

Kushed Bulletin

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**Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop "The Shed" Inc.
11:30am Friday, 30th April 2021
Venue: MPC Room, Building B, The Shed
St Ives Showground**

Registrations

You can register for the AGM and BBQ by going to the link [here](#) and registering in Eventbrite.

There is also a registration sheet in the lunchroom

COVID 19 Procedures

Although NSW has been COVID free for a number of months now the dreaded virus is only an overseas arrival to Australia away.

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.

- 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.
- **New** - the sign-in and QR sheets are moving to the bench above the name tags drawer

Your cooperation is essential in the interest of our members.

Tony Varrall & Brian Killin, Joint Presidents

New Members

Our new Shed members are:



Edwin Burwood
Gary Stoddart
Greg Crocker
Rob Germaine
Kathryn Cowley
Don Ombler
Darren Johns
Mona Gerges
Paul Dilley
Phil Price

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.

New Dust Extractors from Council Grant

A generous grant from Ku-ring-gai Council under the Community Grants Program 2020 has allowed us to purchase a number of FEIN Dust Extractors.

These have HEPA filters to eliminate fine dust and have been connected to the Drop and Panel Saws

These units are part of our Strategy to improve the Dust Collection Infrastructure at the Shed, to protect the health of our members



Evolving Dust Extraction Strategy

We recently received a grant from the NSW government, under the NSW Government Stimulus Men's Shed Shovel- Ready Infrastructure Project.

This initiative, managed by AMSA, will provide a major boost to our activities towards a better Dust Extraction Infrastructure for The Shed

Thanks to the purchase of an Anemometer, we can now measure the effectiveness of the current system and design and implement a new infrastructure that will meet our needs

Stay tuned for progress updates

Drum Sander Revolution

The poor beleaguered Drum Sander is having a major overhaul.

John B has disassembled the drums to clean and repair the sandpaper grippers

Meanwhile discussion is underway to create policies and procedures to ensure the sander is used and not abused



Things We Do

Major House Renovation



A sorry looking bee house came into The Shed recently from Di S's neighbour.

Bruce A took it apart, cleaned it up, replaced the bamboo and wooden inserts and painted the frame

A nice touch is the lettering welcoming in local native bees and insects



Art from Blocks

Rob C found this block of RED Gum in a fire wood box, in Mudgee, last year. It had too much character to burn, as Nature had done a great job weathering its surface.

So he cut it into small uneven blocks and re assembled it using wood dowels and chrome spacers, cut from an old metal curtain rod, to enhance the old weathered surface and the fine inner quality timber.

Up cycling natures gifts and creating a sculpture for a garden courtyard!

Dice by Di

Di S sculpted two die using blocks of wood and inserts of Wenge wood for the dots

With Crown Casino looking to open, perhaps Di has a new career



The Shed Art Group

The Shed Art Group met on Friday the 9th of April. There were four in attendance, Henry H, Di S, Mike S and Bruce D.

We decided to do our creative input "plein air" on the outside table.

Di was constructing a new perspex frame, Henry doing small detailed watercolour landscapes for sale through his church group, Mike continued with a watercolour landscape and Bruce a watercolour design of women's shoes for a future painting.

As usual a congenial, social gathering in the open.

Next Art Group Friday 23rd April, commencing 10am, all welcome, no matter what your artistic skill level is, all good fun .



The Shed Cooking Group

We are back!

Friday 16th of April saw the welcome return to The Shed of our Cooking Class. Our coordinator Max E joined nine other Sheddies to a sumptuous three course meal designed and instructed by Idris for a time of learning, bumbling and a lot of fun in the creation of a most delightful Italian lunch.

After an initial introduction, we split into three groups allocated a separate course each to create.

For the Entree we had Caramelised Onion, Gorgonzola and Pumpkin Galette, followed by the Main of Baked Italian Chicken with Smashed Salt and Vinegar Potato Salad.

All this was wrapped up with a Dessert of a Lemon Yoghurt Cake and a glass of wine.

The best part of joining this fun and rewarding group is that no cooking skill or knowledge is required as Idris and all the guys are so supportive and make this

Friday activity so very rewarding. Who knows, you may even be able to impress your family with your hidden cooking skills as you recreate these treats at home on your own.

