

Kushed Bulletin

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Our Next Accreditation Day is Friday 5th May

Accreditation is an important element of participation in Shed activities and the use of our machinery.

Safety is the primary element of the accreditation process whereby members are shown the safe way to use equipment and are assessed on their ability to do so.

Members may not use machinery unless they have been duly accredited or they are being supervised by an accredited member.

We will be holding our first accreditation day of the year on

Friday 5th May, from 9am until noon.

We can accommodate 15 members. Financial Shed members only

Please send an email to kushed@bigpond.com to request to join the session. First in basis.

We will schedule additional sessions depending on the response

On the day we will be addressing the table saws, the compound mitre saws, the jointer and thicknesser and the sanding machinery.

There will be further sessions scheduled for such items as the drill presses, mortiser, Gifkins and Leigh dovetail jigs, wood turning lathes and bandsaws as well as some of the machinery in the engineering area.

These sessions will be planned and advertised on the Shed bulletin board according to the availability of members to conduct the training.

These members are volunteers and we value their time.

Our Sheds Have Their New Names



There was unanimous decision by the Committee to salute some of our outstanding members by naming our Sheds after them.

The name boards have now been created and have been mounted on their respective Sheds

A big round of applause for Brian Killin for making the original suggestion and organising the construction and mounting of these name boards

They are a fitting tribute to Kevin Callinan and Kevin Jeffress, who have made very significant contributions to our Shed

Our Air Conditioning is Now Operational





The two reverse cycle air conditioning systems, purchased with a generous grant from the NSW Government, have now been installed in the Lunchroom and Malcolm Bailey rooms.

These will provide a welcoming environment for our members in the depths of winter or the heights of summer.

A big thank you to Brian Killin and Bob Lions for the electrical fitout and RAM Air Conditioning for the supply and installation of the units

Easter Shows Exhibits



Bruce Donnelley, who leads our art group, has been awarded an Art-Highly Commended prize at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

*"The painting subject is across the Derwent River late afternoon, 2023 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race finishing stage,
The yacht on the right is Willow that came fourth across the line. It was taken from a*

photograph a friend sent to me.

Took some time getting the correct colours of the river, background and sky, before adding trees and yachts etc.

The second piece, ceramic four fishes with faces, is mounted on a piece of snow gum that came from a rural property at Jindabyne

I removed the bark, cut and shaped the timber piece at the Shed and applied varnish at home.

The four fish were made at Ku-ring-gai Art Centre at Roseville."

Loading Up at Bunnings For Our Next batch of Bee Boxes



The Shed enjoys wonderful support from Bunnings at Gordon. They have been extremely supportive in sourcing the timber in the sizes that we need at very good prices. Out thanks in particular to Kim.

The Ku-ring-gai Council native bee box program is a wonderful activity for our members that also provides us with a good financial foundation.

The Native Stingless Beehive Program is a community engagement and education program which aims to increase awareness of native stingless bees within the Ku-ring-gai LGA, as well as contribute to essential pollinations services, by enabling residents to 'foster' a hive in their backyard.

Every year since 2006, Ku-ring-gai Council have been distributing hives for residents to

foster and they currently have approximately 700 active program participants. The hives contain *Tetragonula carbonaria* – the only native bee species in the Ku-ring-gai area that lives in social colonies. They are a stingless species and therefore an ideal option for keeping bees without the worry.

The bee boxes are also great for teaching kids about the importance of insects and developing a positive relationship with wildlife in their own backyard.

Easels for Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Gardens



Ku-ring-gai Council has tasked the Shed with building 18 large easels to support the display of A1 size pictures in the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Gardens in early May.

They had to be robust for the outdoors display.

It was a group effort in the production of these units with even Bruce Donnelly our award winning artist applying his superior skills to the task.

Mens Sheds and The Repair Cafe in The United Kingdom



Mark Champion, on holidays in the UK, has been missing our Shed. To overcome this pining, he visited a number of Sheds in Portsmouth, on the southern coast of England.

The two Sheds Mark visited were the Portsea Mens Shed and the Havant Mens Shed.

At each Shed he received a warm welcome, morning tea and a tour of the Shed.

In discussion with the Supervisors, it was amazing how similar our machines, ideals, practices and issues were.

The UK has over 550 Sheds

The UK also has Repair Cafes, which has blossomed around the world (including one at Artarmon NSW).

The Repair Café is a network of volunteer centres, often popping up on Saturdays, where you can take clothes, household electricals, bikes etc and have them repaired for free.

This reduces waste, saves money and encourages community participation.

Looking Back to Our Roots

The pamphlet available [here](#), extracted from the archives, describes the origins of the Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop.

The Shed size and facilities have certainly increased since those days!

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