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We're setting up our Gallery shop

Work is under way to set up our shop in the Gallery building (previously known as the Guide Hall). Barry Gardner has been aided by many members. Thus far, the products for sale have been organised on the tables. Excess stock is stored in nearby cupboards. Outdoor signage is being worked on. The store will be open several mornings a week. Other behind the scenes activities are happening with the aim to get the store operational in the near future.

If you haven't been to the workshop in recent months you may not realise that every morning during school term lots of mums drop their children at the school next door. So there's lots of pedestrian traffic passing the school, so those parents are our target market.

The photo below shows part of the part of the initial display.



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Woodcarvers' Liaison: Ron O'Malley

Editor's Musings—

The planned resumption on 13 February of Maxi-Days marks a year since we last held a MaxiDay! Wow, so long since we last had one. It will be so good to come together and tell tall tales about our last 12 months woodworking. I had to check the 2020 newsletters to find out when our previous MaxiDay was held!

The setting up of the Gallery building is proceeding apace. It won't be long before the first sale from that location will occur. How exciting. How long have members wanted more space. We now have that space and we are starting to see the benefits. The extra space in the workshop is really appreciated. Well done all!

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 13 JANUARY, 2021
AGENDA**

8:45am	Open Gallery and Workshop. In the Gallery sign in and have your temperature checked. Pay your money too!
9:00am	General Meeting
9:50am	Presentation of OBE's to 3 members
10:00am	Morning Tea
10:40am	2020 Plank Competition certificates presentation
10:45am	Show and Tell
12:00noon	Lunch –
1:00pm	New Router Table Demo
1:30pm	Drum Sander safety review
1:50m	First aid recap—the Defib machine
2:05pm	Members projects
3.00pm	Workshop Close

Presidents Report February 2021

This month we are able to hold our first Maxi Day since February 2020. The Shire Woodworking Club passes another major milestone with the February Maxi Day being held in the Gallery where we will be able set up the room with required social distancing and a dedicated area for Show and Tell items. The Gallery is a significant achievement for our club and offers many benefits. We are already gaining extra space in the workshop that will allow better and safer working conditions and of course we now have a dedicated clean display area for sales of toys and other quality items. A special thank you to all members who have helped set up the display in the Gallery.

Our new CNC spindle router is now set up and ready for use by members who have been inducted on this machine. The unit has a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) (a speed controller) and there is a strict procedure you must adhere to when using this machine. Induction on the correct use of this equipment takes about 15 to 20 minutes and you need to be signed off before using the router. Please see Roger Dixon or Bob

Quigley for an induction session.

Easter is not too far away and we have had requests from The Children's Hospital Randwick for specific items. Remember that the last Thursday in February is dedicated toymaking day and there will be plenty of items ready for assembly. With the Gallery now open to the public for sales we have an increased need for quality toys and fine pieces. Please come along on the day and enjoy making toys for our club.

I would like to see more members making items for the benefit of the club. If you are making a number of cutting boards or other saleable items please make the extra effort where you are able to make an additional one for your club. We all enjoy the great equipment that is available to every member, the great supply of quality wood and the great camaraderie that exists at our club so giving something back to the club is a no-brainer!

Remember the following:

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President's Report (Cont'd)

- Dust gates closed after using equipment
- Clean down machines after use
- Do a dry run before making a cut
- Return items to the tool store after use.
- Dispose of your off-cuts properly, don't leave them to gather dust on the saw table

If you are not sure about a process, please ask for advice and remember safety begins with you.

Happy Woodworking

Ian Rudd

President

Librarian's Report

Roger Walsh reports: "I have moved a small number of books from the current library into the new library room in the Gallery. These books are primarily aids to the making of toys plus a few on project work ideas plus several on woodworking techniques and equipment. Subject to discussion at next committee meeting, the ones remaining in the current location may be discarded or be made available free of charge to club members.

We have a large collection of *Fine Wood Working* magazines dating back to Feb 1990. They have been moved into the Gallery. Additionally, we have a large collection of (good condition) magazines recently given to the club, many of which we already have in our club collection. Subject to discussion at next committee meeting, we will consolidate the two collections and arrange to sell them, retaining the most recent 1 or 2 years issues for general reading."

Workshop reorganisation underway

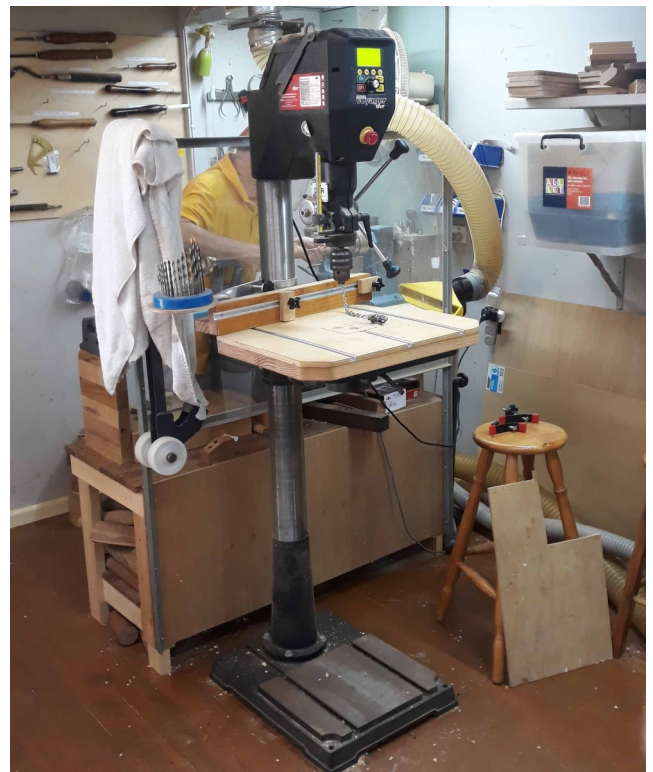
As we moved those items for sale from the multiple plastic boxes sitting on the high shelves at the eastern end of the workshop (disturbing lots of accumulated sawdust in the process) to the Gallery lots of space was freed up. Then as we moved the plastic chairs from the Office to the Gallery and moved office items from the Office more space was freed up. Then we moved the lunch tables from the workshop to the Gallery even more space was released.

