

# THE CUTTING EDGE

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## Shed Supervisor Roster for Saturdays

### HWMS President

Good morning Gentlemen,

Planning is well underway to open the Shed on June 26 (with some restrictions). That being so, Saturday June 27 will be the fourth Saturday in the month and you guys are "rostered" as Supervisors for that day.

Could you please let me know if you cannot make it on your rostered day.

Regards. Kevin Wallace

### SHED SUPERVISOR ROSTER FOR SATURDAYS

|                         |                  |              |
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| First Saturday of Month | David Boyd       | 0407 319 487 |
|                         | Ron Koutchavlis  | 0412 093 898 |
|                         | Yuval Cohen      | 0451 262 102 |
| Second Saturday         | Fred Blaauw      | 0418 284 792 |
|                         | Bruce Campbell   | 0408 359 777 |
|                         | Jim Spence       | 0432 963 203 |
| Third Saturday          | Kevin Wallace    | 0424 477 549 |
|                         | John Talbot      | 02 9680 9855 |
|                         | Philip Hirshbein | 0401 068 666 |
| Fourth Saturday         | David Harrison   | 0411 054 905 |
|                         | Greg Croker      | 0409 823 662 |
|                         | Ivan Bosnich     | 0422 645 895 |
| Fifth Saturday          | Fred Blaauw      | 0418 284 792 |
|                         | David Boyd       | 0407 319 487 |
|                         | Greg Croker      | 0409 823 662 |

Please note that David Boyd, Fred Blaauw, Kevin Wallace, David Harrison are to confirm attendances on their respective Saturdays.

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Hello from The Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed!

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your patience over the last three months. There is no doubt that there will be a new norm, and many of us will be more conscious and more aware of how we approach and plan our coming time in the Shed. There will be new rules of entry into the Shed. These rules must be adhered to in the strictest sense for the foreseeable future.

At the Committee Meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> we decided to extend everyone's financial membership for three months. This will put a strain on the Sheds finances, but I am confident that we will cope, as we move forward in these unprecedented times.

This is the news you all have been waiting for.

WE ARE GOING TO OPEN THE SHED ON 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE! To celebrate we are going to have a Christmas Party in June.

Well sort of. True we are going to open on June 22<sup>nd</sup> BUT only for a Christmas party clean-up. On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, Danny Madden will be in the Shed to test and tag all our electrical equipment. This is a safety requirement. We need to adhere to before we can use any of the (electrical) machines.

But first, we need to get the Shed ready so here is the plan:

1. Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have a general clean-up of the benches and floors, under and around the machines and put things away and socialise.
2. Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, same as Monday but also sort out and tidy up the timber racks, both inside and outside and the turners wood stack, and of course socialise.
3. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, pull out all the portable electrical equipment from the cupboards and put it on the (clean) benches. Disconnect the power cords on all the (large) machines, battery charges, air filtration units, fans, extension cords, kitchen equipment; if it's got an electrical cord, we need to get it ready. Do not forget to socialise.
4. Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>, Danny will start at 08.00 am. We will only need a couple of guys at this early start, but we will need lots of hands (around 10.00 am) to start to put all the equipment back together. It is a busy day so there will not be much time to socialise.
5. Friday 26<sup>th</sup>, Yippee!!!! There is no reason why we could not open the shed fully WITH SOME RESTRICTIONS. We need as many hands as possible for these four days (Monday to Thursday) to get the Shed back together and ready for a start on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. But only 15 members at any time. We need to maintain four square metres per person rule.

If you want to participate you MUST send an email to me, Kevin Wallace at [hwmspres@gmail.com](mailto:hwmspres@gmail.com) before Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June. You can come on as many days as you like but only the first 15 people will be added to the entry list for a particular day. I will then notify you by text or email that you are on the entry list and can come into the Shed on the particular day you have elected. If your name is not on the list, you will not be permitted entry to the Shed. This is in line with current COVID-19 government restrictions.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe and I look forward to welcoming you back to the Shed.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Wallace (President)

### **Procedures for opening the Shed.**

1) Date – 22 June 2020.

2) Roster of Members; 2 Supervisors, 13 members ONLY (15 people total).

3) Hygiene Procedure

a. Members to sanitise their hands when entering and leaving the Shed.

b. Members to sign in (as usual).

c. Rules of Entry. Only **rostered** Members to enter the shed.

No Member is permitted to enter the workshop if:

d. They have the symptoms of a cold or flu or are suffering with a runny nose or a dry or sore throat or unexplained fatigue; or

e. If they have been tested for COVID-19 in the previous two weeks and are awaiting results; or

f. If they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous four weeks; or

g. If they have attended the demonstrations on Saturday June 6 and/or Friday, June 12, or have closely associated with anyone who was at the demonstration.

4) Members must be accepting the directions of the Rostered Supervisor including any direction to wear a face mask or leave the Workshop.

5) All members' who have been "rostered on" will be asked to sign a declaration that they have complied with the Rules of Entry listed above.

6) Supervisors will clean down sink area and meal table with sanitiser product (methylated sprit and water solution) or detergent.

