

# Kushed Bulletin

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## **New Year's Resolution - Get Qualified!**

With Shedders back from the summer break, the Shed rings with the sounds of sawing, drilling, hammering ... and cursing.

The cursing sounds something like this:

"Damn, I didn't check the saw for right-angle, and now my expensive piece of timber is ruined"

"Who put a piece of painted / varnished / nailed timber through the sander and ruined it for everyone else?"

"I want to use the routing table, but I don't know how and everyone else is busy at the moment"

The answer to these problems and more is to get accredited. The end result is you will be able to make maximum use of the machinery, whilst working in the safest manner.

The Shed has 12 guides on specific machines. These are being reviewed at present for currency and accuracy.

The Shed committee decided at December's Annual General Meeting to create an Induction Course for new members. They will also be encouraging all members to get certified on the machines they will be using at the Shed. There will also be Friday courses for particular subjects.

You can start preparation for accreditation on our machines by reading the Guides available at <http://www.kushed.org.au/Accreditation.html>

Keep an eye out for further information in February's bulletin.

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## **Latest Bird / Animal Hollows Stack up against Sydney's Best**



At a Wildthings information day in the Caley Building, hollows from a number of Sheds and other manufacturers were displayed.

Those produced by the Ku-ring-gai Shed (See next article) were well received for their light-weight concept hollow.

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## **The Shed awarded a Grant to produce Bird / Animal Hollows**



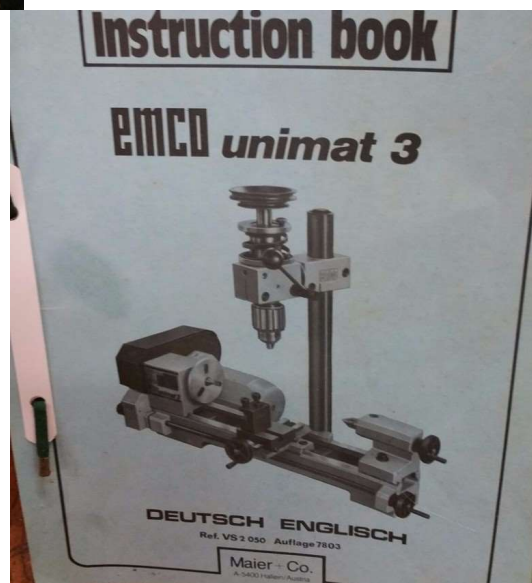
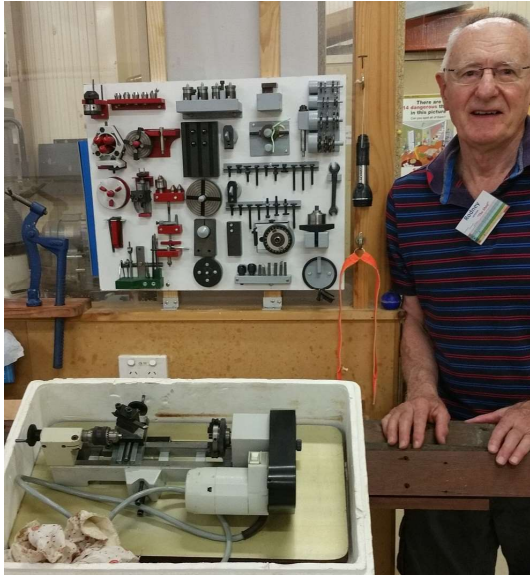
The Shed received a cheque for \$3,180 from Ku-ring-gai Council's Environmental Levy Small Grants Scheme for the manufacture of approximately 80 Bird / Animal hollows.

This follows a \$1,500 grant from the Council for large band-saw adaption for the 'manufacture' of hollows

Shed President, Paul Schiebaan, is pictured accepting the cheque from Ku-ring-gai Mayor, Jennifer Anderson.

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## Miniature Lathe Now Proudly on Display



A miniature metal lathe, that has sat unloved in a drawer for 5 years, is now proudly on display and ready for use, thanks to Shedder Rod Heydon.

The lathe, purchased new in 1981 from Hobbyco and Nock and Kirby, has accessories for milling, drilling and thread cutting.

Rod designed, built and painted the display board pictured above, so that all the accessories and parts are clearly shown and available.

This will be a valuable addition to the Shed for fine and detailed metal projects, and Rod has volunteered to provide lessons in its use.

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## Medical Chairs for Lady Davidson



Chris Drake has been making a series of medical measurement chairs for the Lady Davidson Rehabilitation Centre.

They are used in the diagnosis of spinal and Parkinsons patients.

Pictured is Chris's latest creation

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## Weclome Additions to The Shed Inventory



Some time ago the CBA dismantled the workshop supporting their computer department and they offered a number of items to AMSA

Kur-ring-gai Shed picked up a Bar & Rod bender, a large hand-shear for

cutting sheet metal, a hydraulic press and a large free-standing metal grinder.

The press and grinder are being stored next door in the Douglas Pickering pavilion, awaiting their new home when our extension is completed.

Thanks to Pat Corrigan for providing the temporary storage.

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## **"Sady" Goatley, Our Resident Cleaning Artist**



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## **Wheelchairers Visit Shedders**

We recently enjoyed a visit from members of the The Spinal Cord Unit in Ryde and Tallwoods Retirement Village.

They were impressed by the large variety of projects underway, the range of machinery and the camaraderie shown by the Shedders present on the day.

We discussed that such a visit may encourage their respective organisations to develop their own in-house Sheds, tailored to their individual needs.

If such an opportunity could indeed be realised, we offered to assist with the planning and development, under the auspices of AMSA.

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## Does the moon rotate?



Most people think that the moon does not rotate on its own axis. After all, it always presents the same side to us and never shows the other half, or dark side. Not that that side is in perpetual darkness but we never see it. You can easily disprove this by simply taking tennis ball, the moon, and rotate it around your hand, the earth, without rotating the ball. You will see that at some point in the rotation every part of the surface will be visible.

To keep the same face showing to earth, the moon must rotate on its axis once for every full orbit around earth. So, the moon rotates once every 29.5 days (synodic period).

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