

Kushed Bulletin

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Accreditation Day A Success!

Our first group Accreditation session since Covid saw 15 members get accredited on the Table Saw, Drop saw, Thicknesser and Jointer.

Brian Killin, Darren Johns and Mark Champion led the members through 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

The members also received training on how to monitor and empty the various dust collection devices

This is especially important for the Cyclone dust extractor attached to the Thicknesser, as the bin can fill up in a single morning

The photo shows the trainers and "students" enjoying a well earned break for morning tea



Next Accreditation Session

We are currently organising the next Accreditation Session

Friday 3rd June 10am-1pm

This will concentrate on the Drill Press, Sanding Machines, Band Saws and the Mortiser

There will be a signup sheet in the lunchroom for this session

A Tree Planting Ceremony in Honour of Tony Varrall

Anne Varrall and her son attended a tree planting ceremony at The Shed to commemorate our valued member Tony Varrall

A boulder and plaque will be placed beside the tree



A Far West Shed

Brian Killin, on his travels through the far west of NSW, came upon the Mens Shed at Grawin

This small town, 70 kilometres southwest from Lightning Ridge, boasts a well run Shed built, from two containers



Welding Exhaust System (finally) Completed

The Fume Exhaust system in the Welding Bay is now operational and is a welcome addition in our efforts to contain dust and fumes at The Shed

It has been a marathon effort, spread out over a year, due to Covid lockdowns

Kudos to Rob Schild and John Beales for the assembly and mounting, and Bob Lions and Douglas Howe for the electricals

Bob even made an internal light and remote switch, including 3D printed box. These would otherwise have been a \$1,000 optional extra



The Shed to The Rescue at Bunnings

The new Bunnings Store at Pymble reached out to us to assemble some BBQs and outdoor furniture prior to their opening

We did this work in collaboration with the Hornsby Mens Shed

Six members from our Shed spent the morning valiantly reading through assembly manuals and hoping there were not too many parts left over at the end

A generous donation will assist our finances



The Things We Do

A Problem and a Solution Walk Into a Bar

The bee box team need to stamp their creations, using a metal stamp. Using this stamp with a hammer causes major noise pollution and jarring to the hands

The metal group had an old press, which had been sitting unused for many years

The assembled brains trust paired the two together, and John Beales made it happen

This required the welding of a support stand, the making of a jig to accurately position the timber and the use of our engine lift to move it into position



Big Wins at The Easter Show

Mark Restuccia, one of our star woodturners, created a number of precision turned wood items and entered them in the Easter Show

Mark received a Second Prize and Highly Commended in the Craft section for his efforts
Well done!



Art Class News

The Shed Art Group met last on 22nd April, with four members in attendance.

Rudy continued with pastel rendition of an old clipper sailing ship, Di an

interesting small sculpture of a person climbing a rock face, Kirt a Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race yacht entrant dramatic painting rounding headland into the Derwent River and Bruce a painting of Vienna Cottage Hunters Hill, circa 1871.

Rudy, Ian and wives and Bruce visited the leading Australian and international marine artist Ian Hansen exhibition of his paintings at Vienna Cottage during April.

Our next meeting **Friday 27th May 10 am to 2pm**

All are welcome, regardless of skill or ability.

Cooking Class News - How good is your Gnocchi?

No – we're talking about gourmet cooking! This is the main course the Shed Cooking Group will be preparing and devouring this coming **Friday 20th May** under the expert guidance of our instructor Idris.

It is really Gnocchi and Roast Tomatoes and on the basis of the photo below it will be delicious.

We'll also be making Pea & Ham Soup for entree and finish up with Almond and Pear Tart.

Looks good doesn't it.

So if your cooking expertise doesn't extend much beyond fried eggs on toast, why not come along and enjoy the gastronomy and camaraderie.

Contact Max Elliot for details on 0432 917 301.



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