7) Member's need to practise safe distancing (1.5 metres) during morning tea break and at lunch time; and when moving around the Shed where possible. Only 2 members per bench.

8) It should be Members personal responsibility to sanitise their hands while working when they feel the need.

9) Members need to bring:

a. Lunch (microwave will not be in use),

b. Own cup/mug and bring your own tea or coffee. Boiling water will be provided. C. Personal hand sanitiser.

d. Surgical mask and gloves (not compulsory).

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## Tools donation

Recently our shed donated tools to NSW south coast that were surplus to us. The tools will be distributed from a central point, to people in need of assistance, due to their traumatic experiences as of late. Below is correspondence and photos relating to the operation.

Kevin,

A huge thank you for the trailer loads of tools that you and the men brought in from Hornsby shed last week.

Very much appreciated mate ....and will be greatly appreciated down the South Coast!!

Regards, Chris.

Again, a huge thanks to the great number of blokes who turned up yesterday to load the truck. You are too many to name and if I try I am going to inadvertently leave out someone, but you know who you all are ...and the best way to describe it is exactly that ..YOU TURNED UP for the people of the South Coast!!!

### NEXT TRIP

This may be in 2 weeks and we already have people wanting to donate goods. If you can be involved in a trailer run, one day this week to get some fridges which have been offered can you please let me know. They are local, so not far to go.....if you can give an hour please let me know.

The only cautionary note I have is that for each of us to be selective when offered goods. For example: the only clothes are to be outdoor warm jackets and bedding must be new! I say this with the knowledge that Lisa and Matt just got a bill of \$2,500 from the skip company relating to the huge amount of donated rubbish they had to get rid of. They are very, very complementary regarding our goods sent, but it still pays to not allow people to use us as an easy way to get rid of third rated goods. The people we are giving to have been traumatised, they are first rate people and deserve first rate goods, so do not hesitate to tell a potential donor that.

Cheers. Chris

### OPERATION IN ACTION





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### **Furniture makers: Bob Curruthers and Martin Foster**

“Master” furniture maker, Bob Curruthers, with his latest creation below. Bob has made numerous items of furniture of highest quality. He has taken his grandson Jaap under his wing and is passing on the expertise.

Hi Ivan

Just in case that you thought that I would never finish the Triple Windsor, here is a picture.  
Hope that it will not be too long before the shed opens again.

Regards  
Bob



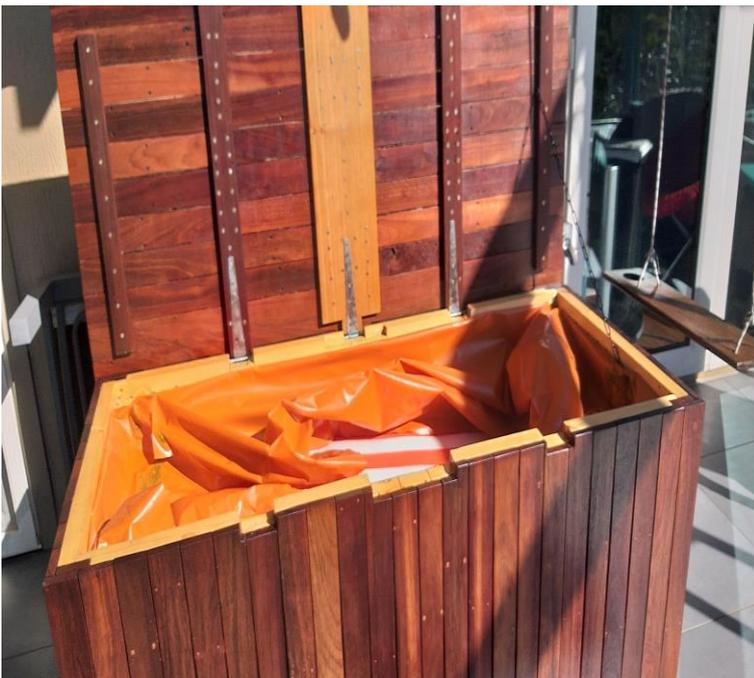
## ANOTHER CREATION BY BOB



*Hi Ivan, this is what I have been up to:*

- *a storage box for outside cushions from my hardwood exterior decking boards, that I had to clean with my own thicknesser*
- *a wood shaving bench made from 4 different timbers with the Men's Workshop and our mates' assistance and my own tools.*

*Regards, Martin F (M: 0434 111 703)*



## Kevin's Adventures in East Africa

As reported in the last *Cutting Edge*. I have been back-packing around Kenya and Tanzania with a mate. This was my first trip to this part of the world. We flew (via Perth, with *Virgin Australia* and Johannesburg with *South African Airlines*) into Nairobi (Kenya), stayed a couple of nights at the Manyatta Backpackers hostel. The place was a bit of a dump and reminded me of backpacker places I stayed at in India in the mid-1980s. However, the place was clean, as best it could be, but the whole building needs a major refurb starting with the roof. At US\$40 per night (twin room) was about the cheapest accommodation around Nairobi. The manager/cleaner/receptionist/cook was Ester who was wonderfully helpful young woman and made up for any downfalls in the physical attributes of the property.

