

# Kushed Bulletin

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## COVID 19 Procedures

Although NSW has been COVID free for a number of weeks now the dreaded virus is only an overseas arrival to Australia away. The recent case of a security guard at a quarantine hotel highlights that we are not out of the woods just yet and need to stay vigilant.

In the interest of the safety and health of our members, many of whom are in the vulnerable age group, we need to enforce the revised regulations

- Face masks are now voluntary, but should be worn if social distancing is not possible or for dust creating activities.
- It is vital that you book a place in the Shed using the [Eventbrite](#) booking system to manage the number of people. This is the [link](#) to the booking system.
- Numbers in the lunch room must now be strictly kept to a maximum of 20.
- There is alternative seating at the outdoor picnic tables which members are encouraged to use.
- Ensure you sign in and out of the Service NSW App using the QR code when arriving and leaving the Shed.

Your cooperation is essential in the interest of our members.

**Tony Varrall & Brian Killin, Joint Presidents**

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## FEIN Dust Collector/Extractor



The Shed has purchased five new Fein Dust Extractors/Collectors to reduce the fine dust pollution to the benefit of the health of our members.

The Fein dust collector is a high-pressure low volume (HPLV) dust extractor fitted with a “permanent filter” and a HEMA/ HEPA fine filter that collects 99.7% of fine dust particles, preventing them being exhausted to the atmosphere. The permanent filter ensures that larger dust particles do not clog up the fine filter and that larger particles are collected in the base (bucket) of the extractor.

Some dust extractors are permanently attached to machines, i.e., Panel Saw and Drop Saw. These are **not intended** to be detached and used for other purposes.

Mobile dust extractors should be used with care, in the same way as a household

vacuum. The extractor is fitted with a long flexible hose, power cable and is fitted with wheels enabling freedom of movement over an extended area. A variety of attachments are available. The extractor is intended for use with wood and normal dust. IT IS NOT TO BE USED FOR METAL AND FIBROUS COMPOSITE MATERIALS.

**The Dust extractors should be emptied on a regular basis.** The top motor and fine filter portion should be detached by undoing the clips on both sides of the extractor and separating the top; The “white permanent filter” should be removed and, either a plastic waste bag be placed over the base unit and the base unit be inverted to empty the contents into the plastic waste bag. The plastic waste bag should be sealed, and the bag and contents placed in a Council garbage.

**Alternatively**, the contents of the base unit can be distributed around the nature areas adjacent to the shed: distribute over a wide area in direction of the wind.

The “permanent filter” is shaped to match the shape of the base unit. Care should be taken in returning the “permanent filter” on the base unit before placing the motor unit on the base: it only fits one way. Ensure the clips on both sides of the extractor are locked in place and test the extractor by turning on the power.

The “permanent filter” and the fine HEPA filter will be cleaned and maintained on a periodic basis, members should not clean these.

When using any dust generating machines like table saw, belt sander, drum sander, drop/mitre saw, panel saw and the like, ensure the dust extractors are turned ON and the slide valves are open in the interest of the health of your fellow members. When finished close the slide valves to maintain suction in the extraction system.

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## New Members

Our new Shed members are:

Gary Stoddart  
Rob Germaine  
Kathryn Cowley  
Edwin Burwood  
Greg Croker



The organising Committee and other Shed members of the Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop, "The Shed", welcome you all.

We hope that you will enjoy the camaraderie and skills in the Shed. If you have any concerns, or needs, please approach one of the coordinators on your days of attendance. You will find that they will be only too happy to assist.

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## New Kushed Bulletin Editor

This is the last Bulletin I will edit. From the next issue onwards Mark Champion will be

the Editor with John Griffin-Miller as Co-Editor.

Having started the newsletter 5 years ago and some 60 issues later, it is time for a fresh team. The Bulletin was an enjoyable experience that showed the wide variety of activities the Shed is involved in. The more frequent issues during the COVID-19 lockdown were particularly challenging but important to maintain contact with our members.

Please show the new team your support with news and articles to share with our members and beyond.



**Hette Mollema**

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## A Heartfelt Thank You

The Committee and Members wish to extend our thanks to Hette Mollema for establishing our Website and publishing our Bulletin for the past five years. Both have been really important aspects of communicating with our members and with the wider public. While taking care of these tasks he has also volunteered for permanent roster duties every week as a Coordinator as well as assisting with many valuable Community projects. I am sure everyone agrees that he has done a great job.



He is now stepping down and we will miss his valuable services. Hette is a busy man with over 20 years commitment as a volunteer at the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (see [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0meNJKU\\_qlw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0meNJKU_qlw)) and more recently as a widely acclaimed speaker to Probus clubs and other community groups.

He has always found the time and energy to be a much valued member and we greatly appreciate and thank him for all he has done for the Shed and its Members.

**Tony Varral and Brian Killin**  
**Joint Presidents**

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## Things We Do

### Dog Ramp



Rob designed a car loading ramp for his aging dog, and to save his own back. In his own words: *"Here is the completed ramp to help the 30 kg grand-dogs get in and out of my wagon, as I'm sick of busting my back lifting them in!"*. It folds in half and uses some leftover carpet to prevent slipping and was made with mostly recycled wood.

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## Baton



Here is a picture of a ceremonial baton which Bob L made in the shed. He turned the wood, made the copper crown at home and JJ turned up the knob on top.

Bob says: *"He getting old as he only know JJ as JJ and I can't remember his family name."*

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## Axe Handle

Di sculpted a new tomahawk handle for the axe head.



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## Distaffs

Mark has been turning a number of distaffs for a friend of his.

