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 Roger Walsh
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NO CHANGE AT THE TOP.



Our Club's Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 10 August 2019 saw a vote of confidence in the Club's management by re-electing all members of the executive Committee to another year in office

Marquetry.



Robert Leake gives us all a lesson on marquetry at our August Maxiday.

See Story page 3.

**SYDNEY CHILDREN'S
 HOSPITAL, RANDWICK**



Following our August delivery to the hospital we received a response as seen in photo. See story page 4.

BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE BBQ

The Saturday preceding Fathers Day saw our Club serving up sausage sandwiches at Bunnings Store, Taren Point. See story page 3



*Law of the
 Workshop.
 When you drop a tool
 or that piece of wood
 you have been working
 on for hours onto the
 floor it will lodge in the
 most inaccessible place
 around.*

**OUR BIG DAY
 14 SEPTEMBER
 2019**



Do not forget our major event of the year the viewing and judging of the 2019 TOYMAKING PLANK COMPETITION . It is on Saturday 14 September, 2019 at our Lilli Pilli Workshop. See you on Saturday.

Interview with new member

Simon Bell

Welcome to Simon Bell, member number 330; Simon is a welcome member, still gainfully employed, paying his taxes to support the retired club members in the luxury demanded by such members. Simon, aged 52. He, his wife and daughters live in Bangor, where they have lived for 17 years.



He grew up in the Shire attending St Patricks school in Sutherland. After completing school Simon attended University of Wollongong, graduating with a Bachelor of Economics. After leaving university Simon joined Westpac Bank in their Procurement section. Procurement is Simon's forte, subsequently working for Endeavour Energy and now for the State Government in that same field. Simon specialises in the field of services procurement. As he said, "someone tells me that they need the services of a specialist in a particular field, my job is to find that specialist and engage their services".

Simon and his wife Tracey have been married for 22 years, they have 4 daughters, ranging in age from 13 to 21 years. Our club came to Simon's attention when he chauffeured a soccer playing daughter to the soccer field on the other side of the road. He heard about our workshop and investigated, and as the movies say, "the rest is history".

Simon's reason for joining our esteemed group is like so many other members; to gain access to the wide variety of good quality equipment and the instructions on how to use that equipment effectively. Simon inherited his father's Triton workbench that he still uses in his garage/workshop. Simon recently made a chess board and chess pieces; however, his claim has yet to be verified by seeing the complete project in a MaxiDay setting. His current project, as shown in the accompanying photo is a keepsake box for his elder daughter. The project is looking great as a work in progress, and we look forward to seeing it when completed. *Maurice Smith*

MAXIDAY: SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER, 2019 AGENDA

- 8:45am Open Lilli Pilli Workshop
- 9:00am Monthly Meeting
- 9:30am Show & Tell
- 10:00am Morning Tea
- 10:30am Invitation to members who have entered the Club's Annual TOYMAKING PLANK COMPETITION to introduce their entry. (time allowed approx. 2 minutes per entrant)
- 11:45am to 12:30pm Members voting time for Plank Competition and Visitors voting time for "Best toy in Show"
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:00pm Continuance of Show & Tell if additional time needed.
- 1:15pm Raffle Draw
- 1:30pm Announcement of Plank Competition winning entries
- 2:00pm Members own projects
- About 3:00pm Close

*Do not forget that this is a special day and spouses, partners and friends of members are also invited to spend the day or an hour or two with us. We will also be asking our visitors to vote on best toy on show.

VALE:

It is with regret that we have to report the passing of our member Grant Alexander on 1 August, 2019 at the age of 69.

Grant became a member in 2014 (Member No. 286) while he was living in the Shire. He moved to Port Macquarie not long after joining and spent a considerable amount of time in Balfour New Zealand so we only ever saw him when he called into the Club when visiting his daughter who also lives in the Shire or travelling to or from New Zealand.

He is survived by his daughter Caroline. His wife, Carmel, predeceased him.

Our condolences to his family and friends
May he rest in peace.

Raffle Prize Winners 10 AUGUST, 2019

- 1st Prize: John Field \$25.00
- 2nd Prize Roger Walsh \$15.00
- 3rd Prize: John Field \$ 5.00
- 4th Prize: Doug Wickens
Bottle of Wine

If you would like to receive this Newsletter please email the editor at shirewoodworking@bigpond.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.

