

# Kushed Bulletin

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## Shed Extension Progress

Thanks to the concerted efforts of a large number of Shed members, ably led by Mike and Mal (No, not That Mike and Mal), we have now completed and received sign-off by Council for the drainage and connection works.

The erection of the Extension itself is underway, with the paving works starting thereafter.

We can have a well deserved rest from working bees for a little while, before fitting out of the Extension commences.

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## Good Ship Kathryn

John has created a model ship, fashioned from a picture he had taken. He has named it Kathryn after his beloved ... Katie

The ship is made from battered offcuts stacked together to make the shape.

It is an exercise in plagiarism by John, a would be £10 Pom, with his \$10 Ship.

Costings:

Cooking twine \$2.40

1/2 metre cheese cloth \$5.20

Scrap pine wood shed donation \$2.40

3 x days creativity .... Free of Charge Labour ... it's love.



## Another Fine Output

This is a beautiful tray made by Chris. It was made of leftover off cuts of numerous timbers, laminated vertically.

Note the lovely form and scale including the interesting ergonomic handles at each end.

This should earn a few brownie points with the recipient!

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## Dog Training Essentials

We were approached before Christmas by the Metropolitan Mid-Week Dog Training Club inquiring whether we could supply wood, leather and metal articles (refer attached photos). The previous supplier (a dog club member) had been making the articles for 30 years and wanted to retire! The articles come in sets of five and need to be stamped on each end 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Coordinated by Geoff, each wood article is 16mm square x 150mm long and is made from 19mm Merbau decking timber. The leather article is 25mm wide x 150mm long cut from 5-6mm thick saddle leather.

The metal tubes are 16mm diameter x 150mm long aluminium tubes with a wall thickness of 1.6mm. They are supplied either plain or having a 100mm long central knurl.

John Johnson volunteered to make the metal articles. He fabricated a special collet to hold the tube in the lathe chuck while he knurled the central section. Thanks John.

An initial order for 36 sets was delivered on Monday 5th February. Cecily Gwynne from the Metropolitan Mid-Week Dog Club was thrilled with the articles supplied and is telling other clubs that we can supply their requirements.

Photos

\*Sample of the article sets that can be supplied

\*John Johnson fabricating the knurled aluminium tubes

\*Cecily Gwynne with her dog Esmeralda holding a wooden article in her mouth

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## **Cooking Class Recommences**

The Shed Cooking group resumed in February with a lively and eager bunch of chaps ready to get their hands in a bowl to prepare their 3 course lunch.

Full of kitchen tips and hints, Ruth showed us a couple of useful storage techniques for mushrooms and strawberries,

e.g. empty out the strawberries from the plastic containers, line a cake tin with kitchen towel - yes, a TIN - it chills in the fridge better than a plastic container - arrange the strawberries, stalk down, point of strawberry up, cover lightly with kitchen towel, lid of tin on - and into the fridge.

Quality strawberries will retain their freshness for a good 4-5 days.

Ruth's proficiency with a grater has to be seen to be believed ! Grating ginger, cheese, onions, lemon rind without losing your knuckles - just keep your hand flat as you run the item through the grooves - don't make a fist, no bent fingers - just a flat hand pressing the food firmly up and down through the grooves of the grater. No blood, fingernails, or skin lost !

After a run through the recipes, The group divided into teams to produce Ricotta and Herb Stuffed Mushrooms for Entree, Main being Spicy Chicken Drumsticks with Dill Pickle Potato Salad and Rocket Salad, followed by a really delightful seasonal Dessert, Peaches in Lemongrass Syrup.

A really successful beginning to a happy Cooking program for 2018.

The boys will be turning out Hot Cross Buns as part of their preparation next pre-Easter meeting.



Here is a Recipe for Herbed and Ricotta Stuffed Mushrooms

<http://www.kushed.org.au/Web-Files/MushroomsStuffedRicottaHerbs.pdf>

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## New Shed Computer

Following the demise of our main computer recently, we were fortunate enough to receive an anonymous donation of a wonderful new Sony VAIO E Series laptop computer. The donor also contributed the services of a professional to perform a fresh install of Windows 10 operating system. This action was necessary to guarantee that all traces of the former owner were completely removed from the computer (privacy) Peter Stehn, our dedicated computer operator, spent much time undertaking the reinstatement of our administration computer capability, including:

- Update and tailor Windows 10 to the latest Microsoft patches
- Install Microsoft Office software and multiple updates
- Install utility software (image viewing, PDF viewing and search, backup, etc.)
- Reinstall all our files from backup media (5740 files)
- Configure Bigpond IMAP email client and import previous address book, notes, calendar and archived emails
- Test and correct

We as a volunteer organisation, really appreciate the constant and reliable effort that Peter puts in to maintain our records and the system in general and trust with the cooperation of all members, that our new computer will serve us well.

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## Dust Extractor

Geoff advises that he has fitted two new pinion gears to the eastern side dust extractor when he emptied the bag recently. The new gears are meshing well.

You can now resume turning the handle to vibrate and free-up the dust build-up. Consequently, the extraction is now much better. The western side unit continues to work effectively.

With the extractor turned off please turn each handle ~20 times at the end of each day. The handle

is accessible through the small access door, see photo. Only turn the handle in the indicated direction.

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## **A Reminder about the Air Compressor Tank**

The Air Compressor tank needs weekly draining to ensure it doesn't rust internally. Open the valve by unscrewing it when there is still some pressure left in the air-tank. Please be mindful of this when you use it.

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## Secrets of the Harbour cruise - Reminder

On Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, Hetta Mollema is the guide on this cruise from the Sydney Heritage Fleet. The ship will be either the steam tug Waratah or the steam launch Lady Hopetoun, both dating back to 1902. Hetta has been a guide on these cruises for longer than he wants to remember and did most of the research for the talk.

The cruise will depart from Rozelle Bay and take you to Garden Island and around Cockatoo Island. On the way he will show and talk about the industrial foreshore of the inner harbour with many little-known facts about the harbour we take for granted. How did the Sydney Harbour Bridge affect Cockatoo Island? Where was the first Sydney Harbour Tunnel? Why is the first HMAS Parramatta the longest ship in the world?

The tour starts at the shipyard in Rozelle Bay and is a short distance from the Dulwich light rail stop for the bay. Anyone turning up at 11:00 am will be treated to a tour of the shipyard and the restoration process of ships.

For details and bookings see <https://www.shf.org.au/whats-on/sydney-harbour-secrets-cruise/>. **Please ensure to pick the date as 25 March.** This is a perfect outing for our members and their families. Bring your own lunch, coffee and tea available on board. The stern of both vessels can be screened in case of inclement weather.

(Disclaimer - This is not a Shed activity)

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