On day two we went out to the Giraffe Conservation Centre, on the edge of the Nairobi National Park, to see the Rothschild Giraffes. This is an endangered species and differs from the other sub-species of giraffes. There is a breeding program and they are released into a National Park in the north of Kenya, away from other giraffes, so they did not inter-breed. Then we went to the Elephant Orphanage where injured and orphaned elephants are cared for before releasing them into National parks around Kenya. You could get up close to both groups of animals.



On day three we caught a battered 23-seater coaster bus from Nairobi to Moshi (Tanzania) which took about six hours. The last 10 km into Arusha was at 20km/h due to a failure of the front wheel bearing. Much of the scenery along the way was farmland and pasture. There were thousands of Silky Oak trees, some were being used as canopy for the growing of coffee plants while other stands looked like timber plantations. We stayed at Moshi for a night in another cheap hotel.

The next morning, we moved to a four star hotel, which had views of Mt Kilimanjaro. I was very nice sitting by the pool with a cold Kilimanjaro Lager.

On day five, we set off on a seven day trek, on the Lomosho route, up the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro. The Lomosho route starts on the western slopes of Mt Kilimanjaro. This is Africa's highest mountain and the worlds' highest (free standing) mountain that is not part of a mountain chain. It was a tough gig, but enjoyable. Some days we were trekking for 8 hours and climbing over 1200 metres elevation. It was recommended by the trekking guides to drink at least six litres of water per day. Lots of water helps combat altitude sickness. I was only drinking about three litres, but with soup at lunch and dinner, I felt I was getting plenty fluids. I was not feeling sick from the altitude. The problem here, with all this fluid, was having to get out of the tent, every three hours, at night to go to the loo. This was very disruptive for sleeping, combine this with a very thin camping mattress, sore muscles from some hard trekking; not getting a shower and climbing into the sleeping bag and feeling "grimy". All this contributed to a lack of sleep. By the time we got to the base camp I have had only about 2 hours in the previous two nights.



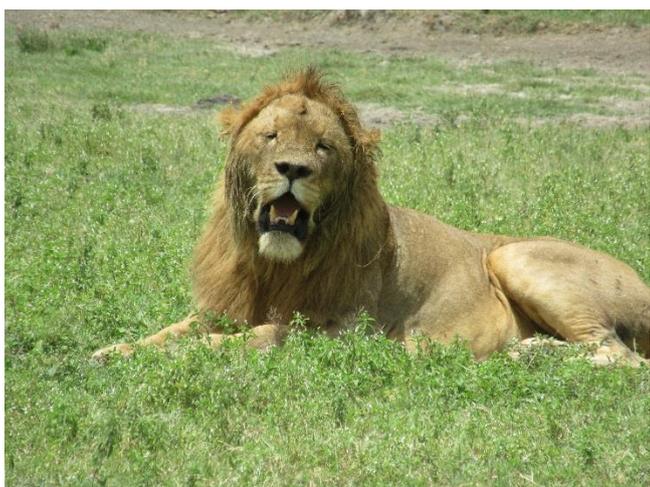
So, I did not make it to the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro. From Barafu Camp (the base camp) at 4673 metres, I only had another 5 km (and 1200 metres elevation) to go, but I just did not have the energy and was feeling unwell. It would have been a 12 hour trekking day; about 6 hours to the summit, in the freezing cold, 2 hours down again, then another 4 hours down the mountain to Mweka Camp (3100 metres) get out of the high altitude. It was disappointing not to make it to the top, not to mention the cost. I'll know what to

do next time! (maybe).

After the trek we went on a nine day safari around some of the National Parks of Tanzania, including the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater. The Serengeti NP is vast. Just a bit smaller than Kakadu, in the NT, but it was a flat(ish) grassland and you could see to the horizon in all directions. The main attractions here were lions and leopards, zebra, and wildebeest. We went to the Ngorongoro Crater, which is one of the largest volcanic calderas in the world that is not a lake and is part of the Great Rift Valley. Its 19 km across and up to 600 metre from rim to crater floor. It is teeming with wildlife including zebra, lions, rhinoceros, wildebeest, hippos and many more.

On the last 3 days of the safari we were based in the Arusha Tourist Inn and did day tours out to the nearby National Parks. On a walk through the Arusha National Park we got within 15 metres of grazing giraffes.

So, I got to see the “Big Five” (lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and Cape buffalo) as well as lots of other animals, up close.



On day 21 we got the battered bus back to Nairobi for an overnight stay at the Manyatta Backpackers hostel. The next day we took the Chinese built train to Mombasa, which is on the coast, for a couple of nights. The train is modern and very efficient, travelling around 100 km/h. Even so it took over 6 hours to get to Mombasa. From the train we could see elephants as it travelled through the Tsavo National Park.

The temperature in Nairobi was around the mid-twenty degrees; very pleasant, but Mombasa was in the high-thirty degrees, very uncomfortable. I wanted to see Fort Jesus in Old Mombasa, which is a 16<sup>th</sup> century Portuguese fort. It is on my bucket list “*1001 Historical Sites You Must See before You Die*”. I have less than 750 to go.

It was a great trip.