Our August Maxiday had the significant theme of the ancient art of Marquetry.



Our resident expert Robert Leake provided a most informative talk and provided a number of samples of his work as shown in the photos on page 1 and below at our Maxiday on 10 August 2019.

He advised "Marquetry is the process of creating pictures and decorative designs using thin timber veneers (and/or other material). There are many books and internet sites that describe the basic techniques involved. I have found the book "The Marquetry Course" by J Metcalfe and J Apps a good starting reference. The following internet sites also provide useful information -

www.marquetry.org (Britain)

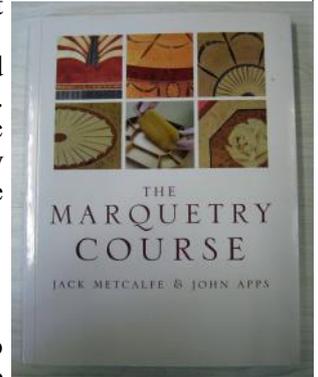
marquetrysociety.ca (Canada)

www.americanmarquetrysociety.com (USA)

Veneers are available at the shed to Shire Woodworking Club members but special veneers and marquetry packets of suitable veneer can also be purchased from commercial sites such as -

www.topvener.com.au (Australia)

www.veneersupplies.com (USA)



The type of marquetry I do utilizes the "Window Method". This involves cutting thin veneer (approx. 0.6mm thick) with a knife using a number 11 scalpel blade. The knife must be kept sharp and held at the correct angle to obtain a good match between veneers. A "self healing" cutting board is used to cut onto. By cutting out shapes or windows you can then place a new veneer under the hole/window and move it until the required colour and grain match is obtained. The new veneer is then traced with the knife and cut out, before being inserted into place with a small amount of glue and/or tape.

Once the piece is finished it can be glued onto a backing board etc using PVA glue.

Once the glue has dried the piece is sanded flat taking care not to sand through the veneer. A protective coating is then applied. Depending on your preference most types of finish can be suitable e.g. polyurethane, shalac (French polish), wax, sanding sealer etc

If you have an interest in doing marquetry, any of the references written above, will give you a much more detailed description of the processes involved and other methods and techniques (such as sand shading, fine lines, parquetry, fretsaw and scroll saw methods etc)

Like many crafts, marquetry can be as simple or complex as you wish to make it. A simple geometric shape, flower, leaf, bird or butterfly etc inserted into a box or piece of furniture can add another level of interest to many pieces."



Many thanks Robert. Patience is a virtue!

BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE BBQ

The Saturday 31 August preceding Fathers Day saw our Club serving up sausage sandwiches at Bunnings Store, Taren Point. We sold out of 70kgs of sausages by 3:30pm. As usual the BBQ was most successful and many thanks to Bunnings for their support. In fact in appreciation President Ian presented one of our Club's laser cut trucks duly engraved to the store's Duty Manager on Saturday. See photo.

Also a big thankyou to all members who helped on the day particularly to Secretary Graham and Richard Cain who did the preliminary work in getting things ready for the day.



SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, RANDWICK

As reported in last months Sawdust & Shavings we made another delivery of over 400 items to the Child life & Music Therapists. One of the items was a old style train shown below. We were not certain whether it was suitable.



Well our delivery was made around 11:00am and we received the following email at 2:41pm.

*"Hi there,
I would like to say Thank you so much for donating your beautiful craft to the kids in Randwick. My son who has a long road ahead of him to recover from an immuno problem, received this train today and his little face lit up like we hadn't seen in days. He played for around four minutes before he was exhausted and lay back down but this is four minutes more than the physio and occupational therapists could get.
Again, Thankyou for putting a smile on our little man Hunters face. One happy almost 3 year old
Regards
Happy Mumma"*



This makes it all worth while. Ed

As usual when we make a visit to the Hospital they come up with a wish list. Our August trip was no different. The first request was for a small memory box to house a USB Thumb Drive that has a recording of a child's heartbeat. President Ian drew one up on the computer and made a prototype on our Club laser cutter/engraver as seen in photos below.



