

Kushed Bulletin

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A Message from the President

As we enter the New Year and our tenth year at St Ives, I thought it appropriate to reflect a little on the past, but more importantly to look forward.

Kevin Callinan, after spending about seven years seeking a suitable site for our Shed with the support of a group of members, established our initial shed at Howson Oval in South Turramurra.

This was a stop gap situation and was very limited in that it was the size akin to a double garage.

Ku-ring-gai Council, after a lot of negotiation, agreed to the construction of a Shed to be built in the grounds of the St Ives Showground. The first block was completed in 2011 with the help of a very substantial group of member volunteers.

Later Paul Schiebaan took over as President replacing Kevin, who had completed his maximum term in the role. Paul was a very enthusiastic member and took on the challenging role in seeking to gain approval for the development of an additional Shed which we now refer to as "B Block". Unfortunately circumstances arose where Paul chose to leave Sydney for the benefit of Novacastria and to be near his immediate family.

I was elected to the President's role in 2017 after having served as the Treasurer for three years and Vice President for two years looking after Membership.

Now, in the role for my third year, I believe it is time for someone else to have a go. With eight months to go before our AGM and committee election, I would like to think that someone with a little time on their hands and an interest in contributing to the future of our Shed, would step up.

Similarly, our long serving Secretary Mal Bailey, has indicated his intention to retire as Secretary at the end of this year. We welcome interested parties and invite them to attend Committee Meetings to gain a feel for the roles.

The strength of the Shed is not only the Management Committee, but rather the wider membership. It needs the concept of volunteering to flow through to contributing to its management.

The Shed like all organisations, needs succession in the Committee, with the opportunity to introduce new blood and ideas. Remembering that it not a commercial organisation, but rather a group of like-minded people, it just needs someone who is basically a figurehead, but willing and able to lead a team of fellow members in support.

Please give this issue some thought and feel free to discuss same with me or any of the other Committee members.

Thank You.

Stephen Lloyd, Shed President

One of Our Libraries At Large



One of the outdoor library boxes previously built at The Shed was spied in Kent Oval at Turramurra

It is great to see it being used. A shame the plaque alongside credited the St Ives Mens Shed as the constructor

Seniors on Show - The Seniors Expo

On Monday, February the 17th, a Seniors Expo will take place

The Details are:

Ku-ring-gai Seniors Expo
Turramurra Uniting Church
10 Turramurra Avenue, Turramurra
10am to 2pm
Monday 17th February

Come along and see the range of Activities, Clubs, Services and Support available in the municipality

Or just come along and support The Shed. We will have a stand there. More details are available here http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Things_to_do/Learn/Seniors_events

Seniors on Show - The Shed Open Day

To celebrate Seniors week, The Shed will conduct an Open Day on Thursday the 20th of February, between 10am and 2pm.

This will be at our Shed at the St Ives Showground.

Please encourage your friends who are not members to come along and view the range of activities, machinery, skills and camaraderie on show.

Even invite your partner along, so that they can actually see where you spend your mysterious hours away from the house.

New Slide Compound Mitre Saw

The Shed has added a new Makita slide compound mitre saw to our collection of machinery. The new saw has better sawdust management and is easier to use.

The older saw will be re-installed next to the new one to relieve the pressure on the demand for this type of saw.



Dust Extraction

To minimise the airborne dust in the Shed, all members are strongly requested to ensure to switch-ON the dust extractors for the machine they are using.

Airborne dust is inhaled into the lungs and may irritate the lining of the lungs. Members with respiratory difficulties may be adversely affected.

So, in consideration of other members you are asked to turn the dust extractors ON.

The Things We Do





Bee Boxes

The making of bee and other wild animal homes is such a big and continuing task at The Shed, there is a dedicated area for the assembly process.

Production has commenced on another series of Bee Boxes and Mario is hard at work with the stapler.

Killara Golf Club - Chair Restoration

Max and David are restoring 4 old chairs for the Killara Golf Club.

Max obviously had an elevated position in the restoration process while David is taking the onerous task of quality control very seriously.



Repairs and Maintenance

Bob is keeping up with a steady flow of electrical tools that have suffered at the hands of our members. Or, maybe just wear and tear.

Here, he is repairing the miniature belt sander.



Coming Up In The World

A member of the public asked if we could raise the height of six dining chairs she had recently purchased

The brains trust was assembled and Chris came up with the bright idea to add a piece of timber between the seat and the legs

Keith is proudly displaying the finished



product, with the X shaped piece of timber installed

Notices



Australian Mens Shed Association Activities

For AMSA activities and events goto:

<https://mensshed.org/news-events/blog-listing/>



Ku-ring-gai Council Activities

For Council activities and events goto:

http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/Things_to_do/Events_activities

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