

Kushed Bulletin

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General Meeting Report

On Friday 6th May, 2016, a general meeting of the membership was held at the Shed to discuss the annual subscription and the progress of the extensions to the Shed. The meeting was well attended with more than 40 members present.

Welcome and acknowledgements

- We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we stand on – The Guringai People
- Council for their Grant for a new large smart flat screen TV which was used for the first time and will be used for training in the new extension
- Council, State and Federal Governments as well as Bendigo Community Bank for their ongoing support and Grants provided
- The previous Committee on whose legacy we build
- The current Committee
- The approval of grant funding of \$20,000 for Extension to the Men's Shed at St Ives Showground under the Stronger Communities Programme, facilitated by the member for Bradfield.
- And last, but not least – Our Shed members

Awards

Australia Day Award

The Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop received an Australia Day Award for outstanding services to the community. The award was presented during the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and Awards Program in the Bicentennial Park, West Pymble. See our [1st February Bulletin](#) for the full write-up and a photo of the award.



Mayoral Seniors Awards

At the Mayoral Award ceremony, during the recent Seniors Week, Kevin Jeffress and Mike Vernon received certificates of appreciation from the Mayor of Ku-ring-gai, Cheryl Szatow JP, for their many years of service to the community both through the Shed and elsewhere. We congratulate them both and thank them for their contribution. See the full article in the [Bulletin of 14 March 2016](#)

Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop brochure

Ku-Ring-Gai Community Workshop "The Shed"



What's the Shed about?
Our Shed is a not-for-profit organisation, with a prime objective of addressing men's physical and mental well-being. The Shed is a member of NABCC.

What does the Shed provide?
It provides a comprehensive range of facilities to work in, tools, metal, projects, training, cooking, carpentry and other practical activities.

How does the Shed operate?
We have a thriving, voluntary project by the membership, each paid together with work coordinators and this all volunteers.

Members pay an annual subscription and daily attendance fee to assist with running costs such as insurance, Council fees and consumables like tea, coffee, biscuits, glue, division papers, etc.

How do I participate?
Come and share in the Shed's variety of tools and equipment, pursue your interests and hobbies, spend time with others of similar interests, learn new skills or use tools for the first time - or keep old skills honed and productive.



Volunteers can feel valued and motivated by contributing to community needs and creating projects of personal interest and satisfaction.

Social activities, friendships and a place to discuss men's issues, including health and mental wellbeing, are all part of "The Shed".

How do I join?

- Check out our web site www.kushed.org.au
- Visit us to inspect our facilities and meet some of our members over a cup of tea.
- Obtain a "Membership Kit" which includes a membership application form.
- Completed forms & subscriptions can be accepted at the Shed or via EFT. Donations welcome.

Open Office hours Mondays to Thursdays 10am to 4pm (subject to change)
3500 Mowbray Road, West Pymble
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A new brochure has been developed to promote the Shed to the community.

[Download the full brochure.](#)

Motion - 1

Annual subscription

The annual subscription of \$50 has remained the same for the past 6 years. Through

project income, we have been able to avoid increases over all these years. In addition, project income and grants have allowed us to upgrade our kitchen, replace / upgrade and maintain equipment, own and operate the Shed Truck, buy materials, build the wood store and pay for consumables and running costs. More than half the subscription income has gone to insurance costs.

Our operations and support have been very fruitful, as is evidenced by our healthy bank balance. This, along with approved grant funding, will go a long way towards funding our proposed extension. We are in the final discussions with Council on this and expect commencement of construction shortly. We will, in due course, inform you of our progress.

We do not anticipate maintaining the historical level of project income and grants to fund our activities and need to budget accordingly.

Also we are now confronted with a new obligation to pay a License Fee to Council for occupying our part of the Showground, as well as pay for use of electricity and waste collection, commencing 1st July 2016. We are still in negotiations with Council to obtain the best arrangement for the Shed but for budget purposes we have to plan for this fee also.

The Management Committee proposed to increase the annual subscription to \$75 p.a. while keeping the daily attendance contribution at \$3. Project Income will have to pay for any shortfall in Membership Contributions. Please keep in mind that if the CPI was applied to the \$50 subscription over the past years, it would now be around \$65 p.a., hence we believe the \$75 is reasonable.

After discussions, the motion to increase the annual subscription to \$75 was adopted unanimously.

