

Kushed Bulletin

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Winter BBQ

The barbecue was held on Friday 28th June and enjoyed by the members as the photos attest.



Shed Recycling & Waste Disposal

As a Community Shed, we have a responsibility to maximize waste disposal in a responsible manner. In future all cans, bottles etc. should be placed in the kitchen bins and removed by members for home disposal. The existing bin remains for kitchen waste

Clean unpainted timber off cuts are to go in the bin near the mid-sized band saw and offered to members for home fire kindling etc. Treated, laminated, MDF, particle board or painted timbers are to be cut in lengths no longer than 250 mm. and placed in our maroon wheelie bins (not grey) which are to be put out for collection on Mondays.

Bins are not to exceed 100 Kgs. and it should be recognized that we only have an allowance for two bins to be emptied weekly. A bin will be arranged for metal disposal in Block B.

There is now a green bin in the metal shop for steel recycling, below the metal folder. In due course a bin for non-ferrous metals will also be provided.

Would all members please contribute to this plan and ensure compliance.

Positions Vacant

Our Shed is a magnificent benefit to all of our members who really appreciate everything it has to offer.

The problem is that the workload has become larger and larger as our Shed has grown and we really need more members to help out a little more on a regular basis. Of particular need at the moment is:

- a "metal man" to become a Coordinator on Mondays in block B
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- a member to become a Coordinator on Mondays in block A
- a member to become a First Aider on Mondays in block A
- new Management Committee Members to help run our great place

There is no problem for anyone taking on these roles to have time off now and then as needed so please don't feel obligated to do these duties every week our Shed is open.

A volunteer Coordinator needs to have a good understanding of correct machinery use in the area they are supervising. You don't need to be Accredited for every machine in the building you are supervising. The main things are for you to be willing to open up and shut up our buildings occasionally; be willing to ask other members to help with cleaning up, covering windows etc at the end of each day; check that things have been put back where they belong, projects are taken home at the end of the day or to be continued the next morning and that members working during the day are using dirty/noisy equipment in outside spaces. There are obviously a few more things that you can do as you become more proficient in this role but the above will be a great start which will really benefit our Shed

A volunteer First Aider will need to have attended suitable training which our Shed will pay for if and when this need updating. For a larger description of this role and/or to volunteer for this role please see Mike Schwarz, Rob Lander or another First Aider.

A Shed Member who feels they might be able to help out on our Management Committee is probably best to approach any of our existing Management Committee members for a bit of an idea of how you can contribute in this area – Bob Lions, Don Crocker, Stephen Lloyd, Peter Adair, Andrew Killen, Mark Champion, Malcolm Bailey, Kevin Callinan and Tony Varrall.

If you don't feel quite capable of doing any of the above tasks you can also offer your special talents to do many of the regular tasks around our Shed which will help our place run more smoothly and better.

Looking forward to being inundated with volunteers, Tony Varrall



Parking

Parking beside Block B is not allowed due to a Council request so that the grass can regrow and the roots of the trees will not be damaged.

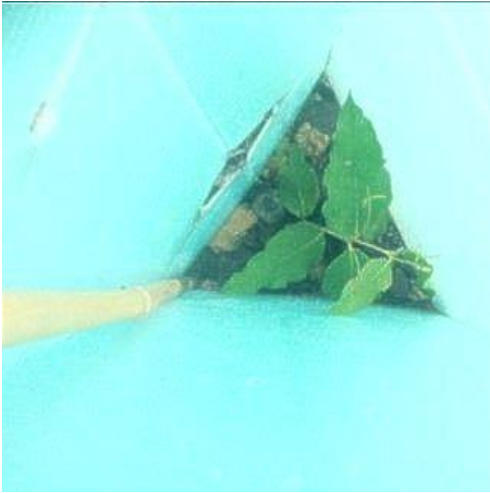
Shed Bushcare Group June activity

Our Shed Bushcare volunteer group met during June for the eighth time.

