

The Official Newsletter of the SHIRE WOODWORKING CLUB Inc. Reg. No. Y2889524  
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**Vale: Gordon McDonald**



Please see page 8 for a reprint of his Member Profile

**MEMBERS TAKE NOTE -  
IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES**

**NEITHER NOVEMBER & DECEMBER MAXI-DAYS ARE ON THE 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.**

**NOVEMBER MAXIDAY IS 27 NOVEMBER AND IS PLANK COMPETITION JUDGING DAY (NOTE: NO SHOW & TELL)**

**DECEMBER MAXIDAY IS 18 DECEMBER INCL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CHRISTMAS BANQUET (NOTE: NO SHOW & TELL)**

**8 JANUARY 2022 MAXIDAY IS EXCELLENCE AWARDS JUDGING DAY FOR PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2020 AND 2021 (TWO SEPARATE AWARDS)**

**MAKE SURE YOU NOTE THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY**

**The Annual General Meeting Notice and Agenda is on page 3.**

The 2020 Annual General Meeting was not held due to the Covid-19 lockdown. The 2021 Annual General Meeting was deferred due to a subsequent Covid-19 lockdown.

So this coming AGM will encompass reports dealing with both financial years as well as election of Office bearers for the 2021-22 financial year.

**CLUB COMMITTEE:**

**President:** Ian Rudd  
**Vice President:** Malcolm Armstrong  
**Secretary:** Graham Ethell  
 Telephone 9522 7674  
**Treasurer:** Alan Ritchie  
**Committee Members:** Ray De Marco, Roger Dixon & Barry Gardner

**SUB-COMMITTEES & Auxiliary Positions**

**Assistant Secretary:** Roger Dixon  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Roger Walsh  
**Project Sub-Committee:** Bob Davis, Barry Gardner, Alan Ritchie & Ray Tregoning.  
**Librarian:** Roger Walsh  
**Safety Officers:** Ray De Marco, Roger Dixon, David Edwards, Graham Ethell, Alan Ritchie, Ian Rudd & Ray Tregoning.  
**Welfare Officer:** Peter Mott  
**First Aid Officers:** Graham Ethell & Alan Ritchie  
**Newsletter Editor:** Maurice Smith  
**Assistant Newsletter Editors:** Ray De Marco & Roger Walsh  
**Catering Officers:** Richard Cain, Michael Green, Steve Lansley, Trevor Lewis, Neil Mathews, Lynn Messenger & Roger Walsh  
**Equipment & Training :** Roger Dixon, David Edwards, Neil Mathews, Terry Murphy, Alan Ritchie, Ian Rudd, Ray Tregoning & James Windschuttle  
**Raffles:** Peter Mott  
**Exhibitions Sub-Committee:** Malcolm Armstrong, Roger Dixon, Graham Ethell, Steve Lansley, Lynn Messenger, Maurice Smith & David Whitney  
**Property Sub-Committee:** Richard Cain, Roger Dixon, Graham Ethell, Bob Quigley, Ian Rudd, & Ray Tregoning  
**Toymaking:** Malcolm Armstrong, Barry Gardner, Gary Halder,, Steve Lansley, Lynn Messenger, Glen Reeve, Reno Scriberras, Maurice Smith, Ken Tyson & Roger Walsh  
**Woodcarvers' Liaison:** Ron O'Malley

**Position Vacant**

Your editor needs someone to prepare Member Profiles for publication in the newsletter. You will liaise with the new members to interview and prepare the draft Member Profile.

Access to word processing software and a good working knowledge of that software is a plus. A typical profile will run to about half a page of the newsletter and will have a photo of the member and a potted life story.

If you're interested please contact the editor for further details.

