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## Abbreviated Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Venue: Multi-Purpose Centre – The Shed**

### **Welcome**

The Secretary Mark Champion opened the 12th Shed AGM, at 11.00 am, welcomed members and acknowledged the traditional land owners, known as Guringai People. Respects asked for elders past and present.

### **President's Report**

The President Brian Killen outlined the difficult twelve months the Shed and it's members had endured.

These included Shed closures, restricted numbers on each day, multiple procedures for registering members and ensuring member safety.

He paid tribute to the work of the Safety Committee in the initial formation of the procedures and practices that allowed The Shed to reopen and continue to function

He acknowledged the many achievements related to the Shed layout changes and improvements.

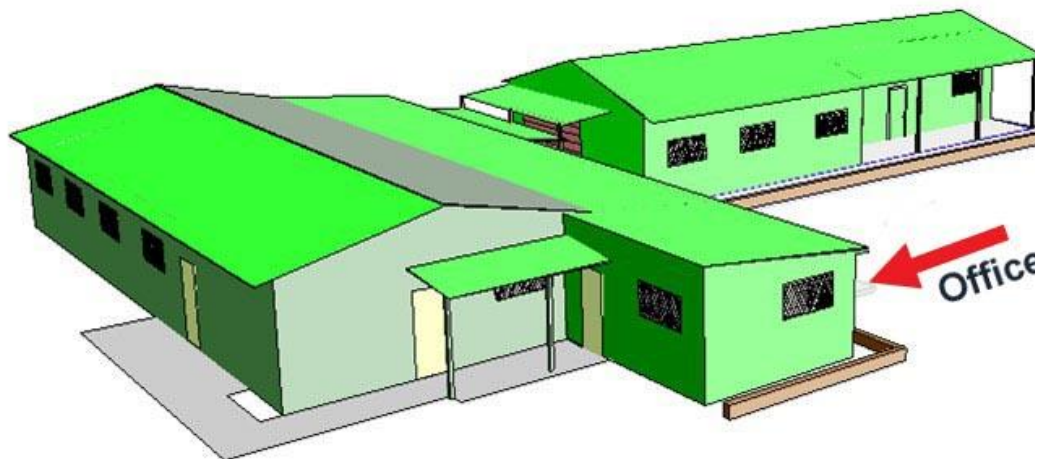
Our membership remains steady with an increased participation rate of around 80 members per week.

A special thanks was made to the Federal and State Governments and Ku-ring-gai Council for grants, Bunnings for their catering of the BBQ, Meal on Wheels for the desert and the continuing support of Bendigo Bank.

Financially we are in a sound position with funds to finance our overheads as well as our plans for the future

The AGM was attended by 64 members

## Shed Extension Status



Malcolm Bailey presented a summary of the Shed office extension works that is in the planning phase.

The DA has been with Council for some time.

Related activities, including Occupancy certificates, Final Building inspections of Building B and Fire Safety works etc have delayed the DA, with no clear date for final approval

We are currently getting a new quote for the office, after a change in the classification of the building type

## Election of Office Bearers

Office bearers for the 2021 year are:

- President – Andrew Killin
- Vice Presidents - Tony Varrall & Mal Cocks
- Secretary - Mark Champion
- Treasurer – Andrew Killen
- Past President - Stephen Lloyd
- Committee Members - Malcolm Bailey, Bob Lions, Ray McKay, Max Elliot, Kevin Callinan



## **BBQ**

A very enjoyable sausage and salad lunch was provided by Bunnings, with dessert provided by Meal on Wheels

The raffle, with prizes generously donated by Ku-ring-gai Council, raised \$292. This has been gifted to the Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter in the form of Bunning's Gift Cards.

These will be utilised to purchase hardware for the renovation of their new home. Shed members Chris G and Don C are carrying out some of the work.

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## **Steam Powered Transport**

Paul L brought along his scale model steam engine to the AGM and fired it up.

The construction of this fine example of a Steam Tractor consumed six years of his life

We all appreciated seeing the engine in action at The Shed

The photo shows the Tractor in action, with members Jack Z and John J, who have wisely decided not to drink and drive



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## **Farewell to Paul Schiebaan - Former President of The Shed**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Paul Schiebaan

Paul was President of The Shed from 2016 to 2017, and for five years before that was an active and respected member.

His contributions to The Shed included pushing through the approval for the construction of Building B and the collation and printing of the Cookbook

In 2017 he left The Shed to live in Newcastle with his sons, and to continue a brave fight against cancer

It was with great pride that we added our names to his nomination for AMSA Committee Member in 2019

Vale Paul Schiebaan



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## **COVID 19 Procedures**

The recent scare in NSW shows that a new outbreak is potentially only one infected person 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.
- **New** - It is no longer necessary to use the [Eventbrite](#) booking system to manage the number of people.
- 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. You may use the sign in sheet instead

Your cooperation is essential in the interest of our members.

