

# Kushed Bulletin

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## Shed Winter Barbeque

Members, come along to our next barbeque and have a break from all that hard work you have been undertaking.

The barbeque will be held on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June**,  
commencing with drinks at 12 noon followed by lunch when it's ready!  
(about 12:30 pm)

Donation of \$10  
Covers lunch and beverages.

A raffle will be held with the usual marvellous prizes  
Tickets \$5 each

Please register at the Shed or send an e-mail to:  
[kushed@bigpond.com](mailto:kushed@bigpond.com)

Registrations close on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June

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## The Extension fit-out



A wide range of activities and skills are involved in both the completion of the Shed Extension and the ongoing improvements to the current Shed.

Above we see the metal detector being fixed, tables being constructed and display shelves for our new range of Forstner bits.

The view of standing room only in the lunchroom shows the necessity for enlarging this area as the current welding area becomes empty

Installation of electrical works has included the new distribution box just inside the northern roller door of Block B, wiring around the walls behind wall linings to installed power outlets, hanging cable trays from the roof to carry power and video cabling along the length of the building, new and very bright LED lighting, running cat 6e cabling for our video security system, wiring in readiness for the 415v supply to heavy machinery, provision for external security lights, and a heavy duty circuit for the MIG welding bay.

Much thanks and recognition goes to Bob Lions for his design, budgeting, procurement and management of the electrical installations. We are very fortunate to have his input.

Completion of wall cabling has enabled installation of most of the wall linings. This has been challenging at times due to uneven and crooked support structures and doorways. Don Crocker and his team have provided a major input into this task. Hetta Mollema has also provided substantial input. Finishing touches such as moulding around windows and at wall sheet corner junctions are yet to be addressed.

There too many members who have had input into fitting out the new building to mention all of you but Mike Vernon should be acknowledged for his outstanding dedication and drive to get things done. He has acted as site manager extremely well and through his efforts and guidance, benches have been installed, the welding bay materials storage has been facilitated, welding masks are wall mounted , electrical wiring and power outlets have been installed, metal materials and equipment storage has been achieved under a bench, tool shadow boards are being provided, additional benches have been cleaned and painted, etc, etc.

Kevin Callinan's input into the new building works may not be widely known but he has been instrumental in behind the scenes paperwork especially budgeting and planning. He and I, along with others, share very similar visions for the Shed and we have worked well together to design a facility to address present and future needs. Kevin is currently seeing that three new general-purpose workbenches and a storage rack for sheet plywood are being made so that bee box construction in the new building is facilitated.

Kevin Jeffress and team are involved in making the new rack and benches. We are very fortunate to have Kevin J's outstanding leadership of bee box construction as it is generated much valued extra funding to assist our works. Kevin's team is making a massive contribution.

Tony Varrall has already had a team construct two new variable height work benches. The small EMCO metal machining lathe had already been mounted on such a bench by Tony's team.

The concreting of pathways around the Shed has been delayed due to personal problems of the contractor's. We are his next job and were ready to start but unfortunately the wet weather arrived and hence work could not start as excavations are required and these cannot be done in mud.

We have lodged a Section 96 DA Modification application to increase the office on the western side of the lunch room to 5.5m x 5m. This should provide for a dust free environment to house our computers, first aid stores, filing cabinets and records, printer(s), library and work stations.

The total project has cost approx \$130,000 (including \$10,000 for DA preparation) to this stage. The costs of an awning between buildings, sleeper retaining walls and concrete pathways are yet to be addressed in the near future. The expenses for the office addition will be addressed as needs be but Shed funding is already available to cover these costs.

Through this whole process, Malcolm Bailey has been a tower of strength. From the initial design, the lodgement of the DA, the almost endless meetings with Council, design of drainage and

construction, advice on layout and placement of equipment and a guiding hand for the all of the Shedders and contractors involved.

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## **A Grand Old Man of Gordon**



The Men's Shed was visited recently by Arthur Dreverman, one of Ku-ring-gai's celebrated very Senior Citizens. He is nearly 102 years old, still driving, and recently had his non-restricted driving licence extended for another 5 years ! He has lived in the same house in Gordon for over 65 years, where he lives on his own since his wife Barbara died a couple of years ago.

He generally drives into the City weekly for lunch, giving some friends a lift, and parking in a reserved spot. He is currently appearing in a special documentary by Westpac, being shown in their branches, regarding him being their oldest electronic banker. He is still very interested and competent with computers - he has 4 in his computer room !

Arthur has one of the most remarkable memories imaginable, which some of our shedders will attest to. He remembers clearly all his World War II activities, as well as his time as an engineer supervising the building of electricity power stations.

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## **Studio Artes Project Completed and Another Satisfied Customer**



Studio Artes Manager, Deb Sazdanoff is delighted to have three new wall mounted fold down workbenches together with shelving and tool racks installed and commissioned for their wood working participants.

This project sponsored by Bendigo Community Bank, was designed by David Wood who assisted Mike Schwartz in the construction and who in turn was assisted by Graeme Bradshaw in the installation at the Hornsby premises.

Well done team – a very satisfactory outcome for all involved.

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## **Ku-Ring-Gai Refugee Week Celebration**

The 2018 Refugee Week theme is #WithRefugees.

Head along for a night of inspiring stories, entertainment, market stalls and food.

Refugee Week is an opportunity for communities to show their support and stand #WithRefugees.

The event will include pop-up craft stalls, workshops, live performances, music, refugee stories and a banquet.

The proceeds from the sale of tickets and of stall products will be used to support the House of Welcome Women's Creative Hub, which is part of the St Francis Social Services.

More information can be found on website <https://www.stfrancis.org.au/house-of-welcome>

Details of the event are outlined below:

**Date:** Friday 22 June 2018

**Time:** 6.30pm – 9.30pm

**Venue:** St Ives Community Hall, Memorial Avenue, St Ives  
[http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Facilities\\_Data\\_Upload/St\\_Ives\\_Community\\_Hall](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Facilities_Data_Upload/St_Ives_Community_Hall)

**RSVP:** <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=387712>

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## Cooking Class Report



An Italian theme for this class saw Ruth & Ken Anania dressed for the occasion though you couldn't be blamed for mistaking them for garden gnomes!

Nonetheless, our team of 12 cadet chefs rallied together to produce what could only be described as a "magnifico" lunch fit for a Contessa's wedding banquet.

As if such recipes as Minestrone Soup, Olive & Rosemary Focaccia, Spaghetti Carbonara, Fettuccini Marinara and Caprese Salad weren't enough to see us all drooling as we sat down to eat, the piste de la resistance was the Tiramisu Cups laced with a generous dose of Tia Maria.

It goes without saying that a merry time was had by all which only goes to show Ruth's prowess in converting a bunch of old blokes into accomplished 3 hat culinary artists.

## Notices

**Wood Turning** May 2018 newsletter [click here](#)

### **Timber & Working With Wood Show and the Traditional Tools Group**

Both will be moving to Rosehill Garden Racecourse from Olympic Park and the dates have changed from 22-24 June 2018 to 20-22 July 2018.

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