We hope that you will continue to support the Shed and find this increase acceptable. It will contribute to the continued financial health of our beloved Shed. Also, we encourage all our supporters to make a donation to assist the work of the Shed and obtain new and replacement equipment, and to continue our outstanding services to the community with projects like: Boccia slides- 15 per year - for Cerebral Palsy Australia

- Native Bee Boxes for Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden - Distribution over 2000 to date
- Possum Boxes initially for WIRES and now for local citizens
- "Inside Out" Turrumurra High School Project (1200 hours)
- Stage sets for Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company's amateur performances HMS Pinafore and Gondoliers – performed at Lyric Theatre, Shore Grammar School
- Raised garden boxes for seniors in retirement villages
- East Linfield Kindergarten

- Collection (for reuse, dispersal or selling at community markets) of tools and materials (especially timber) from community members' downsizing or deceased estates. (avoids landfill of reusable resources)
- Distribution of surplus equipment to other Men Sheds in need
- Repairs and refurbishment of St Ives Bowling Club outdoor seating
- Manly-Warringah Community Project "Weaving Bridges" multiple welded structures of birds
- Wheel of Fortune for the Bush School in Wahroonga
- Jousting fence fixtures for St Ives Medieval fair at the St-Ives Showground
- Plus, a number of projects underway or quoted for

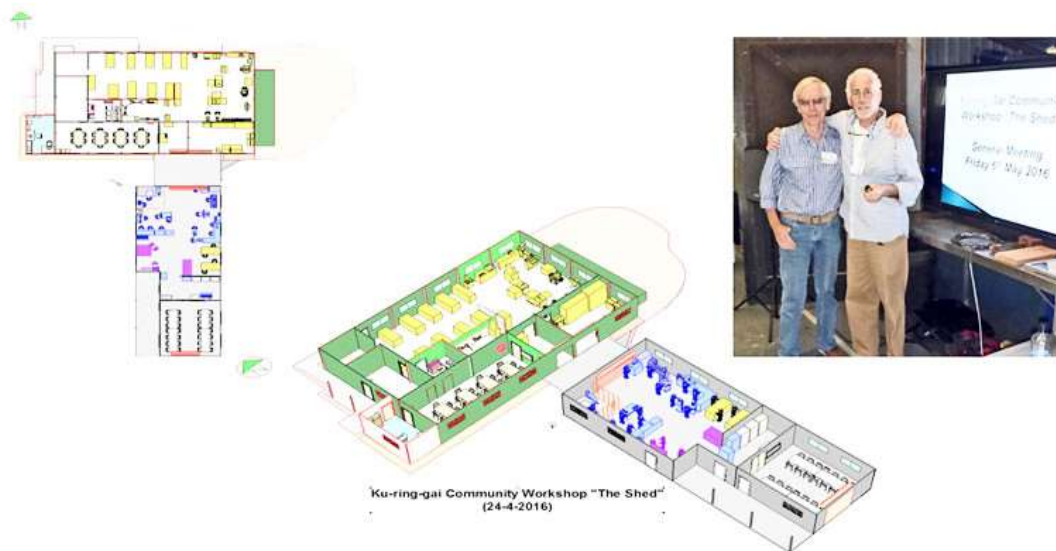
The Shed will notify you when the payment of the subscription is due closer to the renewal date, 1st July 2016, but if you would like to assist with a donation, either directly to the funds for the new building works or just to help with our day to day expenses, any amount would be appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, our account details are:

You can donate by Direct Deposit to our account
 Account: "Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop Inc"
 BSB: 633-000
 A/C No: 135768430

Please include your name and identify the payment as a donation.

Motion - 2

Shed extensions and improvements



Left: Drawings of the new extension smart TV

Right: Mal and Paul in front of the new

An information session was held, following the annual subscription discussions, on the Shed improvement and extensions plans. We have constructively worked with the Ku-ring-gai Council and developed a mutually agreeable design that will see construction to start in the near future.

The new layout with the extension will see a re-arrangement of the existing space with a larger lunch room, a dedicated office, larger metal working space and storage space to mention just a few. We hope you will stay with us to enjoy the improvements to the shed and the work space.

The meeting was overwhelmingly in favour of the plan and applauded all those involved in the process for their work and perseverance. In particular Paul Schiebaan, Mal Bailey and Kevin Callinan.

The meeting unanimously authorised the Shed Management Committee to determine and implement the building improvements.

BBQ



Exhausted by the discussions and with the aroma of the BBQ wafting into the meeting, the proceedings of the General Meeting were concluded. The cooking team did us proud with a fine lunch that was enjoyed by all, as is evident from the above photo.

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