Your editor delivered the prototype to the hospital for which they were delighted and asked if we could make at least 10.

The second request was for 6 or so whirligigs similar to the photo at right. This should be a little more challenging. Maybe we can input some additional "Club" inspiration into our models. Their purpose is a distraction for children undergoing a medical procedure.



VP Malcolm reported on the delivery to the hospital as follows "Our visit to the Sydney Children's Hospital on Wednesday 7th August was warmly

welcomed by the Child Life Therapy team. (See photo on page 5). We delivered approximately 420 items comprising the usual mix of toys plus an amazing variety produced by the club's laser machine. A number of toys had children's names laser engraved on them. One of the therapy team delivered a "pencil case truck" to a child while we were enjoying a great morning tea. The response was one of delight!

As a club we enjoy the challenges of special requests from time to time. We have agreed to make a special interactive rotating toy to be used by infants from 6 months to one year old. (See above) Also 2 more Santa mail boxes will be made in the next few months, for SCH Randwick and SCH Westmead.

As for types of toys needed in the months ahead, here are some specifics; french knitting 'dollys', play-dough rollers, butterfly shapes with holes around periphery (to practice threading), star wands, rainbow puzzles, Christmas trees and decorations. We will arrange another toy delivery in time for the SCH Party Day on 2nd October (the theme is 'magic'), and a final pre-Christmas one in mid-December. Thank you to all those members that contributed to this delivery. Your efforts will, and have, brought joy to many children at SCH who need to have more reasons to smile!"

Charitable Toy & Therapy Item delivery count to date for 2019
1027

Now here is a happy group! SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, RANDWICK

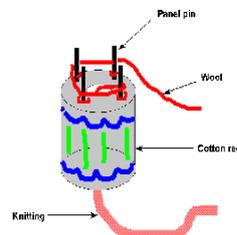


The photo was taken in the Child Life & Music Therapists Common Room at the time of our recent delivery to the hospital.

The HOSPITAL WISH LIST.

Two Santa Letterboxes. One for SCH Randwick and one for SCH Westmead. They are to be similar to the one we made in 2017 for the Emergency Department at SCH Randwick (pictured).

We all remember French Knitting where we put 4 nails into a wooden cotton reel and begged or borrowed some wool from mum to begin making a coloured wool snake. This previous sentence only applies if you were born prior to 1950. French knitting however has since then has various resurgent times but as the cotton reels these days are made from plastic or cardboard they cannot be used. So we have to move to the lathe and turn our own designs as seen in the photos at right.



One of the hospital continuing need is Play Dough Rolling Pins. These are basically a miniature rolling pin roughly 150mm to 200mm long and around 25mm in diameter. Again another lathe job. So woodturning members please put your talents to work.



Threading shapes for the children to practice needle and wool threading. These shapes can be cut on the band or scroll saws with the holes drilled on the drill press or conversely upon drawing up on the computer cut the shapes on the Laser Cutter/Engraver.



Here are some ideas in the photo at right.

Now lets look to Christmas. A favourite is the small Christmas Tree and Santa puzzles and shapes as seen in the following



OUR BIG DAY

14 SEPTEMBER 2019



Yes it has come around again. Saturday 14 September 2019 is our annual TOYMAKING PLANK COMPETITION voting and judging. This is always a fun day with spouses, partners and friends to join us on the day and enjoy a cuppa and lunch with us. Of course also view the works of the entrants.

This year we have added an additional item that involves the spouses, partners and friends by adding a voting category. All visitors will have the opportunity of voting for one item as "Best in Show". We liken this to the packers prize when judging the Archibald prize at the Art Gallery of NSW.

WE look forward to another great day with plenty of entries. See you on Saturday.