If you would like to receive this Newsletter please email the editor at [theshirewoodworkingclub@gmail.com](mailto: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 27 NOV 2021  
AGENDA**

8:45am	Open Lilli Pilli Workshop & Gallery
9:00am	- Tribute to deceased member, Gordon McDonald - Monthly Meeting
9:30am	Video — Ian's selection
9:45am	Video—Hammer Belt Sander
10:00am	Morning Tea
10:30am	Plank Competition: - Rules - Presentations - Voting
12:30noon	Lunch –
1:30pm	Raffle Draw
2:00pm	Plank Competition— announcement of winners
2:30pm	Members projects
3.00pm	Workshop Close

**Presidents Report November 2021**

At last, we have some return to normality with the lifting of some of the Covid lockdown restrictions. The club has reopened and it is good to see the return of members making their own projects as well as completing plank competition entries and generally making toys. The attendance of over 18 members on the November Toymaking Thursday was exceptional and the result was a boost to our stocks for the coming delivery to The Children's Hospital Randwick and other charities we donate to at Christmas.

The club now has an overhead router sled designed and made by Dave Edwards. This unit is capable of machining quite large boards and will take some pressure off the use of the Drum sander. In addition, two new work tables have been completed courtesy of Ray Tregoning and these tables have been built using the Festool Multi-Function system where various clamps can be positioned anywhere on the table.

Barry Gardner has produced a flyer to be distributed to various establishments in the Sutherland Shire. The flyer shows a range of items we have for sale in the gallery and has also been posted on local community Social Media sites. Hopefully this will bring additional sales to our club. The local Council Elections take place on 4th December and we plan to showcase our goods in the gallery and will be looking for helpers on that day.

We will resume Maxi days on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November and the day will also include the judging of the 2021 Plank Competition. Thank you to all members who are participating this year and from observing quite a few of the entries being made in the workshop this year will see many outstanding entries.

A final reminder to all members to please work with safety first in mind and if in doubt, please ask for assistance. Please clean down machines when you have completed the operation and remember to always open dust gates before commencing use of a machine. On completion, remember to shut the dust gate. And finally, do remember to grab a broom and clean the floor area.

Happy woodworking.  
Ian Rudd President



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## **NOTICE OF 22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Twenty-second Annual General Meeting of the Shire Woodworking Club Inc. will be held

At: The Gallery, 2D Turriell Bay Road, Lilli Pilli 2229  
On: Saturday 18 December 2021  
At: 10.30 am.

## **AGENDA**

1. To observe one minute's silence as respect for the late Gordon McDonald.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting held 10 August 2019.
3. To receive the President's Report for the years ended 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2021.
4. To receive the Financial Reports for the years ended 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2021.
5. To elect Office Bearers and Ordinary Committee Members for the ensuing year.

By Order

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Ethell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

**Graham D. Ethell**  
**Secretary**

**9 November 2021**

## Netball Courts upgrade

Those of you who have been to the Workshop in the last few weeks will have noticed the work being done by Council to upgrade the netball courts behind the Workshop and Gallery. Briefly the works include:

- retain, level and turf the area to the south of the netball courts
- provide drainage around the courts' perimeter
- landscaping to the eastern end of the courts resurface the courts and line mark the western court for dual basketball and netball use
- construct a new entry to the area from Lilli Pilli Point Road
- remove the large tree to the rear of the Workshop as it was dangerous and dropping significantly large dead branches onto the workshop roof
- Five new established trees were planted to the eastern end of the courts towards Lilli Pilli Point Road in lieu
- retain the embankment along the rear of both Club buildings, and landscape the area between the two buildings (see photo below)



The landscaping referred to above is because the Council wishes to eliminate pedestrian access between the two buildings, to prevent further erosion to the embankment. Please don't use the area as a shortcut to the courts.

Although the Club was not involved in the above upgrade, the Council has kept us informed of the proposal and progress and has been amenable to our suggestions. The Club acknowledges the excellent work which has been completed, and while this was not a factor, it improves the Club's location immensely.

The area is planned to reopen on 19 November to allow time for the new turf to become established.

## Timber Donation

October 14th saw the collection of a large timber donation. The donor is Doug Wickens, our club's oldest member at 100 years and 6 months. Like so many other timber donors this timber was just part of a collection of items occupying a large space in a garage that cannot fit a car. Thanks Doug, we really appreciate your donation.

The photo below shows some of the timber sitting on the workshop benches after unloading into the workshop.



