

# Kushed Bulletin

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## **The Joint President's Christmas Message**

I am delighted to wish all our Shed members a wonderful and happy Christmas celebration.

The year has had its challenges and we have been able to adapt well as the circumstances changed.

Next year we will be encouraging members to perhaps just come in and "Have a Chat" if they don't have any personal projects.

We are building some new outdoor tables with seating to accommodate you in the fresh air.

I must particularly note great thanks to those who have contributed so generously to Shed projects and also those who have been keen to look after other members during Covid.

I am personally very pleased to have been nominated and accepted as Joint President with Tony and I am looking forward to contributing to the ongoing success of our Shed.

### **Brian Killin**

Merry Christmas and Very Best Wishes for 2021 to all our Shed Members and other Shed Supporters.

Despite its problems we have now completed another wonderful year at our Shed.

I would like to personally thank every one of you for all of your support, contributions and generally being part of our great group of mates enjoying each other's company, assistance and general comradeship throughout the year.

Looking forward to seeing all of you happy guys once again in 2021, hopefully free of the Covid 19 restrictions we had to adhere to during this year.

### **Tony Varrall**

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## **Shed Christmas break**

The last day the Shed will be open is  
Thursday 17 December 2020.

That Thursday will be the year's end Shed  
clean-up day with no project work being  
done on the day.

The Shed will re-open on Monday 11  
January 2021



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## Are You Ready for The Bushfire Season?

Although this Bushfire Season is expected to be cooler and damper than last, there is no room for complacency.

Do you have a Bushfire Survival Plan and do you know the new Fire Status signs?

Do you have the **Fires Near Me NSW** app installed on your phone? This will alert you when a bushfire is present in your area

Have you organised a visit from Fire & Rescue NSW?

Have you taken advantage of the **AIDER** program to reduce the fire danger around your home?

These are three levels of Bush Fire Alerts:



### Advice

A fire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.



### Watch And Act

There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.



### Emergency Warning

An Emergency Warning is the highest level of Bush Fire Alert. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.

For assistance with creating a Bushfire Survival Plan see [here](#)

To install the Fires Near Me NSW app, go to the Android Play Store or Apple App Store  
and search on **Fires Near Me NSW**

For more information on a Fire & Rescue visit to your home, see [here](#)

For more information on the AIDER program, see [here](#)

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## The Shed Art Group

The recently formed Shed Art group have been meeting and are painting and drawing up a storm

Come along and enjoy creating something artistic.

The group is held either inside or outside the Shed, depending on the weather

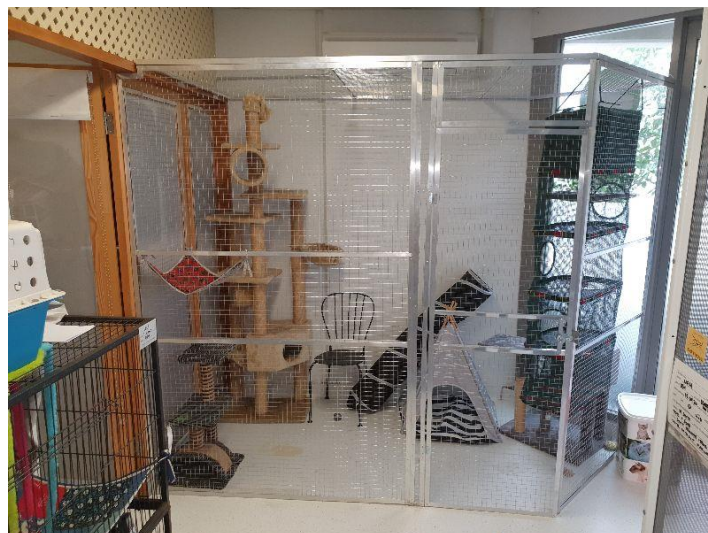
The next get together is Friday, 15th January 2021 and as per the Shed booking process, a ticket can be booked [here](#)

Please contact Bruce Donnelley through [kushed@bigpond.com](mailto:kushed@bigpond.com) for further details

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## What We Do



## A Purr-fect Project

Sydney Animals For Everyone (SAFE) at Roseville needed a BIG cat cage they could offer to people wanting to board or socialise their cats.

Rob S measured up, designed the cage and provided the quote  
Rob S and Mark C built the panels in our General Purpose Area

It was an excellent team effort of Maria R, Jack Z, Gerry H, Max E, Martin B, Rob C and Mark C over three days to prepare the existing walls, install the ceiling, wall panels and door and pop rivet everything together

The photo shows the cage furnished and ready to accept the first clients

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## Mobile Planter Box

Martin B bought the wheels and constructed the rest of the Planter box.

It will have a plastic lining and central draining channel and is being varnished for protection outside



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## Pedalling into The Air

This amazing copy of a Piper Super Cub was built by Bill L.



The Super Cub is an advanced model of the original Piper Cub; a simple trainer produced to train pilots during WW2.

Bill joined the Ku-ring-gai Shed after a long absence from the North Sydney Shed and as a new member asked Shedder Rob if he would cut out the side panel of the plane for him, as Bill had not gone through the process of qualifying to use the equipment.

Most of the remaining work was done at home

Please contact Bill L through [kushed@bigpond.com](mailto:kushed@bigpond.com) if you would like details of the plans or to study Bill's plans

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## **Insect Hotel Just In Time for Covid Quarantining**

This insect hotel was assembled and installed on site for a Shed client by Ross J and George B

Just the thing for blow ins from overseas who need a place for a little R&R

The client was so impressed, she gave a rather handsome tip for a job well done



## **Dolls House by Grown Up Boys**

Rob L and Graeme B assembled this dolls house for a Shed Client

We are sure it will make some young kids very happy this Christmas.

Given the warm reception for our assembly tasks, we have given the Shed details to local shops, so that others can request our assembly expertise

## Turning Timber into a Lamp Stand

This beautiful lamp stand required precision turning by John S.

The pieces had to be hollowed out as well to carry the power wire and for connecting them together



## Candelabra

Robert is making a candelabra from recycled materials including springs from a trailer and pre-loved timber.

It has a distinct gothic appeal.

## Creating A Door

Michael S has been constructing a door of solid proportions.

This involved the exacting drilling and chiselling of the mortice and tenon joints.

Coordinators Mike S and David W are assisting with the glueing up, before the installation of the glass infill panels



## Ku-ring-gai Shed to the Rescue

There are many occasions when our fellow Shedders help each other out away from our Shed.

A recent example was George B helping Tony V out when Tony became stranded with a flat tyre.



George fought through the detritus of Tony's garage to find the spare wheelchair, exchanged the tyre and got Tony mobile once more.

Tony was most appreciative. Once again one of his fellow Shedders assisting him with tasks he can't do for himself.

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## Oak 'Chunks' Available

Doug S was able to rescue multiple timber chunks when a 100 year old Oak tree near his home was brought down.

They are beside the Container. Anyone interested should choose appropriate pieces and paint them to prevent end splitting

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## 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 this year made tablet holders for their stationary bikes

Their website is [here](#)

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