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Message for members:

If you haven't renewed your subscription for 2022-23 it is overdue. Act quickly to renew before it's too late. It's great value for your money, you get access to great equipment, great advice and very friendly members.

Some beautiful work from our master woodworker, Ray Tregoning, three toy tool boxes complete with magnificent toy tools.

Ray's report is on page 4



The tools in the tool box look ever so realistic. A work of art and a credit to Ray's talents. See Ray's report on page 4.

Ian Rudd's Snare Drums



Wondering if the Club is forming a band? Maybe they can play at the Gynea Village Fair as buskers. Ian on snare drums, Gary Bye on his hand built acoustic guitar *see <<<< for details, and David Whitney on Ukulele.

The drums are intended for Randwick Children's Hospital so maybe we recruit from the patients and staff. We have a good basis for a band. Only issue will be what genre of music will they play?

We need a quality singer and we are good to audition. Oh well, one can dream!

Ian's report is on page 4

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 Maurice Smith

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Toymaking: Malcolm Armstrong, Barry Gardner, Gary Halder, Steve Lansley, Neil Matthews, Glen Reeve, Reno Scriberras & Maurice Smith.
Woodcarvers' Liaison: Don Williams

Librarian's report

We have received the August 2022 Issue 297 of Fine Woodworking. Take a look at the letter from the Editor, Mike Pekovich, 'Technology and the future of woodworking'. Some great 'workshop tips' including 'turn a dowel into a drum sander'. If you are wanting a challenge try the 'Traditional Plate Rack' or the article on 'Make Your Own Handles and Pulls'. An interesting article on veneering. For the woodturners check out the article 'Turn a Lidded Container'. Magazine is in the magazine rack at the Gallery door. Happy Woodworking. Roger Walsh - Club Librarian.



**MAXIDAY:
 SATURDAY 13 AUGUST, 2022
 AGENDA**

8:45am	Open Lilli Pilli Gallery
9:00am	Monthly Meeting
9:30am	Video —President Ian's selections
10:00am	Morning Tea
10:30am	Member, Dr Ron Cameron, has an in depth knowledge of the nuclear industry acquired over 35 years covering both power and research reactors'. 1. Brief personal background 2. Role of ANSTO and its facilities 3. Nuclear science v nuclear power. 4. Role of nuclear power globally 5. Will Australia go nuclear? 6. Questions
11:30am	Show & Tell
12:00noon	Lunch – What delights does the Catering Committee have for us?
1:00pm	Raffle Draw
1:15pm	Members projects
3.00pm	Workshop Close

Presidents Report August 2022

Our long term goal of joining the Workshop and Gallery to gain additional workshop area and thus providing a more generous and safer layout of machinery and workbenches is on hold. The Club has spent a considerable amount of funds on consolidation of the land titles and preliminary design drawings for the project and requested quotations from various builders to complete the project. We have had informed discussions with Sutherland Shire Council and the project can only proceed when the Shire Woodworking Club have raised sufficient funds to complete the project. For now, we will review our current layout and facilities to ensure we are maximising the available space and wherever possible improving safety.

Bunnings are holding a special "Grill and Drill" day on Sunday 28th August at their Caringbah Store. Our club has been invited to have two display tables outside their Tool Shop. This is a great opportunity to showcase the range of items we produce and promote our club. We only require three members to be in attendance at any one time.

We continue to have ongoing issues with the way members are using the SawStop Table saw. The replacement of cartridges is a way too regular occurrence and in most cases is due to unsafe work practices. Also, on many occasions, the zero-clearance insert is incorrectly installed. When replacing the insert in the housing PLEASE check that it is level with the table both at the front and rear of the saw blade.

Thanks to all the members who assisted in the July clean up.

Happy Woodworking, Ian Rudd, President

A DIFFERENT STORY OF AN ENGLISH OAK TREE.

The English Oak (*Quercus Robur*) is a deciduous flowering tree growing to a height of over 30 metres and with a similar width. It is not a tree to grow in your back yard and is a native to most of Europe. The tree has many uses with the leaves, acorns and the bark purported to have many medical ailment cures including diarrhoea, inflammation and kidney stones. The Acorns are ground into flour for breadmaking and the tannin in the bark has been used to tan leather since Roman times. Of course, the wood is of high quality for furniture and tool making and shipbuilding. Many British man-of-war warships were built from oak.

Now to the story; back in 1817 John Macarthur planted an English Oak at his Belgenny Farm (near Camden) after he returned from one of his exiles in England. In 2008, a friend, Ken Vaughan, using Azalea potting mix planted a number of Acorns collected by Pauline Butt (Belgenny Farm resident) from under this original tree. The tree was looking poorly at the time.

Ken, having green thumbs, was able to propagate successfully 10 of the Acorns and he advised 9 of the trees are growing mainly in previous Macarthur properties; 1 at the Taralga Historical society, 1 at the previous Macarthur property near Taralga - Richlands estate, 4 at Belgenny Farm near Camden, 1 at Camden House, 1 at Taralga Public school and 1 at Macarthur Hill children's railway in Taralga.

The 10th tree now about 2 metres tall on the 7 June 2022 was planted at the Arboretum in Canberra.

Ken continues the story: "The tree planting in Canberra was supervised by Dr John Turner and his wife Sue (both Foresters) and they are shown in the photo at right with Owen and Keirin who are Arboretum employees. These employees are shown in the photo with the tree located next to the Arboretum pine forest.

The photos below shows Pauline Butt and Ken Vaughan outside Belgenny farm with the four plants being delivered in 2017 and the grower Ken Vaughan with the trees planted with the Belgenny farm house at rear.

