

# Kushed Bulletin

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## Outcomes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM was held on the 14th of February and the general consensus is that we are in good shape financially and membership wise

Please find the minutes of the meeting [here](#)

The new office bearers are:

Brian Killin – President  
Stephen Lloyd – Past President  
Mal Cocks – Vice President  
Andrew Killen – Treasurer  
Mark Champion – Secretary  
Kevin Callinan – Committee Member  
Max Eliot - Committee Member  
Malcolm Bailey - Committee Member  
Bruce Donnelly - Committee Member  
Jack Zylmans - Committee Member  
Ray McKay - Committee Member

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## A Message from our President and the Committee

Our Shed has a proud history of member contributions to its establishment and continuing high standards of care for everything that we are so fortunate to be able to enjoy.

A number of our members put in a substantial effort for our Clean Up and Clear Out project before recommencing after Covid lockdown. Unfortunately, this standard is not being maintained. We have some clear expectations of members:

Equipment

- Members must not use machines if they are not accredited, or they must be supervised by a member who is accredited
- Equipment should be used safely and treated well.
- Faulty or damaged equipment should be reported to a coordinator, not put back on the shelf or on the shadow boards

Each member is expected to contribute part of their time to the Shed:

- At the end of each day, or when you are leaving, make a cleaning contribution to the common areas – kitchen, lunchroom, entrance areas. Put something away or wipe down the area.
- If you are leaving at lunchtime ask what you can do before you go.
- Contribute to community projects, in addition to undertaking your own projects.

Members are responsible for cleaning up after themselves

- Sawdust, shavings and metal filings are to be cleaned up once you have finished with the machine, not left for the next user or end of day
- Offcuts to be placed in the garbage bins or, if of useable size, placed in the racks
- Hand tools to be returned to their correct positions in the tool rooms
- Benches should be empty and clean for the next day
- Brooms, brushes and vacuum cleaners are to be returned to their storage positions

#### Usage of Shed materials

Members are not required to pay for

- timber stored in the central rack
- common sense usage of fixings, glue, tape, sandpaper, hinges, etc – large quantities should be paid for

Members are required to pay for

- timber or metal stored in the annex, container or otherwise labelled as 'for sale'
- picture framing material
- welding supplies

Specialty timbers have become a scarce and expensive resource. Therefore, we will be setting these aside and a price will be attached. We cannot have these scarce resources being used for personal commercial purposes nor can we allow them to be used for unsuitable purposes where such timber is not necessary.

The Shed cannot be used for personal commercial undertakings. This has implications for our charity status, our insurance and could affect our License with Ku-ring-gai Council.

Our Shed is a Community Workshop which only exists as a result of the combined efforts of Members. This is not just the responsibility of just a few of the hardest working.

Everyone must lend a hand whether it is cleaning up, putting things away correctly or contributing appropriately.

I am looking forward to your support and ongoing contribution to our Shed.

Brian Killin

President

## The Shed Accreditation Documents

The documents we use to show the safe and efficient working of the machines in our two sheds have evolved over many years

They contain the accumulated knowledge and experience gained from many members, along with diagrams and text from manuals and guides

The documents received a major boost recently when our President, Brian Killin, went through all the documents, brought them up to date and reformatted them to produce a set of modern, easy to read guides

All these documents are now available online from our website [here](#). They can also be found by going to [www.kushed.org.au](http://www.kushed.org.au) then Tools and Accreditation

As these guides are a valuable source of knowledge and experience, they are password protected. The password is "Shedder" (remember the capital S)

We encourage you to read the guides for the machines you are looking to get accreditation on, or just to refresh your knowledge

These guides are also available on the Shed PC in the lunchroom

## Our First Accreditation Day - Friday, 6th May

In response to a number of queries from members and Coordinators, we have decided to set aside specific days for undertaking Bulk Training and Accreditation

The inaugural Accreditation day will be **Friday the 6th May, from 10am to 1pm**

The machines covered on this day will be the Table Saw, Drop Saw, Thicknesser and Jointer

The intention is that you will be able learn the safe and efficient ways to use these machines, and gain your accreditation on the day

Could you please put your name on the sign on sheet in the lunchroom, or send an email to [kushed@bigpond.com](mailto:kushed@bigpond.com) with your details

Those intending to attend this session are required to read the Accreditation documents for the machines (see above) before the session

This does not supplant the current one-on-one sessions between members and coordinators on normal Shed Days.

Please see a Coordinator if you wish to learn about and use a particular machine you are not accredited for

**Please note: this event was previously scheduled for Friday the 29th April, but has been moved due to scheduling conflicts**

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