Brian Killin, President

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## **New Member**

Our new Shed member is:



Geoff Towle

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

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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## **Work Continues on Shed Landscaping**

A generous Grant from the Commonwealth Government Environmental Program is being used on landscaping the environs of The Shed

Two weeks ago, Stuart from Stuart Landscaping was engaged to level and landscape the fronts of both Shed buildings.

This landscaping will help drainage around the Shed buildings and will allow our Bush Care group to start plantings of native ground covers and shrubs around the perimeter of both buildings.

The photo shows Malcolm B showing Stuart what flat ground looks like





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## **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

We have taken delivery of automatic blast gates. These will open automatically in the dust extraction pipe when a machine is started, and will start the dust extraction system as well. This will ensure that dust collection is always operating when required

We have also taken delivery of two roof extraction fans. They will be placed over the wood machining and wood turning areas, to increase ventilation and prevent dust moving to other areas of the Shed

Stay tuned for progress updates

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## **Donated Overhead Router is in Position**

A generous donation of an Pneumatically Operated Overhead Router have been transported to The Shed.

The trip required some dextrous manoeuvring of the Ute by Mike V and much huffing and puffing by his crew to get the very heavy unit loaded, unloaded and moving to its new home near the Panel saw.

Next steps are connecting power, repair of some minor faults, then training and accreditation documents

This will be a valuable addition to the Shed woodworking area



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## **Restricted Access to the Routing/Dovetailing Equipment**

The cupboard containing the Gifkin and other dovetailing jigs is now locked

These are specialised tools that require experience to use, to minimise damage to the jigs or to your timber

Rod Gillespie, Rob Cummins and Martin Buddery have keys. Please see them to arrange access and assistance on usage of these jigs



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## Television Studio for a Day

The Shed became a television studio for a day on Friday the 7th of May

A company that creates television shows was looking for a workshop environment to conduct interviews for potential presenters and repair experts for a new Australian show

We were happy to provide access to The Shed for the company, who used the woodworking and metalworking areas to video the interviews

Footage of our Shed may end up on the cutting room floor, but a generous donation will assist with needed new tools and accessories

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## Kevin J and the Bee Boxes

No that's not a reggae band!

Kevin J first started making bee boxes for Ku-ring-gai Council back in 2011.

Now, ten years later, this effort is still going strong and brings in much needed funds for The Shed

The first photo, taken in 2016, shows Kevin working at a bench in what is now Building A



The second photo shows Kevin and some of his elves in the purpose built area in Building B that is dedicated to making bee boxes.

It is fitted out with specialised shelving, compressed air lines and adorned with templates from past and present bee box designs



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## The Shed Art Group

Four members of the Shed Art Group met on Friday 7th May,

Di S, Henry H, Rob C and Bruce D .

Due to the film production crew present occupying both Shed buildings to shoot a TV pilot and our meeting room we used Shed B community room for our artwork.

Di continued on her sculpture and assemblies, Henry a watercolour painting of a European landscape, Rob began to design a large future wood carving, and Bruce an acrylic painting.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 28th May, all welcome, no matter what depth of your artistic experience

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## **The Shed Bush Care Group**

Three volunteers from the Shed Bushcare group Ray M, Rob L and Bruce D met on Tuesday 11th May, weeding the southern site.

We removed Parramatta Grass and Paspalum. Both bushcare sites have shown improvement since we began over two years ago, with a reduction of weeds, and plantings of juvenile native trees surviving after being transferred from the Shed work sites to the northern bushcare site.

With the recent completion of earthworks and landscaping near the entrance of Shed B, and feed back from the Council Bushfire Officer on suitable native plants that reduce the hazard of potential bushfires, we can now purchase eleven recommended native plant varieties for their planting around the perimeter of both Shed buildings.

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## **Shed Visit to Cockatoo Island**

A contingent of Shed members recently visited Cockatoo Island and took the guided tour.

The island, which became a focus of ship repairs during WWII, has a range of relics, artefacts and machinery from original indigenous settlement onwards

Well worth a visit





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## Time for a Pre Spring Cleanup?

Brian K spotted this Shed at Hill End on a recent holiday

If your Shed is starting to look like this, it is time to start that cleanup, well before Spring



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## Notices

The Traditional Tools Group

This group is for anyone interested in traditional tools and skills

Their website is [ttg.org.au](http://ttg.org.au)

### Nuts and Bolts - The magazine of AMSA

The April Magazine is [here](#)

### The Latest Episode of The Shed Wireless Podcast

The latest podcase is [here](#)

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