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WITH COVID-19 ONCE AGAIN RAMPANT IN THE COMMUNITY, MEMBERS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO WEAR MASKS WHEN ATTENDING THE CLUB.

Congratulations to our birthday "boys", Alan and Bob, both celebrating their 90th birthday recently

Sixteen members attended the celebratory birthday lunch for members Bob Davis and Alan Hendry. Both members reached 90 years young recently.

Our thanks to member Barry Gardner for organising the lunch held at Ardency Aroona and to President Ian Rudd for organising the two cakes and their decorations.

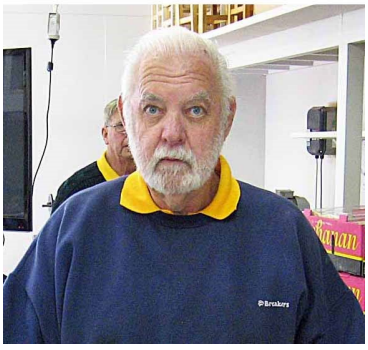
It was great to catch up with both members and chat with them. BTW the food and cake was great.

Pictured above Bob Davis (left) and Alan Hendry with one of the two cakes.

Guest Speaker on June MaxiDay

Our guest speaker, Justine Fisher, Paramedic Educator, gave members present an interesting talk dealing with Drugs and Alcohol in our community. A full report of her talk appears on page 5.

Vale Ken Tyson



It is with deep regret we announce the passing of long serving member, Ken Tyson who died on 23 June.

Ken's member profile is reprinted on page 5.

Important date for your diary:
Saturday 3rd September at Bunnings Taren Point. Our first sausage sizzle fund raiser for several years.

Members, your annual subscription is now due.

The $30 subscription is money well spent. You get access to excellent equipment, great advice, friendly members and a home away from home where you can make lots of sawdust and build your own project or you can work on projects to assist other members of the Sydney community**. If you don't have the club's bank details for electronic transfers, contact the Club's Treasurer, Alan Ritchie (**0416 231 809**) for those details.**

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Vice President: Malcolm Armstrong
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Committee Members: Roger Dixon, David Edwards Maurice Smith

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Assistant Treasurer: Roger Walsh
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Librarian: Roger Walsh
Safety Officers: Roger Dixon, David Edwards, Graham Ethell, Alan Ritchie, Ian Rudd & Ray Tregoning,
Welfare Officer: Peter Mott
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Equipment & Training : Roger Dixon, David Edwards, Neil Mathews, Alan Ritchie, Ian Rudd, Ray Tregoning & James Windschuttle
Raffles: Peter Mott
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Property Sub-Committee: Roger Dixon, David Edwards, Graham Ethell, Bob Quigley, Alan Ritchie & Ray Tregoning
Toymaking: Malcolm Armstrong, Barry Gardner, Gary Halder, Steve Lansley, Neil Matthews, Glen Reeve, Reno Scriberras & Maurice Smith,.
Woodcarvers' Liaison: Don Williams

Randwick Children's Hospital update

Extract from an email recently received from the hospital in relation to the name plaques made for children who will be in and out of hospital a lot.

Hi *Barry and Ian and the whole Team,*

We received the named plates yesterday and they have been a wonderful surprise for the families and hospital staff. Everyone absolutely loves them and they are already on the doors with lots of comments and questions about who made them for the children…

Matt Ralph

If you would like to receive this Newsletter please email the editor at **theshirewoodworkingclub@gmail.com** or if you have an article that you think would be suitable for publication in this newsletter your Editor would be most pleased to receive it.

MAXIDAY: SATURDAY 9 JULY 2022 AGENDA

8:45am	Open Lilli Pilli Gallery
9:00am	Monthly Meeting
9:30am	Video — President Ian's selection
10:00am	Morning Tea—probably cakes and gooey goodies
10:30am	First Aid and a Defib refresher with a paramedic guest speaker
11:30am	Show & Tell—latest finished projects
12:00noon	Lunch – what goodies does Richard and his hardworking crew have for us?
1:00pm	Raffle Draw—What has Peter got in store for us?
1:15pm	Members projects
3.00pm	Workshop Close

Presidents Report July 2022

Now that winter is upon us our club has gone through a period where attendances are down on previous years. Like our general community, our club has had numerous members in isolation with Covid 19 and also this year has seen a number of members laid up with influenza. Hopefully, in the coming months we will see more members back at the workshop making their various items and enjoying what the club has to offer.

The club continually receives requests to collect wood from various sources and this has caused a major problem with storage. In the next few weeks, we are going to have a clean up where overstocked timber will have to be culled and turned into firewood. This is the opportunity to regain some sensible storage in the storeroom, outside shed and office. In the future we need to be more selective in accepting wood from our contacts.

My thanks to Barry Gardner for organising the 90th Birthday dinner for Alan Hendry and Bob Davis. We had sixteen members attend and a superb three course meal was served. Alan and Bob cut the birthday cake and once again the Shire Woodworking Club was able to congratulate members on reaching Ninety years.