What instigated this unusual project? Mainly the fact that both the Vaughan ancestors and the Butt ancestors were living at Belgenny Farm in the 1830s. Thomas Vaughan (convict) was then sent to Richlands to help extend the house there after he assisted with the Camden House build. The Butts were free settlers and after they left Belgenny the family moved to an excellent property near Camden owned by the Butt family of brothers.



Noel Butt later became the tour guide at Belgenny farm and during a Probus tour the idea of growing the trees was 'hatched' when Ken Vaughan noticed the old tree was in a poor condition and he asked Pauline to collect the acorns during one of her husband's

tours.

Probably the most excitement came later when the old tree responded to some TLC and has recovered quite well, and also research into where the original tree was sourced by John Macarthur in England was found to be from "Royal Estates". We now believe this source was the Royal property which later became Kew Gardens."

Barry Gardner

SHOW & TELL

Barry Gardner loves cats (and dogs)

As always I am looking for items that may be suitable for use by the therapists at Randwick Children's Hospital. Cats and dogs seem to be a hit for all ages from 0 to 100 and all sexes. Therefore I found a plan for these cats (pictured) and thought they could work. At this stage I must declare I am not a cat friendly person as having, on too many times, to bury shingle back and blue tongue lizards killed by (my previous neighbourhood) cats.



I resized the plans to enable me to use the Hemlock wood supply at the Club. I stack cut (3 at a time) on the band saw and used my Dremel to give some shape to the legs. The eyes are black map pins nailed into predrilled holes and also superglued in. The cats proved to be a hit with the staff and residents at our place of residence and also briefly got an airing on the Channel 7 "Sunrise" program.



Cat and Dog

During a troll through the Pinterest website I saw a photo of a combined cat and dog that could also be of interest to the therapists at Randwick Children's Hospital. So I created seven separate drawings from the photo and proceeded to produce this prototype (pictured). This is where I came unstuck as trying to determine the angles on both the dog and cat to enable the fitting together was a slow trial and error process. It also showed up some need to redesign the dog and cat bodies. While spending more time and effort would be needed to enable a build system for making many items. Oh! Well it seemed like a good idea at the time. Onto the next idea.

Editor here: I love the dog and cat combination; I'm sure the children patients at Randwick Children's Hospital will love them.

Child's Carpenter's Tool Box

Ray Tregoning reports : "Last year for the Plank Competition I made a prototype of these 3 boxes. The tools include:

- a handsaw patterned on one of my Disston hand saws
- a block plane like my Stanley 220
- a Stanley sliding bevel
- a Starrett combination mitre square
- a Estwing cross peen hammer
- a Berg chisel
- a Stanley screw driver

I added a small pocket to take some pencils and a pen, and a 150mm ruler engraved for me by Ian Rudd completes the box.

Some pens were donated by Ken Wooley from Bunnings.

These little carpenter's tool boxes can be laser engraved with child's name if so desired.

I enjoyed making these for the club and love seeing them go to a good home, if not sold prior to the GyMEA Village Fair in October, they will be on sale for a lucky person to take home."

SHOW & TELL

Ian Rudd's Snare Drum

See the photo on page 1.

Ian reports: 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 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

MaxiDay Guest Speaker - Geoff Coleman

Our MaxiDay guest speaker on 9 July was Geoff Coleman who stepped in at short notice when our scheduled speaker contracted Covid and was unable to attend. Geoff has a background as a paramedic and a long-term interest in automatic defibrillators. Geoff gave us some interesting history about these devices and how Kerry Packer had his life saved by one

such device being nearby when he had a heart attack.

Geoff took us through the classic signs of a cardiac arrest, how to recognise them and what action to take.

One of the most fascinating moments was when Geoff showed us a video of a real-life situation when a surfer at Bondi Beach was found unconscious in the surf. There the defib machine was used successfully. It just happened that a video team was on the beach filming for a totally different project. However they filmed the entire situation of the saving of the surfer's life by the correct use of the defib

machine. Basically, the defib machine manages the entire process ... Geoff's mantra is "listen to the machine's instruction". Thanks Geoff for a really useful talk.

Pictured above is Geoff with a gift from the club and President Ian saying thanks.



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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.

Club Calendar

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September 2022							9
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Legend:

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

Welcome to our new member

Please join me in welcoming the following new member, Peter Edwards, member #372, to our wonderful club. We look forward to working with you.



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RUBBER BAND SKIMMER KEEPS FINISH CAN RIMS TIDY

BY CHARLES MAK • AUG 1, 2022



Editor here: I found this tip when reading The Woodworker's Journal. I hadn't seen this before and thought members might find it useful.

Timber, Tools & Artisan Show to be held at Rosehill Racecourse has been postponed again.

A new date for the show has not yet been announced.

Important Dates for your diary

28 August Bunnings Taren Point "Grill & Drill Display"

3 September—Bunnings Taren Point Sausage Sizzle

8 October—Annual General Meeting

30 October—GyMEA Village Fair

20 November—Cook Classic Carnival Cronulla

Members with Birthdays in August

Day	Member
2	Mark Paterson
4	Allan Shardlow
9	John Lischeld
10	Alan Ritchie
11	Richard Ashton
12	Stephen Lansley
12	John Barker
13	Arthur Tilley
14	Terry Murphy
15	Brian Martin
18	Regina McGrillen
21	Trevor Lewis
22	Brian McMahan
22	Emily Fink
24	Robert Winwood
27	Gary Bye
30	Stephen Black

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



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