

# Kushed Bulletin

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## **Our Community Activities are Appreciated**

### **Donation of Tools to Mogo Shed**

*Dear Stephen*

*I just wanted to take a moment to thank you and the Ku-ring-gai Men's Shed. When I made the decision to support Mogo Public School with collecting 40 backpacks, I did not anticipate that the decision would morph 48 hours later into a massive community program that has seen cash and in-kind donations worth over \$100,000.00 being collected and donated to: Mogo Public School and families, Mogo Aboriginal Preschool, Boomerang Meeting Place, Aboriginal Land Council Artist's Gallery, and Euorbodalla Woodies.*

*Not only that, but the Mobilising for Mogo has created a wave of giving like yours from various groups and inspired Wahroonga Rotary to create a special event and collect the tools for the Woodies - which I believe you have given to.*

*I am headed down to Mogo at the end of March (Thursday 26 and Friday 27) and will be catching up with Eric and Helmut for a coffee. I know they are very, very grateful of the support and still quite overwhelmed by not having a "home" for them all to gather in.*

*Stephen, I share with you this link: <https://vimeo.com/387888754/232f3b27e5> - this video was shot while we were onsite with our first delivery.*

*Thank you for your kindness.*

*Sincerely*

*Sallianne McClelland*

*(Sallianne was previously Manager of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter)*

### **Installation of Dishwasher for Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter**

*(See article in the Bulletin of the 8<sup>th</sup> March)*

*Hi Stephen,*

*Just a quick note to let you know that we think the members of the Men's Shed are legends.*

*It is wonderful that you manage to support a variety of charities during each year. It is especially wonderful, on the day after International Women's Day, that you have supplied and installed a dishwasher for Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter. I am sure it will be put to great use.*

*With kind regards,*

## Rosella Nest Boxes



The Shed was approached by Nikki Wallace to make animal shelters for some of the remaining wildlife at Rosedale, which is a beach area in the Eurobodalla Shire. Nikki has connections and a property at Rosedale and had seen the damage caused by the recent ravaging bush fires so she had decided to do something constructive for the area's recovery.

We eventually narrowed this project down to "Rosella" nesting boxes which, by having a range of entry hole sizes that could cover the needs of a number of types of animals. Entry holes of 40, 60 & 75mm diameter were chosen. Internally they have grooves in one panel to assist with entry and exit.

Nikki organized funding of plywood and the Shed contributed time and expertise to make them. The task involved a number of members but Mario provided the greatest input in cutting the ply components and assembly. He was strongly backed up by Stephen C and others became involved in drilling holes, cutting grooves for internal "ladders" and attaching metal edged tops.

Dedicated teams were able to quickly produce a first batch of fifty boxes and these were gratefully picked up last Thursday by Nikki and her husband, John.

They will be painted and then put up in remnant bushland by South Coast Bushcare members or Council. This is a first batch and other designs are to be considered for the

finishing batch.

Input from all those involved is much appreciated, especially Malcolm B who coordinated the design, material purchases and construction of the boxes

### **Thank You**

*Dear Malcolm, Stephen, David, Mal and the Shed Team,*

*Thank you so much for making the 50 beautiful Rosella boxes. It was lovely to meet you all today. John and I really enjoyed our chat:)*

*We will be taking the boxes down to the South Coast, getting them painted and safely storing them until we can run our Community Event - Rosedale Wildlife Recovery Day. This was originally planned for Saturday April 4th, but will now need to be after Easter.*

*As soon as I have a date for the event, I will let you know. This will be a decision made by the Council and WIRES, pending the development of COVID-19.*

*I will be in touch with Malcolm directly about the remaining few sheets of ply and which other boxes are in demand.*

*I wish you all a happy and healthy lead up to Easter*

*Kindest regards,*

*Nikki Wallace*

*on behalf of Wallace Foundation for The Rosedale Community*

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## **Charitable Gesture by Two Members**



The altruistic pair of Chris G and Don C recently produced two lovely Adirondack Chairs from timber donated by the Shed and presented them to the Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter.

