

The Official Newsletter of the SHIRE WOODWORKING CLUB Inc. Reg. No. Y2889524
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Message for Club Members: Have you renewed your annual subscription for 2023-24? If not, see the final page of this newsletter for details of how to renew.

For the members who have a lathe: Sydney Children’s Hospital need small rolling pins for playdough. Are you able to assist? Our next hospital delivery is on Wednesday 30 August. You have plenty of time to produce a hundred or so rolling pins. Get to it! The hospital will take as many as we can make.

A great presentation by Best Abrasives—suppliers of the Club’s Mirka Sander



Two representatives from Best Abrasives (Ryan and Gareth) gave an interesting presentation on the Mirka family of sanding equipment.

As a result the Club has agreed to purchase an additional rectangular handpiece to complement the Club’s current Mirka random orbital sander. The new handpiece will be easily swapped over. Our Mirka sander certainly receives a great deal of use, the best feature is that it is dust free and the sanding disks have a really long life.

CLUB COMMITTEE:

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 Telephone 9522 7674
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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
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Property Sub-Committee: Graham Ethell & Alan Ritchie
Toymaking: Malcolm Armstrong, Barry Gardner, Steve Lansley, Neil Mathews, Glen Reeve, Reno Scriberras & Maurice Smith,
Facebook: Alan Ritchie
WebMaster: Maurice Smith
Woodcarvers' Liaison:

Useful website of the month

Malcolm Armstrong advised: "I use the internet frequently to help me in various projects, and to give me ideas and techniques in getting the project finished!

Below is a site that helped me; I had the need to make a couple of simple plywood boxes for storage. A number of years ago our club was using V-groove router bits to make simple plywood boxes. So I searched the 'net to refresh my memory and came up with this short video produced by Finewoodworking magazine:
<https://www.finewoodworking.com/2016/12/16/easy-plywood-box-tray>.

Editor here: Not only was the Club using this technique a few years ago, we still use this technique. I spotted a member using the router table to apply this technique quite recently. The timber doesn't need to be plywood either; it can be any type of timber at all.

**MAXIDAY:
 SATURDAY 9 AUGUST, 2023
 AGENDA**

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| 8:45am | Open Lilli Pilli Workshop |
| 9:00am | Monthly Meeting |
| 9:30am | Video — Ian's selection |
| 10:00am | Morning Tea |
| 10:30am | Show & Tell |
| 11:00am | Guest speaker—Gordon Coates on sailing a high tech catamaran from France to Sydney |
| 12:00noon | Lunch – |
| 1:10pm | Raffle Draw |
| 1:15pm | Members projects |
| 3.00pm | Workshop Close |

President's Report

I would like to thank our Committee for another fulfilling year of service to our club. A few of achievements are listed below. In the past year we have managed to maintain a very healthy financial result and have also received substantial grants from both Federal Government and Local Council initiatives. These grants allow the Shire Woodworking Club to purchase new equipment and selected materials.

We have increased our focus on safety for all our members and have improved the implementation and recording of the process of induction for both new and existing members.

The design and preparation of our Website nears completion and will be launched this month. Another major achievement was being able to finalise a ten-year lease agreement for the Workshop and Gallery with the Sutherland Shire Council which gives certainty for the future. My thanks to all members of the Committee.

The demonstration by Best Abrasives at our July Maxi Day was very informative and the interest shown by our members in the Mirka range of products was a highlight. The Mirka sander we have has become probably the most used piece of equipment in our workshop and understanding how to use the Mirka will help all members. As a result of the visit the club has purchased a wide range of discs that will last for a long time.

We continue to attract new members and it is up to everyone to make them welcome and become part of the camaraderie that makes this such a successful club.

Finally, thanks to Ray Tregoning and Roger Walsh for completing the painting and refurbishing of the cupboard doors in the gallery. In the coming months we need some more volunteers to continue this work on the remaining cupboards in the gallery.

Happy Woodworking
 Ian Rudd, President

2023

imb^{bank} COOK COMMUNITY CLASSIC

1ST PRIZE

One night's accommodation in QT Newcastle with breakfast for 2 including parking + a \$400 voucher to spend at the Roundhouse Newcastle. **Donated by Australian Hotels Association NSW.**

2ND PRIZE

\$1000 IMB Bank account credit. **T&C's Apply. Prize winner needs to be a current IMB member, or agree to open an eligible IMB account in their own name to claim the \$1000 account credit.* **Donated by IMB Bank.**

3RD PRIZE

A bottomless lunch experience for 6 people at any Feros Group venue, valued at \$500. **Donated by Feros Group.**

4TH PRIZE

Two night's accommodation in a one bedroom apartment for two people at Quest Cronulla Beach. **Donated by Quest Cronulla Beach.**

5TH PRIZE

10 tickets to a St George Illawarra Dragons home game in 2024. **Donated by Delcorp.**

\$2 PER TICKET
\$20 PER BOOK

RAFFLE TICKETS

MAJOR PRIZES

100% of proceeds from the IMB Bank Cook Community Classic Raffle benefit various participating not-for-profits, 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 and Facebook.