TOYMAKING PLANK COMPETITION RULES FOR 2019

1. The purpose of the Competition, open to all members of the Shire Woodworking Club, is for members to enhance their woodworking skills, creativity and to have fun.
2. The Competition will be conducted in three categories as per last year. Eligible members in each Category will be published in "Sawdust and Shavings". All entrants will be supplied with a plank of Radiata Pine approximately 1500mm x 290mm x 19mm or equivalent.
3. There is no restriction on the number, size, type and design of the entry providing it is used to make one or more toys for the Club. It is to be made predominantly from the timber supplied. Full use of the timber supplied should, where practical, be attempted and any remaining pieces are to be returned to the Club.
4. Finished entry/s are to be made available for judging on the Maxi Day 14 September 2019. Entries in the Competition shall become the property of the Club to sell, or to dispose of, at the Club's discretion.
5. Members present on the judging day will be entitled to vote on the entries in categories for which they have not submitted an entry. Procedures for the judging will be determined by the Committee and advised to members on the day, however members will be asked to award marks under three criteria:
 - Is it a good creative design including the entrant's creative design input?
 - Is it well made?
 - Is it well finished?
6. The winner, runner-up and third placegetter in each Category will be awarded prizes of a \$50, \$30 and \$20 respectively Bunning's 'Warehouse voucher.
7. Winners will progress to higher categories as follows:
 - The 1st and 2nd prize winners in Category C will progress to Category B in the following year's competition.
 - The 1st prize winner in Category B will progress to Category A in the following year's competition.
8. In the event of a complaint, the complainer should be directed to Clause 1 of these Rules.

2019 PLANK COMPETITION MEMBER CATEGORIES

These member lists are of members who have agreed to enter into this years competition.

CATEGORY # A MEMBERS	CATEGORY # B MEMBERS	CATEGORY # C MEMBERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Davis • Ray De Marco • Barry Gardner • Ian Rudd • Roger Walsh • Malcolm Armstrong • Roger Dixon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian McMahon • Robert Leake • Steve Lansley • Bob Quigley • Regina McGrillen • Neil Mathews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Dodds • David Edwards • Gary Halder • Stan Kirkman • Gordon McDonald • Peter Mott • Maurice Smith • Richard Cain • Don Williams

