

Kushed Bulletin

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A Message From The President

I thought it about time that I shared a few thoughts with members at this time when annual subscriptions have been invoiced and members are reviewing their membership.

In the past, we have found that each year, a few members drop by the wayside and despite the growth of participation by regular participants, I want to encourage all members to consider the recent development of our Shed and the added facility that it will be offering.

As you would all know, we have built an additional shed which will increase our overall capacity for both metal workers and also the woodworkers. The fit-out of the new shed is nearing completion which will provide a wonderful opportunity for increased participation in all areas of activity. An added bonus is the new multi-purpose room which will enable us to hold forums, meetings and social functions in greater comfort.

Down the track we plan to extend the lunch room which will be furnished with some larger tables to better accommodate morning tea and lunch participants. The library will remain for the time being and I remind members that here are some great ideas for projects within the extensive collection of books and periodicals.

The kitchen continues to serve us well and the Cooking Group remains an active forum for those wanting to improve their culinary skills and regularly enjoy the associated fellowship

Remembering the concept of the Shed to support positive mental health for members, I encourage everyone to at least come to our seasonal barbeques, AGM and Christmas Lunch and enjoy the fellowship. Hopefully in the not too distant future there will also be an official opening of our new building when we achieve finality of the major steps in the program.

Also, please be aware that we are continually being asked to carry out community projects such as bee boxes, polling booth A- frames, bee hotels, benches for Studio Artes, bocce slides for Cerebral Palsy, school projects and it goes on. So there are frequent opportunities for members of all levels of skill to work individually or in teams and it only means turning up and offering your services to the Co-ordinator of the day. Otherwise consider a project of your own or introduce one if you identify one in your community. There is usually someone around to advise or assist.

So in conclusion, your Management Committee looks forward to your ongoing participation and your support as a volunteer member.



Stephen Lloyd - President

The Extension Fit-out

The final concrete for the paths around the Shed has been poured and looks fantastic, see the action and the result below.



All the wall panelling and the electrics have been completed. The media room is awaiting fit-out of the audio-visual system. We are now busy sorting out the metal workshop tools and make them more easily accessible.





Sorting out our fasteners and shifting the heavy metal-working equipment to its new home under the command of Mike.



OBITUARY – BARB COOPER

(25 Jan 1937 – 13 Jul 2018)



We are sorry to report the loss of our friend and past member, Barb Cooper, who passed away recently following heart failure.

Barb came to us together with Di Seely in 2011 after being shunted out of a rather conservative craft group who couldn't handle the exuberance of a couple of lively and fun loving gals.

Accordingly, Barb was a breath of fresh air to our Shed members with her effervescence and wonderful sense of humour. She worked primarily on restoring furniture and always saw the funny side of the activities that went on around her.

Barb was always good for contributing a coleslaw salad to augment the regular barbecues, just as she was in helping with the catering for the Bush Fire Brigade in her area. She loved the opportunity to be part of any social occasion. Sadly Barb suffered ill health over her last years and had to retire in 2017.

We extend our sincere condolences to husband Barry and the family.

Props for the Marian Street Theatre for the Young



The Shed was recently asked to build some wooden props for a Marian Street Theatre for the Young production

Malcolm, our theatre props and scenery guru, using designs provided by MSTYP, bought his team together and created what you see above

[To find more on MSTYP , click here](#)

Another Successful Project & Happy Client



A great team effort was completed for our local Federal Member in the form of 100 wooden A-Frames for use by the three levels of Government in our area.

The team consisted of tried and proven members, David Wood, Mike Schwartz, Graeme Bradshaw, Bernard Coates and Keith Cummins.

Initially a sample frame was made to establish the construction method and time involvement of our labour. A quotation was prepared and with the sample and material list, presented to our client for approval.

This project typified the value of a team effort and completion far exceeded the expectation of our client who is photographed happily receiving the finished items. Well done team.

Moggy's Holiday Retreat built by The Shed



The Shed was approached to build and install 14 cages for a proposed cat minding service, looking to cater for 24 cats. A couple of “non Shed” contractors had already made an unsuccessful start on this project, creating delays and producing unusable components.

The construction materials were pop riveted aluminium and wire mesh. The cages were constructed in The Shed and then assembled on site. A new Shedder, Robert, was assigned this part of the project.

Phil, Mike S and Mark did the preparation work by applying MDF sheets to the walls.

