

Kushed Bulletin

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Updated Covid 19 Procedures

Although NSW has been Covid free for a few weeks now the dreaded virus is only a returned citizen or new arrival to Australia away.

In the interest of the safety and health of our members, many of whom are in the vulnerable age group, we need to enforce the revised regulations

- Face masks are now voluntary, but should be worn if social distancing is not possible or for dust creating activities
- It is vital that you book a place in the Shed using the Eventbrite booking system to manage the number of people.
- Numbers in the lunch room must now be strictly kept to a maximum of 20
- There is alternative seating at the outdoor picnic tables which members are encouraged to use.
- Ensure you sign in and out of the Service NSW App using the QR code when arriving and leaving the Shed.

Your cooperation is essential in the interest of our members

Tony Varrall & Brian Killin, Joint Presidents

The Shed Environment Monitors and Display

As a new health initiative, The Shed has decided to monitor and report on the environment within our two buildings,

Six weeks ago, we installed sensors in Buildings A and B. These sensors measure temperature, humidity and the dust in the air.

These measurements are collected and sent to the cloud, so that we can see short term problems as well as long term trends

Starting this Monday, there will be a computer screen in the lunchroom displaying the results of this monitoring.

As well as the actual numbers, it will be colour coded to highlight when these numbers go outside acceptable ranges.

There is an accompanying poster showing the colours and their meanings, as well as suggested actions

We encourage all members attending the Shed to become familiar with the display and take heed of the results, in our efforts to provide a safer working area for our members

Thanks to Mark C for the design, construction and programming



Cooking Up a Storm in 2021

We are about to recommence monthly Shed Cooking Classes and invite members to express their interest in joining the group for 2021.

Past participants are most welcome as are other Shed members who would like to hone their cooking skills.

Classes are normally held on the 3rd Friday each month, from 9.45am until about 2.30pm. They cover food preparation and cooking under the guidance of our external instructors, followed by a convivial 3 course lunch when we sit down and eat our creations.

The current cost is \$20 per class to cover the purchase of ingredients and wine for lunch.

If you are interested in joining this happy group please contact Max Elliot at max-elliott@bigpond.com.

Numbers are limited so please respond without delay to avoid disappointment.

The first scheduled class is Friday the 16th of April



New Members

The organising Committee and other Shed members of the Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop, "The Shed", welcome you all.

We hope that you will enjoy the camaraderie and skills that you will see, and use, during your time spent at the shed.

If you have any concerns, or needs, please approach one of the coordinators on your days of attendance. You will find that they will be only too happy to assist.

Martin Buddery
John Harrison
Glenn Thompson
Ben Hur
Mark Reynolds

The Art Group

Five people attended the latest art group, each with their own projects.

Di continued with her sculpture piece, producing an intricate very small clarinet;

Marie practiced with her acrylic paints;

Rudy demonstrated his pantograph to reproduce an accurate enlargement of an illustration,;

Henry continued with his beautiful small landscapes he produces for charities;

Bruce did a watercolour of a French steamer, the SS Great Eastern, from an illustration enlarged with the pantograph and started painting a Hamsa Hand Challenge with a floral design.

Several more of these Hamsa Hand pieces are to be painted in the coming weeks by the group.

The next Shed art group is on Friday 16th March 10am to 2pm



New Roof for Old Container

Whilst being able to see stars through holes in a roof may be romantic, it's not the best for any materials stored inside.

Thus it was great to see Mike V, ably assisted by Rob S, constructing a colorbond roof to go on top of our container

This will prevent any rainwater getting to our stored timber and tools



Hamsa Hands Community Project

Recently a team assembled at the Shed to produce some plywood blanks for a fundraising program being undertaken by a local community minded individual, Sallianne McClelland.

Bendigo Bank generously chipped in and sponsored the Shed's activities with a much appreciated grant.

The project relates to a European custom of displaying what are known as Hamsas in different position on the front doors of houses and as a talisman in many religions

Sallianne organises different art groups to decorate before posting them on a web site, which then conducts an auction to the public to purchase.

Proceeds will all go to Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter and the Women's Shed Hornsby Ku-ring-gai.

Thanks to all those who have contributed.

Bruce D and his art group will be undertaking the decoration of a "handful" of the Hamsa hands.



The Calm Before The Storm

This view of our Bee Box section, showing the timber, templates and partially completed bee boxes may be quiet now, but come Monday and Wednesday it is a hive (geddit) of activity

In an ongoing project for Ku-ring-gai council, we are looking to churn out around 50 boxes a week to house the native bees of the shire



Preloved Notice Board

The notice board at Turramurra Station was looking rather neglected, having been vandalised and graffitied

Sharon from Bendigo asked us to bring it back to life again

Rob L, Warren O, Andrew K and Chris D, under the watchful eye of Tony V, retrieved the notice board, completely disassembled all parts, straightened the frames, fixed the locks, polished out the graffiti etchings on the Perspex window and returned it to Turrumurra Station looking brand new

The photo is not an advertisement for Brasso, but Brasso is very good at getting scratches out of Perspex



Notices

AMSA

The Christmas Special of The Shed Wireless, Episode 10 | Season 2, can be accessed [here](#)

Timberbits

Timberbits have moved from Villawood to Mona Vale.

New address: 6/8 Wilmette Place

Mona Vale NSW 2103

Phone 1800 388 833

The Traditional Tools Group

The TTTG bulletin can be found [here](#)

Freshtracks

Freshtracks is an organisation that assists people with brain injuries. Their activity based programs aim to simulate the brain, improve strength and build social connections in young people who have suffered and acquired brain injury.

The Shed is currently making more tablet holders for their stationary bikes

Their website is [here](#)

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