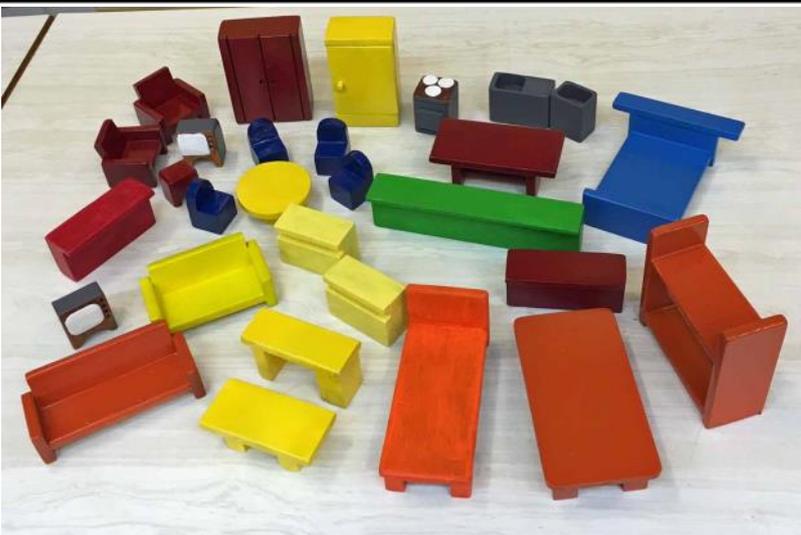
PLANK COMPETITION HONOUR ROLL

	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>	<u>Fourth</u>	<u>Fifth</u>	<u>Sixth</u>
2004:	Les Noble	Bob Davis	Tie Bill Lewis & Fred Seligmann			
2005:	Roger Dixon	Barry Gardner	Bert Willemsen	Fred Seligmann	Ken Phillips	Bob Davis
2006:	Ray Schofield	Roger Dixon	Barry Gardner	Bob Davis	Ken Phillips	Trevor Nicholson
2007:	Tie Ray De Marco, Peter Stanbury & John Steadman (Joint entry)					
			Barry Gardner	Tie Bill Lewis & Ray Schofield		Stan Rowling
2008:	Bob Davis	Barry Gardner	Roger Dixon	Ken Phillips	Peter Stanbury	Ray Schofield
2009:	Barry Gardner	Bob Davis	Ray Schofield	Roger Dixon	Graham Ethell	Peter Stanbury
2010:	Bob Davis	Ray Schofield	Barry Gardner	Bill Lewis	Alan Ritchie	Ray De Marco
2011:	Roger Dixon	Ray Schofield	Bill Riley	Peter Stanbury	Tie Bob Davis & Graham Ethell	
2012:	Bob Davis	Ray De Marco	Ray Schofield	Roger Walsh	Brian McMahon	Alan Ritchie
2013:	Ray Schofield	Graham Ethell	Warwick Tame	Ray De Marco	Roger Dixon	Geoff Tong
2014:	Roger Dixon	Warwick Tame	Ron O'Malley	David Whitney	Bob Davis	Barry Gardner
2015:		<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>		
Category A		Warwick Tame	Bob Davis	Graham Ethell		
Category B		Ron O'Malley	Roger Walsh	Bill Riley		
Category C		Steve Lansley	Malcolm Armstrong	Gordon McDonald		
2016:						
Category A		Warwick Tame	Roger Walsh	Graham Ethell		
Category B		Geoff Tong	Steve Lansley	Malcolm Armstrong		
Category C		Ian Rudd	Bob Quigley	Neil Mathews		

CHANGE TO TOYMAKING PLANK COMPETITION

2017:				
Category A	Roger Walsh	Geoff Tong	Ray De Marco	
Category B	Malcolm Armstrong	Ian Rudd	Steve Lansley	
Category C	Regina McGrillen	Glen Reeve	Gary Halder	
2018:				
Category A	Graham Ethell	Bob Davis	Roger Walsh	
Category B	Ian Rudd	Steve Lansley	Bob Quigley	
Category C	Robert Leake	Neil Mathews	Maurice Smith	





When we were repairing some of the toys for the Sutherland Special Needs Toy Library earlier this year they asked whether we could refurbish some 27 items of well played with dolls house furniture.

Well Malcolm Armstrong, Neil Matthews, Peter Mott, Richard Cain, Bob Davis, Glen Reeve and Graham Ethell took on the work.

The photo above shows the furniture returned to the Library last month ready for play.

Library Matters



We have received the October 2019 (# 277) issue of Fine WoodWorking. As usual, lots of good reading, tips/techniques and projects:

Workshop tips : 8 tips (more than usual) .Not sure I understand them all so will leave to you guys.
Tools and materials: Stow-and-go router table, 17th century woodworking in the modern world, tall featherboard for resawing, ingenious dust ports.
Skills Spotlight: A smart approach to side-hung drawers. *Projects:* Strong, Stunning Sideboard, Clean & Contemporary Floating Shelves. *Tool Test:* Cordless Trim Routers, Don't fear the belt sander. *Greenwood:* Make a post-and-rung stool
 Magazine will be in the library from 26 Aug.
 In case you did not know, we have a number of very useful videos available to you in the library:

- Refinishing Furniture (Bob Flexner).
- 50 Video Tips & Techniques – 3 videos from Woodsmith Magazine
- Basic Box Making (Taunton Publishing)
- Basic tips on using the Inkra Jig Ultra (Woodpeckers, Inc)
- Box Joints & Wooden Hinges using the Inkra Jig Ultra (Woodpeckers, Inc)
- Tablesaw Techniques (Fine WoodWorking) Fine Woodworking Archive (1975-2012) and Woodsmith Back Issue 1-125 Library

They are located in the wooden box bottom level of library shelving. Borrow and place your name in the loan book.

Happy woodworking,
 Roger Walsh, Club Librarian

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COOK COMMUNITY CLASSIC
 SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2019
 RAFFLE TICKETS
 \$2 PER TICKET \$20 PER BOOK
 DUNNINGHAM PARK & NORTH CRONULLA BEACH

1ST PRIZE

Flying Qantas, two return Premium Economy class tickets. From Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane to Los Angeles.
 Donated by Qantas.
 PLUS \$1,000 spending money.
 Donated by McDonald's Sutherland Shire Restaurants.

2ND PRIZE

Two nights accommodation in a deluxe room for two people at the Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley.
 PLUS Full buffet breakfast at Redcat Restaurant.
 PLUS Dinner for two people at Muse Restaurant Hunter Valley (to the value of \$300.00).
 PLUS Hunter Valley Wine Tasting for two people.
 Donated by Australian Hotels Association New South Wales.

