

Kushed Bulletin

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Shed Christmas Lunch

The Lunch, of 11 December, has been cancelled.



The Shed Management Committee has just created a new concept for Christmas - "Christmas in February!"

Regrettably, with Covid restrictions (overall space, social distancing and food handling) we are driven to delay the programmed function and add it to the already postponed Annual General Meeting.

Let's hope and trust that next year will provide less restricted conditions to engage in better "normality" particularly when it comes to social gathering.

We wish you a wonderful Christmas, enjoy your end of year break and let's look forward to a much better Covid free 2021.

Management Committee.

Shed Christmas break

The last day the Shed will be open is Thursday 17 December 2020.

That Thursday will be the year's end Shed clean-up day with no project work being done on the day.



The Shed will re-open on Monday 11 January 2021

Removal of Members Work

Members are reminded that all personal projects must be taken home at the end of each day. Please remember to leave the work benches completely clear of all leftover wood, templates and projects at the end of each day.

Work being done for our Shed, or members of the community, should be clearly labelled with the name of the person managing the project. These projects should still be carefully stored, if possible, somewhere out of the way to leave the work benches clear for members to use on the next day.

Over the next three weeks our Shed will be cleaned up with all rubbish being thrown out ready for a nice clean start in 2021.

Photos of your Best Project in 2020

We call for your most enjoyable, challenging or satisfying project in 2020. Send photos and a few words to Mark Champion or to kushed@bigpond.com for the last Bulletin of year.

The Trouble with Ears



It is time we recognise the usefulness of our ears. It has been the primary organ to help guide sound into the hearing system, a place to hang jewellery, and more recently a place to anchor facemasks. We can add to that burden a pair of glasses with possibly a pair of safety glasses over the top and hearing aids.

When I recently tried to remove the facemask, with it came my hearing aids and glasses. They luckily fell into my lap. It made me think, if I was

in hospital and had to add the load of an oxygen supply tube that went over the ears as well. It would stretch the capacity of my ears. It made me wonder if my ears should have been growing larger as I got older. Surely, evolution should have foreseen that with age the body needs bigger ears to anchor the burden and carry the weight.

My ears must have been moonlighting all these years. Ears have other uses too. They are a valuable barometer of my haircut – when my ears start to disappear it is time for the barber. But wait, there is more. To protect the inner workings from loud noises, the ear suffers the indignity of being plugged or covered by earmuffs.

The ear is also an intricate piece of animal architecture, interesting to observe in others when bored silly while waiting in a shopping centre. It has even been reported that there is no other pair of ears on Earth that are identical.

So, there you are. A vital organ of hearing. A jewellery display stand. A beast of burden. A supporter of optical science. A tool of trade. A hat-rack. A shopping distraction. Ears are masters of multitasking. Look in the mirror and admire them.

Let's not forget what our ears are really for: **Listening**. And hearing what wiser people have to say.

(Adapted from an editorial by Murray McMillan in the Anglicare newsletter)

What We Do



Fold-up Table

Rod's table is an Engineering masterpiece produced after many trials and tribulations, mistakes and mishap, arisen from the ashes of despair to the heights of ecstasy. Rod has persevered and is now the proud creator of a fold-out table that reveals a carry handle when folded.



Pirates Treasure Chest

The pirates treasure chest in the photo was made at the Shed by Dick as a Christmas present for his young granddaughter who likes collecting treasures.

Ross and George gave their support when the chest was being made and the photo shows them awaiting the appearance of a Genie from the chest to give them some tips for the Melbourne Cup as it was to be run on this day.

Mobile Art

Rod is constructing a very creative piece of mobile art based on a racing bicycle wheel and hub. It is to have elastic spokes and a transparent tube on the rim. Inside the tube will be a LED strip and it is mounted on a tree trunk.

We are looking forward to photo of the final result.



Puzzle Board

Lex is taking jigsaw puzzling to the next level. The space required for laying out the pieces of a 4000-piece puzzle often exceeds the available tables.

He has made a board with an edge big enough for his largest puzzle with slots for 8, or more, smaller layout boards that slide underneath when not puzzling. A great puzzling idea.

Roller Door seal

The Shed garage door floor sealing being installed to prevent rain water coming in. Organised by Malcolm.





Model Boat

Rod H. was given a kit boat as an early Christmas present. He has built the kit and purchased the control equipment to install for remote operation.



Walking Stick Rack

Four year ago, Doug removed a wayward Jacaranda, when he noted that two shoots from the ground could become walking sticks. So, they took on a new life – one with a carved horse's head (true Mongol style) and did some whittling, the other with its natural shape as the handle.

They have stood in the corner of the entrance hall of his home until now. They needed a rack so he set about a design, using 3 layers of timber, so that the central one aligned with the brick courses. He wanted to achieve a secret fixing, which was not difficult to remove.

The solution was to use 2 pieces of disused slotted shelving track. Then to form 2 slots in the edge of the rack into which the track would fit. The fact that it is in a corner, there was no necessity for gluing or screwing – just gravity and geometry.

It worked. There is one additional hole for Grandpa's forgotten silver topped cane that has now also found a home.

Breadboard

Martin B, a relative newcomer to The Shed, took an idea, some surplus timber and the assistance of the on-duty coordinators to create a very nice bread/cheeseboard. Along the way he learned to use many of the machines available, as well as tips and techniques gleaned from fellow shedders





Killara Golf Club

The existing steps used by golfers to check that the group ahead on the fairway are out of range were not quite high enough to see over the hill. We built an additional matching platform with steel safety rail to raise the height.

An example of skill sharing between the woodworkers and metal workers!

Shed Outdoor Picnic Tables

Our Tuesday members have just completed the first of three outdoor picnic tables for the area beside block B. The photo shows Warren, Andrew, Rob and Bruce relaxing on the completed table attached on the concrete pad.

Future tables will incorporate the lessons learned from the first table.



Notices

AMSA

The next issue of The Shed Wireless, Episode 4 | Season 2, can be accessed at:

<https://mensshed.org/theshedwireless/>

With special guest Colin Hay

Timberbits

Timberbits have moved from Villawood to Mona Vale.

New address: 6/8 Wilmette Place

Mona Vale NSW 2103

Phone 1800 388 833

The Traditional Tools Group

The TTTG Members and Friends Tool Sale will be on Sunday 6 December 2020 in the Old Eastwood Town Hall, 74 Agincourt Road, Marsfield starting at 9.00am and concluding around 1.30pm.

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