## Librarian's report

We have finally received a further issue of Fine Woodworking magazine, October 2021 Issue No 291. There was an interruption to delivery perhaps due to Covid but Taunton Press have extended our subscription to March / April 2024. As usual, some very interesting and useful reading including 'Workshop Tips', 'Tools and Materials'. Take a look at articles on:

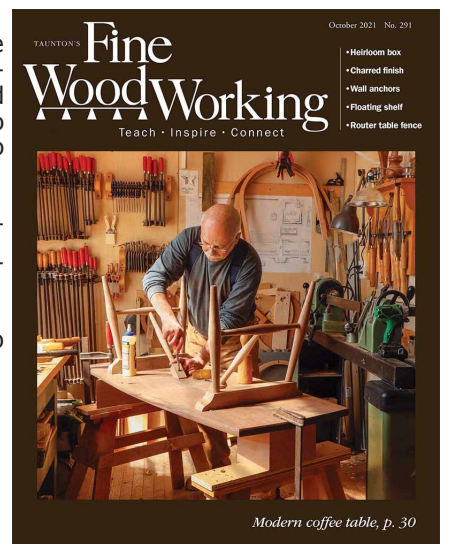
- Japanese technique to preserve wood by charring the surface
- Making some kitchen utensils
- Scandinavian Modern Table
- Adjustable Router Table Fence
- Heirloom Box
- Anchor Your Work to the Wall (Choosing the right fasteners)
- Floating Wall Shelf using gluing multiple of wood and split turning techniques and A beautiful lamp using steam bending.

Take a look. The magazine is available in the Gallery now.

It's great to have the club operational again and looking forward to getting back into it.

All the best. Happy Woodworking -

Roger Walsh Club Librarian



Modern coffee table, p. 30

# Equipment News

The club now has a router slab flattening mill/sled which was built by member David Edwards. The purpose of the sled is to flatten glued up panels and to save the drum sander belts which have been getting frequently changed due to damage caused by glue dags on panel assemblies, and by using it as a thickener for raw timber or for end-grain projects.

The sled is based on several designs that have been researched on Google and YouTube. It is located on a new table which backs onto the lathe area and is also connected to the dust extraction system.

It is basically an overhead router mill with a large fly cutter or surface planing bit fitted to a Ryobi router (donated by a contact of Maurice Smith's). The router is mounted to a sled which in turn is mounted to x and y axis linear rails which allow for very smooth and accurate movement of the router across the top of the work piece. It is particularly useful for wider end grain projects which cannot be fed through the thicknesser.



David at his wonderfully constructed flattening mill/sled

It has a workpiece capacity of around 400mm x 600mm, it is easy and quick to use but there is a process that must be followed, you need to be inducted prior to using it.

The sled must be used before using the drum sander for skimming and flattening both sides of your workpiece and to remove glue runs and dags. Once that is done, then move over to the drum sander to complete your sanding.



Glued up cutting board prior to flattening



Glued up cutting board after flattening



The fly router bit used in the sled was donated by Ian Rudd.

*Editor here: I had to ask David what the router bit looked like as I had never seen one. Glad I asked!*

# **A GOOD NEWS STORY!**

Members will no doubt remember back in early 2019 the Child Life & Music Therapists at the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick asked if we could make a truck for a 5 year old, Jett, who was a very sick little boy suffering from a brain tumour. Of course we did just that.

Early last month we received an email from Jett's mother advising "Our son Jett (who has a brain tumour) spent a lot of time up at Sydney Children's Hospital back in 2019 and enjoyed painting many of these vehicles. He was even fortunate enough for you and your club to make him his own Jett's Treasures truck which he absolutely adores. Jett started Kindergarten this year. He is having a ball. He enjoys playing with your wooden toys (and so does his brothers) all the time. Thanks again! They hold a very special place in his heart. They sit on his mantelpiece in his bedroom.

Here is a picture of Jett now (he will 7 years old in December). He came off chemo last year and brain tumour is stable, but we know the tumour type he has will grow again but we just don't know when. He has an MRI up at Sydney Children's Hospital next month. Hopefully we can get another stable result."



