

THE CUTTING EDGE

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Tip of the Month:

Make Your Own Super-Strong Sandpaper

If you want to finish-sand freehand, without a sandpaper block, so that you can smooth edges and get into nooks and crannies. The finer grits are usually bonded to thinner paper and often the paper is too thin and ends up tearing long before the grit wears out. You can apply duct tape to the back of the sandpaper. The sandpaper will still be flexible enough to sand a tight radius and will be far more durable. You can use this super-strong sandpaper like a shoeshine rag.

Committee Report – WELCOME BACK

SHED RE-OPENING

The Shed reopens on Monday 25th October. There will be strict requirements

- ✓ Double Vaccination,
- ✓ QR sign in & sign out,
- ✓ Masks to be worn
- ✓ Maintain social distancing of 1.5 m.
- ✓ Do not attend the Shed if you are unwell, are a Covid contact or have had a Covid test but have not yet received a negative result
- ✓ You are also still required to sign in for insurance purposes.

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2021 AGM

We can now confirm the AGM will be held *Friday 26th November 2021*. Formal notice of the meeting will be sent out after the Shed reopens. All positions become vacant. We urge you to put your name forward for a committee position. If you do not want to be on the committee, put your name up for a support person. Maybe, you do not feel confident taking on a committee role but would be prepared to assist in one of the support roles – please speak to a committee member. Remember this is your Shed don't leave all the work to someone else.

While you were away:

- The new thicknesser has been delivered.
- The old kitchen has been removed. It was hoped the new kitchen would be installed for an October 18 opening. Unfortunately, the kitchen production was behind schedule and delayed the reopening until the 25th October 2021 to allow kitchen installation to be completed.
- The filters to the Dust collection have been replaced. We can thank Hornsby RSL and Waitara Magpies for their grants to this project.
- Ian Raper has checked all the major equipment, replaced bandsaw blades and the equipment is ready to get to work.
- The repaired drop saw is back in action. While testing it, Ian Raper noticed the saw was not fully retracting after use. Please ensure when you have finished your cut that the saw is returned to its upright position.

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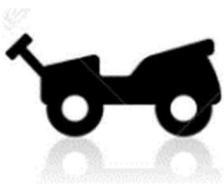


Christmas Party/ 20th Anniversary

Philip Hirshbein is currently organizing the Christmas Party. This year, to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed the party will be a catered event held in the Thornleigh Community Centre. There will be a charge for this event. The event is limited to 80 people which is the usual number of attendees.

\$ubscriptions

As mentioned last month we thank all members who paid their subscriptions during the lockdown. Adjustments to renewal dates will be made to compensate for lost time.



Toys

Once we are back in the Shed there will be a big push to complete the unfinished toys. We give special thanks to the many members who continued to make toys at home during the lockdown. Please bring your completed toys into the Shed so David Boyd can start organizing distribution.

THE NEWS

What's your
shed news?

A beautiful moving story provided by Tracey Knights, from a guy named Tim, who has sent a container of tools to Fiji.....

How Sending Tools to Fiji can Change Lives

Fiji had major problems with endemic poverty exacerbated by COVID and cyclones but kept COVID out till recently. Now COVID has taken hold, with a per capita rate about 40 times that of NSW, making the situation much worse, with many poor people unable to afford food and basic necessities. One man was seen exchanging his sandals for a bag of rice! The tools we have sent are a great help and a lathe and 20 boxes of miscellaneous tools have just been unloaded after a journey of several months. We should get some photos soon.

Here is one story, just received.

"Last week our Fijian contact, Mika, was with a colleague and good friend, and they were standing in the driveway planning food deliveries; many people are desperate. An Indian man came into the compound. This is most unusual as an Indian man would not usually be so bold, but would call out from the gate. The man was very humble and almost bowed as he approached them. "Please Sirs, do you have jobs I can do, I have to feed my family?" His desperation was evident.

Mika told him that he couldn't give him work just now, but he could provide some food for him. He found out the man, Faiaz, came from the other side of town so Mika said he would meet him at his home after he picked up a food package for him.

When Mika arrived at the man's house, he was shocked. It was a tiny shack not much bigger than a bathroom. His wife and child were there. There was evidence of both rats and bed bugs. The child had been bitten badly. But during all his troubles only this Christian man, Mika, had come to his rescue. Faiaz has been unable to pay his rent and was under an eviction order. How someone could charge rent for such a rundown shack is beyond comprehension. \$70 a week! So Mika is helping him out with that too - he found a new home and is helping Faiaz find furniture and start over.