The organisation selling any given ticket is the beneficiary of that sale.

*For raffle prize conditions please visit cookcommunityclassic.com.au

The IMB Bank Cook Community Classic raffle will be drawn on: **Friday 8 December 2023.**

Winners will be notified by phone and published on cookcommunityclassic.com.au. 100% of proceeds from the IMB Bank Cook Community Classic raffle benefit various participating not-for-profits, community groups, P&C's & sporting clubs operating in the Sutherland Shire and St George areas.

Details of organisations can be viewed at cookcommunityclassic.com.au and Facebook. The organisation selling this ticket is the beneficiary of the sale. IMB Ltd is a sponsor, not the promoter of the IMB Bank Cook Community Classic raffle.



COOKCOMMUNITYCLASSIC.COM.AU

Bringing a ray of happiness to the family of a very sick patient in Sydney Children's Hospital

Contents of an email from Matt at Sydney Children's Hospital to Barry Gardener (slightly edited)

"If it is not too much to ask, we have a 3 year old little girl (Eliana) patient, who has a twin sister (Georgette), a 4 year old sister (Eva) and a 19 month old brother (Antonios). Mum has asked me if it might be possible to receive boxes for her children? She would be so appreciative as her daughters have been asking for a box to keep their necklaces in. Of course no worries at all if this is not possible but just passing on the request.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Matt"

Of course, the Club was up to the request. The photos below show what we promptly produced.



These are the tops of the four boxes.



The four names were engraved on the front of the boxes.

President Ian delivered these four items to a Sydney Children's Hospital employee (Neesha) who lives at Miranda and she in turn took them into the hospital.

Shortly thereafter we received an additional email from Matt as follows:

"Dear Ian and Barry and Wonderful Shire Woodworking Club,

Thank you for making the very special boxes for Eliana's family and for delivering them with urgency and care. The timing was very appreciated and has been a highlight of their continued stay. Being apart from your children whilst you care for one very sick child must be devastating and your gift helped in a very special way and provided comfort for mum and a way to connect

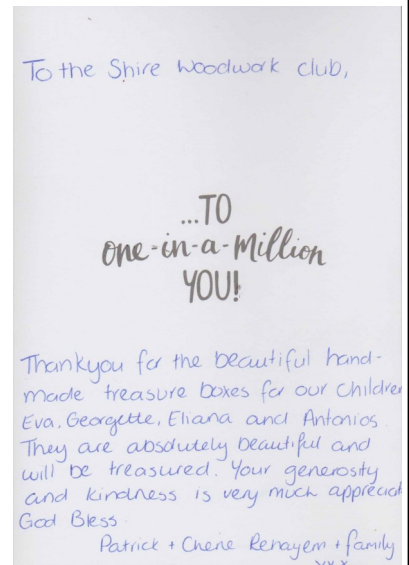
and bring her children together in one symbolic experience.

Neesha kindly delivered them to me from Ian and I will ask Neesha to deliver to you some chocolates from Eliana's family to say thank you for your kindness and generosity.

You are an incredible club with a huge heart and we are so very grateful.

Matt

Next up, we received the card, copy below from Eliana's family.



And so to the final act:

Thursday 2 August saw Neesha arrive at the Workshop with a shopping bag containing lovely chocolates, as pictured with President Ian below.



What on earth is 5S?

5S – a brief overview

David Edwards provided this material at the request of your editor.

"You may have noticed over the past year that we've been using the term "5S" in our meetings and newsletters. So, what is this? And why are we using this terminology?

Basically, it's a label we've applied to our house-keeping and cleanups. The concept is adapted from lean manufacturing that was pioneered by the Toyota Motor Company who used it to im-

Sort,
Set in order (stabilize),
Shine,
Standardise, and
Sustain.

However, this graphic says it all for how 5S can apply to our club. When we say we are going to have a 5S, we will know what that means and; we will **Sort** through stuff and throw out what's not needed, we will **Stabilise** by making sure that tools, equipment and materials are correctly



prove efficiency in their manufacturing facilities. But you might ask, "What has that got to do with us? We are a small woodworking club, not a manufacturing plant", and this is a good question.

The principles developed by Toyota are now used in many industries and organisations around the world – not just in manufacturing.

