

Kushed Bulletin

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Notice of the 2017/2018 Annual General Meeting & Call for Nominations of Committee Positions

Notice of Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop Annual General Meeting is given to all members for 11:00 AM on Friday 8th September 2017 in the Douglas Pickering Pavilion at St Ives Showground.

In accordance with our constitution, all committee positions will become vacant and therefore, nominations are called for all positions and must be submitted to the Secretary, Malcolm Bailey, seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Forms can be acquired from Mal.

The AGM will be followed by our Spring Barbeque. Please register for both events at the Shed or by e-mail at kushed@bigpond.com.

BBQ and AGM Sign-on Sheet for Catering

If you are attending the AGM and BBQ on Friday 8th September then please add your name to the attendance sheet in the lunchroom to assist with the catering of the BBQ.



Annual Membership Subscriptions

A friendly reminder to Members to pay the annual subscriptions which became due on 1st July. Annual fees remain at \$75 and can be paid direct to our bank account or by cheque or cash at the Shed.

Please be sure to quote your name and Invoice number.

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Helping Homeless Bees



Keith cutting bee entry tubes for the bee boxes because the bees may be allergic to the thermal insulating foam. Sensitive critters. We are considering adding a door and a ding-dong bell to announce when they are back home.

Barry Eastment

A note was received from Margaret, Barry's widow, thanking The Shed for being an important part of his life. He enjoyed the companionship. In particular the project to get the "Big Shed" at the St Ives Showground off the ground, in which he was happy to be a part of the building team.

Classic Project Fulfils Purpose of the Shed



When Lin Smith found he had some spare time in between contributing to the various community projects of the Shed, he sought a 'challenging' project to fill the gap.

He teamed with coordinator Mike Schwarz to build a classic 'Adirondack' chair, an outdoor chair that graces many a North American patio. Lin spent time sourcing detailed designs (in feet and inches!!) from North America via the internet, transposing these on to templates before cutting the selected timber and assembling the chair.

The project turned out to be a bit more of a challenge than first envisaged leading to many bench top 'discussions' during construction, but the end result was judged to be well worth the effort.

Thumbs-Up for Completion of a Complex Project for Sydney Trains



When Sydney Trains could not find a commercial organisation to develop and build training aids for their TrackSAFE education program, we were approached to undertake this challenging project.

Sydney Trains run this program each year and needed a set of some 128 individual figures, each depicting various parent/child scenes at rail platforms. The figures with unique keying, prompt correct behaviour which in turn educates pre-schoolers with visual puzzles. John Beales worked with the client to devise a suitable construction concept to build the figurines and accommodate the various graphics in a durable finish.

John and his team of helpers, Peter Adair and Rod Heydon commenced fabrication on 10th July and with other helpers including Hetta, Graham, Maria and Kate, completed the project in a timely manner over three weeks. The Sydney Rail Team were most satisfied with the final result and appreciated John's research, detailed planning, precision fabrication and excellent graphics.

The Rail Safety Week commences at Central Station on Sunday 13th August where the figurines will be put through their paces with hands-on participation by the pre-schoolers.

Photo: John Beales and the client with "Thumbs-Up"!!!

A-Frames



These A-frames were made by Frank, Jim and Rob. Jim and Rob are pictured here with the final product.

Father's Day Cookbook gift

Father's Day is approaching fast and is on Sunday, September 3, 2017. No better gift can be had than the Shed's own Cookbook.

As it says on the cover: Extraordinary food for extraordinary blokes. They are available in the lunchroom for a meagre \$10 donation.



Woodturning and Tool Sharpening Course Delay



A number of members indicated an interest in these courses and they have not been forgotten.

Courses have been delayed whilst we are upgrading our equipment to a uniform standard, including the importation of special cutting tips from America, and also while David Manor, our practical demonstrator, has been familiarising himself with our lathes. Delay has also occurred because of David's travelling activities which include another imminent trip.

The tool sharpening course is related to the woodturning course and is planned to succeed it so that participants understand the intricacies of lathe tool geometry.

A schedule for both these courses will be developed to accommodate approximately twenty-four interested members with four lathes available. Members who registered their names will be notified in due course and some training may be programmed for Tuesdays or Wednesdays instead of Fridays.

Maxi Husband Beater



When Kevin Callinan was approached by a local café proprietor and cake maker to procure a king-sized rolling pin, he turned to “master” wood turner, David Manor, to find a suitable piece of timber to turn such an implement.

David tested a couple of timbers but finally settled on a lovely piece of red mahogany and produced a wonderful rolling pin with beautifully fashioned handles in beech. It is 1.3 metres in length with a 70mm diameter.

We imagine the rolling pin is to roll out icing and marzipan but it would certainly provide for scaring off any would be robbers or other nasty people for that matter.

Well done David – a well completed commission!

Men's Shed July Newsletter

Click here <http://mensshed.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/The-Shedder-July-2017.pdf> for the Newsletter

Wood Turning Newsletter August 2017

Read the newsletter [here](#)

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