

Kushed Bulletin

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Billy's Corner

With the installation of the Vertical Saw now complete, it is timely to recognise the former tenant of that corner of the Shed

Bill Ashman was an early member of the Ku-ring-gai Community Shed, from the time it was located at Howsen Oval in South Turramurra.

Originally, Billy mainly spent his time by being the in-house painter and stainer and when ultimately ensconced in our St Ives Showground facility, a space was made available for Billy to work in his interest of lapidary.

He could be seen there most days, turning soapstone and semi-precious materials into animal figures as well as making grinding machines for students of his classes which he conducted elsewhere..

Billy passed away in 2017 but his legacy is remembered by the memorial photo now residing there



A Profile - Geoff Greenwell

Geoff joined the Shed in 2011 after neighbours complained about the dust he was making in his outdoor veranda workshop.

Geoff, apart from looking for a workshop, wanted to develop a constructive occupation. Already being pretty handy and practical, the Shed offered him most of the key criteria including the opportunity to contribute to the community.

Geoff participated actively in his early years, and it wasn't long before he became a Coordinator and later also took on the role of First Aider.

He then realised that our equipment often needed repairs and maintenance, to which he readily adapted as a new skill under the guidance of founding member, Grahame Crawford.

Geoff can often be sighted pulling machines apart and reassembling them to prime working order.

He lists his frustration with members who do not utilise the dust exhaust system properly; such as either not opening the gates or closing them on completion of tasks. The abuse of sanding machines and in particular the regular forgetfulness of members to clean the surfaces with the rubbers is a continuing annoyance. He would like to see members remember to complete the log on the drum sander.

One of Geoff's latest triumphs has been to secure numerous orders from three dog training clubs to make and supply dog training aids. This has been very rewarding to Shed finances.

In recognition of Geoff's great contributions to the Shed, he was recently provided with a new mobile workshop (see photo).

When you see Geoff around, don't forget to give him a big thank you for his contribution.



St John Ambulance to The Rescue

We were very fortunate to obtain the services of St John Ambulance Divisional Paramedic **Malcolm Knight**.

Malcolm toured the Shed a few weeks ago, viewing our working areas, discussing risks and issues, and completing an audit of our first aid supplies and equipment.

Based on his findings, he conducted a First Aid extension session last Friday.

Topics covered related to Shed activities, types of injuries encountered in the past and Malcolm's experience in this area

Nine Shedders attended, with two of those being potential new Shed First Aiders



Table for Free to Loving Home

Attached are two photos of a Parker style Teak veneered extension table which is surplus to our needs.

The table is approx 1.5 meters long (2.1 metres long with the extension) by 1m wide and is currently stored at St Ives Showground.

Please speak to a coordinator or ring (02) 9983-9732 if you are interested



Brain Twisters for Youngish Minds

Try to solve these puzzles (Hint; The answer may not be the obvious one)

The answers are at the end of the bulletin

A bat and a ball cost \$1.10 in total. The bat costs \$1.00 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?

If it takes five machines 5 minutes to make five widgets, how long would it take 100 machines to make 100 widgets?

There is a patch of lily pads in a lake. Every day, the patch doubles in size. If it takes 48 days for the patch to cover the entire lake, how long would it take for the patch to cover half the lake?

The Things We Do



Nesting Hollows Project

Recently, we had a visit from Chelsea Costello (KMC Natural Areas Officer) who is managing this project for the Ku-ring-gai Council.

The work aims to create a natural type habitat as refuge for small wildlife in bushland within Ku-ring-gai, and is being managed from the Shed end by Peter A

To create the shelters, hollow tree sections are brought to the Shed from tree loppers and adapted with covers over unwanted openings.

Additional small holes are drilled for entry points and for attaching wires which then hold the hollows to tree trunks. Special spring wires are used to avoid damage to trees as they grow.

The photo shows Peter A and Chelsea with examples of the tree hollows that have been delivered to The Shed so far.



Lectern for Newport Probus

Hetta M has crafted a stylish lectern from re-cycled materials.

The base with castors was found by John B on a council scrap heap, the vertical tube came from a frame in our tubing store and the timber stage from cut offs of floorboards; who knows who has trod these boards.

The welding was done by Mark R.



Library Boxes

The Shed has received another order for Street Library Boxes. On this occasion we are only doing the painting, as the boxes were supplied by the council.

Graeme B and Gordon T slaved over hot paintbrushes to complete these weather ready mini libraries

For more information

goto: <https://streetlibrary.org.au/>



Harp Restoration

Tarras W, an accomplished harpist and harp maker, is restoring an old harp that he has had on the backburner for some time.



Mirror Frame

Di S is 'reflecting' on the curvatures of Lin S's mirror frame that he has expertly carved



Segmented Turning

Mark R is in the process of selecting and gluing together different types and colours of wood to make a stack for turning on the wood lathe.

One example of a cup created already is on view in the photo.

For more information goto:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Segmented_turning

AMSA National Men's Shed Gathering

The 8th National Men's Shed Gathering will be held at Morphettville Racecourse, South Australia from 10-12 September 2019.

More details are here : <https://dcconferences.eventsair.com/mensshed2019/>

What is D Caf (dementia café)?

A dementia café is a weekly meeting place designed to give a small group of people living with dementia and their family carers an opportunity outside of their home to socialise, relax and discover ways to live well with dementia.

Information can also be provided about local service providers and support groups.

Where are the cafés located?

St Ives – Wednesdays – 10.00am to 12.00pm

Waitara – Thursdays - 10.00am to 12.00pm

West Pymble – Tuesdays (starting August) – 9.30am to 11.30am

For further information and to book your place, please contact:

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Ku-ring-gai Council and The Shed Working Together

Melanie Morson (KMC Manager Visitor Experiences and Events) and Aaron Wilmore (KMC Ranger Facilities) visited the Shed last month and spoke with Andrew K and Malcolm B.

Melanie's main focus is on the successful operation of Showground activities. The discussions included:

- Approvals for the proposed office,
- Emptying the "Warrawee" container so it can be disposed of (Melanie offered KMC help to get rid of the surplus),
- Updating the Plan of Management to allow The Shed on the Showground site and establishment of long term Shed lease,
- Promoting contacts and spreading info via Facebook page (with suggestion that council staff could assist us to set-up a page),
- Us providing articles on Shed activities for inclusion on the Council web site for Showground activities
- Us inviting Melanie to the next BBQ

Answers to Brain Twisters for Youngish Minds

1. The ball costs 5 cents.

2. It would take 100 machines 5 minutes to make 100 widgets.

3. The lily pads would cover half the lake in 47 days.

For more information on the answers, please go here: <https://curiosity.com/topics/the-worlds-shortest-iq-test-is-only-three-questions-curiosity/>



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