We thought it appropriate for our Club to send Jett and his two brothers a gift from us. (see photos below). We also send Jett and his family our good wishes.

*Barry Gardner*



# SHOW & TELL

## Cheese Board from Ian Rudd

The club received a request for the manufacture of a number of cheese boards. The request came from a lady who has recently recovered from Breast Cancer. We made a prototype from some timber boards that had recently been donated to the club. A template was drawn using Lightburn on the laser and then cut out from 7mm ply.

This shape was drawn on the board and cut approximately to shape using the Laguna bandsaw. The template was then attached to the cut out board using double sided tape.

The next step was to use a 12mm bearing straight router bit in our new router and route the final shape to the template. The edges were rounded over, board sanded to 320 grit and then finally engraved on the Laser. The board was coated with Food Grade mineral oil and allowed to dry.



The photo above shows the finished prototype. I'm sure that the quality of the board will please.

## Peter O'Connell built himself a folding table

Peter O'Connell says that he has been busy going into the office every day during lockdown. One of his new tasks is to do monthly checks on communication sites on the outskirts of Sydney. Most of the sites are just a bare concrete hut with a rack of equipment, with no place to put a laptop computer or a kettle for a mug of coffee. What was needed was a folding table, so he decided to make one.

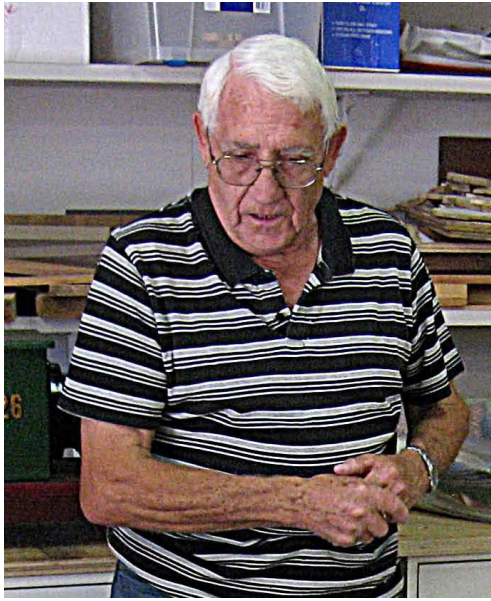
With the club rooms reopening, Peter organised another one of his Wednesday evening sessions with three other members and made good use of the SawStop saw, the drop saw and the drum sanders, followed by some more work at home.



The table is made from 2x1 pine from Buntings and the remains of a beech laminated panel left over from another project and finished with Danish Oil.



## GORDON McDONALD 1939-2021



Gordon joined us at the Shire Woodworking Club in 2013.

He is a man of many talents crafted during his 75 years both in the United Kingdom and Australia.

In 1939 Gordon was born in Manchester, Eng-

land at the beginning of WW2.

His schooling began at the Elysian Street Primary School in Manchester. At age 11 he went onto the Wheeler Street High School and was awarded his School Certificate at the age of 15.

Immediately leaving school, Gordon began his working life as an Electrical Switchgear Apprentice for the next 4 years. He then changed his career to the local Steel Mills being the Control Operator of the 12 inch rolling mill. He was later promoted to another area of the Mill rolling the steel into round bars until 1961.

He again changed jobs to colour dyeing fine fabrics at the local Dye Works.

He married the following year.

Leaving the Dye Works in 1969 he worked in the Chemical Industry until 1993 when he was offered and accepted early retirement.

He has 2 children, a boy and a girl and 4 grandchildren living in the United Kingdom.

Gordon came to Australia in 1995 and married Beverly the following year. Beverly has a son and 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren.

Beverly and Gordon enjoy Ballroom Dancing.

At a recent Show & Tell Beverly's art skill was highlighted in the decoration of the Toy Boxes crafted by Gordon

On Gordon's wish list is making more Christmas toys for the Club and a nice Jewellery Box for his granddaughter.

Gordon is a great Club Man ever ready to assist others, is a keen toy maker for our Charities and willing to do whatever advances the Club.