3RD PRIZE

\$1,000 worth of Westfield Gift Cards for the ultimate shopping or dining experience.
 Donated by Westfield Miranda.

4TH PRIZE

Cronulla Experience. Two nights accommodation in a one bedroom apartment for two people at Quest Cronulla Beach.
 Donated by Quest Cronulla Beach.
 PLUS \$200.00 voucher of Northies Cronulla Hotel.
 Donated by Northies Cronulla Hotel.

5TH PRIZE

Base Quiet Comfort 35 Wireless Headphones II.
 Donated by Abroenet Constructions.

100% of proceeds from the IMB Bank Cook Community Classic Raffle benefits various participating not-for-profit, community groups, P&C's and sporting clubs operating in the Sutherland Shire and St George areas.
 Details of organisations can be viewed at cookcommunityclassic.com.au or on Facebook.
 The organisation selling any given ticket is the beneficiary of that sale.

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SAFETY

SAFETY FIRST: Members are asked on all club days to bring along and use their personal safety gear.

ie. earplugs, dust mask and eye protection and ensure they are wearing good sturdy protective footwear and no loose fitting clothes.

SHOW & TELL AUGUST 2019



A collection of boxes from Peter O'Connell. Peter advised "The two suitcases are for storing his TECH (Technology - iPad, GPS, compasses, radios etc.) and MEDS (MEDICINES) while camping. These are made from Particle Board. Particle Board may seem a poor cousin to solid timber, but has several advantages for making solid boxes. It does not have a grain (good and bad), is homogeneous and dimensionally stable (as long as it doesn't get wet). 16mm or 18mm thick material allows the sides to be joined with biscuits, while the tops and bottoms are dowelled for extra joint strength.

The lettering was engraved using the Rockler STATE PARK templates and a hand-held router. After the letters are engraved, the top is give a few coats of standing sealer. Then the engraving is filled in with black paint. Any paint that spills outside the letters is easily sanded off, followed by a couple of layers of the water based "Cabot's Cabothane Clear Satin".

The hardware of all the boxes are from McJings at Yagoonga.

The large crate was constructed to store and protect a "AVO Mk IV Valve Characteristic Meter". This unit has been owned by our former well loved member Fred Seligmann. Once some dust was blown out and replaced a couple of components that have degraded since the 1960's, the unit is now back to original condition. With good storage a bit of TLC, the unit should easily last another 50 years."



Barry presented at least 7 of these book, CD, DVD ends of which photos are an example. He advised the designs were cutout many months ago from some wormed coachwood the Club acquired from the South Coast at the time we purchased the Club's 15" thicknesser.



The cutouts had been lying around unfinished so he decided to complete them ready for sale at our forth coming Club stalls.

They are finished with Anchor Brand Gloss Lacquer



Richard presented this BBQ Serviette Holder. He also presented a bit of yellow sandpaper and quipped about Australia's loss in the third test at Lords.

Such quips can only come from an Englishman who quit England many years ago to live in a decent country.

His comments were ignored. Nice try Richard! Ed.



Rebecca Gorman from the Little Shepherd Pre School at Caringbah saw President Ian's prototype of the marble run and asked if we could make one for the Pre School. Roger volunteered Ian, much against his will, to accept the challenge. Ian then transferred the making somehow to Roger who produced three that were reported on earlier this year.

Well in August Rebecca collected the marble run duly engraved with the Pre School name. (See photo) While at the Workshop Rebecca also selected a number of other items from our Club stock for

enhancing the pre schoolers enjoyment.

The Club funds were generously enhanced by a donation from the Pre School.

SHOW & TELL AUGUST 2019



Neil presented this thing and advised “Recently I brought back some pieces of Blakely’s Red Gum from the farm. One piece should have gone into the firewood shed, but I had an idea for it.
The piece had a very large taper and old tree damage on the other side.
Being a “Bushie” you need a “Boot-Puller-Offe” and this what this is.
You place one foot on the narrow end, place the heel of the boot on the other foot in the cut-out & remove the boot. I patched-up the damaged bits with araldite and finished it with two coats of Cabots Carbothane satin clear.”



