry and creating new technologies that help us live more sustainably, nuclear science is vital to our future," he said.

"This virtual reality technology means that we can explain clearly to everyone, and particularly school students, how the OPAL reactor works and we hope this creates a spark of interest in science that may lead them into a STEM career."

ANSTO is offering free cardboard headsets in Kimba, giving residents the chance to take the virtual reality experience home. Come and experience the virtual reality now!



SUBMISSIONS REMINDER

Submissions will be one of the factors the Minister may take into account in understanding community sentiment for the Facility

Submissions can be made by:

Email: radioactivewaste@industry.gov.au

Post: The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science – National Radioactive Waste Section, GPO Box 2013, Canberra, ACT, 2601

Details on making and sending your submission can be found at www.radioactivewaste.gov.au

CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN PERIOD

Our community liaison officer, Maree Barford will be away from 21st December 2018, however, if you wish to contact her or arrange a meeting, she will return on the 7th January 2019.

Departmental Officers from Canberra will not be in the community between Friday 14th December - Tuesday 29th January, however, you can still contact the Canberra office via:

Contact Centre: 13 28 46

Email: radioactivewaste@industry.gov.au

Please note the Canberra office will be closed between Monday 24th December 2018 - Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday!

The Mens Shed gets a makeover thanks to the Community Benefit Package



Allan "Crowy" Crowhurst at the Kimba Men's Shed

The modern Men's Shed is an updated version of the shed in the backyard that has long been a part of Australian culture. Men's Sheds are found in many cities and towns around Australia and continue to spring up internationally. Some Men's Sheds, like the one in Kimba welcome all community members, regardless of their age or gender.

The Kimba Men's Shed received \$12,824 to upgrade their facilities including; concrete flooring, lighting and power installation as part of the Community Benefit Programme funding grants.

Secretary of the Kimba Men's Shed, Allan "Crowy" Crowhurst said, "The Kimba Men's Shed was formed to help men and women of all ages and fitness levels to join in and help with local clubs and committees with any projects and activities requiring tasks which would not be easily performed due to time and labour required."

"Without the grant, we would still have a gravel floor and no lights or power points which would make most of our tasks impossible to perform. We are very grateful for the huge boost to our capabilities.

"Recent projects we have worked on include repairing some of the Christmas decorations for placing around the town, ran a sausage sizzle for the opening of the silo painting and we now have a long list of tasks to help some of our senior citizens, including minor repairs, gardening and more," Allan said.

For more information on the Community Benefit Programme visit www.radioactivewaste.gov.au

Community Benefit Programme and Kimba Consultative Committee Update

A total of \$2 million was granted to support 33 projects. Most of these projects extend to the current financial year, with \$450,000 in payments scheduled over the next 6 months.

The department plans to engage with the Kimba Consultative Committee and Economic Working Group early in the new year to discuss the new \$31 million Community Development Package.



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