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Mid Year BBQ was held on the 8th of July



Over Forty members sat down for a very enjoyable lunch and chat on Friday the 8th of July

Our president, Brian Killin, gave a short speech on the progress of the Extension and other activities around The Shed

There was a presentation to Kevin Jeffress of a framed poster of "Bees of NSW", in appreciation for his sterling work over many years

His bee working group have designed and constructed many thousands of native bee boxes for Ku-ring-gai Council

This has been a major source of income into The Shed

Danny Houseas from Ku-ring-gai Council was at the BBQ, and gave a fascinating talk on the interaction between the Council and the founding members of our current Shed
This engagement, right back to a group of men looking to start a Shed, encompassed multiple Shed locations and we thank Danny as a valued friend of The Shed

The Raffle raised \$250, which will go to the Hornsby Women's Shelter



Just to prove that Shed work (as opposed to Men's work) is never done, we have Ben Hur and Mike Bennet-Williams from the cooking group drying the Shed tea towels after a water leak in the kitchen

A Talk on Welding Across the World - Friday, 12th August

Thanks to Rob lander, we have managed to secure Gary Flanagan to speak on his welding experiences working on a wide range of billion dollar construction and maintenance projects, above and below the water, around the world

This talk will commence at **12 noon** on **Friday, 12th August** in the Multipurpose room at The Shed

A signon sheet will be available in the lunchroom



An example of the ADS JIM suit used for underwater construction.

We Now Have Water Views!



The continuing heavy rains have turned the parking area adjacent to Building B into a quagmire

At least three members have needed a tow to extract their cars from the thick mud

The photo shows the new creek flowing through our carpark

The History And A Progress Report On The Extension



Work on the Shed extension has started moving again but it seems the gods are still conspiring against us. Now it is Huey the rain god.

Serious conceptual plans to extend the Shed commenced before 2014 and it wasn't until 2017 that we had our DA approved. This was to allow for Block B and a western extension which was focused on housing our administration, archives, library and research facilities amongst other things.

Block B was completed in 2017 but approved occupancy was not recognised until 2021. Many bureaucratic and administrative processes involving new state government legislation and regulations, local council restructuring and processes, consultants, engineers, inspectors, contractors, suppliers and Covid 19 delayed us from finally on 5th April 2022 obtaining a construction certificate to complete the western extension.

Extension work completed thus far includes:

- Updating and renegotiating contracts
- Erection of safety fencing and signage,
- Site excavation to allow for slab and retaining walls,
- Removal of top soil of adjacent area to allow for berms, swale and complementary landscaping,
- Excavation of trenches for agricultural drainage and services,
- Installation of retaining walls including agricultural drainage and back filling,
- Setting top soil aside from the swampy bush track behind the Shed. This will be remediated once track is built up and settled with spoils already transferred from building site,
- Installing pipework to redirect kitchen sullage around edges of site,

- Exposing main sullage line, installing flex joints and wrapping pipe where it is to pass under edge thickened sections of slab,
- Redirecting copper water supply line around the edges of slab site. and
- Formation of berm to redirect run off from Douglas Pickering pavilion around shed site.

The latest heavy rain has led to the floating up of the installed sullage pipe. This will need to be reset and weighed down. Some further finishing plumbing works are still required but are now held up by the weather.

The Stramit building kit which includes materials for the structure is to be delivered on 26 th July and will need to be stored in the MPC as the building site is very boggy and would not sustain delivery.

Once final plumbing works are completed, Sydney Sheds concreter can arrange for slab installation.

We should be thankful to Stuart from 'Stuart Landscape Constructions' for the work he has done under very trying circumstances and for his constructive and very obliging input in solving problems.

We are also fortunate to have Shaun from 'Savvy Solutions Plumbing' able to attend at short notice when needed for our plumbing requirements.

When will it all be completed? I have long since given up estimating and keep reminding myself that it is not just the destination that counts but also the journey on the way. Maybe we now need to be praying to Huey.

Malcolm Bailey

PS - The Shed Committee and all Shed members would like to acknowledge the single minded determination and the huge efforts of Malcolm in getting us to this stage.

Malcom has been the driving force through this project from the very start, dealing with almost insurmountable challenges thrown up by legislative changes, multiple bureaucracies, Covid shutdowns, difficulties with suppliers and for twelve months the inclement weather.

We salute you!

Changes to The Roster and A New Task List

From August we will be reducing our daily rostered co-ordinator numbers such that there will be one co-ordinator for each shed each day, plus a first aider.

To support this change we ask all members to assist with cleaning and closing up duties each day - think of this as part of the one third of time spent on shed activities.

Over the next 2 weeks a list of tasks will be placed on the table in the lunch room. Please select one or more tasks and write your name against them for the day/s you generally attend the Shed. For example, closing blinds, vacuuming floors, cleaning kitchen, emptying dust extraction equipment, etc.

If you are leaving before close up time, please make sure the area/s you have been using are clean and all tools put away.

New And Returning Members

The President and Committee would like to welcome the following new and returning members who have joined our Shed recently.

We would appreciate it if all existing members would welcome our new fellow shedders to the fold.

Peter Richardson
Ned Strong
Richard Edmonds
Brent Isaccson
Ian Eastman
Rodney Simmons
John Byrnes
Murray Stagg
Roger Wilkinson

New Lighting for The Shed



The installation of new LED lights in the woodworking bench area highlighted (excuse the pun) the shadows now caused in the Sanding and Thicknessing areas

As always, Bob Lions was quick to devise a solution and purchase the required new lighting for these areas, as well as for the Wood Tool Store

The photo shows Mark Champion working under the new lights

(perhaps we may have overdone the lumens)

The Ongoing Infrastructure of Dust Extraction

The new Digital Drill press has been added to the Woodturning Dust Extraction System

A FEIN vacuum has been attached to the Drop saw in the Multi Purpose Room, joining the vacuum attached to the Drill Press there

These changes are in line with our quest for a cleaner and healthier working environment for all Shedders

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