Robert, Mike V, Rob and Graham installed the cages, with Robert doing the lion's share

of the work.

The job went well and was completed in less than a month, despite extra work being requested by the customer.

The customer has expressed great satisfaction and sent thanks to all involved. If all goes well in the next 6 months, more cages will be ordered.

Call for Bush Care Group



Shed Members are invited to register their interest in participating in a Bush Care Group to initiate planting and general natural restoration and maintenance in line with Council's requirements associated with the development of our new shed.

The group will have an ongoing active participation in order to maintain natural restoration and further develop an extension to the natural environment within the immediate area around our shed.

This will be an opportunity to learn something of natural bush care in our area and hopefully have a bit of fun participating.

For those interested, please contact Bruce Donnelley on 0447 607 299 or at bruce.1234@bigpond.com

Member Profile – Geoff Greenwell



Geoff joined the Shed in 2011, having retired from the volunteer Chatswood Golf Club maintenance team. He identified his interest to undertake carpentry and woodwork as well as contributing to community projects and maintenance of the Shed facilities.

Subsequently he has become an invaluable member, not only by his involvement in community projects, but particularly in contributing substantially to the maintenance and cleaning of the Shed itself as well as the wood-working equipment.

Geoff arrived with a full head of hair, but due to continual taunting by people breaking machines and abusing the consumable components, he is left with somewhat more of a follicle challenge. He is now very familiar with all the equipment and their characteristics, but is yearning for members to pay more respect to the machines and provide him with more time to undertake his own projects.

One such Shed project that he has developed on his own is that of manufacturing “dog scent discriminating bars” (training aids) for the local dog training group at the St Ives showground and now a further two remote groups.

Geoff can regularly be seen vacuuming the meeting room, cleaning and tidying the kitchen and as you can imagine, he loves cleaning the dust extraction system – (not)!

Please doff your lid to this fellow when you see him as he deserves our highest praise and regard. The place just wouldn't operate as well as it does without him.

What's Cooking

The headline for this month's class was JINGLE BELL's. Whether it was the lure of the mouth-watering menu or the opportunity to dig out our Christmas Mardi Gras attire will remain a mystery but given we attracted our largest class to date seems a testament to growing interest in participating in this Shed activity.

Bench space was at a premium as was seating space around our dining table. Adorned with every Christmas decoration other than candles it was impossible not to feel a merry atmosphere. Not only that but a surprise visit from Santa (alias Bob Fulton) with a sack of presents reminded us of the boy within us. The presents also reminded us of our current condition and therefore were carefully selected with our Senior Citizen status in mind! The menu, its recipes and the instructions we followed yielded nothing less than a Winter Feast.

Menu

	Gluhwein - Mulled Wine
Entree	Spinach Frittata with Cherry Tomatoes
MAIN	TURKEY ROLL
Accompaniments	Hasselback Potatoes
	Lemon & Honey Glazed Carrots
	Pea & Bean Braise
Dessert	Bread & Butter Pudding

Thankfully, the real thing is 5 months away.



New Members

The President and Committee would like to welcome the following new members who have joined our shed this year and who have previously not been acknowledged.

We would appreciate it if all existing members would welcome our new fellow shedders to the fold.

Ali Zein
John boyle
Frank Brimelow
David Cressley
Chris Davis
Tony Fisher
Dennis Foletta
Jim Hobbs
Robin Kippax

Don Murphy
Don Ombler
Rick Propert
Ted Reid
Mark Restuccia
Stephen Rhall
Rob Schild
Phil Shervington
Ross Simpson

Peter Mackinson
Doug Marker
John McKerrell

Mark Restucca
Peter Seaver

Notices

[To see the AMSA winter news letter , click here](#)

[To read the full Winter edition of the Shedder , click here](#)

[Brand New Timber and Working With Wood Website, click here](#)

[The Traditional Tools Group - Next meeting and workshops, click here](#)

[Wood Turning Student Newsletter August 2018, click here](#)

Ku-ring-gai Council have developed a dynamic online tool called Climate Wise Communities to help residents assess and take personal ownership of the risk from Bushfire, Flood and Storms at their home or place of work in Ku-ring-gai.

This online tool allows you to identify your residence and brings up all specific risks to that site - through council mapping links and follows a line of enquiry specific to the associated risks

[Climate Wise Communities, click here](#)

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