

Kushed Bulletin

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Update on the Shed Extension



Work is well underway on the new extension, with the area enclosed by security fencing and off-limits for the construction period unless engaged in work on the site. Parking will be near the dog exercise area or the road.

On the 3rd October a number of trees were felled to make space for the extension. The logs will be used to delineate and protect sensitive nature areas around the Shed site. The stumps in the ground will be grubbed out before earthworks can start. Four trees were removed, but twelve trees will be planted as part of the site regeneration process.

Extra soil will be brought in to level the site before the slab can be poured. It will take a month to cure the slab before holes can be drilled for the erection of the shed itself.

The shed will be delivered as a kit and then put together by the manufacturer. This includes the ground works, concrete slab, steel frame and cladding together with doors and windows.

Completion, all being well, will be by the end of December. Shedders will then be undertaking the drainage, services reticulation and connection as well as fit out.

Needless to say, your help in this work will be highly appreciated. Even if it is 10 minutes at a time, we will need all the hands we can muster.

In the interest of work safety, there will be a number of safety briefings to ensure everyone understands that this is of utmost importance. You should wear sturdy footwear, preferably safety boots with steel toecaps. High visibility vests are available at the shed and must be worn.

Work gloves will also be supplied.

There will be no access to the shed through the roller doors. Instead you should use the kitchen door or the side door into the workshop near the toilets.

The full safety document is being prepared and will be made available when completed.

On Saturday, Tony joined Malcolm and Stephen at The Shed to meet and supervise an excavator who came to dig out the remaining tree roots and to move logs.

Stuart, the driver of the 2 ton excavator, worked non-stop from 9 am until after 2 pm. He will be back on Tuesday to complete this and other tasks.

We would like to thank everyone involved in bringing our new shed to this stage.

We are especially appreciative of Malcolm's knowledge of all the intricacies of exactly what needs to be done. Many have done so much work but Malcolm in particular deserves our very sincere thanks for the enormous amount of work he has put in and continues to do driving this whole thing to finality.

Ku-ring-gai Council Survey for Seniors

Ku-ring-gai Council is undertaking a survey of Seniors. They are interested in your perceptions of Well-being and Social Inclusion in our community. Your responses will inform Council's future community planning, so don't miss this chance to add your voice.

The link is here:

http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Things_to_do/For/Seniors/Wellbeing_survey_for_seniors

Would members please support our Council and complete the Survey for Seniors either on line or in hard copy

Article on The Shed in The North Shore Times

Our President, Stephen Lloyd, appeared in a recent issue of the North Shore Times, extolling the benefits of The Shed and the new extension.

It has drawn considerable attention and enquiry, with many new members joining last week

The article is here:

<http://newslocal.smedia.com.au/north-shore-times/shared/ShowArticle.aspx?doc=NLNST%2F2017%2F10%2F05&entity=Ar01901&sk=4919DC7B>

A New Home for Your Old Bicycle

A very worthwhile charity is just down the road in Brookvale and Belrose .

Bike4life accepts unused bicycles, rejuvenates them, packs them into containers and sends them off to countries where bicycles are in desperate need.

More information is on their website at <http://www.bikes4life.com.au/sydney/>

Cooking Class - Another Fine Effort



Another outstanding cooking class of menu selection and camaraderie, following the Shed's participation of like-minded fellows with a common goal of sharing their time and conversation whilst learning culinary skills. Today's recipes continued on from the Shed's successful *The Real Men's Cookbook* released worldwide in June. If you haven't a copy it's a great gift that directly supports the Shed.

Our entertaining full menu for the day was.

The entrée – Zucchini Frittata served with creamy ricotta and white bean dip

The main – BBQ lamb with tomato anchovy butter and accompaniments potato salad with dill pickle and Greek salad

The desert – Orange slices in spiced red wine and pouring cream, a delicious way of completing the lunch.

All twelve cooking class participants under the supervision of Ruth were well satisfied with our Michelin fine dining styled restaurant quality result. Over lunch we were entertained

with great jokes from Hugh Lander and Ron Brew with his squashed chicken joke that was delivered complete with props; very clever.



Helping Out the Scouts

John Beales recently completed a mounting board to accommodate a bronze commemorative plaque for the Gordon Scouts.

John effectively etched the intricate pattern of the plaque into a lovely piece of Red Mahogany using a router and fine sanded before applying a clear oil finish.

Great result and contribution John.

Safety Tips for Shedders

This will hopefully be an ongoing series. The first two were kindly provided by Kevin Callinan

Drilling wood or metal using a Drill Press

The Drill Presses used for drilling wood are fitted with a Drill table as an accessory. These are fitted with a guide bar and tracks for clamping the timber being drilled.

Many shedders believe that they can simply hold the timber by hand without using either the guide bar or the clamps. This creates a hazard which can lead to significant damage to either the piece being drilled or injury to the shedder.

Ideally the timber being drilled should be placed on top of a sacrificial piece of timber so that when the drill bit exits through the board there is no break out. The sacrificial piece of timber should be larger than the piece being drilled so that it is fully supported.

The real hazard arises when the drill is being withdrawn from the hole; if not firmly held

the piece being drilled may move and bind on the drill causing it to 'spin like a helicopter', causing damage to the work-piece and injuring the shedder. Remember always firmly secure the work-piece before drilling.

When drilling metal the workpiece may not be of uniform shape and clamping is essential to ensure and maintain the correct drilling angle.

There are a variety of vices and 'hold down' clamps available and the work-piece must always be firmly clamped either in a vice (bolted to the work table) or using other 'hold downs' to avoid any damage to machine, the work-piece or injury to a shedder.

New Members to the Shed

The President and Committee would like to welcome the following new members who have joined our shed since July this year.

We would appreciate it if all existing members would welcome our new fellow shedders to the fold.

George Sicha,
Peter Jones
Max Elliot
Mario Elizondo
Jim Dewar
Ken Anania
Allyn Colgan
Ron Dawson
Donald Burnett
Barry Collins

Notices:

An article about wood turning classes at The Shed

<http://www.kushed.org.au/Web-files/October2017WoodturningNewsletter.pdf>

AMSA is offering insurance to cover the excess you might pay on your car insurance in case of an at fault accident. Details are here:

<http://mensshed.org/excessplus/>

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