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President's Report

Our President, Stephen Lloyd, presided over the meeting with the agenda below

- *Acknowledgements & Welcome*
- *Apologies*
- *Minutes 2017 AGM*
- *Financial Report*
- *President's Report*
- *Update on Shed Extension*
- *Election of Office Bearers*
- *New President's Address*
- *Other Business*
- *Q&A*



Left to right, Mal Bailey , Stephen Lloyd , Peter Adair

Our President, Stephen Lloyd, acknowledged in his report, the many contributors that have made the Shed such a success for the year. He paid tribute to the Management Committee, the Coordinators and First-aiders, Project Committee of the extensions and the volunteer workers, maintenance men, external project teams and the bee box project team. He acknowledged retiring

committee members, Rob Lander and Mike Schwarz together with retiring Treasurer, Don Crocker, who will remain on the committee.

He recognised the achievements of improved formal inductions for new members, the continued training and accreditation, the seasonal BBQ's and the bee box milestones. We have maintained our level of financial members and sold-out the Shed Cookbook.

He paid tribute to those no longer with us, Barry Eastment, Barb Cooper and Roy .

We are proud of the many and varied community projects like Boccia slides for Cerebral Palsy, the ongoing bee box program for Ku-ring-gai Council that has reached about 3000 units. We assembled and installed racking for Meals on Wheels, "A" Frames for the Liberal Party, a lectern for Pymble Scouts, folding benches for Studio Artes, dog training aids, cat cages that were the first major metal working project in the new extension, honour board for Ku-ring-gai Lions club, library boxes for Group Homes, honour boards for Killara Croquet Club, memorial bench for private client, "A" frames for Support Lindfield and a cricket trophy for St Ives Cricket club. Apologies if your project is not mentioned.

Other activities that the Shed took part in were the Ku-ring-gai Senior's festival, National flag raising day, Ku-ring-gai Council mayoral awards, Refugee week function and the cooking group participated in Channel 10 the "Living Room" television show.

A special thank you was given to Kevin Jeffress and his team for the production of so many Bee boxes. To Mal Bailey, Mike Vernon and Bob Lions for their unstinting effort of making the Shed extension a reality. They spent untold hours in organising and working to give us this marvellous extra facility. We also thank Woods butchery for their great sausages, St Ives Shopping Center for extra furniture, Integrated Products for security system, Bendigo Bank for funding the Studio Artes project, North Turrumurra Bowling club for folding tables, St Ives Bowling club and Ku-ring-gai Council for more chairs and tables to fit out our meeting room. And last but not least, the production of this Bulletin by Hetta Mollema and Mark Champion. The Bulletin has featured many of the achievements and projects during the year.

The Treasurer reports that the Shed's finances are in a comfortable position and the Committee is confident that this position will carry forward into 2018/19 year. The Shed is now able to consider assisting other not-for-profit organisations. Grants received during the years are \$20,000 from the Federal Government and \$26,120 from the State Government.

- The newly elected management committee is:
 - President – Stephen Lloyd
 - Vice President – Tony Varrall
 - Treasurer – Andrew Killen
 - Secretary – Malcolm Bailey
- Ordinary Members (max. 5 positions)
 - Peter Adair
 - Mark Champion
 - Kevin Callinan
 - Don Crocker
 - Bob Lions



Spring BBQ

The AGM concluded with the ever-popular BBQ prepared by Sandy's Shed cooking group, managed provided by Wood's butchery and were delicious. A surprise visitor to the AGM and the BBQ was our moved to Newcastle last year. Having joined the Newcastle shed, he expressed interest in taking the shed. We will have to watch our intellectual property rights!



Raffle

No BBQ or AGM is complete without the customary raffle. The lucky tickets were drawn by Jane Vernon for some fabulous prizes. The proceeds from the raffle will be going to "Buy a Bale" for our farmers, organised by Bendigo Community Bank with Rural Aid. President Stephen was very pleased to present the bank's manager, Dean Castell with \$510 collected by Rob Lander on behalf of all attending members. Shed members had been very willing in supporting this drought relief for NSW farmers.



Mike, Derek and Bernhard in the metal shop



A view of the metal working machines

Official opening of Extension Friday 26 October

The extension is open for business with most of the tools and machinery in place and wired up. The expanded metal working section has been largely fitted out by Mike Vernon, with help from many others, and finally allows access to many of the tools that were hidden from view in the old shop. Provision has been made for an electrical bench, to the delight of Bob Lions. Work-in-progress includes storage for the bee boxes has been completed.

The Multi-Purpose Room at the rear was officially used for the first time at the AGM. Fitted with a large screen, it was perfect for its purpose. All in all, the extension provides a major upgrade of the facilities for the members to enjoy. We are grateful for the time and effort that went into it with Mal Bailey deserving a special mention.

Discussions are taking place with Council for the building of an office facility to provide a dust free space for the computers and occasional human. These are needed for our administration and a computer kiosk for use by the members.

The Official opening of Shed extension will be at 10:15 for a 10:30 start on Friday 26th October with limited seats on a first-in, best-dressed basis. You will need to register as there is only a capacity for 50 including about 14 guests.

The sign-on sheet is on the lunchroom table.



Shed subscriptions due

Members are reminded that the yearly subs are now overdue. They provide the Shed with necessary funds to acquire needed equipment and for the general running of the Shed, including insurance. You will not be issued with your name badge and accreditation when they are re-issued in a few weeks. Please assist us with your prompt payment. See <http://www.kushed.org.au/Membership.html> for ways to pay.



Folding tables

The design and fitting of the folding table legs were mainly done by David Wood and Mike Schwartz for the Ku-ring-gai Orchid Society as a thank you for allowing us to keep our large hydraulic press in Douglas Pickering Pavilion when they held their orchid show last year.



Hydraulic press

This press was recently, and very gratefully, moved by a Council team with truck and hoist. It has a mass of approximately 800 kgs. The press was a donation to the Shed for heavy metal press work, mainly in the metalworking area. It is now located on the back patio of the extension



Fire training

Mike and Robert provided training in the use of fire extinguishers.

Notices

AMSA News September 2018. See:

<http://www.kushed.org.au/Web-files/AMSAnewsSept2018.pdf>

AMSA The Shedder magazine Spring edition at

<https://mensshed.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/The-Shedder-Spring-2018.pdf>

Request for Movember donations for men's health and prostate cancer See:

<https://www.gentlemansride.com/fundraiser/davidsearson>

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