

Kushed Bulletin

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COVID-19 Safety

The virulent Covid-19 virus has re-emerged in a number of locations in Sydney. Its transmission through social contact is not under control. The virus is posing a grave danger to the vulnerable older age group and that is most of our members. The disease itself is very serious and its after effects can be just as bad for a long time.

In order to reduce the risk to our members as far as possible, it will now be mandatory for everyone to wear a face mask at all times when attending The Shed. We request members to wear any type of masks they have until an initial supply of 100 Medical face masks will arrive this coming week. Thereafter, it is the responsibility of members to get their own mask. These are not a replacement for the proper dust masks as prescribed in the Safety Procedures.

We urge all members to strictly adhere to the Safety Procedures you have signed onto, in the interest of the health and safety of our members. For, we like to keep the Shed open as long as we can under the looming threat of a second wave.

Stay safe.

Where to and how to wear a face mask

Do you know the correct way to wear a mask to ensure it protects you, your friends and family?

For example, if you touch the front of the mask while you're wearing it, then you may pick up the very germs that the mask has protected you from. It is important to only touch the elastic when wearing or removing your mask. But if you do touch the mask, then wash or sanitise your hands immediately.

Read more on the [DVA website](#)

Sydney Observer Article by Stephen Lloyd



After the lockdown of our Shed for some 12 weeks, we are pleased to report that we have recommenced operations, albeit under strict conditions.

In the meantime, Ku-ring-gai Council has provided us with a Grant to cover the costs of preventative measures for our ongoing operations.

Members are back working on long delayed personal projects and teams have reassembled to undertake numerous community projects.

These include producing bee boxes for Council and then what appears to be a growing demand for nesting shelters for post bushfire recovery for wildlife. These include nesting boxes for Rosellas, Micro Bats, Masked Owls as well as possums. Another project for Council relates to hollow logs for wildlife nesting.

Recently, on-site assistance was provided to Meals on Wheels to help reorganize furniture for their administrative offices. This included dismantling old desks and assembling new furniture consisting of electric desks, ergonomic chairs and a meeting table.

Following accumulation of some funds and personal donations, the Shed has been pleased to make a contribution to Bendigo Community Bank's campaign for Bushfire relief in NSW and the ACT.

Another significant donation based on barbeque proceeds as well as some member contributions has been made to another Bendigo enterprise in support of the Hornsby & Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter in their quest to purchase their own premises.

Our Bush care Group has reassembled and members have been maintaining the previous plantings which have developed well over the lock down period.

In the future, we are looking forward to reinstating the Cooking Group which obviously relies on review of restrictions when safer conditions prevail.

Celebrating Birthdays

We had a "blooming" good time eating carrot cake provided by Di to celebrating everybody who had a birthday so far this year during the Lock Down. A number of members asked Di where she bought the exploding lotus candle. They are available on-line by doing a google search for: Blooming Birthday Candle.

Social distancing was practiced in the lunchroom during the celebration.



Return to Shed Activities

We are up and running with a wide variety of projects.



The benches being constructed by Kevin C. are for use in the Multi-Purpose area, Derek is fabricating a bike rack for his car.



Rob is making a letterbox and has a plan. Di is beating copper to make a bowl. This photo is the final result of her efforts (with the help of Mark).



Doug is carving an owl from a tree stump. Note the personal protection gear he is wearing.

Below the Bee Box story continues. The COVID situation interrupted to production of an outstanding order for Bee Boxes. The guys are catching up with cutting the components.

Meanwhile, Kevin J. is designing a new version for the bee honey box. This design will not have any foam insulation and relies on solid pine as insulation to make the bees feel at home.



Wood turning Steady Rest

This is a table leg for a plant pot stand project by Stephen M. It needed the ended squared off and centre holes drilled. Stephen is using the Steady Rest adapter for the wood lathe designed and fabricated by Mark R. The finished product was worth the effort.



New Members

Derek Batchelor
Samantha Tucker

Stephanie Dwyer
Michael Stokes

Warren Owens

The organising Committee and other shed members of the Ku Ring Gai Community Workshop "The Shed", welcome you all to the Shed. We hope that you will enjoy the camaraderie and skills that you will meet, and use, during your time spent at the shed. If you have any concerns, or needs, please approach one of the coordinators on one of your days of attendance. You will find that they will be only too happy to assist.

Restored Grandfather Clock



President Stephen has found a new home for the beautifully restored Grandfather Clock that was given to us. It will now quite fittingly live in a "Castle" in Glen Innes.

Many thanks to Allyn Colgan for his restoration works and in particular the servicing of the mechanism. The project was also supported by John B and Di S who replaced the face glass.

The recipient made a very generous donation to the Shed.



Road Work at St Ives

Showground Notification

Please be advised that loop road upgrade works at St Ives Showground will commence in late July/ early August and will take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete (weather permitting).

These works will involve the installation of formalised edging along both sides of the entire main loop road before re-asphalting of the roads surface.

Traffic control will be in place during these works to safely guide users and drivers around the work site as necessary.

We appreciate your patience while these works take place.

Ku-ring-gai Council



The latest Shedder newsletter at:

<https://mensshed.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/The-Shedder-June-2020-final.pdf>

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