Secretary Graham following our July theme of Wood Puzzles presented this puzzle. The idea is that one has to transfer the rings from one side to the other only by moving one ring at a time.
Apparently the first ring only requires 1 move the second 3 moves the third 5 moves and so on. Someone other than your Ed. can do the maths let alone actually doing the puzzle. Life is too short.

OUR LASER CUTTER/ENGRAVER UPDATE REPORT.



Secretary Graham presented a group of recently made items on our laser cutter/engraver. We will let the photos do the talking.



PRESIDENT'S 2019 ANNUAL REPORT Continued from back page

As there was both a State Election and Federal Election during the year, we were able to hold two open days where we invited people into our workshop to view our facilities and also items for sale. Both dates were very rewarding for sales and the highlight was the visit of the Prime Minister The Honourable Scott Morrison MP and his family. The event was televised live and we now have a video recording of his visit to our club.

My thanks to all who have helped with Bunning BBQ's and the Gymea Fair and open days. Special mention is made for the contribution of Ray Tregoning for his incredible Santa Sleigh that became the centrepiece of the Gymea Fair Raffle. The amount of interest in this item by the passing public had to be seen to be believed.

The Cook Community Classic Raffle was also a great source for fundraising and as a club we are continuing to participate in this event in the coming year.

Plank Competition and Excellence Awards

This year the entries to our Plank Competition were exceptional and the quality and designs showed how the club has progressed each year. The fact this competition is only for toy items which become the property of the club for either sale or donation to charities is a bonus.

Also, the Excellence Award attracted some beautiful work from our members and allowed some very fine woodworking items to be presented.

Thank you to all members who participated.

Thank you.....

Finally, a thank you to all members of the Executive Committee for your work and input throughout the year. You have made my role as President so much easier.

Your Secretary Graham Ethell has continued to inform members of our various activities and also has managed our correspondence with all statutory requirements. Graham is tireless in this very demanding role and deserves this special mention for his diligence.

Your Treasurer Alan Ritchie manages our financial activities and seamlessly presents financial reports each month. Alan is also passionate about keeping Operation Manuals up to date and his contribution is recognised.

Our Vice President Malcolm Armstrong continued to assist especially with rounding up members for toymaking days. Thank you, Malcolm, for your continuous service to this club.

My thanks to Mr Meticulous, Roger Dixon for all the work he carries out to keep this club on track. Roger is always the first to repair any breakdowns and always ready for any member who requires assistance. Thank you, Roger, for your great contribution to our club.

Another tireless contributor is Ray Tregoning. If there is something to be done, a volunteer needed then Ray immediately takes the project on and in what seems like no time at all, the chore is completed. We are indebted to Ray for not only what he makes for the club but also for the help and guidance he gives every member. His knowledge of woodworking and workshop skills is vast and readily shared.

Bob Quigley is our resident Politically Correct Electrician and whenever there is an electrical installation required Bob completes the task.

I well remember the day when Maurice Smith applied to join our club. He said he had little knowledge or skills relating to woodwork but he would love to learn. Learn he did and along the way became one of those quiet achieving members who will always be the first to volunteer to do anything that advances this club. My thanks to you Maurice for becoming an essential part of the furniture!

To Richard Cain, a man who has a heart of gold, a scouser who has finally stopped taking the lead of the local church roof, a man who quietly blows the whistle for morning tea, a man who could win My Kitchen Rules, my thanks for what you do to make this club what it is.....Thank You. Don't mention the Cricket.

And to Peter Mott, my thanks for your devotion to this club. Your wife Barbara makes cakes for every monthly meeting, you run a raffle every month and buy a new car every two years....I cannot work out which pea is under which thimble! Pete, you are a one off.....my thanks to you and Barbara.

To the many members who go the extra mile to help this club, my thanks to you all.

Finally, my thanks to Barry Gardner for his work on various committees and especially for his work-in producing each month, our Sawdust and Shavings journal. The circulation of Sawdust and Shavings each month lets our members, community and friends learn about the activities of our club. A true instance of the adage "A picture is worth a thousand words." Thank you, Barry.

Ian Rudd,

ONE FOR YOUR DIARY.