Several volunteers had already attended the free Bushcare training sessions held at Ku-ring-gai Council, an essential part of being a volunteer. This provided good basic understanding of Bushcare techniques and local native vegetation of the local Ku-ring-gai bush.

On the day we removed identified weeds and continued to transfer sprouting native trees that had come up naturally from the new Shed extension soil pile, into our second Bushcare site near the original shed. Each had a pale green sleeve around the small tree to protect it from Wallabies and rabbits. Many have survived during the long dry summer weather, and now cooler weather and good rainfall.

Our next working bee will be on Tuesday 17th July around 9.30am till morning tea.
Just bring a small hand trowel, gloves and a hat. All welcome.



Micro-Bats

Peter Adair is managing our Nesting hollows project and is likely to make some micro-bat boxes for Council. If you are interested in participating then talk to Peter.

For information: the Sydney Basin supports a rich microbat fauna of at least 19 species. Four species are predominantly cave-roosting, sheltering during the day in caves, mines, tunnels, culverts and stone basements.

The remaining 15 species roost during the day in tree hollows, under bark and in buildings.

For tree-roosting micro-bats the conservation of forests is the only reliable method of providing adequate daytime roosting resources for these species. Provision of artificial nest boxes in urban areas may augment roosting habitat for some species. This is what the project will be targeting.

Free evening talk: Microbats

Come along to hear all about the unique microbat species we have in Ku-ring-gai and how they are persisting in the urban environment. Did you know adult microbats weigh just 20 grams! They are only about 6 cm in length with a wingspan of 30 - 35 cm.

Ku-ring-gai is home to a multitude of microbat species which mainly roost in caves but also storm-water tunnels, buildings and other man-made structures.

Dr Leroy Gonsalves, Biodiversity Research Officer from the NSW Department of Primary Industries, will be discussing the results of this year's microbat monitoring program and the positive role that our Pool to Pond program is having on local microbats.

Time: Monday 15 July, 6:30pm – 7.30pm

Venue: Council Chambers, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon

RSVP : ccostello@kmc.nsw.gov.au

Light refreshments available

Cooking Group 21 June

The rejuvenated Cooking Class had its second lunch meeting on June 21st with 12 Shed blokes plus our instructor Dani and her assistant.

The menu was expanded to 3 courses: Entree of Classic Tomato and Basil Bruschetta, main of Chicken Cacciatore and dessert of Sticky Date Pudding. The entree group were hampered by having to toast 14 slices of sourdough bread on our very basic electric toaster but rose magnificently to the challenge to produce a tasty morsel.

The expertly prepared main was magnificent and the dessert to die for. The class is now full but if anyone would like an opportunity to experience the joys of eating your own creation, please email max-elliott@bigpond.com to go on a reserve list.



Shed Security

On the security front, Brian Killin and Tony Brown have completed the extension of the burglar alarm system to Block



B. The work also included replacing the single user code by a separate code for each authorised person. The changeover was completed a few weeks ago and there haven't been any complaints... yet.

We have installed all the cabling for the security camera system and last week finished installing the cameras themselves. Big Brother is now fully operational.

Much credit goes to Malcolm Bailey and Kevin Jeffress who did the thinking behind the design and layout. Sorry no photos of the acrobatic feats on ladders and scaffolding. (Best that the OH&S police remain unaware!)

The Things We Do



Mud Kitchen

Lin S, Mike S and Graham B designed and constructed two Mud or Play Kitchens for the East Lindfield Pre-School, based on a photo provided by the school.



Turning into something wonderful

Mark R has been wood turning a variety of cups and bowls with ancient Nordic designs and runic characters.

Fresh Tracks



Each year 1000's of young Australia's will suffer a brain injury. But given the right opportunities their young brains have an amazing ability to recover. Fresh Tracks provides them with activity-based programs that help stimulate the brain to improve the recovery rate of those young people with an acquired brain injury.



Designing our new home-based Virtual Reality cycle required some innovative and difficult machining to create the correct part. Mike and Rob from the St Ives Men's shed provided their skills to deliver a wonderful adaptation that could hold the screen and handles.

For more information see <http://freshtracks.com.au/>



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