Safety should be on the mind of every member, especially when using machinery. Although we have an induction program for each machine it is necessary to have refresher sessions on safe work practice. Please remember to do a dry run when using equipment and please report any issues where either the equipment is not working correctly or unsafe working conditions exist.

Happy Woodworking, Ian Rudd, President.

2022 Plank Competition is under way

The planks for the competition have arrived and most have been collected by members who will be making toys

The annual competition to make toys for the club to sell or donate to a charity is a great opportunity for members to be creative and enhance their skills. This year's planks are really great quality.

Members are asked to make toys from their plank. We don't care whether you follow some plans in one of our library books or magazines or whether you just make up the design as you go. The key thing is to enjoy the process and build your skills.

As of the time of writing, there are only 4 planks not yet taken. So, if you intend to enter this competition, you need to act fast. The planks are stored in the Gallery, ready for collection.

SHOW & TELL

Ian Rudd's new found interest in music

Cajon Snare Drum

One of the recent requests from the Music Therapy Department at the Children's Hospital Randwick was for some more different musical instruments. I found the basic drum design was very popular on You Tube and I proceeded to modify the design to include both a Snare wire and engraving on each of the polygon faces. The drum is designed to be played by using your hands but I have also included two special drumsticks to allow children an easier way to play the drum.

The side walls are made from 16mm Meranti and the Tappa (the drum face) is made from 2mm plywood. The drum has been finished with multiple coats of Feast Watson Wipe on Poly. The snare wire gives the drum the extra rattle when played.

Editor here: Considering the number of members with skills in making musical instruments and those members with skills in playing musical instruments I'm thinking that we might have the basis for a band to be formed. So long as I'm not asked to be the lead singer all will be well. Otherwise I'll be attacked by rampaging seagulls intent on taking my life. H,mm what name might the band have? What's your suggestion for a band name?

SHOW & TELL

Roger Dixon made a beautiful Chess Board

Roger reports: "This project was commissioned by the son of a stall holder (selling Greek meals & sweets) at the Ramsgate school markets, some time ago.

The 60mm squares were cut from dressed 8mm Rock Maple and Murray River Red Gum for contrast.

The 64 pieces were then glued with one colour facing opposite grain to the other to an oversized 12mm plywood board starting at a selected 90 degree corner. After the glue had cured the base plywood board was squared to 480mm x 480mm and then sanded.

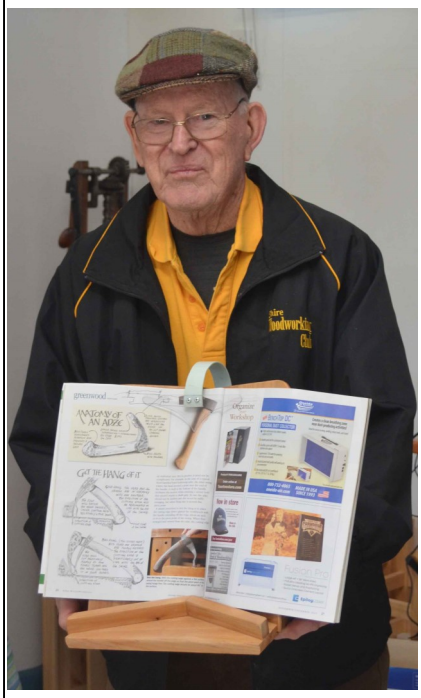
The top side mitred picture frame was made from a 4mm strip of Baltic pine glued to 26mm Murray River red gum strip then glued.

The underside mitred frame was made from 6mm x 50mm Baltic pine. This was added to give a thicker appearance.

Overall dimensions when fully dressed and sanded is 540mm x 540mm x 26mm.

From the materials used, the Rock Maple was donated by Ian Rudd and the Murray River Red Gum/Baltic pine was donated by Ray Tregoning. The board was finished with 4 coats of Anchor Lacquer 100% gloss."

Neil Matthews made a recipe book holder



Neil reports: "Recently my next-door neighbour came in with a small fruitcake as a thank you for a small job I had done for her. She was saying she needed something to support her recipe books while she was cooking, and did I have any suggestion.

I had some bits of Queensland maple that would do the job, but I thought this book holder would be a nuisance when not in use so I decided to make it as a collapsible unit that could be easily stored away. I had no ideas of size or angles and was largely restricted by the available material. I would get one go at making it correctly. I worked on 15^0 and hoped it would work. I used the same angle for page separation and the layback angle. It worked!

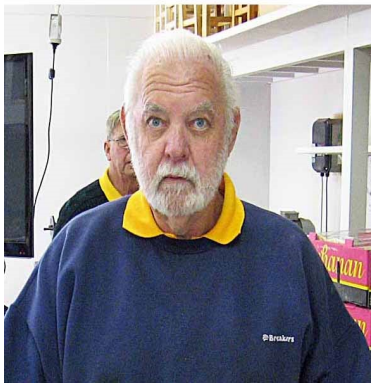
I did find a problem that the base would tip over when a large book was used. This was solved with a pair of fold-back stainless-steel outriggers.