The next cooking group meeting is Friday, May 21st



Help for C.A.R.E.S., Repairing Children's Bikes

Two Shed members – Paul L and Mark R – responded to the appeal in last month's Shed Bulletin for help with maintenance of children's bikes for C.A.R.E.S. (Community and Road Education Scheme) within the HART Complex at St Ives.

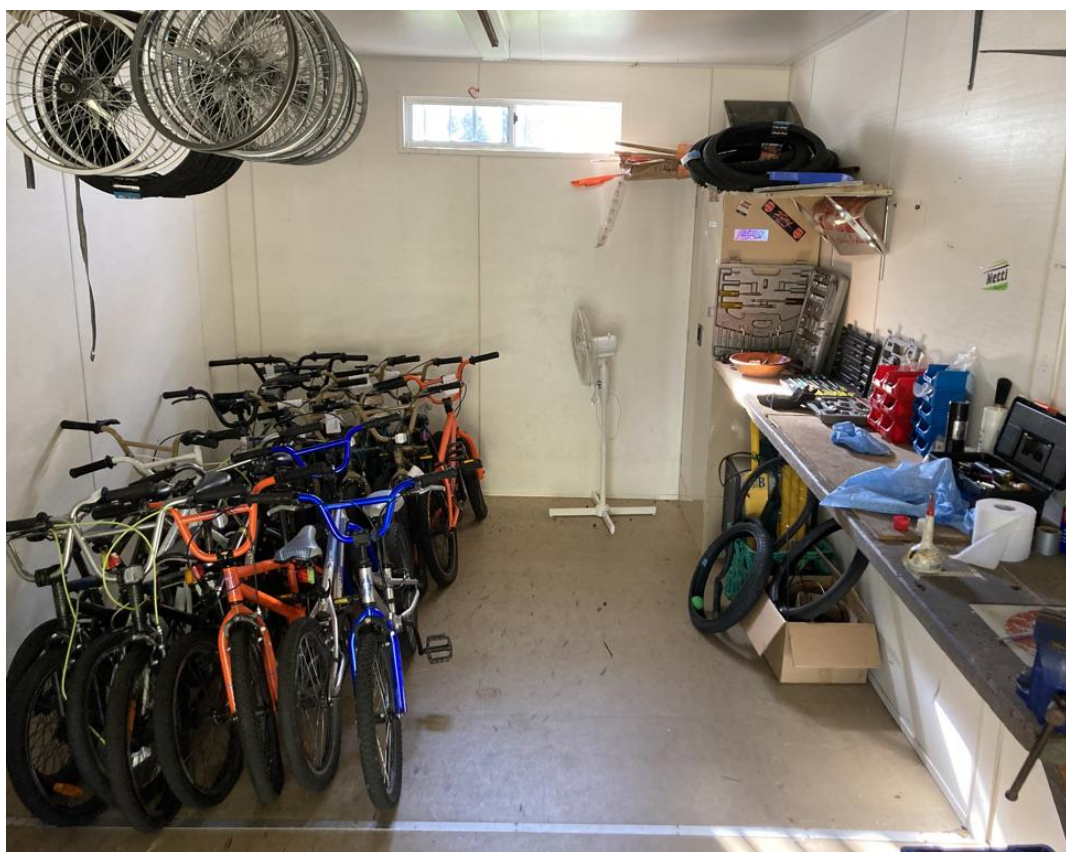
On April 1st they met Senior Constable Beverley Gould who provided a warm welcome, showed them around the training facility, and served them a large sticky bun, biscuits, and tea to help get the work going.

The C.A.R.E.S. police team use over 100 children's bikes to run their bicycle rider

training programs for Years 5 and 6 kids. The bikes get a hard life and they found 32 of them out of action in the workshop.

Constable Gould fixes punctures and changes tyres herself only needing our help with more technical repairs. The majority of issues they found with the 32 bikes in the workshop were broken brake cables, brakes out of adjustment, and bent or broken brake levers. Most were easy to fix and after a couple of hours work Paul and Mark handed back 15 bikes in working order, leaving 17 to be tackled next time, including a couple of more difficult jobs.

Their next visit will be when school restarts towards the end of April and Constable Gould wants her full fleet of bikes back in action. The photo shows the Workshop with bikes awaiting repair



Notices

Seniors Expo – Wednesday 21 April

Ku-ring-gai Council are again planning the “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.

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