Our October Maxiday Saturday 12 October, 2019 has multiple themes.

- ◆ Mitreset Demonstration
- ◆ Boxes of all shapes and sizes
- ◆ Use of metals, plastics, acrylics, gilding etc in box making.



So bring along your boxes, your ideas and your questions. See you on Saturday 12th

WHAT'S ON!

Saturday, 14 September, 2019

MAXIDAY

**ANNUAL WORKSHOP OPEN DAY
PLANK COMPETITION JUDGING
SHOW & TELL**

Tuesday, 17 September, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Wednesday, 18 September, 2019

9:00am Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

7:00pm Woodcarvers meeting

Thursday, 19 September, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 21 September, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Tuesday, 24 September, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Wednesday, 25 September, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Thursday, 26 September, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 28 September, 2019

Toymaking Day

Tuesday, 1 October, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Wednesday, 2 October, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Thursday, 3 October, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 5 October, 2019

Woodcarvers Meeting

Tuesday, 8 October, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

12:30pm Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 9 October, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Thursday, 10 October, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 12 October, 2019

MAXIDAY

BOXES of all types.

USE OF METALS, PLASTICS,

GILDING, ACRYLICS etc

MITRESET DEMONSTRATION

SHOW & TELL

Tuesday, 15 October, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Wednesday, 16 October, 2019

9:00am Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

7:00pm Woodcarvers meeting

Thursday, 17 October, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 19 October, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Tuesday, 22 October, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Wednesday, 23 October, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

PRESIDENT'S 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

The Shire Woodworking Club has always been an organisation where members help members and where members can contribute to our local communities. Giving back our time and endeavours to various charities and organisations is part of our DNA and as President I am humbled to be able to contribute to this ideal. The Club continues to be a place where new members are welcome and where we have a harmonious membership where help and advice is generously given. Our club is the classic example of where "the more you put in, the more you get out!"

New Membership.

We get members from a wide range of occupations and everyone adds something to this club. One of the joys is seeing how new members take on challenges and every year I am pleasantly surprised at what new membership brings.

During the past year we have attracted a number of new members who have brought new ideas and enthusiasm to our Club. These new members are tackling projects that are complex and different and again raise the bar for everyone. We are delighted to have some much younger members and I would like to recognise Elisse Tipping for bringing her joyful enthusiasm and skill set to our club. Also new members Julie and Tim Dodds who have immediately joined in our toymaking endeavours and are making beautiful projects. Julie has made a Puppet Show that is simply stunning and she intends to donate it to the Children's Hospital Randwick. To all our new members, my thanks for joining as new membership goes hand in hand with progress.

Equipment Additions.

In the past year this club has purchased two major pieces of equipment that are state of the art technology. Firstly, we purchased the NOVA Variable speed pedestal drill that allows drill speed changes at the touch of a button and also offers improvements that make drilling holes much easier and safer. This item of equipment is a pleasure to use. Your committee decided that the additional expense for this item will be well recouped over the life of the equipment.

The second item of equipment was the purchase and installation of our AEON Laser engraver. This item was funded from a NSW Government grant and a small top up from our own funds. The club would like to thank The Honourable Mark Speakman MP and his office for their assistance to our club in obtaining this grant. The time between applying for the grant and actual installation of the Laser was fifteen months.

Learning how to operate the Laser has been a new experience for our members and I can report from personal experience that the new opportunities this piece of equipment brings to our club are a very significant milestone. We are now able to engrave toys with children's names and once a design has been made, we can rapidly produce multiple numbers of toys. This equipment is proving to be a valuable addition to our club's capabilities. The final item of equipment this year was the installation of our Defibrillator. We had the North Cronulla Surf Lifesaving Club give an excellent presentation of CPR and the use of the Defib unit.

Workshop Safety and Training.

Our club has a philosophy of making safety a first and foremost practice for every member. We continue to induct new members on the correct use of our many items of equipment and we have refresher sessions on Maxi Days showing the correct use of equipment. My thanks to Roger Dixon for his help in inducting new members and his diligence in keeping our Machine induction Program register up to date.

Fund Raising.

During the past year our club has raised funds through various activities including Bunnings BBQ's, Election Day stalls and the annual Gynea Village Fair.

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