The final gadget to hold the pages open, I made from a piece of 90mm PVC tube and a piece of polycarbonate. All good and I am looking forward to another thank you."

Above is the collapsed recipe book holder.

Reprint of Profile of Ken Tyson, first published in October 2012

MEMBER PROFILE: KEN TYSON #236



On May 10, 1946 Ken was born to Joan & Ken Tyson at Cromer in Norfolk County, England. He attended the Cromer Primary School followed by his higher education at the Cromer Secondary School ending his studies at 15 years of age.

Ken's school years were a busy and happy time occupied in supplementary sports and activities. He played football (rugby), cricket and hockey for the Cromer School Team.

Ken and cousin John played Roller Hockey for the Cromer Team. During his busy youthhood he learned to sail.

Ken's Grandfather taught him to fish, build fishing rods and introduced him to the **safe** sport of shooting.

His two uncles greatly influenced his younger life showing him skills in building canoes, land yachts and "all the other things a Dad would have done". Ken says with the loving conviction of these 3 men made him the man he is today.

Ken was selected by H. Bullen & Son to do his apprenticeship in Carpentry and Joinery,

For 5 years Ken attended the Norwich Technical College part time obtaining his Trade Certificate. Full Technical and Clerk of Works passing out in the top 3%. Ken then worked alongside his uncle in the family business until he came to Australia.

Just before his 21st birthday Ken together with two mates Robin and James left "the Old Dart" to spend time in Australia and New Zealand. Until the 1970's Ken worked in many places around Australia at his trades with his Australian Builders and Australian Boat Licences.

Having met in 1972 Ken married Dreena on November 25, 1980.

Ken later went on to work as foreman of the joinery shop and emergency response group at the University of NSW. He was made redundant on February 3, 2012.

In retirement Ken is not short of hobbies. He is an active angler, loves boating. sailing, the beach and particularly **WOODWORK.**

He also loves his birds, likes to shoot with bow and gun and has an affinity with dogs and horses.

Quote "I now spend my time with a great band of people who go by the name of the Shire Woodworking Club"

MaxiDay June 2022 Guest Speaker

Our MaxiDay guest speaker, Justine Fisher, is a paramedic educator; she is a local, living in Cronulla. In addition to being an educator she is also a real life paramedic attending to incidents requiring her skills.

Her MaxiDay talk was on *drugs and alcohol in our community* with particular attention to the impact on the younger members of our community.

We learned that while human brains are physically mature in our teens our emotional maturity is not complete until we are in our mid-20's. Consequently, when assessing the risks versus pleasure of drugs and alcohol the younger community members may make decisions that are inappropriate.

The income of younger community members impacts their ability to afford different types of drugs. For example, alcohol is readily available and lots of different types of alcohol are quite cheap. As community members mature and enter the workforce their disposable income increases and therefore their ability to purchase more expensive drugs, such as, cocaine.

Unfortunately, some drugs are both highly addictive and generate extreme highs and extreme lows for users. The long term consequences can be extremely devastating for the drug user and the families and friends.

Above is Justine with her cutting board gift.

Coming Up!

Club Calendar

July 2022 7

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Legend:

	Committee meeting 12.30 pm
	Club Days—members own projects
	Toy Making—No own projects
	MaxiDays
	Club Day & Woodcarvers' evening
	First Saturday is Woodcarvers use of the Workshop

Date for your Diary

When: 3rd September

Where: Bunnings Taren Point store

Why: We will be cooking and selling our Sausage Sizzle, for the first time in several years. This event has been a great fund raiser for us in previous year.

More Details: Will be provided a few weeks prior to the event.

NOTICE BOARD

SAFETY

SAFETY FIRST: Members are asked on all club days to bring along and use their personal safety gear. ie. hearing protection, dust mask, eye protection, ensure they are wearing good sturdy protective footware and no loose fitting clothes.

Illawarra Festival of Wood

8 & 9 October 2022. Grevillea Park Road Bulli

Sydney Timber, Tools & Artisans show has been re-scheduled to 22– 24 July 2022.

If you have already purchased your tickets they will be valid for the relevant day(s) but just add 6 weeks to the date. Don't forget to update your diary.

Annual General Meeting

Will be held in October—more details in next month's newsletter.

Workshop Clean-up Morning

Wednesday 13 July for a few hours.

Our guest speaker for MaxiDay Saturday 9 July 2022.

Following on from our paramedic guest speaker of June, we have a different paramedic guest speaker, this time on the subject of First Aid and he will also provide a Defibrilator refresher.

Raffle winners

Raffle winners for MaxiDay 11 June.

1. Alan Hendry
2. Neil Matthews
3. Roger Walsh
4. Terry Murphy

Members with birthdays in July

Day	Member
1	Douglas O'Hara
11	Rodney Mallinson
14	Ron Cameron
15	Karianne LaFrance
16	Greg Rose
21	Peter Toby
22	Perry Woodlands
25	Malcolm Armstrong
31	Bruce Dowdell

Hope every one of you have a wonderful birthday and lots more of them.