One of the principles is 5S. This is a systematic way of organizing workplaces, and is represented in the graphic as

stored, we will **Shine** by cleaning the workshop and gallery, we will **Stabilise** by making sure that our rules and procedures are followed, and we will **Sustain** by doing a 5S on a regular basis.

A knock-on effect of all this is improved safety. Because having well organised and clutter-free club premises lowers the risk of accidents and exposure to hazardous machinery and materials."

SHOW & TELL

Neil Matthews' Outdoor furniture

More paling outdoor furniture! When you are demolishing a 42-metre hardwood paling fence, you need to find something to do with the 400 odd palings.



This is an Adirondack chair that is defined as "An outdoor lounge chair with wide armrests, a tall slatted back, and a seat that is higher in the front than the back". The chair was invented by Thomas Lee in 1903. It was later patented by his friend Harry Bunnell and had a single plank for the chair back. It was not until 1938 that the fan-shaped back with slats was introduced and patented by Irving Wolpin who adopted the name that references the Adirondack Mountains where it was first invented in Westport New York.

I normally never use a plan but this project is an exception. I subscribe to the "Woodworkers Guild of America" magazine. The publisher offered free plans to an Adirondack chair. The plans were for American cherry 5x1 timber, a little bigger than palings, so plan modifications were needed. Its interesting to note that about 6 months after I received these plans, Adirondack plans popped up regularly on Pinterest.

I had to enlarge the plans I got from the internet then made templates as they suggested. The cut out and assembly was fairly basic using galvanised countersunk screws and a few coach bolts. The plans suggested a lot of bolts, but I guess this because of the softwood they use. I don't think the bolts are necessary with Australian hardwood palings.

A good outdoor chair needs a coffee table, so why not use some more palings? This was from a picture I saw somewhere. I started by joining 6 palings together to make a 500mm square table top. I then cut several palings down to 40mm wide to make an incredibly simple 500mm high table. I have used both many times and can assure you that both work well.

I finished the projects with two coats of Tung oil, but another coat could be necessary.

A wonderful rocking "horse" by Ray Bywater



Ray told us about how he made the rocking "horse" for his grandchildren. Now that the grandchildren have grown up and unlikely to want to ride he has taken the opportunity to refurbish in expectation of great grandchildren in due course. For a man who supposedly only owns a hacksaw and a chisel it's amazing the quality that he delivers.

SHOW & TELL

Gary's umbrella stand



Gary reports: "I had a need to replace the existing 1970's vintage copper pot umbrella stand with something that matched the small bench seat shown at last month's MaxiDay.

This stand is square, based on the dimensions of a 3 litre ice cream container placed in the bottom to catch any water from the umbrellas. The top rim is removable to allow me to remove the plastic container to empty any water that accumulates.

The box is made from the "spotted gum" that was donated to the club. The sides are mitred and with external splines, the base is rebated into the sides. The top rim was made to have a snap on fit to hide the end grain of the sides.

The finish was sprayed with Anchor lacquer and finished with "00" steel wool.

The end product was readily accepted."

Ian Rudd's stunning boxes



Ian Rudd's wonderful boxes demonstrate his skills in box making and especially using the laser to cut the inlays. Perhaps we can prevail on Ian to give a report on the technique.

Two unique design bandsaw boxes from Malcolm Armstrong



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

| August 2023 | | | | | | | 8 |
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| September 2023 | | | | | | | 9 |
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Legend:

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| | 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 members

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

#390 Vladyslav Krasavtsev
#391 Stewart Mailer

No photo yet of our new members.

Members—how to renew your membership

Members if you haven't renewed your \$50.00 annual membership you can do so by paying in cash at the workshop or by paying by Electronic Funds Transfer to the Club's bank account:

BSB: 061 164

Account No: 2800 6019

NOTE: Make sure you include your name and the narration of **Annual Subs**

The "Where is it?" List has been updated. Neil Matthews is doing us all a great service. He has updated the list. The new list is a multi-page document that he has laminated. It hangs on a hook adjacent to the sign-in book. Have a good look at it, you'll be amazed what we have on the list.

Welfare Notice

Tony Cauchi is at home recovering from a broken femur.

Malcolm Armstrong and Graham Ethell have medical concerns.

Get well soon we want to see you back in the workshop.

Find us on FaceBook

In FaceBook search for Shire Woodworking Club

Next 5S Cleanup in the Workshop

Diarise Tuesday 15 August for our next regular cleanup

Raffle winners

1. Gary Mitchell
2. Doug O'Hara
3. Neil Matthews
4. Maurice Smith
5. Ray Bywater (who won a large bag of rubber bands)

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 McMahon |
| 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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