

Kushed Bulletin

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Shed Bushfire Plan

With the summer in full swing and the heat turned up, this plan may well be a life saver for those attending the Shed. Please assist and cooperate with the Coordinators in the interest of safety to yourself and the Shed. We urge you to read the plan, [provided in this link](#), to familiarise yourself with the steps involved.

It covers general precautions when a **Total Fire Ban** is in place or when there is a high bushfire probat If a **Catastrophic Situation** is declared, then **stay home** for the Shed will be closed.



Community Library Box

Turrumurra Uniting Church approached the Shed to design and build a library box to service the local community. As a member of the community you may deposit any books no longer wanted in the box for others to take away and read without any cost.

The work was a combined effort from: David Wood, , Mike Schwarz, Graeme Bradshaw and Lin Smith. A real team effort.

Read more about street library boxes [here](#). The Shed has made a number of them in the past.

Bushcare Report

The group met for their 4th meeting, six volunteers attending, including one new volunteer.

Weeds and the native varieties in the area were identified. The area we covered was near logs that surround the southern area opposite the Dog Training Park.

The weeds removed were mainly Parramatta Grass, Paspalum, Summer Grass, and some Catsear, see: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hypochaeris_radicata, and Rhodes Grass. It was noted that Common Couch and Kikuyu has escaped from the Dog Training Park. They will be removed on our next session.



The area was in reasonable condition and only spot weeding was required. Numerous small native plants were emerging after recent heavy rain.

The next meeting is planned for 19th February.



Meat Rack

Another professional job by Jack. He fabricated a tubular meat and sausage hanging rack from stainless steel for the Shed's sausage supplier of many years, Wood's Wholesale Butcher.

The photo shows it at the final stage after cleaning the joints.

New Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined us over the last few months:

Graeme Davies, Simon Kelly, Frank Ramaccia, Alex Spiteri-James, Alex Vogt, Hugh Hamlyn-Harris, Phil Burgess, Russell Carey, Norman Drylie, Jim Harriot, John Morison, John Griffin-Miller, Bruce Alexander, Paul Rubenach and Owen O'Neil.



Gentlemen, we hope that you enjoy the Shed facilities and your interaction with existing members.



Shed Extension Fit-out

Carpet tiles are being put down in the new section of lunch room and we are ready to trial the improved "office" work area. There is still some overhead cabling to be done. This will require work above desks etc. and removal/replacement of sections of ceiling lining.

We will be buying a sun shade to cover the area between our two buildings, to cut down the summer heat. Quotes are being sought for window blinds for Block B.

We are awaiting delivery of the vertical panel saw which has already been shipped from England.

Thanks to Ian for filling the chair.

Mobile

This mobile was made at the Shed by Hetta from an idea seen on the web and now proudly hanging in his family lounge. Made from 2mm black acrylic shapes that resemble a cross section of an aerofoil, or dolphins without a tail, or anything else you see in it. The interconnections are made with fishing line clips and tiny fishing line ball bearing swivels. The red counterweight was made from a hollow, dummy brass door knob, spray-painted red.

It was the 5th attempt to get the right shape and correct weight for the ball. All the elements can rotate independently in a draft.

Should you ever attempt to make a mobile, then talk to him first as there are a few tricks that can save you a lot of time.



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