Then Mika asked what kind of work he did before he lost his job. He is a carpenter but has no tools. It turns out he is very skilled. So, when the call came to say the tools arrived, Mika contacted Faiaz again and he will deliver some tools to him and help him set up a workshop in his new home. There is huge demand for skilled carpenters, especially for maintenance, and your tools will make a huge difference!"

Unfortunately, shipping is choked, and we cannot send any more tools just now, even though there are quite a lot ready to go and more awaiting cleaning and packing. Hopefully things will change soon!

Out with the Old and in (almost) with the New

Thanks to the Stronger Communities Grant the Shed now has a new thicknesser and soon a new kitchen.

When the Shed reopens, we will have the benefits of the new thicknesser and, hopefully, a new kitchen.

A great reward for the work Tracy Knights and Paul Crowe put into preparing a successful Stronger Communities grant application



David Boyd and Kevin Wallace, under the supervision of Ian McKay, have dismantle the old kitchen and dispatched it to its new home

The old kitchen on its way to its new home.

On the road to completion...Ian McKay has been carrying out the tiling....



The drainage has been extended for the new tub.



The floor has been acid etched and two coats of paving paint have been applied. The finished floor.

Now we await the delivery of the new kitchen. Unfortunately, the Aussies who normally spend their money going overseas are now spending their money on kitchens and the Shed is in the queue.

On the brighter side the new thicknesser has arrived and David Boyd is putting the finishing touches to it.



IN ISOLATION???



Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed

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A message from Justine, a happy buyer of one of our ringtail possum boxes:

"Hi there, thought you might like to see a little ringtail who has taken up residence in one of the possum boxes we got from you earlier in the year 😊. I think he was checking us out to make sure we were friendly"



Hello Members

As we creep closer to the end of lock-down, some of you will be feeling good, having completed a few projects at home that may have been on the "To do" list for a long time, and others - like myself - have hardly got anything done while we haven't been able to go out, may be feeling a bit *ho hum* or depressed.

All of us, I'm sure, are impatiently waiting to get back to the Shed to enjoy the camaraderie of other Sheddies and get stuck into a new woodwork project with all those useful tools that we don't have at home.

In the meantime, I feel that as long as we have **an attitude of gratitude** for everything around us, from the most basic like a roof over our head and food on the table, we can see things in a better light.. The weather is warming up and Summer is on its way to help put a smile on our dials and a spring in our step!

Thank you to those who have been phoning other members to check if they are okay, as I know it is really appreciated.

Looking forward to catching up soon in person at the Shed.

Cheers,
Jane
Welfare Officer

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Ivan Bosnich has
been busy.....

CURING AND SMOKING FOOD: Ivan Bosnich

During the unfortunate time we all had to endure I'm certain we all turned our interest to other

pursuits. Myself, I built a smoker, then started curing and smoking food, predominately meat 🍖 and fish 🐟. Meat is mainly pork belly and pork fillet; fish is good old Mullet. It is fun but time consuming. The end product. "Delicious"



Curing:

Recipe for pork belly:

- * 1kg or thereabouts of pork belly.
- * Handful of course salt.
- * Mixed herbs, garlic, pepper, chilli flakes, dried parsley, mustard seeds.

Method:

- Rub salt all over the meat, top, bottom, and sides. Place in fridge for ten to twelve hrs.
- Wash the salt off in running water or if you like to, in beer 🍺 or red wine 🍷.
- Dry with paper towel. Rub mixed herbs on top only
- Place in fridge turning over every day. This method will take about six weeks. Smoker is quicker.

Smoking:

Recipe for smoking mullet:

- *2 or 3 mullet around 1/2 kg. Cleaned and filleted but not separated. Head off.
- *Salt 1/4 cup
- *Brown sugar 1/4 cup.

Method:

- Make brine, add clove of garlic and 1/2 dozen peppercorns.
- Place fish in brine.
- Place in the fridge about 4 to 5 hrs no more, they will be too salty otherwise.
- You can now grill this fish, or, if you have a smoker even better. Smoke for of couple hrs.

My smoker:



A box made of hardwood fence palings, vents top and bottom for the smoke to come in and go out,

One earthenware pipe,

Galvanised watering can, with a hole cut out at the side for a simmering fire



The surface finishes to use when the job will be in contact with food.....

<https://woodsmithspirit.com/food-safe-wood-finishes/>



Halloween Sausage Mummies



Fun sausage rolls to make with or for the grandkids

<https://www.taste.com.au/recipes/cocktail-sausage-mummies/ae3e44ab-db76-4eb9-8cb8-3a75fa86b914>



Tried to drive it, but it wooden start.



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