

Kushed Bulletin

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Mid Year BBQ - 8th July



Register here - ShedBBQ.eventbrite.com.au

We are delighted to provide a FREE BBQ for members on Friday 8th July.

This BBQ has been sponsored by the Ku-ring-gai Council in support of Men's Mental Health.

We will be gathering anytime from 10:30 to chat and enjoy a catch up.

Lunch and drinks will be provided in the multipurpose area.

We will provide an update on our progress, the new extension and our plans for the year ahead

Tickets will be sold in a raffle, with some very good prizes. All proceeds to the Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter

Construction of The Extension is Underway!



Members who have been to The Shed in the last week couldn't help but notice the Security fencing and large pile of earth raised by our landscaping contractor as he levelled the site in preparation for the Extension

Next activity is relocating the water pipe that currently crosses the site

More updates at the BBQ in July

Second Accreditation Day Continues the Training

Our second group Accreditation session saw an enlarged group of 21 members get accredited on the Sanding Machines, Drill Presses, Bandsaws and Mortiser. There was also an introduction to the Cold Saw in the Metal area

Brian Killin, John Beales and Mark Champion led the members though the features and more importantly the safety aspects of each of the machines

They were then invited to show their new found expertise in using each machine to complete a number of tasks, to gain their accreditation

We are looking to run an Accreditation session for more of the Metal machines. Given the complexity of the lathes and milling machine, it may be more of an introductory session, with further experience and training gained when members want to complete their own

Wood Turning Dust Extraction - Up and Running



The final electrical connections and testing have been completed for the Dust Extraction system for the Wood Turning and smaller Bandsaws area

The Wood Turners have commented on the capability of the new system to remove any dust generated, thereby improving the overall air quality in The Shed

This work completes our major objective of automating our Dust Collection infrastructure in Building A.

We continue to see in our Environment Monitoring System the decreasing levels of harmful dust being generated

In conjunction with the Fume Extraction in the Welding Bay in Building B, we are now achieving an Australia best practice healthy environment for our members

A big thank you to all the Members who have worked to achieve this tremendous outcome

Look After your Sight and Sound

Eye and Hearing Protection

Our policy is to assess the best current medical advice and occupational safety recommendations to ensure that our members are protected from adverse consequences.

Eye Protection

This is mandatory at the Shed when working with machinery or hand power tools. The potential for damage to the eyes is high.

Most eye injuries in Australia are minor, but some workplace accidents can result in serious injury, vision loss or blindness.

The eye is extremely delicate and permanent vision loss can result from a relatively minor injury.

Ordinary eye wear doesn't adequately protect you against injury. In fact, contact lenses may make an eye injury worse.

The risk of workplace eye injuries is reduced if proper prevention measures are followed.

Pay attention to your working environment and always wear eye protection when you're required to do high-risk work.

Wearing eye protection appropriate for the task can significantly reduce the risk of injury.

Always buy eye protection that complies with Australian Standards.

Hearing Protection

Loud Noise Can Cause Hearing Loss Quickly or Over Time

Hearing loss can result from a single loud sound (like firecrackers) near your ear. Or, more often, hearing loss can result over time from damage caused by repeated exposures to loud sounds.

The louder the sound level, the shorter the amount of time it takes for hearing loss to occur.

The longer the exposure, the greater the risk for hearing loss (especially when hearing protection is not used or there is not enough time for the ears to rest between exposures).

The Shed has multiple machines that generate high levels of noise. The continuous exposure to this over time will cause hearing loss.

It is very strongly recommended that you wear appropriate hearing protection.

A New Digital Drill Press

The amount of work being generated by the Bee Box Group has required one of our existing Drill Presses to be dedicated to their area

They have also created a working area in the Multipurpose Room, which will double as the assembly area for possum and parrot boxes, as well as tree mounts for twenty bee boxes

This was a good opportunity to purchase a state of the art digital variable speed Drill Press. This new machine will live in the wood turning area for the time being

[This](#) video shows the Drill Press capabilities.

Training is being arranged for this machine



Art Class News

The Shed Art Group

Five attended our Shed art group on the 27th of May with a variety of subject matter.

Di Seely was framing a large black butterfly found at a friends house, Bruce Donnelley painting a Mona Vale beach scene in acrylics, Henry Harrison painted several small watercolour landscapes, Mike Schwartz pencil drawing outside the Shed practising perspective drawings, and Rudy Rencoret a pastel and coloured pencil painting of an ancient steam ship.

Our next meeting will be on **Friday 24th June 10am to 2pm.**

All welcome no matter what skill you may have, always a happy, social and artistic few hours.



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