

Kushed Bulletin

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Autumn BBQ

A BBQ was held on Friday 22 March 2019 at the shed with about 35 members present.

A special thanks to the Supremo Chef of the day, Rob Lander, who not only cooked the snags and onions but washed up too.

Thanks to others who on the day helped set up, provide IT support and re-establish the MPC under the guidance of our Convenor Bob Lions who arranged the food, drinks, logistics etc. Salads were provided by Geoff, Jane and Mike.

The raffle raised \$140 and went to the Bendigo Community Bank who matched it for the Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby Women's Shelter.

We express our appreciation for the donation of gourmet sausages from Wood's Butchery



Disaster Survival Plan Presentation

The BBQ was preceded by a presentation from the Ku-ring-gai Council and the Ku-ring-gai Brigade part of Hornsby - Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service, a volunteer organisation, on the subject of:

Are you ready for extreme weather events?



The captain of the Ku-ring-gai Fire Service, Nick, gave an overview of past fires in the area and the efforts that go into preventative burns to reduce the fuel load. He pointed out that disaster risks are

not only from fires but can come from extreme rain events causing flooding or from hail storms wreaking havoc like recently in Berowra & Cherrybrook. Global warming and climate change have affected the weather patterns and we need to prepare for when an event is going to happen on an individual basis.

Nick, accompanied by Samantha, Sue and our own Mike Vernon, later showed us the features of the fire truck. It is a custom-built job with an on-board tank, water pump and spray nozzles to protect the crew and truck if caught in a hot fire.



The Ku-ring-gai Council officers, Jenny and James, presented more figures, emphasising the changes in weather since 1950 that has seen an increase in weather extremes in the Sydney area and elsewhere.

They have developed a public web site for Ku-ring-gai Council area to help people question their own preparedness, and take corrective action. You can identify how well prepared you and your household are and make your own disaster plan. When you have completed the analysis of yourself and your home, all your personal information is erased.

We highly recommend this valuable tool at: <https://climatewisecommunities.com.au/contact/>

The website can be used to ask questions of experts and there is a section on Frequently Asked Questions. There are also additional helpful links to other resources.

New Cooking Group for Remainder of 2019

Expressions of interest are invited from Shed members to join the group under instruction from two new volunteer instructors. Max Elliot has been appointed Coordinator for the group and will appoint a Treasurer from the group of participants. Lunches will be conducted on a Friday (dates to be confirmed) of each month leading up to Christmas.

Luncheon sessions will commence at 10:00 am with a briefing from the Instructors, followed by preparation and cooking by group members, sitting down to enjoy the meal with a beverage and then clean up and conclusion usually around 2:00 pm.

Members are expected to contribute \$20 for each day to cover cost of ingredients and drinks. The group will number approximately 12-15 members. Those who have not previously participated or are relatively new Shed members are encouraged to join a core of past Cooking Group members.

Please send your response to Max Elliot at max-elliott@bigpond.com or c/o the Shed – kushed@bigpond.com

The Things We Do



Model Steam - 1

Mark is restoring some of the model steam engines in the Shed. This is a working steam roller. The engine has a direct drive to the tractor wheels using the steam boiler on board. The photo on the right shows the engine running under steam.



Model Steam - 2

A significant scale-up from model - 1, is Paul's traction engine. He built it from the ground up over a period of some 7 years. It is a fully operational steaming engine. Paul engineered and machined every part of it. It is a tribute to his skill and ability, congratulations.



Stool

The team of Lin, Mike, Graeme and Marcus have re-built a stool, which is undergoing “quality and safety checks” by John.

The 'Stool' was a replacement for Di as one of hers was inadvertently burnt during a Shed clean-up (by person or persons as yet unknown, or at least will not be mentioned). The new one was a joint effort by John & Marcus for the metalwork with Lin Smith, Graeme and Mike collaborating on the woodwork. Di provided the finishing touch with a basketball hoop found at the Kimbriki tip.



Church Library Box

A note of thanks to David from Heather.

Here is a picture of the wonderful box you all made for us. We just love it. Thank you so much.

Blessings
Heather



Mancala Board

Lin and Keith were asked by a member of the Ku-Ring-Gai community to make a Mancala board or tray after an example provided.

Mancala is one of the oldest known games to still be widely played today. Mancala is a generic name for a family of two-player turn-based strategy board games played with small stones, beans, or seeds and rows of holes or pits in the earth, a board or

other playing surface. The objective is usually to capture all or some set of the opponent's pieces. Versions of the game date back to the 7th century, and evidence suggests the game existed in ancient Egypt.

For more information see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mancala>

Grandfather Clock

Brian is restoring a donated grand-father clock case. When completed with the clockwork it will be sold with the proceeds to benefit the Shed.



Toy Birds

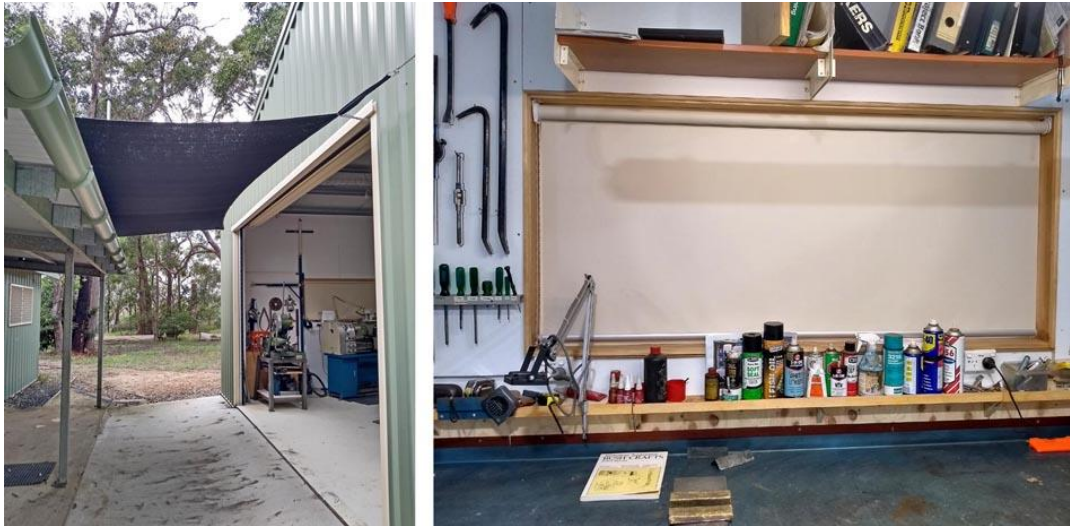
Ross and George have designed and produced an ingenious variety of toy birds.

Graham Crawford

Peter visited Graham Crawford, one of the Shed's Life Members. He was able to assist him with configuring his computer in order to make it easier for Graham to access and read his email.

Those 'old-timers' amongst us will recall that Graham contributed an enormous amount of labour and expertise during the construction of the initial Shed as well as designing and building numerous projects for the Shed and various customers. Unfortunately, Graham suffered a stroke following surgery which has limited his mobility considerably. His wife, Helen, does not drive.

During the visit Graham was very eager to converse, particularly about the Shed and all the many personalities, events and happenings, otherwise known as gossip. As you might expect, Graham is rather trapped by his disability and eagerly welcomes any and all interaction with fellow Shed members. If you are able to call on Graham for a friendly chat, ask Peter Stehn for his contact details.



Block -B Improvements

The shade cloth between the 2 buildings has been fitted to provide some comfort on hot and wet days. All internal windows have had blinds fitted.

Flu Shot

The vaccine has started to be delivered. Consider it in the interest of your health.



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