A distaff is a tool used in spinning. It is designed to hold the un-spun fibres, keeping them untangled and thus easing the spinning process. It is most commonly used to hold flax, and sometimes wool, but can be used for any type of fibre.

These are some photos of distaffs and various styles of drop spindles and spin bowls.

If you do not know what a distaff is, and you are not alone, this explanation may help:

*"Device used in hand spinning in which individual fibres are drawn out of a mass of prepared fibres held on a stick (the distaff), twisted together to form a continuous strand, and wound on a second stick (the spindle). It is most often used for making linen; wool does not require a distaff (see carding)." See more [here](#).*

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## Carving Board

David is recycling the die-cast decorative ends of an old carving board by fitting them to a new board.

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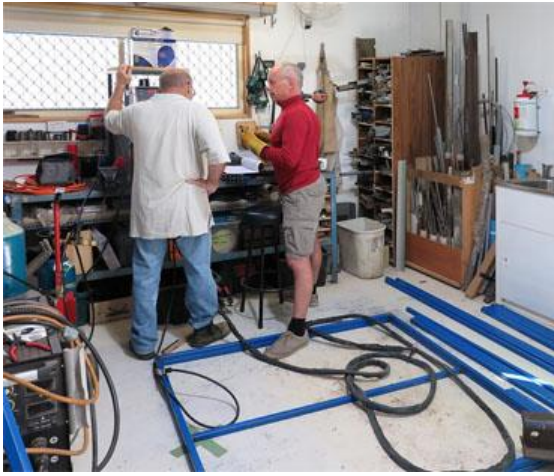
## Picnic Tables

A number of members are making new picnic seating benches for outside the Shed under the watchful eye of Tony.



## Coffee Tamper

Jack, ably assisted by Mark, are sculpturing a “sculptural” espresso coffee machine tamper on the lathe, similar to the above right image, to replace a plastic one.



## Rack Fabrication

John and Jack have fabricated a steel rack for the container to assist in the storage and retrieval of boards and plywood sheets in the container.



## The Shed Art Group

Five members attended the February meeting. The usual individual creative output and social commendatory was enjoyed by all, within the unusually quiet Shed surrounds. New members to our Shed Art group are always welcome, next meetings on the 9th April.

*Rudy R* used his talents with coloured pastels to draw a yacht sailing under a moonlit night that reflected the moon.

*Taras W* drew up a new scaled harp design for future production at the Shed.

*Henry H* continued with his colourful, detailed small landscapes he uses for cards and gives to charities.

*Bruce D* started an acrylic painting of an Irish landscape from his visit to Ireland late 2019.

*Maria R.* shows her painted hand contribution on the left. Foreground of the right picture are examples of the art groups contribution to *Hamsa Hands* community project.

*"The hamsa is an ancient Middle Eastern symbol that holds a variety of meanings across cultures. Nevertheless, it is regarded in all faiths as a protective talisman that brings good fortune, health and happiness. ... In Jewish faiths, the hamsa represents the hand of God and is known as 'The Hand of Miriam'."*

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## Help Needed with Pushbike Maintenance



We have had a request from Beverley Gould for one or more volunteers to assist in bike repairs for children. See below for details. Please contact Hetta Mollema by email for contact details by email [hmolle01@gmail.com](mailto:hmolle01@gmail.com) .

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My name is Beverley Gould and I am a Senior Constable at Hornsby Police Station. I have been working at C.A.R.E.S. (Community and Road Education Scheme) across the road within the HART Complex, 451 Mona Vale Road, St Ives for the past 10 years. *(Across Mona Vale Road from the St Ives Showground, ed)*

C.A.R.E.S. is a joint initiative between the NSW Police, the Education Department and Transport NSW to teach children from the age of 10 (fifth and sixth class) road rules to help reduce road trauma. The area we cover is from the Sydney Harbour Bridge to the Hawkesbury River Bridge, all the Northern Beaches and out as far as Castle Hill.

We have one class per day at our centre. Hornsby Police Station supplies two police officers to educate the children about road safety and Transport NSW offers the centre a small grant each year for us to purchase bicycles and helmets. This year we were able to purchase 8 bicycles. We have just over 100 bicycles about 30 of which are in the shed to be repaired (mainly brake cable and lever problems). Our centre relies on grants and donations as well to keep the centre operating.

One of the officers at the station used to be a push bike mechanic and he would come out to our facility throughout the year to maintain our bikes, however he now has a transfer and is unable to help us out.

I was just wanting to know if any of the gentleman at The Men's Shed who are confident in fixing brake cables, brake levers and general maintenance of push bikes would be interested in volunteering their time to help us out. I am capable of changing tyres and replacing tubes but that's where my ability ends. We have the necessary tools for repair work and we have the parts and a shed for the repairs to be carried out in.

Our centre is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30am until 3pm. We are closed school holidays. Our phone number is 9983 1142. It is not easily accessible by the public as we are within the grounds of HART.

Regards Beverley

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## Notices

### **Seniors Expo – Wednesday 21 April**

We are again planning our “Everything for Seniors Day”, in the Turramurra Uniting Church Hall meeting rooms and the Turramurra Seniors Centre on Wednesday 21 April from 10am to 2pm.

### **Power outage at St Ives Showground**

Please be advised that electrical works will be taking place at the St Ives Showground on Thursday and Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2021.

During this time, there will be no power available at the St Ives Showground. Council apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

### **DMK Forrest Products March 2021 Newsletter**

Click on link [here](#).

### **Traditional Trade Tools Newsletter March 2021**

Download [here](#)

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