These will sit nicely on the sundeck built at The Shelter some time ago.

Pictured are the two lovely chairs being inspected by the Shelter management. Well done guys.

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## Things You Can Do



With the Shed closed or if you are in isolation you may suffer from Shed Withdrawal Syndrome, also known as boredom.

Here are a number of activities that will maintain your interest and possibly skills.

Keeping active and diverting your attention from the virus plays a major part in keeping your sanity.

We will get through this and by the end of the year we hope to look back having shown that we are made of the right stuff.

The list below is not in any particular order

- Find good and engaging books to read.
- Clean-up the house and de-clutter. Do you need all those books, or what are all those things in the cupboard?
- If you have a garden then spend some time on mowing the lawn, planting, pruning, plant winter vegetables, etc.
- Now is the time to sort and organise the vast collection of photos on your devices. Do you need all of them, can you delete those you will never look at again, should they be categorised and back them up?
- Do those house maintenance jobs that have been put off over the years like some painting or repairs?
- Ensure your device or computer drive is backed-up.
- Communicate with family and friends using a web video app like Skype, WhatsUp, Facetime Messenger, etc. In addition to the audio you also get to see a friendly face.
- If you have a hobby you can do at home, this is the time.
- Plan for future Shed projects when all this is over.
- If you need extra computer skills, now is the time with plenty of on-line courses.
- Help others with shopping if they are unable to do so, and where the usual home services have broken down.

- Prepare an isolation room at home in case someone in your household gets infected, with their own toiletries. Try to get disposable gloves and masks, not easy but worth trying. Add a radio and TV to the room in addition to your own, to break the monotony. Ensure that they work satisfactory.
- Play games on-line with others like scrabble, etc.
- Learn to knit, like a jumper or toilet roll holder.
- Wash and detail your car(s).
- Tidy up your workshop.
- Have your air conditioner serviced ready for winter.
- Maintaining contact with fellow shedders; a regular phone call even if only to check that they are OK and whether they need anything.
- Checking up with elderly or sick neighbours, either a phone call or a brief visit remembering social distancing guidelines, but a smiling face can do wonders to improve spirits of the lonely. Help with shopping for them, this is vital where home services have broken down.

Please let Hetta or Mark know if you have any other suggestions that we can share.

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## **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

The only reliable information on the epidemic is from our Authorised Government sources listed below.

Please do not propagate Fake information or treatments.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for older Australians:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-older-australians> click on either the pdf or word file to download.

NSW Health Department:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>.  
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

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## **On a Lighter Note**



Me after washing my hands for 20 seconds 57 times in one day



Got this big roll of toilet paper as a gag gift for Christmas. Whose laughing now!?



**THAT AWKWARD MOMENT  
WHEN**



**YOU COME FACE TO FACE  
WITH THE CORONA BUG.**

## For the Next Bulletin

With The Shed closed until further notice, the machines have fallen silent and nothing is being made or repaired.

We hope some of that latent energy and creativity is now being channelled into your own shed, garage or back room.

If you are doing or making things that may be of interest to the other members, please send a photo and some words to [kushed@bigpond.com](mailto:kushed@bigpond.com) Mark them for the attention of Hetta or Mark for the coming Bulletins.

We are also planning to do a series of articles on a range of subjects in order to keep the conversation with members going and to maintain an interest.

If you have any knowledge about certain tools or processes that could be of interest to the Shedders, could you write them up. You do not have to be an expert, just some practical experience.

Possible examples are:

- Discussion on sandpaper
- Sticky tape construction
- Cooking recipes, Max will supply
- Principles of steam engines
- Building the Harbour Bridge
- Space, satellites and rockets
- Review of CPR
- Tool sharpening
- Book, television and movie reviews
- How to use our machines safely
- Which machines to use for what
- Add your own subject

We look forward to being overwhelmed by contributions and collaborators.

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## Notices

### Ku-ring-gai Council Activities



For Council activities and events goto:

[http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Things\\_to\\_do/Events\\_activities](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Things_to_do/Events_activities)

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