

# Kushed Bulletin

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## **The Shed is Closed until Monday, 2nd August**

To all our Members

The lockdown and consequent necessity to close the Shed and cancel our BBQ has certainly presented all of us with a challenge.

At this stage it is uncertain when we might be able to recommence. In the meantime we will be working on ensuring that you have an even better Shed to return to when we are able to do so.

We are really looking forward to our AGM where we can share a lot of this progress with everyone.

If you are finding life a bit difficult and would like some support we are working with a team at Macquarie University to ensure that support is available.

Their psychological treatment program is free, and can be delivered face-to-face or remotely via telephone and video conference.

More information is available at [www.tiny.cc/SPAA-Study](http://www.tiny.cc/SPAA-Study) or via **02 9850 8715**.

Alternatively, email them at [AgeingWisely@mq.edu.au](mailto:AgeingWisely@mq.edu.au).

If you think this would be of assistance to you then please take advantage of it. Of course it is entirely confidential.

We will be updating you regularly and will be available if you need us.

Email [kushed@bigpond.com](mailto:kushed@bigpond.com) or call 0400 297 664 (Brian) if there is any way we can assist you.

Your Shed Committee

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## **The Quarterly BBQ Has Been Cancelled**

As the Shed is currently closed, the BBQ due to be held on Friday the 23rd of July has been cancelled

We will notify you of a new date for the BBQ once a Shed reopening date is clear

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## **Time for Reflection**

We received many emails from you on suggestions, improvements, thank yous and jokes

Thank you so much to those who took the time to think about our Shed and what may make it better

Many of the ideas for small improvements can be implemented when we reopen  
The rest will be costed and put to the Committee for review

This is an ongoing channel for suggestions, so please, if you have something to contribute, send an email to [kushed@bigpond.com](mailto:kushed@bigpond.com)

The Shed Committee

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## **Commonwealth Government Environmental Grant Native Plant Project**

With the help of Shed volunteers we have installed star pickets and sprayed two selected areas around the Shed buildings to kill off weeds and grass.

Thirteen different varieties of native plants were chosen that are endemic to the Duffy Forest area and do limit being a bush fire hazard.

Some 350 plants were ordered from the local Terry Hills company Harvest Seeds and Native Plants, along with protective sleeves and bamboo stakes.

A team of five then dug individual holes and planted out the native plants in specific areas. Low level grass species were planted a safe distance from each building, then larger native shrubs further away, as recommended.

Each plant has a sleeve and bamboo stakes to protect it from Wallabies that frequent the area always looking for plant food.

A mix of native mulch was delivered and spread out around each plant to keep the soil moist, and help protect each plant.

Some mulch was spread in front of Shed B to help reduce the muddy area and also near the Douglas Pickering Pavilion to help divert rainwater away from our buildings.

We then watered each plant and fortunately the area has received good follow up rain since planting.

With the Covid restrictions we still have some native plants to plant, and will complete once we can return to the Shed.

With further watering and being mid winter, it is the ideal time to plant native plants.

Come summer we should see an improved upgraded area of native plants, natural to the area growing around our Shed.

Bruce Donnelly - Bush Care Team Leader







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## Protecting Our Shed Flora

Along with the work being done above for the replanting, we also want to maintain the grasses and trees we have already

To that end we have placed signs on the Eastern side of Building B, restricting parking in that area

Please take notice of these signs to protect the existing flora



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## **Daddy, What Did You Do In The ~~WAR~~ Lockdown?**

As we struggle singly, jointly and collectively through this lockdown, we have heard many stories of Shedders doing their best to carry on

This is one of them. We invite others to contribute their stories (Send them to [kushed@bigpond.com](mailto:kushed@bigpond.com))

Mark Champion is involved in the team doing the design and implementation of the new Dust Extraction Infrastructure for The Shed

Part of that is the purchase of a Laguna P Flux Cyclone Dust Extractor. This is 170 kilos of dust sucking goodness, with a HEPA filter and integrated dust bin

It does however come in around 300 pieces, requiring assembly.

The first photo shows the jigsaw puzzle in Mark's garage, the second shows the how the completed unit will look

It will (hopefully) be ready for installation when the Shed reopens, and will form the basis of dust collection for the Woodturning and Bandsaw area





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**National Tape Measure Day**





You may not know this, but July 14th is National Tape Measure Day in the US

Do we need to start a movement to have this day introduced into Australia, and more importantly, gazetted as a public holiday

In honour of this day, the US National Institute of Technology and Standards has an intriguing article on the history and uses of the humble tape measure

It can be found [here](#)

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## Humour

### Metalwork/ Woodwork Jokes

Never use the right tool if the wrong one is handier.

Never put anything away. The tools might be in the right place the next time you need them.

If it won't fit, force it.

As a last resort, dig the instructions out of the bin.

During woodwork, use a mixture of straight slot and cross-head screws. It deters the next man from undoing your handiwork.

New glue sticks better than old, so never put the top back on the tube.

Dismantle delicate equipment over a deep pile carpet or an outside drain. Small screws will be impossible to find and it will save you the trouble of looking.

Never switch off electricity at the fuse box. It's a long way away, even if you know where it is.

Anyone who needs something other than a hammer, set of large pliers and two screwdrivers to change a watch battery is a sissy and shouldn't be allowed near a decent timepiece.

If all else fails, shout for the father-in-law.



Good morning doctor

Ma'am... I'm your hairdresser



**I asked my Doctor today how long he thinks this COVID thing will last. He responded with: "How should I know? I'm a doctor, not a politician".**



Like i was saying, the circus is just one of my careers. The real money comes from frosted flakes





How fast was the ostrich running  
when it hit the tree?



This is a rare photo of a mother vise-grip feeding her baby wrenches. Nature really is amazing.



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## Notices

### **The Traditional Tools Group**

This group is for anyone interested in traditional tools and skills

Their website is [tttg.org.au](http://tttg.org.au)

## **Nuts and Bolts - The magazine of AMSA**

The June Magazine is [here](#)

## **The Latest Episode of The Shed Wireless Podcast**

The latest podcase is [here](#)

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