*Fred Seligmann*

## Delivery of "Space" Themed toys to Royal North Shore Hospital

"On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November Malcolm delivered 82 toys to Royal North Shore Hospital's, Children's Ward. Child Life Therapist, Kerry Crannis made a request to our club earlier in the year for toys appropriate for their 2021 Christmas theme of SPACE.

Over the following months including 'lock-down' months, several members made various toys to suit Kerry's theme. The outcome was wonderful as you can see from the photos.



A big thank you to those members who set aside time to make the toys, and of course, toys that will make a difference in the life of the children under Kerry's care at RNS Children's Ward.



In appreciation for our Club's efforts Kerry has made a generous cash donation along with some tasty food and beverage

items."

*Dear Shire Woodworking members,  
Thank you all for the lovely Space Themed items to be used in the "Christmas in Space" at Royal North Shore Hospital "Childrens Ward".  
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy, Healthy & safe 2022.  
Regards  
Kerry Crannis*



## Two new work benches in the workshop



Ray Tregoning reports: "These two benches with drawers on wheels were made from an old cupboard which was made for my mother's glory box back in 1941.

I asked around to see if anyone could use it but on one put their hand up, so I used the two doors, top, bottom, sides and drawers.

The tops were made from 1200 x 600 x 18mm pine veneered plywood from Bunnings which was machined to Ian's drawing with a set out from the centre of the top working outwards 20mm diameter holes @ 96mm centres to take stop dogs and clamps.

The top is coated with Polycure 3100 Gloss which is modified tung oil coating used for floors.

This was machined by Geoff Beare at Adlords Joinery in Caringbah on their CNC flat bed at no charge; so I made Geoff and his wife a cutting board which Ian engraved with Geoff & Lisa at the top and the Club's logo in the corner, Many Thanks."

*Editor here: Photo above shows the news benches complete with lots of Festool clamps which are used in conjunction with the dog holes. The new benches are already in use in the workshop.*

*Thanks to Ray Tregoning for the lovely work, the benches are a fabulous addition to the workshop.*

## Recently seen in the workshop & Gallery



Ray Tregoning & Ian Rudd in intense concentration dealing with a complicated assembly and glue-up. What is the project?



Jalopies seen in the Gallery. I suspect I know who made these!



First completed project by new member. Ant Boyd. Cutting board after oiling, sitting out in the sun. Ant has promised a report for the next edition of the newsletter.

# Coming Up!

## Club Calendar

November 2021							11
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December 2021							12
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NOTE: MaxiDay dates for both November & December are changed from the usual second Saturday of the month

### 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

## Welcome to our new members

Please join me in welcoming the following new members to our wonderful club. We look forward to working with you in the workshop.

Name	Member #
Greg Rose	365
Michelle Rose	366
Peter Warren	367

## 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**

**Council Elections:** the delayed council elections will be held on 4th December. The school next door is a polling station, thus the Gallery will be open for sales from 7.45 am in the expectation of lots of sales to the passing foot traffic.

### Cook Classic Raffle and Carnival

The following is a message from Club Secretary, Graham Ethell:

The Cook Carnival at Cronulla Beach has been postponed to Sunday 12 December and the Club will have a stall there to sell items.

Time is running out for you to buy your Cook Classic raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the Carnival, but we have to have all butts back and money accounted for by Monday 6 December.

You can still obtain tickets by:

- depositing the cost into the Club's bank account (see the September newsletter for details), and I will do the rest. (Please don't deposit any money to the account after the end of this month),
- or see me at the Club most Tuesdays and Wednesdays to pay in cash and write out the tickets yourself.

Our thanks to all those members who have already generously supported this fund-raising initiative.

### Members with Birthdays in November

6	Peter Rodgers
7	Carlo Cofini
11	Tim Dodds
16	Stelios Shizas
19	Maurice Smith
24	Bradley Smith
26	Neil Matthews
29	Nick Allen

### Justice of the Peace

If you have need of the services of a Justice of the Peace, member, Peter O'Connell is now able to assist. Contact Peter on:

**0428 605 741**



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