All of this movement of items to the Gallery has allowed a significant reorganisation of some of the machinery that is not connected to the dust extraction system:

- The two scroll saws were moved into the Office, see photo below



- Where the two scroll saws were located is now home to the large pedestal drill, see photo next column



The relocated pedestal drill now adjacent to the lathe. No the dust extractor hose is not attached to the drill, its attached to the lathe behind it.

Now the question is: the space where the drill was located now is occupied by? Watch for further details next month.

Neil Mathews and his home drop saw dust collection setup

Neil reports: "At home I have a Metabo KGS 254 Plus Mitre Saw Connected to dust extraction system. However since the dust extraction machine is outside my workshop, the 100mm dust hose is 7.5metres long and does not work particularly well with the saw.

I improved this a bit by connecting my shop vac to the 35mm hose at the back of the saw blade. It still messed up my bench with sawdust.

I decided to make up an enclosure out of 3mm MDF. I wanted this as compact as possible, yes still able to accommodate the saw when moved +/- 45°. The compact enclosure needed to move with the saw and presented a problem with the enclosure hitting the saw base when moved to these angles. To solve these problems, I included two piano-hinged doors as shown in the photo below.

The next problem was the 35mm hose from the saw blade. My dust extraction system has a Y section adjacent to the saw with gates for the saw and my belt sander. I needed a 100mm connector (which I didn't have) for the second hose that could be used for the 35mm saw blade hose. I made this connector by cutting a slice out of 110mm sewer pipe and squeezing the two sides together with a vice and joining with a purpose-made angle bracket.

This worked and with the enclosure and the two 100mm hoses connected I don't get sawdust all over the bench. I still get a small amount of sawdust at the front of the saw, but this is easily manageable.

Worth a days work!"

Editor here: Neil, well done, an excellent result.



Sutherland Shire Family Services—Thank you notes

Our December 2020 newsletter showed the delivery of our Christmas donation to the Sutherland Shire Family Services. Recently we received the Thank You notes below from a family who were the recipients of our donations. Barbara Taafe, long-time friend of the club knitted the soft toys referred to in the note on the right.



"Picture of a blue car by Leo 2yrs!"

To the talented and kind hearted soul who made the little wooden car. Leonardo loves it! Thank you!! We wish you a very merry Christmas, good health and happiness. always
Leo + his mumm

To the lovely, talented & kind hearted lady who knitted us toys, thank you! They have gone to a loving home and we have named them "Snowy" and "Bumbles". Wishing you a very merry Christmas, good health and happiness always.
from Mateja (4) + Leo (2)



OUR 2021 PLANK COMPETITION IS ON AGAIN

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT

Please register your interest with Ray De Marco immediately so that the number of planks can be ordered for delivery to our Workshop for collection by competitors at our March Maxiday. Saturday 13 March, 2021.

*You have 6 months to complete your entry and have a chance of winning a prize.
Judging will take place on Maxiday 11 September, 2021*

TOYMAKING PLANK COMPETITION RULES FOR 2021

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 11 September 2021 **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 to be determined by the Committee.
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.

Some of the Plank Competition winning entries from 2020



Coming Up!

Club Calendar

February 2021							2
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March 2021							3
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Legend:

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

Lovely donation of 300mm Lathe Chisel Rest

The photo below shows part of the 300mm long lathe chisel rest in use. Member, James Windschuttle, donated this chisel rest and it was immediately put to good use.



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 footwear and no loose fitting clothes.

Welcome to 3 new members:

The committee has approved membership applications from:

#	Name
354	Basel Ghazi
355	John Barker
356	Peter Rodgers

Please join me in welcoming these new members; we look forward to meeting them and getting to know them as they get to know us and work together to make lots of sawdust. Membership count is now 98. Wow, soon we will hit 100!

Door Entry Fee — From 13 February 2021 the door entry fee will be \$4.00 (except for MaxiDays, which are unchanged). There will be reminder signs at the sign-in book to remind everyone of the new fee. This is the first increase in 18 years.

March 2021 Toy Making day has been moved forward

Toy making day for March is moved forward from 25 March to 4 March to allow for toy assembly so that the Easter delivery for The Children's Hospital will have a good supply of toys. Easter is early April this year, so the hospital delivery will be mid-March.

Workshop clean-up day—put it in your diary

Workshop clean-up day is Wednesday 17 February.

Members with Birthdays in February

Day	Member
2	Les Symonds
8	Alan Stubbs
9	Peter Kluegel
12	Peter Howard
22	David Johnson
25	Graham Ethell
25	Don Williams
26	Greg Crossling

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



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